

The United Church News and Announcements
Sunday, July 10th, 2016

Call to Ministry Jeannie Jackson

Foster Care Home

Jeannie Jackson and her husband are a foster care home for young girls in the Albert Lea area. They currently have 8 girls within their home 24/7 and provide respite care for 2 other girls. I found out about this home from a young friend of mine who let me know about the girls limited resources and need for personal items. My hope is that our church, who always shows so much love and compassion to those in their time of need, may help this home and the girls in any way we can through Christ's love and may we continue a long-term connection. Thank you! Sheila

Youth Center

Sunday, July 17th we will collect donations in the Mission Jar at the back of the Sanctuary for our local youth center. The United Church supports this mission in this way each month.

Call to Ministry and Ministry Table

Beginning the first Sunday of June, if you would like to share a Call to Ministry at the beginning of worship, please be in touch with Marissa Pfeffer or the church office no later than Wednesday evening before that Sunday. The same timeline is requested for bulletin or Ministry Table information. The Call to Ministry time will be reserved for one announcement that is both informational and a call to action and should be directly related to The United Church of Mapleton's mission and ministry.

The Ministry Table in the entryway (next to the East doors and the Sanctuary doors) will have information about church ministry opportunities, sign-ups, and community events. Some information will be moved from the bulletin or from the bulletin board in the hallway to this table for easier, more prominent access.

More announcements on the Ministry Table.
Check it out today!

The United Church of Mapleton
Order of Worship

Sunday, July 10th, 2016
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Our Mission:

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

*The * symbolizes an invitation to rise in body or spirit.*

Prelude

Welcome

If you are a visitor today, please fill out the welcome card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate later in the service so that we can get to know each other!

Call to Ministry

Jeannie Jackson

***Call to Worship**

Based on Psalm 8

One: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Many: Your glory rises even above the heavens!

Out of the mouths of both newborns and sages is your glory and defense.

When we witness the beauty of your Creation,

all the works of your hands,

moon and stars, plants and animals,

how is it that you care for us?

Yet you call us caretakers of your Creation,

for you have blessed us with your glory and honor.

All: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

***Opening Hymn**

"Let All Creation Bless the Lord" #25

***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!

***Sharing Grace and Peace**

One: God’s Word is a word of forgiveness, assurance, and grace.

Many: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

One: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

Many: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Let us greet one another in fellowship.

Message for God’s Children

After the Message for God’s Children, all children may return to their pews, use the Family Space in the Overflow Room in the back of the Sanctuary, or use the Nursery if they are younger than Kindergarten age. Worship Bags, “The Sunday Paper” coloring pages, and Ministry Card making kits are available in the back of the Sanctuary.

Invitation to Worship Through 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 momentarily and shared with the congregation anonymously before our Preparation for Prayer.

Preparation for Prayer (Moment of Silence)

Prayers of the People

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**

“For Beauty of Meadows” #28

Scripture

Genesis 1:26-31 (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

“God’s Creation, God’s Image”
Faith & Film Sermon Series

***Closing Hymn**

“God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens” #644

***Benediction**

Postlude

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

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Today's Worship & Fellowship

Pastor—Ashley Whitaker

Lay Leader—Pam Foster

Sound System—Chad Kunkel

Coffee Hour Host—Women's Fellowship

9:00 a.m. Worship (*Sanctuary*)

9:00 a.m. Nursery/Toddler Care (*The Nursery/Toddler Room is at the north end of upstairs hallway*)

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

Today's Scripture reading is from *The Inclusive Bible*.

Today's *Call to Worship* is by Rev. Ashley Whitaker and is posted online at praxisandpraise.wordpress.com.

Church Calendar

Sunday, July 10th, Call to Ministry Speaker Jeannie Jackson (youth foster home)

Monday, July 11th, 7:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship

Tuesday, July 12th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT

Wednesday, July 13th, Film, Fun, & Faith Movie Night

Sunday, July 17th, Baptism of Zander Ehlers

Tuesday, July 19th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT

Tuesday, July 19th, 6:00 p.m. Personnel

Tuesday, July 19th, 7:00 p.m. Church Council

Wednesday, July 20th, Film, Fun, & Faith Movie Night

Thursday, July 21st, 7:30 p.m. Congregational Relations meeting

Tuesday, July 26th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT

Tuesday, July 26th, 3:00-6:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes workday

Wednesday, July 27th, Film, Fun, & Faith Movie Night

Saturday, July 30th, 9:00-Noon Loaves & Fishes workday

In Our Prayers

- The ministries of The United Church, including our local missions: The Maple River 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
- Those affected by mental illness, including anxiety and depression



Our church prayer list includes:

- Those with ongoing health concerns: Norma Baack, Kathy Cramer, Janie Firstbrook, Mary Beth Fritz, Marian Mallory, Sean Mallory, Lloyd Mitchell, Stan Solie,
- Those recovering from recent health concerns or procedures: Jack Madsen
- All those affected by the ongoing crisis in Syria and the hundreds of thousands of refugees fleeing the Middle East

The prayer requests and praises from worship last week were:

Prayers:

- For friend, Debbie, dealing with heart issues
- For traveling mercies for our daughter, Jeni, traveling to New York for a wedding

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Garden of Eatin' Season

There are sheets on the Ministry Table for you to sign-up and volunteer throughout the season to tend, water, pick and deliver produce. **On any given week, produce can be delivered Tuesdays at 3:00 p.m. and Saturdays at 9:00 a.m.** This garden has been a great success in the past couple of years. Let's continue to grow and show love in our community with this great mission!

Sign-Up for Sunday Lay Ministries!

Please consider helping by signing-up to be a **Lay Leader, Hospitality Team Leader, and Communion Servers** for Sunday worship services. Sign-up sheets are on the Ministry Table. Thank you in advance for your service!

Film, Fun, & Faith

Every Wednesday during July the United Church will host a family movie night (***Film, Fun, & Faith***) in the Fellowship Hall starting at 6:00 p.m. There will be free popcorn and root beer floats! Bring a lawn chair or comfy blanket to sit on. You may make a guess of the title of the movie each week and be entered to win a door prize! All movies are PG or G rated. Bring your family, friends and neighbors! All are welcome!

Looney Lutherans

The Looney Lutherans will be at Hosanna Lutheran Church in Mankato on Sunday July 10th at 6:30 p.m. Call 507-387-5586 for ticket information. Proceeds will support VINE Faith in Action.

Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Scripture for the Week: If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. Galatians 5:25

Sunday:

When they saw the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated and ordinary men, they were amazed and recognized them as companions of Jesus. Acts 4:13

Lord our God, thank you for providing us with all that we need, for the many gifts that you have entrusted to us, and for your protection and presence throughout our lives. Guide our futures so that we may faithfully serve you. Amen.

Monday:

The scribe said to Jesus, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘He is one, and besides him there is no other;’ and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” Mark 12:32–33

Teacher, help us to live in and be guided by the Spirit. Help us to seek a true understanding of your words, to be faithful and to love one another with our whole selves, and to love you with all of our hearts, minds, and souls. Amen.

Tuesday:

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. John 14:27

Give us peaceful minds and loving hearts, O Lord, to share your love with all we connect with. Let us trust and take comfort in you when our hearts are troubled and we live in fear. Help us to feel your love shining in us always. Amen.

Wednesday:

God has not left himself without a witness in doing good—giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, and filling you with food and your hearts with joy. Acts 14:17

Let us praise you with joyous hearts for our many blessings: for enough food to nourish our bodies; for love and fellowship; for our warm and comfortable homes; for the convenience technology brings to our lives; for health, strength, and energy; and for the beauty that we find in nature. Thank you. Amen.

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Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Thursday:

The Twelve went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them. Mark 6:12–13

Guide us, Lord, as we walk your path. Shine your light through us in the darkness and give us strength and courage for our journey. Live in our hearts, we pray. Amen.

Friday:

Paul wrote: At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. The goal is equality. 2 Corinthians 8:14 (NIV)

God of all creation, all we have is yours; we are but caretakers of your bounty. Open our hearts and our hands and make us willing to give back to you so that others will hear your good news! Amen.

Saturday:

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

Gracious God, you rescued us from the depths of darkness. Help us to reach out to others and share your word with them so that they will not taste death, but will receive eternal life and live in your kingdom. Amen.

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