

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 Well Youth Center hours are Tuesdays-Fridays from 3:00-5:00 p.m. 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, March 1st, 2015

The Second Sunday in Lent

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Based on Psalm 22

One: The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek God shall praise God. May your hearts live forever.

Many: O God, do not be far away.

One: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to God; and all the families of the nations shall worship before God.

Many: O God, do not be far away.

All: Let us worship God!



***Opening Hymn**

“We Have Come to Join in Worship” #647

***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

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory “My Faith Looks Up to Thee“ Adult Choir

***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**

“As We Gather at Your Table” #695

Scripture Genesis 17:1-17, 15-16; Mark 8:31-38 (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 “Take My Hand and Follow Me”

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 passing two sets
of plates that contain the elements of bread and juice. Please hold
each element until all have been served so that we may celebrate
communion together after each element has been shared.*

***Closing Hymn**

“Be Thou My Vision” #502

***Benediction**

**Please be mindful of others who continue to worship
through the Postlude.**

Postlude

Please rise in body or spirit.

Serving Us Today: Sunday, March 1st, 2015

Pastor—Ava Adams-Morris

Lay Leader—Ginny Kinzie

Organist—Jola Walker

Greeter—Carolyn Becker

Head Usher—

Coffee Hour Host—Dicaonate

Today's Worship & Fellowship

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

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

10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship (*Fellowship Hall*)

10:00 a.m. Choir Practice

9:15 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School (*PreK-5th Grade*)
Classroom A, upstairs

10:10-10:40 a.m. Youth Sunday School (*6th-12th Grade*)
Youth Lounge, upstairs

The **Call to Worship** is from The New Century Hymnal.

The **Prayer of Invocation** is from "A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition" The United Methodist Hymnal from Imaging the Word Vol. #3.

The **paraments** are **purple** during the season of Lent as a symbol of both the sovereignty of Christ and personal penitence. The season of Lent is bracketed by the mourning black paraments colors of Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

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 Ava Adams-Morris, a Deacon, or the church office so that we may serve you. The church phone number is (507) 524-3141. Ava's phone numbers are (507) 243-3891 or (507) 380-7233 and her email is kreolelady@aol.com.**

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: The Well 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, Hutch Cramer, Kathy Cramer, David Keller, Stan Solie, Marge Walters
- 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
- Dan Prenzlów, who is recuperating at home from hip replacement
- For Lloyd Mitchell and family as he recovers from surgery

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

Prayers:

- To reach out to our communities to those who have no church home and to bring them to God's home in faith
- To watch over our Military and keep them safe and well
- For Sean Mallory as he recovers from surgery

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, March 1st, 2015

Tuesday, March 3rd, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT

Wednesday, March 4th, 6:30 p.m. Lenten Service

Planning Ahead

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

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

Wednesday, March 11th, 6:30 p.m. Lenten Service

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

Contact Information

While Pastor Ashley Whitaker is on Family Leave and you are in need of or would like pastoral care, please contact **Ava Adams-Morris at (507) 243-3891 or (507) 380-7233; email: kreolelady@aol.com.**

You may reach the Secretary/Administrative Assistant at the church office by calling (507) 524-3141 or email secretary@unitedchurchmapleton.org.

The best time to visit the church office is Tuesdays through Thursdays 8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Reminder: Bulletin items are due to the church office **by 8:00 a.m., Thursday mornings.** Thank you!

Adult Bible Study

An Adult Bible Study will be held on Sunday mornings during this Lenten season.



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Need for Lay Readers and Ushers

The Deacons are in the process of updating their list for Lay Readers and Ushers. If you are interested in signing up or would like more information, please contact Marian Mallory or any member of the Diaconate. There will be a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board outside the main office. Thank you in advance for your service.

Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf

Today, Sunday, March 1st, 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.

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

The 2015 March Campaign will host a **Pack the Pews** weekend for **Sunday, March 22nd**. This will be an opportunity for congregations across the state to engage their members in supporting Minnesota food shelves by bringing non-perishable food items to worship services. Food shelves are able to stretch cash further than donations of food because of their access to discount products and programs.

Youth: Palm Sunday Brunch and Set Up

There will be a Palm Sunday Brunch set-up time set for **Saturday, March 28th at 10:00 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. **All children and youth are encouraged to help.** All proceeds from the brunch go to help send our children and youth to camp.

The Board of Christian Education is hosting their annual **Palm Sunday Brunch Sunday, March 29th following worship.** The menu will include ham and eggs, cheesy potatoes, applesauce and muffins.

A free will offering will be accepted to support the camping fund for United Church children and youth.

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Odd Fellows Pancake Breakfast

“Pancakes with a Purpose” will be held on **Sunday, March 8th, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall of The United Church of Mapleton. You can enjoy a delicious breakfast of pancakes and more from our Mapleton Odd Fellows!

All proceeds will go to help sponsor our local youth’s attendance at Camp FaHoCha, (Faith, Hope, and Charity) located at German Lake, southeast of Cleveland MN. What a wonderful and delicious way to help out some of our local youth!

Maple River Coaches Pancake Breakfast-Today!

Maple River Coaches Association will be hosting a Scholarship Pancake Breakfast today, **Sunday, March 1st, 2015 from 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.** The cost is: age 6—adult \$6.00 and under age 6 eat for free. Take outs will be available.

Service to Mankind

You have the opportunity and are invited to send a letter of nomination to Sertoma for the “Service to Mankind Award”.

Please send your letter, which gives information about the person you are nominating to receive this award to: Louise Webb, PO Box 93 by **Sunday, March 15th.**

Volunteer Site Coordinator Needed for Mapleton

The NAPS—*Nutrition Assistance Program for Seniors* program needs 2 to 4 retired volunteers to help provide shelf-stable food to seniors once a month at the Mapleton Leisure Center. Includes some lifting, paperwork, setup, and clean up. Alternating teams each month is ideal. Retirees receive special benefits. Call Lora (507) 387-5586, ext 3 or LBrady@ccwinona.org.

Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Scripture for the Week: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.
Psalm 111:10

Sunday:

Daniel went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God.
Daniel 6:10 (NIV)

Dear Lord, we thank you for the gift of prayer. You have all the answers! Let us always remember to give you the praise you deserve even in our times of pain. We can get through all things with you by our side. Amen.

Monday:

If we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself. 2 Timothy 2:13

Faithful Lord, let us never forget all you have done for us! Continue to be our Guide and Sustainer. Throughout the rest of this year may we strive to be as faithful as you are! Amen.

Tuesday:

Who will not fear you, Lord, and bring glory to your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you. Revelation 15:4 (NIV)

Heavenly Father, you are our strength. Without you we are helpless. You negotiate for us in our trials, showing us the way and giving us peace. We praise you with great thanks, God, for your mercy and grace. Amen.

Wednesday:

Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.
Hebrews 12:1–2

Great Pioneer and Perfecter, help us to keep our eyes on the prize of your love and grace. You make this race worth running; guide us as we reach for you. Amen.

Continue

Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Thursday:

The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. Isaiah 11:2

You are the one true God. Take away all of our doubts and shower us with the knowledge of your presence. Lord, overwhelm us with your awesomeness and keep us close all of our days. May we never cease to revel in your glory. Amen.

Friday:

I will set my eyes upon them for good. I will build them up, and not tear them down; I will plant them, and not pluck them up. Jeremiah 24:6

Heavenly Builder, you have created a foundation of love and a garden of life. You give us the strength to grow and thrive, to do your will and seek your kingdom. May we never stop reaching. Amen.

Saturday:

Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in you my soul takes refuge. Psalm 57:1

Great Creator, we are your chosen. How did this come to be? Your blessings are immeasurable; let us build your kingdom here to bring you the glory that is rightfully yours. Remind us that we are not our own, but yours. Amen.

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