

## Community Closet

The Community Closet is having a Winter Clearance Sale of all Women's and Men's clothing for \$2.00 a bag during the last two Saturdays in March. We have to make way for all the Spring and Summer wear that we have ready for the next season. Thank you!

## 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 29th, 2015

Sixth Sunday in Lent

Palm and Passion Sunday

**Prelude**

**Procession**

**\*Opening Hymn** "All Glory, Laud and Honor" #265

**\*Blessing of the Palms**

Pastor: Lift your heads and behold Emmanuel, "God with us."

**Many: Praise be to God!**

Pastor: Christ is with us.

**Many: Christ is in our midst.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

*All: O God, who in Jesus Christ triumphantly entered*

*Jerusalem, heralding a week of pain and sorrow,*

*be with us now as we follow the way of the cross.*

*In these events of defeat and victory,*

*you have sealed the closeness of death and resurrection,*

*of humiliation and exaltation.*

*We thank you for these branches that promise to become for us symbols of martyrdom and majesty.*

*Bless them and us that their use this day may announce in our time that Christ has come and that Christ will come again.*

*Amen.*

*All: Come, Christ Jesus! Let us worship God!*



## Welcome and Announcements

### \*Prayer of Thanksgiving

#### \*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

Sue Prenzlow

### Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!” 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

“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!” #268

Scripture

The Gospel of the Palms and Christ’s Passion  
Mark 11:1-11; Mark 15:1-39 (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 Journey”

#### \*Closing Hymn

“Christ Be My Leader” #453

#### \*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 29th, 2015

Pastor—Ava Adams-Morris

Lay Leaders—Karen Stanton, Marian Mallory

Organist—Jola Walker

Greeters—Jeff and Jodie Gerds

Head Usher—Warren Allevan

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. Palm Sunday Brunch (*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

Today's **Blessing of the Palms** is from the UCC Book of Worship.

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](mailto: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, Lloyd Mitchell
- 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
- Jack Madsen, who had surgery on March 11th
- Lloyd Mitchell as he heals from brain surgery

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

#### **Prayers:**

- For people finding faith and finding the United Church as their church home



## 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 29th, 2015**

Tuesday, March 31st, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT

**Thursday, April 2nd, 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service**

**Friday, April 3rd, 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service**

Saturday, April 4th, 10:30 a.m. Ambience Easter set up

### **Planning Ahead**

Tuesday, April 7th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT

**Wednesday, April 8th, 7:00 p.m. Deacons**

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

Tuesday, April 14th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT

**Wednesday, April 15th, 7:00 p.m. Trustees**

Tuesday, April 21st, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT

Tuesday, April 28th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT

### **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](mailto: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!

**The United Church News and Announcements**  
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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.

**Youth: Palm Sunday Brunch—Today!**

The Board of Christian Education is hosting their annual **Palm Sunday Brunch today, 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.

**Easter Sunday Worship**

You are invited to come to church 15 minutes early on Easter Sunday to listen to or sing along with prelude music that will enter us into the Easter Worship Service.

**Easter Season Plants**

Please sign up on the sheet posted on the Sanctuary door to **purchase and bring in on your own**, Easter season plants. Please bring your plants to the church mail room by **Friday, April 3rd**.

If you would like to take your plant home after the season, please place your name on your plants. Thank you for helping beautify our Sanctuary for the Easter season!



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**Mid-American Baptist Women's Ministries**

You are invited to attend our one-day ABWM conference to be held on Saturday, April 25, 2015, in Johnston, Iowa, at First Baptist Church of Greater Des Moines beginning with registration at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 3:00 p.m. Our theme is "Uniting to Serve".

Many activities are planned. Missionary Marcia Binkley will speak on the Burmese immigrants. There will be an Asian Buffet at noon.

Registration and information sheets are posted on the bulletin board and are due by April 11th. Please pick up one today!

**Church World Service Kits**

We are collecting items for **Hygiene Kits and Baby Care Kits**. Please consider purchasing all the items for a kit, or purchase one or more items needed for kits. Cash donations are also needed to cover the cost of handling (\$2.00 per kit) and postage. Shopping lists are provided in the narthex area. Please bring items back to the church **by Sunday, April 12th**.

Kit items will be packed **Monday, April 13th at the Women's Fellowship meeting**. All are welcome to attend and help with this much needed mission project! Please feel free to contact Pat John for any additional information.

## Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

**Scripture for the Week:** For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 1 Corinthians 1:18

### **Sunday:**

We boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. Romans 5:11

Lord Jesus Christ, as we come to you today in prayer and praise, we recognize you as our Creator, Defender, and Sustainer. Let us always remember what you suffered for the forgiveness of our sins. Amen.

### **Monday:**

Are not all angels spirits in the divine service, sent to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation? Therefore we must pay greater attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it. Hebrews 1:14–2:1

Beautiful Savior, you do shine brighter and purer than all the angels in the sky. Help us to offer our glory, honor, praise, and adoration to you today, tomorrow, and evermore. Amen.

### **Tuesday:**

Jesus put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God. Luke 13:13 (NIV)

Compassionate Father, as we come before you this Sabbath day, let us be ever mindful of your helpful and healing hands that protect us and hold us close to you always. Thanks be to God! Amen.

### **Wednesday:**

We boast in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh. Philippians 3:3

Blessed Shepherd, our hope rests in you. Loving Savior, defend us from temptations today and keep our eyes and hearts focused on the unending grace and love that you supply to us, your erring servants. Amen.

## Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

### **Thursday:**

You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God. Psalm 40:17

Our spirits depend on you, dear God. You are the Deliverer, Redeemer, and Provider of all great gifts which we gladly accept. We rejoice this day and always. Bless your holy name. Amen.

### **Friday:**

When the goodness and loving-kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy. Titus 3:4–5

God of grace and God of glory, thank you for guiding us, your wandering flock. We strive to stay near you and to follow you, our loving Shepherd. Help us to respond to your tender mercies and share them with others. Grant to us your peace. Amen.

### **Saturday:**

Lord, there is no one like you to help the powerless against the mighty. 2 Chronicles 14:11 (NIV)

Christ says, “In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” John 16:33 (NIV)

Bless us now and forever, victorious Lord and Savior, with your triumph over the grave and the forgiveness of our sin, which only you have the power to provide to us, your children. Amen.

*Source: Moravian Daily Texts*

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