

**The United Church News and Announcements**  
**Sunday, June 12th, 2016**

**Special Mission for June**

During the month of June our special mission will be America for Christ (ABC)/Strengthen the Church (UCC).

**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.

We will be trying out these two new ways of worshipping and communicating during the month of June and evaluating at the end of the month. Thank you!

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

**The United Church of Mapleton**  
**Order of Worship**

Sunday, June 12th, 2016  
Fourth 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**

Marian Mallory

**\*Call to Worship**

*Based on Psalm 98*

One: Sing to the Lord a new song!

**Many: The Lord has done amazing things!**

God remembers forever and God's love is steadfast.

**Let us make a joyful noise to the Lord!**

In the presence of the Lord,

**the sea roars,**

**the floods clap their hands,**

**and the hills sing for joy.**

The Lord is righteous and faithful.

***All: Let us make a joyful noise to the Lord!***

**\*Opening Hymn**

"This Is My Father's World" #21

**\*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**

“What a friend We Have in Jesus” #473

**Scripture**

John 15:12-17 (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**

“No Greater Love Than This”

*Faith & Film Sermon Series*

**\*Closing Hymn**

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus” #398

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

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

## The United Church of Mapleton

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### Today's Worship & Fellowship

Pastor—Ashley Whitaker  
Lay Leader—Bruce Stanton  
Organist—Jola Walker  
Sound System—Dick Dietz  
Hospitality Team Lead—  
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 *Call to Worship* is by Rev. Ashley Whitaker and is posted online at [praxisandpraise.wordpress.com](http://praxisandpraise.wordpress.com).

The altar **flower arrangement** is provided by Darlene Fezler

### Church Calendar

Monday, June 13th, 7:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship

Tuesday, June 14th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in G.T.

**Tuesday, June 14th, 7:00 p.m. Church Council**

Wednesday, June 15th, 6:00 p.m. Film, Fun, & Faith Movie Night

Tuesday, June 21st, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in G.T.

**Tuesday, June 21st, 7:30 p.m. Personnel meeting**

Wednesday, June 22nd, Film, Fun, & Faith Movie Night

Tuesday, June 28th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in G.T.

Wednesday, June 29th, Film, Fun, & Faith Movie Night

### 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: Kathy Byram, 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 the 71 graduates of the Maple River High School Class of 2016
- For the family and friends of Muhammad Ali at his death

##### Thanksgiving:

- To God for answered prayers. May God continue to bless and answer our prayers.

The prayers and sympathies of The United Church are extended to the family and friends of Sylvia More, longtime United Church member, who passed away on Friday, June 3rd, 2016. Graveside services will be held at a later date for the family.

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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 June and 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!

We are looking for **donations** for our June and July ***Film, Fun, & Faith*** movie nights. **Please sign-up on the Ministry Table or call the church office at 524-3141** to donate pails of vanilla ice cream and 2-liter root beers. Thank you!

**T&C Days Pancake Breakfast**

A Pancake Breakfast will be held **Sunday, June 12th from 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.** at the Library Park. This is a Mapleton Town and Country Days/Odd Fellows Benefit.

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**Farewell Open House**

Faith Bible will be hosting a Farewell Open House for Betty and Ron Johnson on Sunday, June 12th from 12:00-2:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

**Youth Center**

**Sunday, June 19th** 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.

**Caregiver Support**

This group is for anyone caring for a person with a progressive illness. Participants share their challenges and joys, offering support to each other. Join us for our first session on **Tuesday, June 14, 3:00-4:00 p.m.** First Presbyterian Church, Amboy. There is no charge to attend. Questions? Call Joyce Kolbet (386-5583) or Carol Ries (386-5571) at VINE Faith in Action.

**Mid-American Baptist Women's Ministries Annual Conference for Women and AB Girls**

The annual conference for women and girls held at Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa, begins Friday, June 24th with registration at 9:00 a.m. and concludes at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, June 25th.

Missionary speaker will be Katie Longkumer, AB Missionary in Northeast India; Bible Study Leader: Rev. Mary Robinson; Worship Co-Leaders: Rev. Carol Teare and Susan Price; Sessions for AB girls will be led by Becca Whitaker.

**The American Red Cross**

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be coming to St. Teresa's Catholic Church on Thursday, June 16th from 1:00-7:00 p.m. Appointments may be made by calling Peg at (507)420-1286 or sign up online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org), enter sponsor code: MAPLETONMN. For any medical, medication or travel questions call 1-866-236-3276.

## Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

**Scripture for the Week:** Declare God's glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples. Psalm 96:3

### **Sunday:**

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28

We pause to say within our hearts that we need you, God. Troubles come our way, burdens are heavy, and we can no longer walk the path. We feel like giving up, but you remind us that you carried the cross to Calvary for us and took all of our burdens. Refresh our spirits, Lord, and have mercy on us. Amen.

### **Monday:**

Jesus Christ says, "I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:20

Hear our prayer, O Lord, in the words of the hymn writer. We are reminded of the great city Jerusalem, descending from above and the joy that waits for us there. We celebrate and rejoice in knowing and tasting such sweet bliss beyond compare. Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace. Amen.

### **Tuesday:**

Blessed are those who act justly, who always do what is right. Psalm 106:3 (NIV)

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. John 15:12

Fill our hearts today with the knowledge that we have a purpose to fulfill, as we come to your throne asking for the confidence and the courage to complete the tasks set before us. As we close another month in this year, help us to walk in your deep love with our brothers and sisters. Bless us we pray. Amen.

### **Wednesday:**

The Lord says, "I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them." Psalm 91:15

O, to be free, dear Lord! We are no longer slaves to our sins and death but to the joy you offer us in serving you. Call us into the service of your love. Amen.

## Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

### **Thursday:**

There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. Luke 15:7

Faithful Father, thank you for the hope, peace, joy, and love that knowing you brings to our lives. Help us to take comfort in you in times of trial and suffering, and to praise you with our whole beings in times of joy and celebration. Amen.

### **Friday:**

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God. Ephesians 2:19

Gracious, heavenly Father, teach all those in positions of power about your justice and righteousness. Be with those living in poverty and oppression that they may find a life of abundance through you. Empower us to do your mission, to be your sheep, and to take the time to listen for you each and every day. Amen.

### **Saturday:**

So it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God who shows mercy. Romans 9:16

Heavenly Father, thank you for our many blessings, gifts, and talents. Show us how to use these blessings to glorify you. Give us true understanding of your words of love, and give us trust in your ways that we may better hear and see your will. Amen.

*Source: Moravian Daily Texts*

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