

Service Notes

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.*

The **Nursery/Toddler Room** for infants and toddlers is available throughout the morning worship service and is located at the end of the hallway opposite the Sanctuary. Sunday School is available for children PreK– 5th grade after the Message for God's Children, and children can meet their teachers at the back of the Sanctuary at that time. Children's Worship Bags with creative supplies are available in the back of the Sanctuary for children during worship.

How to Contact Pastor Ashley

My office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to noon. In the afternoon, I may be in the office, or I may be out in the community for pastoral care or outreach. If you'd like to stop by to visit another time, just email or call. Monday and Saturday are my days off.

My email address is: pastor@unitedchurchmapleton.org. If I'm not in the office, my phone number is (507) 381-8199.

Pastoral Care Connections

If you or a family member is ill, in the hospital, is homebound, 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 to let us know so that we may serve you.

The church phone number is (507) 524-3141 and Pastor Ashley's phone number is (507) 381-8199. Thank you!

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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, January 26th, 2014

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

One: Jesus Christ gives the invitation to everyone: "Come to me! Follow me! Be my disciples!"

Many: We come to this place, to this time, at the invitation of Jesus Christ.

One: In the name of Christ,

Many: we accept the invitation to discipleship.

One: In the name of Christ,

Many: as his disciples, we worship and praise God.

One: In the midst of a world where cruelty abounds,

Many: we proclaim the God of Compassion.

One: In the midst of indifference and apathy,

Many: we proclaim the God of Love.

One: Come, let us worship together

All: and we will share our witness of God's living presence in the world.

***Opening Hymn**

“Jesus Calls Us o’er the Tumult” #345

***Prayer of Invocation**

***Gloria Patri**

“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**

Rite of Baptism of Collin Urban and Jack Ward

Please turn to the bulletin insert marked “Rite of Baptism.”

Message for God’s Children

Mission Moment

The Well Youth Center

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**

“O Come to Me, the Master Said” #346

Scripture

Matthew 4:18-23 (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

“Follow Me”

***Closing Hymn**

“The Summons” #350

***Benediction**

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

Postlude

****Please rise in body or spirit.****

Serving Us Today: Sunday, January 26th, 2014

Pastor—Rev. Ashley Whitaker

Lay Leader—Jeff Gerdts

Organist—Jola Walker

Greeters—Mabelle Larson

Head Usher—Robert Shubert

Coffee Hour Host—Board of Christian Education

About Today's Worship & Fellowship

9:00 a.m. Morning Worship with Baptism (*Sanctuary*)

9:00-10:30 a.m. Nursery Childcare (*Babies-Toddlers*),

Crib/Toddler Room, upstairs

9:15-10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School

(*PreK-1st Grade*), Classroom A, upstairs

(*2nd-5th Grade*), Classroom E, downstairs

10:05 a.m. Choir practice

Our **Scripture Response** honors the ways in which we know and receive the Word of God: through Scripture, in community, and through our personal faith in God. Thanks be to God!

Our **Call to Worship** today is from the website "On Earth Peace" at onearthpeace.org and is inspired by Matthew 4:19, Mark 1:16-20, Luke 5:1-11.

In Our Prayers

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

Our church prayer list includes:

- Those with ongoing health concerns: Bill Brice, Stan Solie, Alberta Samuelson, Lorraine Stanton
- Family members and loved ones who are ill
- Traveling mercies for our members, family, and friends
- All those who are grieving and mourning
- Pastor Deb Celley of First Congregational UCC of Mankato, who is undergoing radiation for two kinds of cancer (b-cell lymphoma and Burkett's lymphoma). We pray for Pastor Deb and her family (husband Richard and daughters Julia and Jennifer)
- Bruce Stanton, who continues to recover from surgery on his ribs after a fall
- For Norma Baack, who continues to recover from a fall and recent hospitalization
- Kathie Treanor, who is recovering at Country Neighbors from a recent fall at work
- Todd Jaeger, as he recovers from heart surgery

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

- Thanks to the Lord for wonderful memories to hold dear to our heart
- Prayers in memory of Troy Schultz
- Prayers for the Pfeffer family in the loss of Lillian Pfeffer
- We are blessed to have two new healthy babies in the family (Colin Urban and Jack Ward). Please keep Melissa and Willie Urban in your prayers. Willie was transferred to St. Mary's Hospital with lung problems.
- Virginia Clark's sister, Karen, is home after recent surgery and is doing well. The Family requests prayers for her healing and strength.

The prayers and sympathies of The United Church go to the family and friends of Richard Shuck, who passed away on Monday, January 20th. Richard was a lifelong member of The United Church. His funeral was Thursday, January 23rd at The United Church.

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, January 26th, 2014

Tuesday, January 28th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT

Wednesday, January 29th, 1:00 p.m. Quilting

Wednesday, January 29th, 7:00—8:00 p.m. Confirmation

Thursday, January 30th, 3:00—4:00 p.m. Bible Study

Planning Ahead

Monday, February 3rd, 6:30—8:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

Tuesday, February 4th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT

Tuesday, February 4th, 7:00 p.m. Christian Education

Wednesday, February 5th, 1:00 p.m. Quilting

Wednesday, February 5th, 7:00—8:00 p.m. Confirmation

Thursday, February 6th, 3:00—4:00 p.m. Bible Study

The United Church News and Announcements
Sunday, January 26th, 2014

The Voice Newsletter

Please remit your newsletter articles to the church office by this Tuesday, January 28th, 2014. Thank you!

Loaves and Fishes Food Shelf

Remember: Sunday, February 2nd, 2014 we will collect donations for the Loaves and Fishes Food Shelf. Please consider giving monetary gifts and/or non-perishable items to this meaningful mission.

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

The Loaves & Fishes Annual Report is posted on the church bulletin board.

The Well Youth Center Fundraiser

The Well Youth Center will host a “Hot-Dish Smorgasbord” on **Sunday February 9th from 10:30—1:00 p.m.**, 106 Main St. NE, Mapleton. Please stop in for a delicious and hot meal while supporting your local youth center.

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Community Closet

The Community Closet thrift store, located above the Plaid Piper in Mapleton, will continue to be open on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. We will be continuing to offer the \$3 bag sale on clothing and shoes. In doing so, we are able to have a faster turnover in merchandise so the customers will have new things to look at regularly. We accept donations of gently used clothing of all sizes and shoes in good condition, as well as household goods, linens, toys, games, puzzles and books. If you are able, please take your donations to the top of the stairs by the door. Sorry, we can not accept any electronics or furniture (unless it is very small). Come in and take a look at items that are the lowest prices anywhere.

If you would like to volunteer as a worker at the Closet, we are there every Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. and can always use your help.

If you have a non-profit group that would like to take advantage of profits from the Closet, please call Gay Rice at (507) 524-4040 for more information..

Sunday Morning Wheelchair Assistance

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 it is too difficult for you to push a wheelchair up the ramp, please feel free to contact an Usher or Deacon for assistance.

Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Scripture for the Week: God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Corinthians 1:9

Sunday:

Paul writes: I am longing to see you so that I may share with you some spiritual gift to strengthen you—or rather so that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine. Romans 1:11-12

Thank you blessed Savior for all that you have done and continue to do this day for your children. We will keep our knees bent and our faces looking upward as we receive all of your most gracious blessings. Hear our prayer, exalted Lord. Amen.

Monday:

All his works are truth, and his ways are justice; and he is able to bring low those who walk in pride. Daniel 4:37

Give us patience to wait on your holy and divine providence. We trust you, O Lord, as you direct us closer to you. We lay our lives in your arms. Strengthen our hearts and fortify our minds, precious Lord. Amen.

Tuesday:

Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant. Psalm 86:16

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"
Luke 17:5

We pray for the poor, the homeless, those who have had their faith shaken, and those who are afraid and without hope. Cover us all, O Lord, that we may be strengthened. Increase our faith! Amen.

Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Wednesday:

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. Isaiah 53:4

We pray for the leaders of the world, our nations, our states and provinces, our cities, our neighborhoods, and our church. Each one has their own challenges—be with them as they work out these difficulties. You are their salvation and you are our salvation. Hear our prayer, O Lord. Amen.

Thursday:

The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. Psalm 118:14

The Father has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.
Colossians 1:13

Thank you, blessed Savior, for all of your many blessings. We pray that you will continue to bless us believers so we may be a blessing to others. We thank you for your son, Jesus, whose blood was shed for us. Amen.

Friday:

My heart exults in the Lord. 1 Samuel 2:1

Abide in my love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. John 15:9,11

Praise God, praise God, praise God. We love you, we honor you, we sing to you praises of joy. Praise God, praise God, praise God. Your mercy, compassion, and grace are our strength and anchor. Hear our songs, O Lord. Amen.

Saturday:

The Lord is a refuge for his people, a stronghold for the people of Israel. Joel 3:16

We will never let go of your hand, Lord Jesus, for you are our lifeline and our refuge. We are tethered to you and we will never lose our way. We only have to hold fast and pull ourselves, inch by inch, closer to you. Amen.

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Source: Moravian Daily Texts

