

Service Notes

The **white paraments** on Trinity Sunday symbolize joy in the light of God. The color white is also customary on holidays that praise the glory and power of Jesus Christ. Trinity Sunday is the first Sunday after Pentecost and celebrates the Christian doctrine of the Trinity; the three persons of God, known as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit as well as the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.
Information from ucc.org

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

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

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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 15th, 2014

Trinity Sunday

First Sunday After Pentecost

Father's Day

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

One: Let us praise God the Creator,

Many: who is filled with glory and power—with holiness and splendor.

One: Let us worship God the Savior,

Many: who is filled with love and compassion—with justice and peace.

One: Let us experience God the Spirit,

Many: who fills us with faith and joy—with grace and eternal life.

One: Let us celebrate the Triune God,

All: who has called us here to worship together!

***Opening Hymn**

“All Creatures of Our God and King” #23

***Prayer of Invocation**

***Gloria Patri**

“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

Mission Moment

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**

A Litany for Father’s Day

Please turn to the bulletin insert for “A Litany for Father’s Day.”

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**

“Happy the Home When God Is There” #607

Scripture

Genesis 1:1-2:3 (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

“In the Beginning...It Was Good”

***Closing Hymn**

“I Sing the Almighty Power of God” #31

***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 15th, 2014

Pastor—Ashley Whitaker

Lay Leader—Ginny Kinzie

Organist—Kathy Byram

Greeters—David and Roberta Ward

Head Usher—Wally & Joyce Johnson, Gerald & Donna Webb

About Today's Worship & Fellowship

9:00 a.m. Morning Worship with The Well Youth Center

Collections (*Sanctuary*)

9:00-10:30 a.m. Nursery Childcare (*Babies-Toddlers*),

Crib/Toddler Room, upstairs

Our **Scripture Response** honors the ways in which we know and receive the Word of God: through Scripture, in community, and through our personal faith in God. Thanks be to God!

Our **Call to Worship** today is by Moira Laidlaw at liturgiesonline.com.au.

“A Litany for Father’s Day” was written by Kirk Loadman and is available from Allan Bevere at allanbevere.com.

Adult, Youth and Children’s **Sunday School** are now on break for the summer. We will resume all classes in the fall.

In Our Prayers

- The ministries of The United Church, including our local missions: The Well Youth Center, Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf
- The leaders of our church: local, regional, and national
- The ministers and missionaries of the world
- Those anticipating surgery, recovering from surgery, or undergoing medical procedures, tests, or treatments
- Those living in assisted living or in a nursing home
- Those who are homebound and those who are caregivers

Our church prayer list includes:

- Those with ongoing health concerns: Norma Baack, Bill Brice, Colleen Lindemann, Stan Solie, Alberta Samuelson
- Family members and loved ones who are ill
- Traveling mercies for our members, family, and friends
- All those who are grieving and mourning
- Hutch Cramer, who is recovering from hip surgery at the Mapleton Community Home
- Benjamin Brockmann of Lake Crystal, age 6, a family friend of the Allevens, who is undergoing treatment for leukemia
- Isaac Kolstad, who suffered a severe head injury early on May 11th in Mankato, and who is currently hospitalized in critical condition. The Kolstads are friends of Joe and Sheila Samuelson. You may visit Isaac’s Caring Bridge site at <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/isaackolstad>.
- Louis Fritz, who was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor. Radiation treatment has begun and will continue in the weeks to come.
- Tucker Shuck, Sharon Shuck’s grandson, who has begun thirteen weeks of US Marine Corps Boot Camp in San Diego, and for his family during this time of limited communication with him

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

Thanksgiving:

- And praise to God for giving us people whose minds are capable to find and develop techniques and understanding ways to help your people

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 15th, 2014

Monday, June 16th, 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, June 17th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT

Tuesday, June 17th, 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, June 18th, 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, June 18th, 7:00 p.m. Called to Care Session 3 in the Overflow Room

Wednesday, June 18th, 7:00 p.m. Trustees

Thursday, June 19th, 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School

Friday, June 20th, 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School

Planning Ahead

Sunday, June 22nd, 10:10 a.m. Called to Care Session 3 in the Overflow Room

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The Well Youth Center

Today, Sunday, July 15th, there is no Coffee Hour due to T & C Day activities. Please place your donation into the Mission Collection jar to help support our local youth at The Well Youth Center.

The United Church supports The Well Youth Center in this way each month.

Newsletter Reports and Articles

Please submit your July newsletter reports and articles to the church office **by Tuesday, June 24th**. Thank you!

Head Ushers Needed

The United Church is in need of Head Ushers for the months July through October. Please consider signing up to help by calling the church office at 524-3141.

Proposed Constitutional Amendments

The Official Board has endorsed proposed Constitutional amendments to be voted on by the congregation as a whole. These amendments mainly concern membership clarifications, numbers of committee/board members, and board/committee member terms. A special meeting for consideration of these amendments has been called for Sunday, July 20th immediately after worship in the Sanctuary.

The proposed amendments are available in hard copy in the narthex and online at www.unitedchurchmapleton.org under the "Resources" tab. If you have any questions, please speak to Dick Dietz, Moderator.

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Sunday Morning Wheelchair Assistance

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 it is too difficult for you to push a wheelchair up the ramp, please feel free to contact an Usher or Deacon for assistance.

How to Contact Pastor Ashley

My office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to noon. In the afternoon, I may be in the office, or I may be out in the community for pastoral care or outreach. If you'd like to stop by to visit another time, just email or call. Monday and Saturday are my days off.

My email address is: pastor@unitedchurchmapleton.org. If I'm not in the office, my phone number is (507) 381-8199.

Pastoral Care Connections

If you or a family member is ill, in the hospital, is homebound, 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 to let us know so that we may serve you.

The church phone number is (507) 524-3141 and Pastor Ashley's phone number is (507) 381-8199. Thank you!

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Garden of Eatin' is Growing!

Our new raised vegetable garden beds have been planted and are growing strong! These vegetables will be donated to Loaves & Fishes to help provide nutritious options for families in the Maple river community who visit the food shelf.



Your help is needed to water the garden and pull weeds! A sign-up calendar and instructions sheets are available in the Fellowship Hall. Please consider giving of your time and energy to make our newest community service ministry successful! If you have any questions, please call the office at 524-3141. Thank you!

Prayer Chain

The United Church Prayer Chain is now active! If you have a prayer request, please call Karen Stanton at (507) 327-8168 or Joyce Johnson at 524-3727. Please let them know your prayer request, including the name of the person to pray for if applicable, and whether or not 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.

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The Well Youth Center

The Well Youth Center **is closed for the summer**. The center will resume in the fall.

Friday, July 11th and Saturday July 12th,
10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.: Dietz Brat Wagon

Saturday morning, July 26th: Community Closet fundraiser

Friday, August 1st and Saturday, August 2nd,
10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.: Dietz Brat Wagon

Saturday morning, August 23rd: Community Closet fundraiser

Loaves & Fishes

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!



Community Closet

Open Tuesdays and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m.—Noon.

If you have a non-profit group that would like to take advantage of profits from the Closet, please call Gay Rice at (507) 524-4040 for more information.

As there has recently been vandalism and theft at the Closet, we ask those who are bringing in donations to be alert to anything that you feel is not right. Leave donations at the top of the stairs close to the closet door, if you are able, but if that area is full you may leave them downstairs.

We are having great success with the \$3 bag sale on clothing and shoes. Right now there are lots of collectables and dishes, etc. Thank you for your donations of items as well as your time if you have worked there. It is much appreciated!

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Mapleton VBS Supplies Needed

Thank you to everyone who donated supplies over the past few weeks for VBS, which begins tomorrow, Monday, June 16th! There are still a few supplies that we need which are listed below. If you have these items, please call Pastor Ashley at 381-8199 or drop them off Monday morning to the church between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m.. Thank you again for your help!

VBS Supply list

Diet Coke, 8 oz. bottles, 1 per child

Thin, clear plastic cups

Potting soil (approx. 30-35 lbs.)

Borax or liquid starch (approx. 120 oz.)

Glow paint (approx. 60 oz.)

Open House Bridal Shower

An Open House Bridal Shower will be held in the Fellowship Hall at the United Church for Jacob Fritz and Tricia Gunsolus on Saturday, July 26th from 9:30—11:30 a.m.

The couple is registered at Kohls and Target, but would welcome gift cards to Lowes and Menards.

**Mid-America Baptist Women and
AB Girls Conference**

The Mid-America Baptist Women and AB Girls Conference “A Time to Serve” will be held June 27—28, 2014 at Wartburg College in Waverly, IA. Pastor Ashley will be the Bible Study Leader at this year’s conference.

If you are interested in attending, a flyer is posted on the bulletin board along with brochures for the taking.

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Called to Care Visitation Training

One of the goals and needs that came out of our visioning process was a trained lay pastoral care visitation team to help make sure that all of our at-home members and members with long-term care needs receive the care and support they deserve from The United Church. Pastor Ashley will be leading training sessions based on the “Called to Care” curriculum for all who would like to become caregivers in this context. The Diaconate will coordinate this ministry with Pastor Ashley. There are five training sessions, and caregivers will need to attend all five sessions to be commissioned. Each hour-long training session will be offered twice: once on a Sunday after worship and once on a Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. The schedule is as follows:

Session Three: Wednesday 6/18, Sunday 6/22

Session Four: Wednesday 6/25, Sunday 6/29

Session Five: Wednesday 7/2, Sunday 7/6

If you have any questions or are interested in Called to Care, please talk to Pastor Ashley or Ruth Cumming. Thank you!

Mission Committee

On June 1st we started our America for Christ (ABC)/ Strengthen the Church (UCC) mission offering.

These missions are the transformative grace and compassion of Jesus Christ. They serve as the caring heart, serving hands, going feet and prophetic voice to churches and communities across the United States and Puerto Rico. Please give generously.

Please use a specially marked “Special Mission Offering” envelope from the pew racks for this offering. All Special Mission Offering collections will be evenly divided between the ABC and UCC unless otherwise designated by the giver.

Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Scripture for the Week: Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord. 1 Corinthians 12:4-5

Sunday:

God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 5:9

Our Lord and Redeemer, grant us pardon from our sins and wrongdoings this day. May we come before you with a humble heart and spirit to receive your love. Amen.

Monday:

Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants." Luke 10:21

God, as your children, may we proclaim your love to others so your word may be revealed through our actions. As others accept your love, embrace them as they pray to you. Amen.

Tuesday:

In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. 2 Corinthians 5:19

Our Father, who art in heaven, forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation and deliver us from evil. Be gracious unto us and abide with us forever. Amen.

Wednesday:

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Psalm 95:1

As we sing and shout our praises to you, Lord, may your healing presence be with us and those who are in need of your touch. Whether it is physical, emotional, or spiritual, we thank you for being our rock of salvation. Amen.

Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Thursday:

Praise the Lord, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion. Psalm 103:2,4

Lord, through your love and compassion we turn to you in times when we have gone astray. Remind us that we are called by you to do your work in our communities and the world. Amen.

Friday:

I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. John 14:18

God, as we ponder the blessings you have bestowed upon us, give us hearts and hands willing to do your work for your kingdom. May our work be always pleasing to you. Amen.

Saturday:

What will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Matthew 16:26

Lord, we ask that you open our eyes, our ears, and our hearts to your word. May we know that you are always with us and we will dwell with you now and forever. Amen.

Source: Moravian Daily Texts

Continue

A Litany for Father's Day

One: Let us praise those fathers who have sought to balance the demands of work, marriage, and children with an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifice.

Many: Let us praise those fathers who, without a good model for a father, have worked to become a good father.

Let us praise those fathers who, by their own account, were not always there for their children, but who now offer those children their love and support.

Let us pray for those fathers who have been wounded by the neglect and hostility of their children.

Let us praise those fathers who, despite divorce, have remained in their children's lives.

Let us praise those fathers who have adopted children, and whose love and support have offered new life.

Let us praise those fathers who, as stepfathers, freely choose the obligation of fatherhood and always strive for their stepchildren's love and respect.

Let us pray for those fathers who have lost a child to death, and continue to hold the child in their heart.

Let us praise those men who have no children, but cherish the next generation as if they were their own.

Let us praise those men who have fathered us in their role as mentors and guides.

Let us praise those men who are about to become fathers, and pray that they may they openly delight in their children.

And let us praise fathers who have died, but always live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us.

All: Amen.