

## 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.

## 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 7th, 2015

Second Sunday After Pentecost

**Prelude**

Praise and Worship Songs

**Welcome and Announcements**

*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 67*

One: May God be gracious to us, and bless us,

**Many: and cover us with the radiance of grace.**

One: May your way be known everywhere, God:

**Many: in the hidden places of our hearts,**

One: in the comfort of our homes,

**Many: in every corner of our world,**

One: in the farthest reaches of creation.

**Many: You transform us and nurture our souls,**

One: you renew the earth and every creature.

**All: Let our praise for you shake the rafters with joy!**

## **\*Opening Hymn**

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service” #581

## **\*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**

Laura Fritz

### **Worship with Tithes and Offerings**

### **Offertory**

Marissa, Sheila and Laura

### **\*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**

“We Come as Guests Invited” #702

### **Scripture**

Acts 16:11-15 (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**

“Tell Me A Story”

### **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  
it is open to all of God’s children.*

*Today, we will participate in communion by intinction.  
Intinction 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 Deacon know during the Communion Service and  
the servers will come to you.*

### **\*Closing Hymn**

“Lord, You Give the Great Commission” #592

### **\*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 7th, 2015

Pastor—Ashley Whitaker

Lay Leader—Warren Allevan

Organist—Jola Walker

Guitar/Vocal—Marissa, Sheila and Laura

Greeter—Delbert and Ella Conrad

Head Usher—Wally and Joyce Johnson

Coffee Hour Host—Diaconate

### Today's Worship & Fellowship

9:00 a.m. Morning Worship with Communion and Loaves &  
Fishes Food Shelf (*Sanctuary*)

9:00-10:40 a.m. Nursery Childcare (*Babies-Toddlers*),  
Crib/Toddler Room, upstairs

10:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting with Coffee Hour  
(*Fellowship Hall*)

Today's **Call to Worship** is from *The World is Our Home* by John A. Nelson. Posted on the United Church of Christ's *Worship Ways* Archive at [ucc.org/worship/worship-ways](http://ucc.org/worship/worship-ways)

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, Kathy Cramer, David Keller, Stan Solie, Marge Walters, 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
- Jaine Firstbrook, wife of Beauford United Methodist Church Pastor Clint Firstbrook, who recently suffered a stroke, is currently paralyzed on her right side, and is facing long-term rehabilitation and care needs
- All those affected by the ongoing extreme heat wave in India
- All those affected by the recent flash flooding in Texas and Oklahoma
- Baby Aubrielle, who is dealing with many medical issues, and her family (parents Dusty and Kelly Howley, big sister Lillia, grandparents Joe and Cathy Wittrock)

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

#### Prayers:

- For the folks in Texas, that they may be sustained in their time of need

#### Thanksgiving:

- At the 96th birthday of Irene Cumming on Friday, May 29th
- To God for this wonderful, caring community and for the life of Karl Duncanson
- To God for a cancer treatment that is working

## 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 7th, 2015**

**Sunday, June 7th, 10:00 a.m. Congregational/Foundation Meeting**

Monday, June 8th, 7:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship

Tuesday, June 9th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study in GT

**Wednesday, June 10th, 7:00 p.m. Deacons**

Wednesday, June 11th, 2:00 p.m. Bible Study

### Planning Ahead

Tuesday, June 16th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study in GT

**Wednesday, June 17th, 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**  
**Sunday, June 7th, 2015**

**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

**Congregational and Foundation Meeting**

A Congregational Meeting of The United Church has been called for **today, Sunday, June 7th, 2015** immediately following worship service. This meeting will include reviewing the proposed capital campaign.

Immediately following the Congregational Meeting the Mapleton United Church **Foundation Board** has called a meeting to confirm their recommendation for financing of the capital campaign.

**Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf**

**Today, Sunday, June 7th, 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.

**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!

**The United Church News and Announcements**  
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**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.

**Mitchell Benefit-Thank You!**

Thank you to everyone who attended the benefit for the Mitchell family. What an outpouring of love from this wonderful community shown to this family in their time of need!

**Silent Auction for T&C Days**

Please bring your silent auction items to the Fellowship Hall of the church by **Monday, June 8th**. Place a value on your items and designate where you want your bid money to go (United Church, Youth Center, T&C Days fund, etc.) Our church will be awarded the bid money minus 10% which goes to the T&C Days fund, which I feel is only right. If you need to have an item picked up, please call Joyce at 524-3727. In order for our church to receive the bid money, we need to fill 2 one hour shifts on Saturday, June 13th at 9:00-10:00 a.m. (filled) and **6:00-7:00 p.m. (needed)**.

If you have any questions and to volunteer, please contact Joyce Johnson, 524-3727. Thank you in advance for your participation.

**If you have a Quilt you would like to display at T&C Days quilt show, please call Rita Caron at 524-4234.**

**T&C Days Pancake Breakfast**

A Pancake Breakfast will be held Sunday, June 14th from 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. at the Library Park. This is an Odd Fellows-Mapleton Town and Country Days Benefit.

## Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

**Scripture for the Week:** Christ says, “I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” John 12:32

### **Sunday:**

The shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. He goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. John 10:3,4

Dear Jesus, our Shepherd, while we make special time to worship you every Sunday, let us not forget you on other days. May we this day be blessed as we receive your word of hope. With gratitude we pray because you gave us eternal life. Amen.

### **Monday:**

The Pharisees said to Jesus’ disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” Matthew 9:11

Dear merciful God, help your servants to be more compassionate and loving to others as you are with us. May your love show through us to our neighbors in all of our words and actions. In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **Tuesday:**

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son. Hebrews 1:1–2 (NIV)

Almighty God, thank you for creating us in your image and for your service to us. We are instruments in your hands, listening for your voice. Prepare our hearts and make us willing to work at your call. Amen.

### **Wednesday:**

Do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. Colossians 1:23 (NIV)

Heavenly and merciful Father, help your children be more prepared in faith and in actions according to your word. Lead our steps each day to go wherever you may take us. In the name of your son Jesus we pray. Amen.

*Continue*

## Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

### **Thursday:**

Mary sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to what he was saying. Luke 10:39

Loving Creator, we give thanks for your unconditional love and salvation. Though we may continually fail, you are our Guide and Rescue. Forgive us and transform us, that we may recognize you every day of our lives in this world. Amen.

### **Friday:**

Paul wrote: Rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is not troublesome to me, and for you it is a safeguard. Philippians 3:1

O God, let your children in your church rejoice in you always. Let us be grateful for the many provisions you give us, especially our brothers and sisters in Christ. Make us a strong community, supporting one another in love. Amen.

### **Saturday:**

Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. Psalm 25:3

Dear Lord, may we proclaim your good news around the world: news of freedom, righteousness, mercy, and love for all. Let our joyful shouts be heard throughout the earth. In the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

*Source: Moravian Daily Texts*