

Service Notes

The **paraments** are red on Pentecost Sunday, the day that represents the birth of the Christian community. According to Acts, it was a day when some 3,000 were added to the community as a result of the preaching of the Apostles. The miracle of the day was that these strangers, of many different “tongues” were able to understand and respond to the proclamation of the Gospel. If Easter is God’s resurrection *moment*, Pentecost marks the beginning of God’s resurrection *movement*. With the dramatic appearance of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost came the power to restore right relationships with God, one another, and all creation. Thus, the redemptive power activated at Pentecost is the power to mend the rips within our social fabric, to restore splintered relationships, to repair broken communities. Pentecostal power is the power to stand in the cracks, to face hostilities without fear, to confess, repent, and repair – to be agents of healing even as we have been healed. *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. Sunday School is available for children PreK– 5th grade after the Message for God’s Children, and children can meet their teachers at the back of the Sanctuary at that time.

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 8, 2014

Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Based on Joel 2:28-32 and Acts 2:1-21

One: “Then I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,” says the Lord.

Many: Send down the fire of your justice!

One: “Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy.”

Many: Send down the rain of your love!

One: “Your old shall dream dreams, and your young shall see visions.”

Many: Send down your Spirit and breathe life in your people!

One: The Lord says, “In those days, I will pour out my spirit!”

All: And we all shall be people of God! Amen!

***Opening Hymn**

“On Pentecost They Gathered” #334

***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

Pastor Ashley

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**

“Spirit of the Living God” #492

Scripture

Acts 2:1-21 (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

“Pentecost Visions”

***Closing Hymn**

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” #96
Verses 1, 2, 3, 5

***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 8th, 2014

Pastor—Ashley Whitaker

Lay Leader—Jeff Whitaker

Organist—Jola Walker

Greeters—Clint Lindemann

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

Coffee Hour Host—Women's Fellowship

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 2 in Overflow Room

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 Katherine Hawker at liturgyoutside.net.

Adult, Youth and Children's **Sunday School** are now on break for the summer. We will resume all classes in the fall.

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 currently hospitalized in critical condition. 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 diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor. Radiation treatment has begun and will continue in the weeks to come.

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

Prayers:

- For Louie Fritz and family as he begins treatment this week for his brain tumor
- For Karen Stanton's cousin's family at the recent death of a 58-year old family member due to a heart attack
- For Colleen Lindemann, who continues to cope with back pain
- For Regan Husfelt, the great-grandson of Ruth Cumming, who is facing hernia surgery

Thanksgiving:

- To God for the graduation of a great-grandson
- To God for Irene Cumming's 95th birthday
- For all cancer caregivers

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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!

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 8th, 2014

Sunday, June 8th, 10:10 a.m. Called to Care Session 2 in the Overflow Room

Monday, June 9th, 7:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship

Tuesday, June 10th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT

Wednesday, June 11th, 7:00 p.m. Deacons

Saturday, June 14th, 9:00 a.m. Women's Fellowship work day at the Community Closet

Planning Ahead

Tuesday, June 17th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT

Wednesday, June 18th, 7:00 p.m. Called to Care Session 3 in the Overflow Room

Wednesday, June 18th, 7:00 p.m. Trustees

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

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Thank you!

Lorraine Stanton would like to thank everyone at the United Church for the warm and welcoming wishes she has received at worship service. She feels so blessed to have her United Church family.

The Well Youth Center

Next Sunday, July 15th, Coffee Hour and the Mission Collection jar will go towards helping support our local youth at The Well Youth Center.

The United Church supports The Well Youth Center in this way 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 June 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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Silent Auction—Town and Country Days

Your donated Silent Auction items may be new, slightly used, home-made or theme baskets which are very popular. On your donated item, please write your name, a suggested value, and who you wish the donation to be given to (either the United Church, T & C Committee, etc.). We receive the money from the items sold less 10% for the T & C organization. Deadline for the items is Tuesday, June 10th. Either bring them to the church and place in the marked box in the dining hall or call Joyce for pick up.

We also need to have 4 workers. At the present time I have Mary Beth Fritz, Ruth Cumming and myself. We need one more volunteer to help.

Thank you for your contributions. If you have any questions, please call Joyce Johnson at 524-3727.

Quilts Needed for T & C Days

The Town and Country Days Committee is in need of quilts to be displayed at their Quilt Show. The quilts will be on display at St. Teresa's from 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. on Friday, June 13th, and 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m., and 5:00—7:00 p.m. Saturday, June 14th. Rita Caron may be contacted at 524-4234 for any questions.



T & C Days Pancake Breakfast

A Pancake breakfast will be held during Town and Country Days on Sunday, June 15th from 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. at the City Park by the Mapleton Public Library. This breakfast is sponsored by the Mapleton Town and Country Days Committee and Mapleton Odd Fellows.



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Mapleton VBS Supplies Needed

In order to keep the cost of VBS supplies as low as possible for the Mapleton area churches that are part of VBS this year (United, St. Teresa's, St. John, Faith, Beauford UMC), we are asking for donations of materials for the fun, new "science experiment" section of VBS this year! If you have any of these materials you'd be willing to donate, or would be willing to pick some things up to donate, it would be greatly appreciated.

This year, Mapleton VBS is June 16th—20th from 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. in Heritage Park, so please drop off donations into the marked box in the Narthex on or before Sunday, June 15th. Thank you for your help in making this year's VBS great for the kids of Mapleton!

VBS Science Materials Needed

Small paper disposable cups
Thin, clear plastic cups
Real lemon juice
Q-tips
Diet Coke (small 8 oz. bottles)
Mint flavored Mentos
Disposable aluminum baking pans (approx. 6 total)
Twine or sturdy string
Ribbon, Empty thread spools
Empty clear water/pop bottles (approx. 12 oz size)
Vegetable oil
Effervescent antacid tablets (such as Alka-Seltzer)
Food coloring, Potting soil
Mustard seeds, Sandwich size Ziploc-style bags
Baking soda, Vinegar
Coffee filters, Sugar
White glue, Borax or liquid starch
Glow paint (available at craft stores near craft paint)

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The Well Youth Center

The Well Youth Center is closed for the summer.

The Well Youth Center

PLEASE VOLUNTEER! Call Sheila at (507) 995-8194.

The Well upcoming fundraisers that need adult help are:

Friday, June 13th and Saturday, June 14th,
11:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.: Town and Country Days Food Booth at The Well location

Sunday, June 15th, 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.: Tractor Pull Food Booth

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.

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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.

**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.

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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 One: Wednesday 5/28, Sunday 6/1

Session Two: Wednesday 6/4, Sunday 6/8

Session Three: Wednesday 6/18, 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: Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7

Sunday:

Waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert. Isaiah 35:6

God of water, purify our minds. Today is a new day—may we enter the day with hope and love, spreading your word wherever we may go. Amen.

Monday:

Caleb said to Joshua, "My brothers who went up with me made the hearts of the people melt with fear. I, however, followed the Lord my God wholeheartedly." Joshua 14:8

God, today we shall prepare for your coming. May we be ready, so ready, Lord, to follow where you lead. Amen.

Tuesday:

Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age. Matthew 28:20

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Lord, you protect us and keep us safe, and for that we are thankful. Bless us each and every day in all we do and all we say. Amen.

Wednesday:

Jesus said, "Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." Matthew 9:13

Giving Lord, for us your blood was shed, for us the lamb was slain. Instill within us a spirit unfailing, that we may live for you always. Amen.

Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Thursday:

Many who heard Jesus were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands!" Mark 6:2

Patient Lord, the wisdom and guidance we receive from you is abundant. We shall place our faith in you and walk with you because of your promise for us. Amen.

Friday:

The Lord is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Psalm 16:8

Lord, as we begin a new week, be our guide in all we do and say. Answer our prayers according to your will and let us not forget the ever-faithful friendship we have with you. Amen.

Saturday:

O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! Romans 11:33

Our God, may we feel your presence today as we work, go to school, play, and be with others in our daily lives. May distance never interfere with our closeness to you. Amen.

Source: Moravian Daily Texts