



Local Missions

Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf is open Tuesdays from 3:00-6:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m.-noon.



Volunteers are always welcome! Please bring donations to church on the first Sunday of each month.

The Maple River Youth Center: The mission jar will be in the back of the Sanctuary on the third Sunday of each month.

The United Church of Mapleton

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Our Mission:

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, June 14th, 2015

Third Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Campaign Update

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 Worship

Based on Psalm 146

One: Happy are those whose hope is in God,
maker of heaven and earth,

Many: for God keeps faith forever!

God provides justice for the oppressed
and gives food for the hungry.

**God sets the prisoners free
and lifts up those who are bowed down.**

God cherishes those who do what is right.
and frustrates the plans of the wicked.

**God watches over the strangers
and upholds the orphan and widow.**

People of God, sing praise to the One who is your help,

All: for God keeps faith forever!

***Opening Hymn**

“Great is Thy Faithfulness” #72

***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!

***Moment of Fellowship**

Message for God’s Children

*Children are invited to attend Sunday School after the
Message for God’s Children or return to their pews. Children’s
Worship Bags are available in the back of the Sanctuary.*

Mission Moment

Karen Stanton

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**

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God” #461

Scripture

1 Kings 17:8-24 (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

“I Have Nothing”

*This summer, Pastor Ashley will be preaching a sermon series
based on The Beatitudes as found in Matthew 5:3-12.
“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of
heaven.” (Mt 5:3)*

***Closing Hymn**

“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service” #575

***Benediction**

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

Postlude

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

Serving Us Today: Sunday, June 14th, 2015

Pastor—Ashley Whitaker

Lay Leader—Lisa Shubert

Organist—Jola Walker

Greeter—Mabelle Larson

Head Usher—Wally and Joyce Johnson

Coffee Hour Host—Women's Fellowship

Today's Worship & Fellowship

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

9:00-10:40 a.m. Nursery Childcare (*Babies-Toddlers*),

Crib/Toddler Room, upstairs

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

Today's **Call to Worship** is from the United Church of Christ's *Worship Ways* website at ucc.org/worship/worship-ways.

The **green paraments** symbolize Ordinary Time, the longest season of the church liturgical year, which is a continuation of the Season of Epiphany that began the Sunday after Epiphany and ended with Ash Wednesday. Ordinary Time begins on the Sunday after Pentecost and ends with Reign of Christ Sunday, the Sunday before Advent begins. Since it explores the mission of the church, the traditional color for this season is green, symbolizing growth. Ordinary Time also focuses on the important issue of how we can continually grow as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Information from ucc.org.

Worship & Care Connections

Children's Worship Bags with creative supplies are available at the back of the Sanctuary for children during worship.

The **Nursery/Toddler Room** for infants and toddlers is available throughout the morning worship service and is located at the north end of the hallway opposite the Sanctuary.

The **Family Space**, located in the Overflow Room in the back of the Sanctuary, is for our families with infants and small children. This space is available for families in addition to the nursery so that families can both see and hear what's going on in worship.

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 you or a family member 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 so that we may serve you. The church phone number is (507) 524-3141. Pastor Ashley's phone number is (507) 381-8199 and her email is pastor@unitedchurchmapleton.org.

If you have a prayer request for the **Prayer Chain**, please call **Karen Stanton at 327-8168 or Joyce Johnson at 524-3727**. Please let them know your prayer request, including the name of the person to pray for, and whether you would like your request included in the church's public prayer list or if you'd prefer the request be kept privately within the prayer chain. There is also a prayer request submission form available on the United Church website under the "Ministries" tab.

In Our Prayers

- The ministries of The United Church, including our local missions: 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



Our church prayer list includes:

- Those with ongoing health concerns: Norma Baack, Janie Firstbrook, Aubrielle Howley, David Keller, Stan Solie, Lloyd Mitchell, Jack Madsen
- Family members and loved ones who are ill
- Traveling mercies for our members, family, and friends
- All who are grieving and mourning
- The 2015 American Baptist Churches, USA Biennial Mission Summit, to be held June 26-28 in Overland Park, KS
- The 2015 United Church of Christ General Synod 30, to be held June 26-30 in Cleveland, OH

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

Prayers:

- That the Holy Spirit be present as we meet today
- For God's guidance as we seek to prepare for the future of The United Church of Mapleton
- For my friend, Janie, who will have breast cancer surgery on the 16th. She lost both of her parents last summer

Thanksgiving:

- To the Lord for this community of faith. I love each and every one of you!
- To God for the singing of Marissa, Sheila, and Laura
- And praise for wonderful grandchildren. My heart is full!

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, June 14th, 2015

Tuesday, June 16th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study in GT

Wednesday, June 17th, 7:00 p.m. Trustees

Planning Ahead

Tuesday, June 23rd, 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study in GT

Tuesday, June 23rd, Newsletter Articles due into office

How to Contact Pastor Ashley

Pastor Ashley's cell phone number is (507) 381-8199 and her email is pastor@unitedchurchmapleton.org. Her usual weekly schedule includes these times and places. *Monday* Sabbath. *Tuesday* 9:00 -11:00 a.m. church office, noon-1:00 p.m. Preaching Text Study Group, 3:00-5:00 p.m. the Youth Center. *Wednesday* 9:00-10:30 a.m. The Windmill Restaurant (Location for Community Office Hours will change occasionally and be announced here). *Thursday* 9:00 a.m.-noon church office, 2:00-3:00 p.m. Church Bible Study. *Friday* Sermon writing. At other times, she may be making pastoral visits or be serving elsewhere in the community. Please feel free to contact her for a visit or meeting!

The United Church News and Announcements
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Sign-Up for Lay Readers and Ushers

Please sign-up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board outside the main office. We have begun asking for Ushers on a weekly basis, so please sign up on the sheets provided. Thank you in advance for your service.

If you would like more information, please contact Marian Mallory or any member of the Diaconate

Email Issues

If you are hosted by Hickorytech for your internet/email service and have noticed your emails from The United Church, either from secretary@unitedchurchmapleton.org or pastor@unitedchurchmapleton.org, are ending up in your Junk or Spam folder, please call Hickorytech Support at 387-1151 and let them know. Hickorytech will walk you through how to fix this problem. Thank you!

Loaves & Fishes Fundraiser Volunteers Needed

Loaves & Fishes will be participating in a fundraising opportunity to raise funds for our local food shelf during the **Mankato Air Show, June 27th and 28th**. Please contact Laura Fritz if you would be willing to help. Additional information is posted on the church office bulletin board.

Youth Center

Next Sunday, **June 21st**, our Mission Jar and Coffee Hour collections will go to support the local youth center.

T&C Days Pancake Breakfast

A Pancake Breakfast will be held Sunday, June 14th from 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. at the Library Park. This is an Odd Fellows-Mapleton Town and Country Days Benefit.

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American Red Cross

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive at St. Teresa Church on Thursday, June 18th from 1:00—7:00 p.m. Root beer floats will be served.

To schedule your appointment call Peg at 507-420-1286 or sign up online at www.redcrossblood.org, enter sponsor code: MAPLETONMN.

Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Scripture for the Week: Jesus says, “Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.” John 17:17

Sunday:

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth. John 16:13

Heavenly Father, may we, your children, meet today once more to adore and worship you with pure hearts and thanksgiving. Bless our congregations in the world. Give us courage to serve you faithfully. In the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Monday:

Simeon said, “My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.” Luke 2:30–32

Merciful Savior, we are your disciples today. May we work in your kingdom and spread your word through the power of the Holy Spirit. We work to increase the number of believers throughout the world, so that all may know their Creator. Amen.

Tuesday:

See, the Lord’s hand is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear. Rather, your iniquities have been barriers between you and your God. Isaiah 59:1–2

Sovereign Lord, the world is shrouded in darkness. Many schools and homes do not pray anymore. We are dependent on material things instead of spiritual things, and we forget that you are our Creator and Sustainer. Forgive us and plant your peace in our hearts. Amen.

Wednesday:

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Matthew 5:7

Holy Spirit, we pray for all who are in need, all who are suffering, and all who do not know about you. Many wait for your grace and mercy; do not forget them. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Continue

Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Thursday:

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long. Psalm 23:6

Our lovely God, your mercy surpasses all understanding. It is only because of your mercy that we live. We do not deserve such love, but you give it to us anyway. Thank you for sending your Son to die for us, that we may be released from sin. Amen.

Friday:

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory. Isaiah 6:3

Eternal God, we stand protected by your presence and your strength. Continue being our armor and giving us heavenly direction. We trust and depend on you. We are not alone. You promise to be with us always. In the name of our Savior we pray. Amen.

Saturday:

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. Matthew 4:23

Dear Lord, make us your servants to minister to the sick and helpless. Help us to aid in healing, transforming souls, reconciling, and empowering lives. You are faithful and your love endures forever. Jesus Christ is alive and through his Holy Spirit we can serve you until you return! Amen.

Source: Moravian Daily Texts