

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 8th, 2015

The Third Sunday in Lent

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Based on Psalm 19

One: The law of God is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of God are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of God are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of God is clear enlightening the eyes.

Many: O God, you are my rock and my redeemer.

One: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

Many: O God, you are my rock and redeemer.

One: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you.

Many: O God, you are my rock and my redeemer.

All: Let us worship God!



***Opening Hymn**

“God of Grace and God of Glory” #569

***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

Sue Prenzlou

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**

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” #261

Scripture

Exodus 20:1-17; John 2:13-22 (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 Ten Commandments”

***Closing Hymn**

“I Surrender All” #474

***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 8th, 2015

Pastor—Ava Adams-Morris

Lay Leader—

Organist—Jola Walker

Greeters—Robert and Lisa Shubert

Head Usher—Cindy Allevan

Coffee Hour Host—Women's Fellowship

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. 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 a prayer by Yong Tin Jin in *Imaging the Word Volume 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 brain surgery

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

Prayers:

- Prayers requested in remembrance as my sister and her family lost both mother and father-in-law in little more than a week

Thanksgiving:

- For Lloyd Mitchel as he is now standing, and eating, and is out of ICU, but he has a long way to go. Thanks be to God!
- Thanks be to God for all the gracious people who entertain for birthdays!

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 8th, 2015

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

Planning Ahead

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

Wednesday, March 18th, 6:30 p.m. Lenten Service

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

Tuesday, March 24th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT

Tuesday, March 24th, 8:00 a.m. Newsletter articles/reports due

Wednesday, March 25th, 6:30 p.m. Lenten Service

Tuesday, March 31st, 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.

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!

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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.

The Well Youth Center

Next Sunday, March 15th our Mission Jar and Coffee Hour collections will go to support The Well Youth Center.

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.

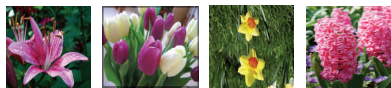
The Board of Christian Education is hosting their annual **Palm Sunday Brunch Sunday, March 29th following worship.** The menu will include ham and eggs, cheesy potatoes, applesauce and muffins.

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

Easter Season Plants

Please sign up on the sheet posted on the Sanctuary door to **purchase and bring in on your own**, Easter lily, tulip, daffodil or hyacinth plants to the church mail room **by Sunday, March 29th.**

You may indicate in (M) memory of or in (H) honor of and the name. The names will be included in the bulletin. If you would like to take your plant home after the season, please place your name on your plant/s. Thank you for helping beautify our Sanctuary for the Easter season!



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Odd Fellows Pancake Breakfast—Today!

“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!

Pancake Supper

St. John Lutheran of Good Thunder is having their Annual All You Can Eat Pancake Supper **today, Sunday March 8th from 4:00—7:00 p.m.** Menu: pancakes, sausage patties, applesauce, and beverages. This is a free-will donation.

Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf

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.

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.**

Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Scripture for the Week: For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as servants for Jesus' sake. 2 Corinthians 4:5

Sunday:

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations, "The Lord is king!"
1 Chronicles 16:31

We rejoice in your kingdom, your power, and your glory, great God and Father. Everything we have is yours. The wind and the rain are under your command and bend to your will. May we also do your will in love as you taught us. Amen.

Monday:

Live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel. Philippians 1:27

Gracious Redeemer, we long to feel that stirring of the Spirit that drives us to be your presence in the world. Help us to quiet our minds and open our souls to listen for your voice, encouraging and strengthening us to make your word known. Amen.

Tuesday:

Jesus said, "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock." Matthew 7:24

Creator, ignite a fire of passion within your people. Let your strength carry us to action on your behalf. Lead us to forge straight paths for the afflicted and lost so they may be found in your open arms. Amen.

Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Wednesday:

As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. Ezekiel 34:12 (NIV)

Glorious Shepherd, we often struggle with our doubts and stray from your presence. But then we see you in the smile of a friend, hear you in the whisper of the breeze, feel you in the warmth of the sun, and return to the fold. Keep us close. Amen.

Thursday:

You were called for the very purpose that you might inherit a blessing. 1 Peter 3:9 (NASB)

Lord, we are so blessed. Your hand guides us and provides for us always. Let us bless those around us as you have called us to do, guiding and providing with your word as our foundation. Amen.

Friday:

As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to his disciples, "The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and on the third day he will be raised." Matthew 17:22–23

As we prepare for the solemn time of Lent, help us grow closer to you. Teach us about the life of your Son so that we may better understand the sacrifice he made for us. We look toward Easter with anticipation and hope. Amen.

Saturday:

You are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God. Ephesians 2:19

We are all your people, Lord. Make our hearts rejoice in the triumphs of our brothers and sisters worldwide. Give us compassion for those whom we have not yet had the chance to meet. Let us no longer see barriers and divisions, but join together in community. Amen.

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