

Local Missions



Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf is open Tuesdays from 3:00-6:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m.-noon.



Volunteers are always welcome! Please bring donations to church on the first Sunday of each month.



The Well Youth Center hours are Tuesdays-Fridays from 3:00-5:00 p.m. The mission jar will be in the back of the Sanctuary on the third Sunday of each month.

The United Church of Mapleton

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Our Mission:

The United Church of Mapleton is a Christian fellowship of mission, worship, and faith formation dedicated to the Maple River community.

Order of Worship

Sunday, February 1st, 2015

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Based on Psalm 111

One: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart. Praise the Lord!

Many: Your work is full of honor and majesty, and your righteousness endures forever.

One: The works of your hands are faithful and just; all your precepts are trustworthy.

Many: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who practice it have good understanding.

One: Praise God's name!

All: Let us worship God!

***Opening Hymn**

“God of Grace and God of Glory” #569

***Prayer of Invocation**

***Gloria Patri**

Sung a whole step lower than printed in hymnal

“Glory Be to the Father” #734

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen!

***Moment of Fellowship**

Message for God’s Children

*Children are invited to attend Sunday School after the
Message for God’s Children or return to their pews. Children’s
Worship Bags are available in the back of the Sanctuary.*

Mission Moment

Laura Fritz

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“All Things Are Yours!”

Adult Choir

***Doxology**

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” #34

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen!

***Prayer of Dedication**

Sharing Prayer Requests and Praises

*You are invited to take a Prayer Requests and Praises
sheet from the pew rack in front of you to write your prayer
requests and praises.*

*These will be collected by the ushers in a moment and
shared with the congregation anonymously before our
Preparation for Prayer.*

Preparation for Prayer (*Moment of Silence*)

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

***Hymn**

“As We Gather at Your Table” #695

Scripture

1 Thessalonians 1:1-6 (NRSV)

One: For the Word of God in Scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us,

All: Thanks be to God!

Message

“The Letter”

Communion Service

*At the United Church of Mapleton, the Communion Table is open to
all without restriction. This is not our table, but it is God’s and it is
open to all of God’s children.*

*Today, we will participate in communion by passing two sets
of plates that contain the elements of bread and juice. Please hold
each element until all have been served so that we may celebrate
communion together after each element has been shared.*

***Closing Hymn**

“Sent Forth By God’s Blessing” #712

***Benediction**

**Please be mindful of others who continue to worship
through the Postlude.**

Postlude

Please rise in body or spirit.

Serving Us Today: Sunday, February 1st, 2015

Pastor—Ava Adams-Morris

Lay Leader—Marian Mallory

Organist—Jola Walker

Greeters—Ron and Judy Conrad

Head Usher—Sunday Volunteers

Coffee Hour Host—Diaconate

Today's Worship & Fellowship

9:00 a.m. Morning Worship with Communion and Loaves &

Fishes Food Shelf Collections (*Sanctuary*)

9:00-10:40 a.m. Nursery Childcare (*Babies-Toddlers*),

Crib/Toddler Room, upstairs

10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship (*Fellowship Hall*)

10:00 a.m. Choir Practice

9:15 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School (*PreK-5th Grade*)

Classroom A, upstairs

10:10-10:40 a.m. Youth Sunday School (*6th-12th Grade*)

Youth Lounge, upstairs

The **Call to Worship** is from *When We Gather: A Book of Prayers for Worship* by James G. Kirk

The **paraments** are green following Epiphany to signify the theme established on Epiphany Sunday: the spread of the Good News of Jesus Christ to all nations on earth. The theme of this season continues in the season after Pentecost, so both seasons together can be called the "Ordinary Time of the Church." The traditional liturgical color for this season, green, is the color of growth.

Information from ucc.org.

Worship & Care Connections

Children's Worship Bags with creative supplies are available at the back of the Sanctuary for children during worship.

The **Nursery/Toddler Room** for infants and toddlers is available throughout the morning worship service and is located at the north end of the hallway opposite the Sanctuary.

The **Family Space**, located in the Overflow Room in the back of the Sanctuary, is for our families with infants and small children. This space is available for families in addition to the nursery so that families can both see and hear what's going on in worship.

If you are in need of **wheelchair assistance** on Sunday mornings, please let us know by calling the church office at (507) 524-3141 ahead of time to make arrangements *or* you may have an usher assist you on Sunday morning when you arrive at the church. There is a ramp located on the east side of the church which can be utilized by parking in the east parking lot.

If you or a family member would like a **pastoral care visit** for any reason, or would like to be added to our weekly prayer list, please let the church know! Feel free to contact Pastor Ashley, a Deacon, or the church office so that we may serve you. The church phone number is (507) 524-3141. Pastor Ashley's phone number is (507) 381-8199 and her email is pastor@unitedchurchmapleton.org.

If you have a prayer request for the **Prayer Chain**, please call Karen Stanton at 327-8168 or Joyce Johnson at 524-3727. Please let them know your prayer request, including the name of the person to pray for, and whether you would like your request included in the church's public prayer list or if you'd prefer the request be kept privately within the prayer chain. There is also a prayer request submission form available on the United Church website under the "Ministries" tab.

In Our Prayers

- The ministries of The United Church, including our local missions: The Well Youth Center, Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf
- The local, regional, and national leaders of the church, including all ministers and missionaries
- Those anticipating surgery, recovering from surgery, or undergoing medical procedures, tests, or treatments
- Those living in assisted living, a nursing home, or who are homebound, and all those who are caregivers
- Those who are grieving and mourning

Our church prayer list includes:

- Those with ongoing health concerns: Norma Baack, Shirley Bowen, Benjamin Brockmann, Hutch Cramer, Kathy Cox, Dawn Dietz, Jodie Gerdtz, David Keller, Stan Solie, Alberta Samuelson, Marge Walters, Jonathan Ziert, Isaac Kolstad
- Family members and loved ones who are ill
- Traveling mercies for our members, family, and friends
- All who are grieving and mourning
- The 2015 American Baptist Churches, USA Biennial Mission Summit, to be held June 26-28 in Overland Park, KS
- The 2015 United Church of Christ General Synod 30, to be held June 26-30 in Cleveland, OH
- Hutch Cramer, who is recovering at the Mapleton Community Home after a fall and hip surgery.
- Jodie Gerdtz, who is recovering at home from surgery to remove a tumor on Monday, December 15, which went well.
- Dawn Dietz, who continues in chemotherapy treatments.

Welcome to The United Church of Mapleton!

This announcement insert includes information about upcoming church, community, and area events. Please also take advantage of the many opportunities listed here to serve our community!

This Week at The United Church of Mapleton Sunday, February 1st, 2015

Tuesday, February 3rd, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT

Wednesday, February 4th, 7:00 p.m. Board of Christian Ed.

Planning Ahead

Monday, February 9th, 7:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship

Tuesday, February 10th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT

Wednesday February 11th, 7:00 p.m. Deacons

Tuesday, February 17th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT

Tuesday, February 17th, 5:30 p.m. Ambience-Lent decor work day

Wednesday, February 18th, 7:00 p.m. Trustees

Tuesday, February 24th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT

Tuesday, February 24th, Newsletter Articles due into the office

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Contact Information

While Pastor Ashley Whitaker is on Family Leave and you are in need of or would like pastoral care, please contact **Ava Adams-Morris at (507) 243-3891 or (507) 380-7233; email: kreolelady@aol.com.**

You may reach the Secretary/Administrative Assistant at the church office by calling (507) 524-3141 or email secretary@unitedchurchmapleton.org.

The best time to visit the church office is Tuesdays through Thursdays 8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Reminder: Bulletin items are due to the church office **by 8:00 a.m., Thursday mornings**. Thank you!

Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf

Today, Sunday, February 1st, 2015 we will collect donations for the Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf. Please consider giving monetary gifts and/or non-perishable items to this meaningful mission.

The United Church supports Loaves & Fishes in this way on the first Sunday of each month.

The Well Youth Center—Hotdish Smorgasbord!

The Well Youth Center has planned a hotdish smorgasbord for **Sunday, February 8th**.

Attending this fundraiser is a great way to support this wonderful mission and give recognition for all the hard work people put into this organization!

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Adult Bible Study

An Adult Bible Study will be held on Sunday mornings through this Lenten season from February 22nd - March 29th. More details to follow.



2015 Mission Summit

Volunteers are needed for the 2015 Mission Summit being held June 26-28, 2015 in Overland Park/Kansas City. Areas of need are: Childcare, Youth Program, Ushers, Communion Servers, Registration and at the Prayer Wall. Some volunteer areas need an early registration! Please refer to the February newsletter (page 10) and flyer posted on the bulletin board which includes more information.

Volunteer Site Coordinator Needed

The NAPS—*Nutrition Assistance Program for Seniors* program needs your help providing shelf-stable food to seniors once a month at the Mapleton Leisure Center.

Includes some lifting, paperwork, setup, and clean up. Alternating teams each month is ideal. Retirees receive special benefits. Call Lora (507) 387-5586, ext 3.

Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Scripture for the Week: How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! Psalm 139:17

Sunday:

It was not because you were more numerous than any other people that the Lord set his heart on you and chose you—for you were the fewest of all peoples. It was because the Lord loved you. Deuteronomy 7:7-8

It does not, therefore, depend on human desire or effort, but on God's mercy. Romans 9:16 (NIV)

Monday:

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. Psalm 24:7

Glorious King, we are prepared to be your faithful servants, accepting of your plan. Keep our minds set on the path you placed before us so we can be good examples. Let our actions teach others about your amazing call. Thank you, Lord. Amen.

Tuesday:

We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. 1 Timothy 6:7-8 (NKJV)

Lord, we worship you through the highs and lows! When everything is a mess, we question you. Remind us today that even in those times you have a plan. You will see us through. We give ourselves to you, O Lord! Amen.

Wednesday:

Paul wrote: The Lord said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." 2 Corinthians 12:9 (NIV)

Healing Savior, you have the power we need to stay strong in our times of weakness! Your undeserved grace is all we need. Help us rid our lives of pointless treasures so we can clearly see you, our true Savior. Amen.

Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Thursday:

The Lord spoke and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm. Psalm 33:9

Creator of everything, we give you thanks. We are blessed by your creation and your healing every day. Thank you for believing in us, broken though we are. Remind us that we are still another part of your wonderful creation. Amen.

Friday:

In your hand are power and might, so that no one is able to withstand you. 2 Chronicles 20:6

Christ says, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations." Matthew 28:18-19

Saturday:

The Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills. Deuteronomy 8:7

Gracious Ruler, we cannot thank you enough for your leading and guiding. You always show us the way! We know the promises you have in store for us; we pray that this world would see those promises as well, through us. Amen.

Source: Moravian Daily Texts

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