

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 22nd, 2015

First Sunday in Lent

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Based on Psalm 25

One: O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame;
do not let my enemies exult over me.

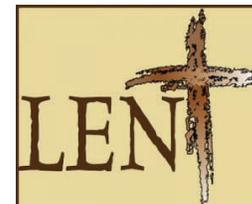
Many: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

One: Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

**Many: Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
teach me your paths.**

One: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

All: Let us worship God!



***Opening Hymn**

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell” #661

***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

Sue Prenzlou

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

***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**

“What Wondrous Love Is This” #257

Scripture

Genesis 9:8-17; Mark 1:9-15 (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

“Rainbows, Baptism and Covenants”

***Closing Hymn**

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” #473

***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 22nd, 2015

Pastor—Ava Adams-Morris

Lay Leader—Hugo John

Organist—Jola Walker

Greeter—Clint Lindemann

Head Usher—Wally Johnson

Coffee Hour Host—Board of Christian Education

Today's Worship & Fellowship

9:00 a.m. Morning Worship (*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 based on the Psalter from The New Century Hymnal.

The **Prayer of Invocation** is from “God of the Sparrow God of the Whale” by Jaroslav J. Vajda from *Imaging the Word Vol. #3*

The **paraments** are **purple** during the season of Lent as a symbol of both the sovereignty of Christ and personal penitence. The season of Lent is bracketed by the mourning black paraments colors of Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

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 Ava Adams-Morris, a Deacon, or the church office so that we may serve you. The church phone number is (507) 524-3141. Ava's phone numbers are (507) 243-3891 or (507) 380-7233 and her email is kreolelady@aol.com.**

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, Hutch Cramer, Kathy Cramer, David Keller, Stan Solie, Marge Walters, Jonathan Ziert
- 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
- Dan Prenzlów, who is recuperating at home from hip replacement

The prayer requests and praises shared during last week's worship service include:

Prayers:

- For our family who lost our Uncle Bob to the ravages of cancer
- For Sean Mallory, who will be having surgery on Friday
- For my dad, Bob Smith, recovering from pneumonia

Thanksgiving:

- Praise God from whom all blessings flow, as he has given us 85 and 86 years of health and good lives. Thanks be to God!

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 22nd, 2015

Sunday, February 22nd, 10:00 a.m. Called to Care

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

Tuesday, February 24th, newsletter articles due into the office

Wednesday, February 25th, 6:30 p.m. Lenten Service

Planning Ahead

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

Wednesday, March 4th, 6:30 p.m. Lenten Service

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

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

Wednesday, March 11th, 6:30 p.m. Lenten Service

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

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!

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Called to Care

The Called to Care Caregivers will hold a meeting this morning immediately following worship service in the Overflow Room.

Need for Lay Readers and Ushers

The Deacons are in the process of updating their list for Lay Readers and Ushers. If you are interested in signing up or would like more information, please contact Marian Mallory or any member of the Diaconate. There will be a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board outside the main office. Thank you in advance for your service.

Newsletter Articles

Please submit your newsletter articles and reports into the church office by **Tuesday, February 24th**. Thank you!

Heifer International

Posted on the bulletin board is a certificate of recognition of the contribution the United Church sent to Heifer International.

Adult Bible Study

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



Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf

Next Sunday, March 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.

Pack the Pews will be held Sunday March 22nd.

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Odd Fellows Pancake Breakfast

“Pancakes with a Purpose” will be held on **Sunday, March 8th, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall of The United Church of Mapleton. You can enjoy a delicious breakfast of pancakes and more from our Mapleton Odd Fellows!

All proceeds will go to help sponsor our local youth’s attendance at Camp FaHoCha, (Faith, Hope, and Charity) located at German Lake, southeast of Cleveland MN. What a wonderful and delicious way to help out some of our local youth!

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.

Maple River Coaches Pancake Breakfast

Maple River Coaches Association will be hosting a Scholarship Pancake Breakfast on **Sunday, March 1st, 2015 from 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.** The cost will be: age 6—adult \$6.00 and under age 6 eat for free. Take outs will be available. Matching funds from Blue Earth Co. Thrivent.

Service to Mankind

You have the opportunity and are invited to send a letter of nomination to Sertoma for the “Service to Mankind Award”.

Please send your letter, which gives information about the person you are nominating to receive this award to: Louise Webb, PO Box 93 **by Sunday, March 15th.**

Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Scripture for the Week: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure. Psalm 147:5

Sunday:

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
Matthew 5:8

Loving God, we are a heart-led people. In your name, we seek to end heartbreak and suffering and live lives of hope, love, compassion, and caring. Help keep our hearts true to your calling. In this we pray. Amen.

Monday:

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom. Colossians 3:16

Holy Spirit, dwell in us and make us whole. Make us teachers of your word, comforters to those who struggle, and friends to those who do not know you. May we always strive to make this world reflect the love of its Creator. Amen.

Tuesday:

The wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. James 3:17

Eternal God, grant to us the wisdom to understand those with whom we disagree. May your gentle hand guide us to peace, mercy, compassion, and love in this ever-needful world. Amen.

Wednesday:

Give me, O God, the pledge you demand. Who else will put up security for me? Job 17:3 (NIV)

Savior, help us to understand the magnitude of the sacrifice that you made and your love for us. God, you are great. Sinless and pure, you paid our debt. We bow before you in absolute awe and sing praise to you forevermore. Amen.

Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Thursday:

Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? James 2:5

Lord, your love of all, especially the poor in both treasure and spirit, provides the shining example upon which we must build our lives. Help us to follow your example, bringing comfort and justice to those who need it most. Amen.

Friday:

Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary. Galatians 6:9 (NASB)

Peaceful Savior, our strength is in you. You deliver us from the difficult times in our lives and you give us peace through hope for what is still to come. May our struggles always find us in your care. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Saturday:

The Son of God has come and has given us understanding so that we may know him who is true. 1 John 5:20

Great Truth, we never see you directly but we know you are there. Deep down, we feel your power and presence. Help us to share that understanding with those for whom the trials of the world cause their faith in you to falter. Amen.

Source: Moravian Daily Texts

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