

## 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 8th, 2015

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

### \*Call to Worship

*Based on Isaiah 40:29-31*

One: God gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the God shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall run and not be faint.

**Many: We shall wait for you O God.**

**For you alone, God, transcend all.**

***All: Let us worship God!***

**\*Opening Hymn**

“Come Away from Rush and Hurry” #655

**\*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**

**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**

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness” #93

**Scripture**

Mark 1:29-39 (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**

“You Do Not Know Me”

**\*Closing Hymn**

“God Be With You” #716

**\*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 8th, 2015

Pastor—Ava Adams-Morris

Lay Leader—Sue Prenzlou

Organist—Jola Walker

Greeters—Dan and Sue Prenzlou

Head Usher—Wally Johnson

Coffee Hour Host—Women's Fellowship

### 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 **Prayer of Invocation** is from the *New Century Hymnal* #826

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 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 and (507) 380-7233, and her email is [kreolelady@aol.com](mailto: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, Benjamin Brockmann, Hutch Cramer, Kathy Cox, Dawn Dietz, Jodie Gerdts, 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 Gerdts, 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.

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

#### **Prayers:**

- Bless Tony Passmore's journey and give him strength and guidance
- Please bless all our youth and bring them to God in faith.
- For Donna Passmore as she deals with health issues
- For the family of Dale Kettner, who was from Truman, who passed away last Sunday

#### **Thanksgiving:**

- Praise to God that my father is doing better and is once again walking with his walker

The prayers and sympathies of The United Church of Mapleton are extended to the family and friends of Richard "Dick" Bailey, who is Marissa Pfeffer's grandfather, who passed away Sunday, February 1, 2015.

## **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 8th, 2015**

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**

### **Planning Ahead**

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, 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service**

**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**

### **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](mailto: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!

**The United Church News and Announcements**  
**Sunday, February 8th, 2015**

**The Well Youth Center—Hotdish Smorgasbord!**

The Well Youth Center has planned a hotdish smorgasbord for **Sunday, February 8th from 10:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m.**

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!

**The Well Youth Center**

**Sunday, February 15th**, our Mission Jar and Coffee Hour collections will go to support The Well Youth Center.

The United Church supports this mission in this way each month.

**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.

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**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**.

**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.

**Minnesota Lake Ambulance Service**

The Minnesota Lake Ambulance Soup and Pie Supper will be held **Sunday, February 15 from 4:00—7:00 p.m.** at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Minnesota Lake.

This fundraiser helps to defray some of the expenses that the ambulance has in getting new and better equipment and training to make our service better for the patient.

## Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

**Scripture for the Week:** Trust in him at all times; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. Psalm 62:8

### **Sunday:**

Christ came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. Ephesians 2:17

Merciful God, we are grateful for your forgiveness! Thank you for showing us your grace and promise for a bright future. We are all united by your Spirit; help us to reach out to those near and far. Amen.

### **Monday:**

If the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.  
John 8:36

Victorious Lord, you continue to protect and reign over us. Thank you for sending your Son to set us free from all sin and oppression. Let us never forget that you are always beside us. Amen.

### **Tuesday:**

Take care, or you will be seduced into turning away, serving other gods and worshiping them. Deuteronomy 11:16

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal.

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.  
Matthew 6:19–21

### **Wednesday:**

We must obey God rather than human beings!  
Acts 5:29 (NIV)

King of all nations we offer our praises to you! We apologize for idolizing people and things other than you. May we turn back toward you and always faithfully follow you. Amen.

*Continue*

## Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

### **Thursday:**

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.  
2 Corinthians 3:17

Heavenly Father, our true Refuge, guide us through these coming days. Renew us with your Spirit so we can share your freedom with the world! We praise you, Triune God! Amen.

### **Friday:**

Consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Romans 6:11 (NASB)

Lord, why do we make excuses for our sins when you have redeemed us with the cross? You died to give us your grace and a new life! We must truly believe that sin has no power over us! Thank you, gracious Lord! Amen.

### **Saturday:**

We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. 2 Corinthians 4:8–9 (NIV)

Heavenly Shepherd, we give you thanks for protecting us every day. Forgive us for not bringing our cares, temptations, and fears to you more often. In our times of trial, let us focus our faith on you. Amen.

*Source: Moravian Daily Texts*