

The United Church News and Announcements
Sunday, June 19th, 2016

Youth Center

Today, 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.

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 19th, 2016
Fifth 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

***Call to Worship**

Based on Psalm 145:10-18

One: All creation, give thanks to the Lord!

Many: Faithful ones, bless the Lord!

Speak of the glory of the Kingdom of God,
proclaim God's power,

and remember the faithfulness of the Lord.

For God upholds the weary and lifts up the weak.

The Lord is just and kind,

and is near to all who call out in truth.

We are the handiwork of God,

All: and we will forever bless the Lord!

***Opening Hymn**

“God of Grace and God of Glory” #569

***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**

“Who Is My Mother, Who Is My Brother” #602

Scripture

Mark 3:31-35 (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

“Ohana and Jesus Mean Family”

Faith & Film Sermon Series

***Closing Hymn**

“In Christ There Is No East or West” #603

***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—Laura Fritz
Organist—Pam Braunshausen
Sound System—Dick Dietz
Hospitality Team Lead—
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.

Church Calendar

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

Sunday, June 26th, 9:00 a.m. AB Missionaries Taku and Katie Longkumer will be with us in worship

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

Tuesday, June 28th, 7:30 p.m. PRC meeting

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: 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 mass shooting in Orlando at Pulse Nightclub on Sunday, June 12th, including the 49 killed and 44 injured. The shooting is being classified as a LGBTQ hate crime and act of domestic terrorism.

The prayer requests and praises from worship last week were:

Thanksgiving:

- To God for all those that help and serve, especially all those that serve during Sunday morning worship
- To God at Chris Murphy's 29th birthday and best wishes and prayers for his new year of life. Chris is the grandson of Hugo and Pat John.

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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!

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Visiting Missionaries Taku and Katie Longkumer
Sunday, June 26th

Taku and Katie Longkumer serve as country coordinators for India, providing mission coordination of International Ministries personnel and partners in the country. They also serve as Development Workers with the Council of Baptist Churches in Northeast India, where they have opportunities to train pastors and lay leaders within the 7,000 churches comprising the Council. Due to the tremendous diversity of the region, they are involved with more than 80 different people groups. In addition, they have opportunity to minister with the International Ministries Partners in other regions of India.

Taku will preach during worship, and during Coffee Fellowship Hour, they will share more about their ministries in India. Come learn more about these American Baptist international missionary partners!

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.

Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Scripture for the Week: We know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. Galatians 2:16

Sunday:

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

Loving God, thank you for your words that remind us that your people will always have enough. Thank you for our lives of abundance; help us to share that abundance with those in need. Walk with us each day, and help us to slow down to see your love and works of wonder in the world around us. Amen.

Monday:

Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions. Luke 12:15

Holy One, give us pure hearts and minds; help us to think and act with the love that you have taught us. Forgive us when we stray and think or act in jealousy, and remind us of our many blessings. Help us to proclaim your truth and love in all that we think and do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Tuesday:

The free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23

Teacher, light the path that you have laid for us to follow so that we might see your plans for us and know your will. Give us the strength and courage to follow where you lead, trusting in you with our whole selves. Amen.

Wednesday:

Jesus said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink." John 7:37 (NIV)

Father, be with us when our minds and bodies are weak and we find it difficult to understand your ways. Help us to lay our burdens at your feet and take comfort and strength in you and your promise of eternity. Amen.

Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Thursday:

The scribes said to Jesus' disciples, "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" When Jesus heard this, he said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick." Mark 2:16–17

Lord, open our hearts to love all those we meet, our eyes to see all those in need, our hands to hold and help where we can, our minds to learn from others and to allow you to lead, and our ears to listen more than we speak and to hear your words. Amen.

Friday:

Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. Matthew 7:24

Gracious God, let our hearts be filled with gratitude, let our voices rise to praise you, and let our hands outstretch to serve you. Let us praise and honor you with our gifts offered freely, for your blessings are bountiful. Amen.

Saturday:

Pay attention to how you listen. Luke 8:18

Forgive us, God, when we fail to walk with you; guide us back to you, and fill us with your love and grace that we might better serve you. Amen.

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