

# **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 28th, 2015

Fifth 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 90*

**One:** Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations;  
even from everlasting to everlasting, you are our God.

**Many: Lord, visit us now in this, your dwelling place.**

**All:** *Let us hear your voice, let us feel your presence, and rejoice in your everlasting love.*

**\*Opening Hymn**

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” #440

**\*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**

Mary Beth Fritz

**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**

“Take My Life and Let It Be” #466

**Scripture**

Galatians 5: 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**

“What Will We Do With Our Freedom?”

**\*Closing Hymn**

“He Leadeth Me” #499

**\*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 28th, 2015

Lay Speaker—Art Sidner

Lay Reader—Jack Madsen

Organist—Kathy Byram

Greeter—Mary Beth Fritz

Head Ushers—Doug and Laura Fritz

Coffee Hour Host—Board of Christian Education

### 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*)

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](mailto: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
- Kathy Cramer, who recently fell and broke her hip, and will be having surgery this week at St. Mary's Hospital of Rochester

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

#### Thanksgiving:

- To God for blessing us with a new great-granddaughter, Adelaide

#### Prayers:

- For the family of Donnie Fezler
- That God would help our nation to follow Christ and move away from racism and bigotry to love and respect for all

The prayers and sympathies of The United Church of Mapleton are extended to the family and friends of Don Fezler, longtime United Church member and husband of Darlene Fezler, who passed away on Saturday, June 20th, 2015.

## 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 28th, 2015**

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

### Planning Ahead

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](mailto: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](mailto:secretary@unitedchurchmapleton.org) or [pastor@unitedchurchmapleton.org](mailto: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 Food Shelf**

Next Sunday, July 5th, 2015 we will collect donations for the Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf. Please consider giving monetary gifts and/or non-perishable items to this meaningful mission on the first Sunday of each month.

**The United Church News and Announcements**  
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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.  
June hours: Wednesdays and Thursdays from 2:00—5:00 p.m.  
July hours: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1:00—4:00 p.m. Activity: “Models” will be held every third Thursday of each month.

## Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

**Scripture for the Week:** Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! Psalm 130:2

### **Sunday:**

Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual edification. Romans 14:19

We live in a time of hatred, war, famine, poverty, and despair. Thank you, God, for providing us with hope that one day the world will be at peace. Until then, help us to be strong in faith and love. Amen.

### **Monday:**

Every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:11

Heavenly Father, you deserve all the glory, endless praise, and adoration for your infinite love for us. There is nothing to despair knowing you are there to walk with and carry us through all of life's challenges. We are ever grateful. Amen.

### **Tuesday:**

You have one instructor, the Messiah. Matthew 23:10

You are the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. No one but you knows what the future holds. We pray for patience and guidance as we wait for you to reveal your plan. Amen.

### **Wednesday:**

My iniquities have overtaken me, until I cannot see; O Lord, make haste to help me. Psalm 40:12,13

Jesus said, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

Dear Friend, you more than anyone know we are wearied by many burdens. It is not easy to bear the weight alone; thank you for making our load lighter. Help us to remember you are always present in our lives. Amen.

## Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

### **Thursday:**

God says, "Call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me." Psalm 50:15

Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7

Comforter, as we travel through the waters of fear and anxiety, we are not afraid. We know you are there to guide us. Amen.

### **Friday:**

Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he (the Lord) has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." Hebrews 13:5

Lord, we are richer with you in our lives than we could ever be without. May we follow your path of righteousness and renounce greed while growing in our love of Christ. Amen.

### **Saturday:**

O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. Psalm 30:2

Pray for one another, so that you may be healed. James 5:16  
O great Physician, we turn to you in prayer for our physical and spiritual wounds. Bless and comfort us as we heal and teach us to pray for the healing of others. Amen.

*Source: Moravian Daily Texts*

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