

The United Church News and Announcements
Sunday, July 17th, 2016

Youth Center

Today, 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 17th, 2016
Ninth 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

Pastoral Relations Committee

***Call to Worship**

Based on Psalm 138

One: O Lord our God, we give you thanks with our whole heart!

Many: Before the heavens, we sing our praises to you.

One: You are steadfast and faithful, O Lord.

Many: All people will praise you, for great is your glory.

One: When we call, you answer,

Many: and you strengthen our souls.

One: Though you are the Lord,

Many: you lovingly remember us, the work of your hands.

One: Though we walk down troubled paths,

Many: you sustain us and deliver us by your right hand.

One: Fulfill your purposes in us, O Lord,

All: for your love endures forever!

***Opening Hymn**

“Take My Life and Let It Be” #466

***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.

Service of Baptism: Zander Ehlers

Please turn to the bulletin insert titled “Service of Baptism of Zander Ehlers.”

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**

Blessing of Campers: Abby and Ally Bruegger

Please turn to the bulletin insert titled “Blessing of Those Going to Camp.”

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**

“We Give Thee But Thine Own” #688

Scripture

Romans 12:1-8 (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 “One Body, Many Members—Life Together Is Awesome!”

Faith & Film Sermon Series

***Closing Hymn**

“Forth in Your Name” #718

***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—Hugo John

Organist/Pianist—Joanne Cramer

Sound System—Chad Kunkel

Coffee Hour Host—Youth Center

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

Today's *Blessing of Those Going to Camp* is from Lutherans Outdoors in South Dakota (losd.org).

Church Calendar

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
- For the families of Philando Castille, Alton Sterling, and the five Dallas police officers killed in the past week

The prayer requests and praises from worship last week were: Prayers:

- For Jeannie Jackson, her husband, and all of their foster daughters. May they all continue to grow in God's loving care.
- For my family and foster family to know how much they mean to me
- For my mother to get well from addiction and for my family to be rejoined and happy. I also pray that my grandmother made it safe to heaven and is free of pain
- For my family to be well and for me to be happy and smile! And also for my mom to not be sick
- That my great grandma is better in heaven and is no longer in pain (she passed 7/19/15). I also pray that my mom would stay happy.
- For peace to our nation and for healing and understanding each other
- For healing of all wounded spirits
- For all the families that have lost their kids to violence
- That, in our hour of turmoil, we would not judge, but prayerfully seek discernment
- For healing hearts and bodies after a loss
- For families, that they would be brought closer in your love
- For Tim and Phyllis Lindemann, who are en route to the U. of M. for five days of testing to see if Phyllis is a candidate for a double lung transplant
- For safe travels for a great-granddaughter who is en route to Springfield, MO

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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!

Mapleton VFW Auxiliary

Mapleton VFW Auxiliary will sponsor the Annual Pillow Cleaning on **Friday, August 5th from 7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.** at the VFW building on Main Street, Mapleton. Again, this year we will be open Thursday, August 4th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for dropping off pillows. Feather and polyester pillows can be cleaned with new ticking.

Caregiver Support Group

This group is for friends and family members who are in a caregiver role. There will be opportunity for sharing and education about memory loss. Join us for our August session on **Tuesday, August 2nd, 3:00-4:30 p.m.** at First Presbyterian Church, Amboy. There is no charge to attend. Questions? Call Joyce Kolbet (386-5583) at VINE Faith in Action.

Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Scripture for the Week: So let us not grow weary in doing what is right. Galatians 6:9

Sunday:

The night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Romans 13:12

Savior of the world, the time of your return is drawing nigh; bring your light into our hearts and rekindle our spirits as we await your return. Equip us to endure the darkness that surrounds us. Amen.

Monday:

Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts.

Ephesians 5:19

Good Shepherd, we praise you for your abounding love and goodness. We thank you for your boundless and sacrificial gift of grace for us when we were lost to sin, and for the gift of eternal life! Amen.

Tuesday:

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind.

1 Corinthians 1:4–5

Lord Jesus, it pleases you for your people to be united as one. Grant us direction, Lord, so that we may remain united in love and service. Let your light shine in us, as we love and serve you and others. Amen.

Wednesday:

Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong.

1 Corinthians 16:13

King of kings and Lord of lords, empower us to stand firm as we continue to await your return. Give us renewed strength. Keep us alert and equip us for standing up against the evils of this dark world! Amen.

Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Thursday:

The Lord said to Paul, “Do not be afraid, but speak and do not be silent; for I am with you.” Acts 18:9–10

Lord, speak to us; graciously reveal your wisdom and strength as we continue to let your light shine in and through us in the world.

Let us not be afraid, but in boldness proclaim you as our Lord. Amen.

Friday:

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.

Hebrews 13:7

Thank you, God for the great cloud of witnesses that have gone before us; for all of those who have led us forward in faith. May your light also shine through us so that others may find their way to you. Amen.

Saturday:

We rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. He who rescued us from so deadly a peril will continue to rescue us; on him we have set our hope that he will rescue us again.

2 Corinthians 1:9–10

Great Father of glory, nothing is too difficult for you. You render unto us the same strength and power that raised Jesus from the dead. It is you who equips and strengthens us to serve your kingdom. Amen.

Source: Moravian Daily Texts

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