

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.

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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 21st, 2015

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Father's Day

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 130

One: Lift up your voice and call out to God!

Many: We cry out, believing that God hears us.

Come together and wait for God.

We come together, trusting that God is still speaking.

Surely God's presence is here with us now.

We wait in hope, for God's steadfast love lifts our hearts.

Come, worship the Lord!

All: We celebrate the power of God that restores us!

***Opening Hymn**

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand” #500

***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

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 back of this page for

“A Litany for Father’s Day”

and join in this responsive reading.

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**

“Christ Beside Me” #425

Scripture

John 11:28-38 (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

“Jesus Wept”

This summer, Pastor Ashley will be preaching a sermon series based on The Beatitudes as found in Matthew 5:3-12.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.” (Mt 5:4)

***Closing Hymn**

“Jesus Calls Us o’er the Tumult” #345

***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 21st, 2015

Pastor—Ashley Whitaker
Lay Leader—Bruce Stanton
Organist—Jola Walker
Greeter—Clint Lindemann
Head Usher—Wally and Joyce Johnson
Coffee Hour Host—Youth Center

Today's Worship & Fellowship

9:00 a.m. Morning Worship with Youth Center Collections
(*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 by Rev. Nancy J., and posted on her site, *wonderings through life and other such nonsense*, at ruminari.wordpress.com.

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

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:

Thanksgiving:

- For our daughter and three grandchildren who are coming to our home for the next week

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 21st, 2015

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

Tuesday, June 23rd, newsletter articles due into church office

Planning Ahead

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

Tuesday, July 7th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study in GT

Wednesday, July 8th, 7:00 p.m. Deacons

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

Tuesday, July 14th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study in GT

Wednesday, July 15th, 7:00 p.m. Trustees

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

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

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UCM at the Mankato MoonDogs!

Come cheer on the Mankato MoonDogs and enjoy some summer fun and fellowship on Saturday, July 25th at 6:05 p.m.! Discounted reserved seating tickets are available by signing up on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall or by contacting the church office (524-3141). Sign ups will close after worship on Sunday, July 19th. Tickets are \$5 each, or a ticket and meal deal combo (hot dog, chips, soda) is \$10 each. All are welcome!

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.



Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

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

Sunday:

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day.
2 Corinthians 4:16

Gracious heavenly Father, we are yours alone. You have created each one of us and brought us together in love. Hold us up with your strong hands when our own strength fades. Lead us out into the world to proclaim your goodness to all. Amen.

Monday:

Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. James 1:21

Merciful God, as we go out into the world there are times when we follow a path leading away from you. Please forgive us our mistakes and guide us as we find our way back to you. Amen.

Tuesday:

Pursue love and strive for the spiritual gifts, and especially that you may prophesy. Those who prophesy speak to other people for their building up and encouragement and consolation.
1 Corinthians 14:1–3

Ever knowing God, help us to discern and own the gifts you have given us so that we may share your word and help others understand what it means to be your children. Amen.

Wednesday:

Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth.
Matthew 5:5 (NASB)

Creator God, forgive us when we get wrapped up in our lives and forget that you made us caretakers of the earth and all creatures. Open our hearts so that we are moved to help those without a voice. Amen.

Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Thursday:

His disciples came to Jesus and awoke him, saying, “Lord, save us! We are perishing!” But he said to them, “Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?” Then he arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. Matthew 8:25–26 (NKJV)

Many injustices take place every day in this world. God, make us strong in faith so that we can battle our fears and never doubt that you are always present to help us in our times of need. Amen.

Friday:

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

O Great Conductor, drinking from the living water makes our souls sing! May those around us hear the music of our hearts and join your ensemble. Amen.

Saturday:

John the Baptist said, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” Luke 3:11

Loving Father, many of our neighbors find themselves in need. Help us to show your love for all by accepting them as they are in addition to sharing your word and our resources. Amen.

Source: Moravian Daily Texts

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