

## 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** 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, May 17th, 2015

Seventh Sunday of Easter

### Prelude

### 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 19*

One: We rejoice and praise Your holy name today, O Lord,

**Many: because you keep us on a sacred path.**

One: We give thanks because Your word gives us hope;

**Many: may we reflect on Your word at all times.**

One: You are the Source of deep seated faith,

**All: and our spirits are refreshed in your presence! Amen!**



**\*Opening Hymn**

“This Is My Fathers World” #21

**\*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**

Jeanette Brandt

**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**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” #72

**Scripture**

Jeremiah 31:31-34; John 6:35-40 (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!**

**Lay Message**

“Yesterday, Today and Forever”

**\*Closing Hymn**

“He Leadeth Me” #499

**\*Benediction**

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

**Postlude**

***\*Please rise in body or spirit.\****

## Serving Us Today: Sunday, May 17th, 2015

Preacher—Jack Madsen  
Lay Leader—Tim Madsen  
Organist—Kathy Byram  
Greeters—Dan and Sue Prenzlou  
Head Usher—  
Coffee Hour Host—Youth Center

### Today's Worship & Fellowship

9:00 a.m. Morning Worship with Youth Center Collections  
(*Sanctuary*)  
9:00-10:40 a.m. Nursery Childcare (*Babies-Toddlers*),  
Crib/Toddler Room, upstairs  
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour (*Fellowship Hall*)  
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 **Call to Worship** is from the Lectionary Sermons archive page at <http://www.lectionarysermons.com/ARCH-W.html>.

The **paraments are white** during the Easter season (which is from Easter Sunday until Pentecost Sunday) to invite the church to remember that, instead of finding a sealed tomb, the women who came at dawn on Easter Sunday were surprised by an angel who announced astonishing news: "Jesus has been raised from the dead!" (Mt 28:7) The heavenly messenger invited the mourners on that day as well as Christians of all time to see the empty tomb and then go and tell the world that the Crucified One is alive!

*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: The 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
- The people affected by April 25th's 7.8 magnitude earthquake in Nepal, including the more than 8,000 dead and 16,000 wounded

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

#### Prayers:

- For Morgan Sellers, a local 8th grader, who is facing health issues, including black outs
- For all mothers, in honor of those still with us and in memory of those who have been called 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, May 17th, 2015

Tuesday, May 19th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT

**Wednesday, May 20th, 7:00 p.m. Trustees**

Thursday, May 21st, 2:00-3:00 p.m. Bible Study

### Planning Ahead

Tuesday, May 26th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT

Tuesday, May 26th, 8:00 a.m. Newsletter Articles/Reports are due

**Wednesday, May 27th, 7:00 p.m. Capital Campaign**

#### Informational meeting

Thursday, May 28th, 2:00-3:00 p.m. Bible Study

**Sunday, May 31st, 10:00 a.m. Capital Campaign**

#### Informational meeting

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

### 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**  
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**Sign-Up for Lay Readers and Ushers**

**Please sign-up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board outside the main office.** Thank you in advance for your service.

If you would like more information, please contact Marian Mallory or any member of the Diaconate. There is a **Lay Readers Pronunciation Guide** available in the church office for your needs.

**Board of Christian Education**

On behalf of the Board of Christian Education we would like to extend a HUGE (belated) THANK YOU to everyone that attended and gave so generously to the Palm Sunday Brunch. We appreciate your donations as they will assist with youth attending camp. Thank you again!

**Our last Sunday School class of the year is today, Sunday, May 17th.** We will resume again in the fall.

**Congregational and Informational Meetings**

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

Three informational meetings will be held prior to the June 7th to review, explain and understand the plans of the capital campaign. These informational meetings are open to all United Church members and will be held on Wednesday, May 27th at 7:00 p.m., Sunday, May 31st after the morning worship service, and Wednesday June 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

**Silent Auction for T&C Days**

Our church has been asked to contribute items for the Silent Auction at Town and Country Days, June 11th—14th, 2015. Please bring items to the Fellowship Hall of the church by

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**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.**

**2015 Service to Mankind Award**

Mapleton Sertoma Club will be hosting an Open House honoring Marji Schwichtenberg and Jeanette Brandt as their 2015 Service to Mankind Award Recipients. The Open House will be held on Sunday, May 17 at the Town and Country Leisure Center from 1:00—4:00 p.m., with a short program at 3:00 p.m. Cake and refreshments will be served.

**Jazz in the Park**

Jazz in the Park will be held on **Wednesday, May 20th, 6:00 p.m.** at the Mapleton Library Park. The Maple River Jazz Band will be featured along with special guests, Bass Brand Bass Band. This event is free and open to the public. Please bring a lawn chair.

A food booth is being sponsored and served by the Mapleton Sertoma Club. They will begin serving at 5:30 p.m. and are asking for a free will offering. The Maple River Youth Center will be serving root beer floats and will host a plant sale. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held in the MR School Commons.

## Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

**Scripture for the Week:** Jesus says, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” John 10:11

### **Sunday:**

One man’s act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. Romans 5:18

God of mercy, fashion our hearts after you, that we may see the world through the eyes of your everlasting love. Amen.

### **Monday:**

Paul wrote: I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:13–14

God of all strength, renew us in the assurance of your promises to us. And when we grow discouraged from stumbling, enable us—by faith—to begin again... and again... and again, in your name. Amen.

### **Tuesday:**

Jesus prayed: Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory. John 17:24

Spirit of life, come alive in us and reveal the beauty of your creation. Guide your church into the future as you lead us out into your world. Amen.

### **Wednesday:**

Blessed is anyone who endures temptation. Such a one has stood the test and will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him. James 1:12

Lead us, O Lord, as we follow after you. Carry us, as we carry one another, in Jesus’ name. Amen.

## Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

### **Thursday:**

Happy are those who make the Lord their trust. Psalm 40:4

God of the cross, God of the empty tomb, God of everywhere in between—no matter where we find ourselves, you are there, ushering in newness of life, both now and forevermore. Amen.

### **Friday:**

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, Christ has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death. Colossians 1:21–22

Almighty God, we are so grateful for our Savior, Jesus Christ, whom you promised to us. Help us to adore him and to proclaim his word everywhere we are. Amen.

### **Saturday:**

The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many. Matthew 20:28

Dear Lord, make us servants of your peace. May we be faithful to you in our work in this world, preaching your word of grace. In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Source: Moravian Daily Texts*

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