

The United Church News and Announcements
Sunday, July 24th, 2016

Garden of Eatin' Update: 8 lbs. of produce to date.

Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf Collections: Sunday, August 7th!

Foster Care Home for Girls

Please, let us help the 8 girls from the foster care home who visited us on July 10th! Check out the handmade quilts, hanging on the back pews, that are going to these girls which were lovingly made by the United Church Quilting Group. Thank you Quilters!

Church World Service

It's the time of year when there are good buys on school supplies. It is also the time of the year when we help Church World Service meet the escalating demands for School Kits and Hygiene Kits. We will not be assembling Baby Kits this year. We will be assembling Kits from now until mid-August. Take advantage of all the sales. A list of Kit materials can be found in the foyer and in the Fellowship Hall. Questions? Call Pat John. Thank you!

Ecumenical Vacation Bible School

Ecumenical VBS (children who finished Kindergarten, those going into 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and those who finished 5th grade) will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m., August 8th, 9th and 10th, (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday) between the churches of St. John Lutheran and St. Teresa Catholic.

Call to Ministry and Ministry Table

If you would like to share a Call to Ministry at the beginning of worship, please contact 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 has information about church ministry opportunities and community events. **Check it out today!**

The United Church of Mapleton
Order of Worship

Sunday, July 24th, 2016

Tenth 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

Maple River Youth Center

***Call to Worship**

Based on Psalm 107:1-9, 43

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good!

Many: The Lord's steadfast love endures forever!

Let those God has redeemed proclaim this good news,

those gathered in from all lands and all places.

Some had wandered in parched wastelands

and their spirit faded within them,

yet let us give thanks for God's countless blessings,

for with God, the longing soul is filled with good things.

Those who are wise, worship the Lord!

All: We will praise God's steadfast love forever!

***Opening Hymn**

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing" #87

***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**

“May the Mind of Christ, My Savior” #464

Scripture

Colossians 3:12-17 (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

“Remember Who You Are”

Faith & Film Sermon Series

***Closing Hymn**

“O God in Whom All Life Begins” #388

***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—Jola Walker
Sound System—Chad Kunkel
Coffee Hour Host—Christian Education

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.

Church Calendar

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
Monday, August 8th, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Ecumenical VBS
Monday, August 8th, 7:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship
Tuesday, August 9th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT
Tuesday, August 9th, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Ecumenical VBS
Wednesday, August 10th, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Ecumenical VBS
Sunday, August 14th, 9:00 a.m. Riverblenders

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
- All those affected by the attack in Nice, France on July 14th during Bastille Day celebrations, leaving at least 84 people dead and over 300 wounded
- All those affected by the coup d'état attempt in Turkey on July 15th and 16th, leaving over 265 dead and 1,400 wounded
- Phyllis Lindemann, who has been undergoing evaluation testing for a double lung transplant at the University of Minnesota. She has been cleared to join the transplant list, but faces potential problems with finding a match to avoid rejection.
- Mary Dietz, who is experiencing health difficulties due to high stress

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

- For all who seek God' love and guidance; let it be a joyous adventure

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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!

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.

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.

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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

Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Scripture for the Week: Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Psalm 25:4

Sunday:

I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. Revelation 21:2

Strong Deliverer, shower us with your healing strength; be our Shield as we move as pilgrims in this land. Be our Pillar of fire that leads us on our journey. Be our Guide and Redeemer as we await your approaching return. Amen.

Monday:

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Ephesians 6:18

God of hope, pour out your Spirit upon us; let us feel the warmth of your abounding love and your merciful grace. Let us feel surrounded by your calmness and gentleness as we daily gain our victory over sin. Amen.

Tuesday:

Let all that you do be done in love. 1 Corinthians 16:14

Lover of our souls, we look trustingly and with hope toward the cross of Calvary, for you alone are our true salvation. You alone hear our prayers and fill our hearts with abounding love and forgiveness. Amen.

Wednesday:

Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. Ephesians 4:29

Redeeming Lord, give to us your Spirit of grace and love so that evil will not prevail in our lives. Use us to build up and encourage those around us, both in our homes and in our communities. Amen.

Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Thursday:

For it is God's will that by doing right you should silence the ignorance of the foolish. As servants of God, live as free people, yet do not use your freedom as a pretext for evil. 1 Peter 2:15–16

Jesus, Master, whom we serve, we are wholly yours: bodies, minds, and souls. We desire to do your perfect will in our lives; we desire to serve you and others faithfully all the days of our lives. Amen.

Friday:

Let marriage be held in honor. Hebrews 13:4

Merciful God, how grateful we are for your covenant love that reigns over us and within us. May your love continue to unite all people, as we strive to be living examples of your love to others. Amen.

Saturday:

O Lord, my strength and my stronghold, my refuge on the day of trouble. Jeremiah 16:19

Precious Savior and Friend, in our times of desperate need, when we bear great personal griefs, our hope is built on you alone. In you we find hope for healing, hope for the future, and hope for all eternity. Amen.

Source: Moravian Daily Texts

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