

The United Church News and Announcements
Sunday, June 5th, 2016

Special Mission for June

During the month of June our special mission will be America for Christ (ABC)/Strengthen the Church (UCC).

Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf

Today, Sunday, June 5th we will collect donations for the Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf.

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!

Graduation Open House for Alec Bair

You are welcome to join Alec Bair in celebrating his graduation at his reception which will be held **Saturday, June 11th from 12:00-3:00 p.m.** at his home.

Youth Center

The Maple River Youth Center is hosting a salad bar lunch on **Monday, June 6th from 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.** \$5 includes beverage and dessert.

**More announcements on the Ministry Table.
Check it out today!**

Order of Worship

Sunday, June 5th, 2016
Third 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

Marissa Pfeffer

***Call to Worship**

Based on Psalm 51:1-10, 15

One: Lord, we give thanks for your mercy

Many: and for your steadfast love.

One: Our sin is ever before us:

Many: individual and communal, action and inaction.

One: And yet, our sins are against you alone, O God.

Many: We desire your truth in our hearts.

One: True joy and gladness come from you, O Lord!

Many: Create in us clean hearts, we pray.

One: Put new and right spirits within us all.

All: Lord, open our lips, and our mouths will declare your praise!

***Opening Hymn**

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” #68

***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**

“Our Father, We Have Wandered” #371

Scripture

Luke 15:1-7 (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

“The Parable of the Lost Fish”

Faith & Film Sermon Series

Communion Service

At the United Church of Mapleton, the Communion Table is open to all without restriction. This is not our table, but it is God’s, and so it is open to all of God’s children.

Today, we will participate in communion by intinction. This is the practice of coming forward to the front of the Sanctuary, taking a piece of bread from the loaf, dipping it into the cup of juice, and receiving the elements at that time.

If you request that the elements to be brought to you in your pew, simply let a worship leader know during the Communion Service and the servers will come to you.

***Closing Hymn**

“Amazing Grace” #422

***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—Darlene Fezler

Organist—Jan Lange

Guitar/Vocals—Laura F., Marissa P., Sheila S.

Sound System—Dick Dietz

Hospitality Team Lead—

Coffee Hour Host—Church Council

9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion (*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 7th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in G.T.

Wednesday, June 8th, 6:00 p.m. Film, Fun, & Faith Movie Night

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

Tuesday, June 14th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in G.T.

Tuesday, June 14th, 7:00 p.m. Church Council

Wednesday, June 15th, 6:00 p.m. Film, Fun, & Faith Movie Night

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

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

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: Kathy Byram, Jack Madsen
- All those affected by the ongoing crisis in Syria and the hundreds of thousands of refugees fleeing the Middle East

The prayer requests and praises from worship last week were:

Prayers:

- For the family of Les Mutch, who passed away on Saturday, May 28th
- For a friend, Glen, whose uncle passed away this week
- For my daughter and grandson who are facing difficult challenges

Thanksgiving:

- To all those who have given their lives for our freedoms
- For our awesome volunteers who help at Loaves & Fishes. We couldn't do it without you!
- For Irene Cumming-Foster, who is 97 years young on Sunday, May 29th!

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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!

We are looking for **donations** for our June and July ***Film, Fun, & Faith*** movie nights. **Please sign-up on the Ministry Table or call the church office at 524-3141** to donate pails of vanilla ice cream and 2-liter root beers. Thank you!

Farewell Open House

Faith Bible will be hosting a Farewell Open House for Betty and Ron Johnson on Sunday, June 12th from 12:00-2:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

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Town and Country Days Silent Auction

Our church has been asked to contribute items for the Silent Auction at Town & Country Days which will be held **Saturday, June 11th from 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.** Please bring your items to the church Fellowship hall **by Tuesday, June 7th**. Place a value on your items and designate where you want your bid money to go (United Church, youth center or T&C Days fund). Items can be hand made, unique theme baskets, antiques, small furniture, and almost new items. If you need to have an item picked up, please call Joyce Johnson.

In order for our church to receive the bid money, we need to fill two one hour shifts. Volunteers have already filled our 9:00-10:00 a.m. and 6:00-7:00 p.m. shifts, for which I thank them. If you have any questions, please contact Joyce Johnson at 524-3727. Thank you in advance for your participation!

Town and Country Days Quilt Show

We are looking for quilts to display for our Quilt Show during Town and Country Days June 9th-12th. Please contact Rita Caron at 524-4234.

Caregiver Support

This group is for anyone caring for a person with a progressive illness. Participants share their challenges and joys, offering support to each other. Join us for our first session on Tuesday, June 14, 3:00-4:00 p.m. First Presbyterian Church, Amboy. There is no charge to attend. Questions? Call Joyce Kolbet (386-5583) or Carol Ries (386-5571) at VINE Faith in Action.

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: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 5:1

Sunday:

Through him we have access by one Spirit to the Father.
Ephesians 2:18 (NKJV)

Thank you, God, that we have access to you and your Son Jesus Christ by the one Spirit. We behave at times as though we have no communication with you and need to fix all things on our own. Forgive us, gracious Father, and show us today that your promises never fail us when we stand on your word. Amen.

Monday:

Outdo one another in showing honor. Romans 12:10

You have created us in your image to serve and to honor each other in Jesus Christ. Yet sometimes we behave as though we must choose whom we serve and care for. Teach us to respect and love each other so that our lives here on earth are blessings to others, as you always bless us. Amen.

Tuesday:

Woe to those who make unjust laws to deprive the poor of their rights and withhold justice from the oppressed.

Isaiah 10:1–2 (NIV)

God of justice and mercy, guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth. Establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness that they may become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Wednesday:

Paul wrote: The Lord stood by me and gave me strength.
2 Timothy 4:17

We forget that you, God, are our strength and stay, and even in our busyness we weary ourselves as we go about our day-to-day chores. In our hearts you are asking us to rest in you. Forgive us; bring us to the awareness that you alone give us true rest. In your name we pray. Amen.

Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Thursday:

Jesus said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.” Mark 16:15

Heavenly Father, sometimes we are scared to go out and proclaim the good news to those we meet, as too often we prefer issues over people and selfishness over helping others. Forgive our foolish ways, dear Savior, and bring us to that saving knowledge that when we share the good news, we are also winning souls for your kingdom. Amen.

Friday:

My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. 2 Corinthians 12:9 (NIV)

Heavenly Father, help us to receive the gift of grace that only you can give when we seek your salvation in our lives. Help us to remember that we toil unto you, and not unto ourselves, in your vineyard here on earth as we continue to seek your great salvation. Our thanks we lift to you. Amen.

Saturday:

God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power.
1 Corinthians 6:14

God, we walk as though we have no hope in you. Your word declares that nothing can separate us from your love which is in Christ Jesus. Melt us, mold us, fill us, use us in your ministry as we journey on our toilsome way here on earth, for you are our faithful God. Amen.

Source: Moravian Daily Texts

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