

Service Notes

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.

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 22nd, 2014

Second Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Based on Isaiah 55:1-3

One: Come to the water, all you who thirst—

Many: come drink deeply from the river of life.

One: Come to the water, all you who are weary—

Many: come rest in the quiet pools of God's love.

One: Come to the water, all you who long for justice—

Many: come be renewed in God's ever-flowing stream.

One: For God is here among us,

Many: washing away the dust and grime of our lives,

One: and pouring out the Spirit on all who thirst.

All: Let's worship God together!

***Opening Hymn**

“For the Music of Creation” #641

***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**

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**

“Let All Creation Bless the Lord” #25

Scripture

Isaiah 55:1-13 (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

“Seek the Lord”

***Closing Hymn**

“O God in Whom All Life Begins” #388

***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 22nd, 2014

Pastor—Ashley Whitaker

Lay Leader—Louise Webb

Organist—Jola Walker

Greeters—Stan & Linda Whitney

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

Coffee Hour Host—Board of Christian Education

About Today's Worship & Fellowship

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

9:00-10:30 a.m. Nursery Childcare (*Babies-Toddlers*),
Crib/Toddler Room, upstairs

10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

10:10 a.m. Called to Care Session 3

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 Christine Longhurst at re-worship.blogspot.ca.

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: 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
- Norma Baack, who is recovering from a fall at Oak Lawn Nursing Home in Mankato
- 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 still hospitalized, but is making progress in healing and rehabilitation. 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 recently diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor. Radiation treatment finished on Friday. Chemotherapy will begin soon, after a period of rest for Louie.
- 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
- Oliver Mohwinkel, Sheila Samuelson's grand-nephew, who was kicked/buffed by a large steer and suffered a concussion

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 22nd, 2014

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

Tuesday, June 24th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT

Wednesday, June 25th, 7:00 p.m. Called to Care Session 4 in the
Overflow Room

Planning Ahead

Sunday, June 29th, 10:10 a.m. Called to Care Session 4 in the
Overflow Room

Wednesday, July 2nd, 7:00 p.m. Called to Care Session 5 in the
Overflow Room

Sunday, July 6th, 10:10 a.m. Called to Care Session 5 in the
Overflow Room

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Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf

Remember: Sunday, July 6th, 2014 we will collect donations for the Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf. Please consider giving monetary gifts and/or non-perishable items to this meaningful mission.

The United Church supports Loaves & Fishes in this way on the first Sunday of 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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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.



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!

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 Kohl's and Target, but would always welcome gift cards to Lowes and Menards.

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The Well Youth Center

The Well Youth Center is closed for the summer.

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.

Please 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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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.

American Red Cross

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be coming to St. Teresa’s Catholic Church Thursday, June 26th 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, enter sponsor code: 017145. Thank you for your co-operation and support.

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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: 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: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! Psalm 8:9

Sunday:

We want each one of you to show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope to the very end, so that you may not become sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises. Hebrews 6:11-12

As history has shown us the paths that your disciples took to receive your grace, may we go forth this day and the days to come with the knowledge that we are guided by you. Amen.

Monday:

I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Psalm 51:3

If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins. 1 John 1:9

In this world of evil, temptation, and sin we ask for your forgiveness, Lord. We come to you with our hearts ready to be filled with your love and grace. We pray this in your holy name. Amen.

Tuesday:

Christ says, "Look, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut." Revelation 3:8

We thank you, Lord, for your son Jesus who came to earth to be among us. His coming has enabled us to come to you to seek light from darkness and to know heaven's door is open to all those who believe. Amen.

Wednesday:

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge. Psalm 16:1

Lord, we seek you this day for strength and courage to face whatever comes our way. May we know and understand each day has its trials but we are always able to come to you in prayer. Amen.

Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Thursday:

You make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers. Psalm 104:4

Since the ship was caught and could not be turned head-on into the wind, we gave way to it and were driven. Acts 27:15

Kindle within us, Lord, the fire of passion to do your will. Let us be pushed along like the mighty waves to show others the fervor that you have instilled in us for the work of your kingdom. Amen.

Friday:

Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation. 2 Corinthians 1:7

It is a new day in which we can claim your love and grace. We will shout out with thankful hearts that through your guidance, Lord, we will do our best to honor you. Amen.

Saturday:

Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. 1 Peter 3:14-15

God, where you lead we will follow. As the morning dawns into a new day that you created, may we feel your presence. Lead us as we embark on our faith journey today. In your name we pray. Amen.

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