

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
- Those affected by mental illness, including anxiety and depression



Our church prayer list includes:

- Those with ongoing health concerns: Norma Baack, Kathy Cramer, Janie Firstbrook, Mary Beth Fritz, Marian Mallory, Sean Mallory, Lloyd Mitchell, Stan Solie,
- Those recovering from recent health concerns or procedures: Kathy Byram, Jack Madsen
- All those affected by the ongoing crisis in Syria and the hundreds of thousands of refugees fleeing the Middle East

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

Thanksgiving:

- To God for a great group of Confirmands and for all who made this worship service possible

Prayers:

- For our Confirmands, that they will continue on this journey of faith the rest of their lives and know that God is always there for them
- That the Spirit will come into our hearts so that we are fired up to follow Jesus' life
- That God will inspire those who have escaped the peril of fire in Canada and tornadoes in the South to pray for and help in any way they can those who have suffered great loss
- Of healing for all who are ill

The prayers and sympathies of The United Church of Mapleton are extended to the family and friends of Jennifer Sickler, cousin of Jeremy Walters and granddaughter of Marge Walters, who passed away on Thursday, May 12th, 2016. The funeral was held at The United Church of Mapleton on Wednesday, May 18th at 11:00 a.m.

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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 22nd, 2016

Trinity Sunday

Prelude

Welcome, 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

One: Let us praise God the Creator,

Many: who is filled with glory and power—with holiness and splendor.

One: Let us worship God the Savior,

Many: who is filled with love and compassion—with justice and peace.

One: Let us experience God the Spirit,

Many: who fills us with faith and joy—with grace and eternal life.

One: Let us celebrate the Triune God,

All: who has called us here to worship together!

***Opening Hymn**

“All Creatures of Our God and King” #23

***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!

***Sharing Grace and Peace**

One: God’s Word is a word of forgiveness, assurance, and grace.

Many: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

One: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

Many: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Let us greet one another in fellowship.

Message for God’s Children

After the Message for God’s Children, children PreK-2nd grade may attend Sunday School in the upstairs classroom (between the Sanctuary and the Nursery, opposite the office).

All children may remain in their pews during worship, use the Family Space in the Overflow Room in the back of the Sanctuary, or use the Nursery if they are younger than Kindergarten age. Worship Bags, “The Sunday Paper” coloring pages, and Ministry Card making kits are available in the back of the Sanctuary.

Mission Moment

Laura Fritz

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**

Blessing at Graduation

You are invited to turn to the bulletin insert titled “Blessing at Graduation” and join in the responsive reading.

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**

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God” #461

Scripture

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 (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

“Rejoicing in Wisdom”

***Closing Hymn**

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” #136

***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 22nd, 2016

Pastor—Ashley Whitaker
Lay Leader—Louise Webb
Organist—Jan Lange
Sound System—Dick Dietz
Hospitality Team Lead—
Coffee Hour Host—Christian Education

Today's Worship & Fellowship

9:00 a.m. Morning Worship
9:00 a.m. Nursery/Toddler Care (*upstairs north end of hallway in the Nursery/Toddler Room*)
9:15 a.m. Sunday School during worship for grades PreK-2nd (*classroom A, upstairs across from office*)

Today's *Call to Worship* is by Moira Laidlaw at liturgiesonline.com.au.

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: The mission jar will be in the back of the Sanctuary on the third Sunday of each month.

Worshipping With Children

Children are always welcome at The United Church!

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." (Matthew 19:14)

During worship, several options are available for children: *The Sunday Paper* is a coloring page based on the Scripture reading for each Sunday. Two versions are available, one for older and one for younger elementary aged children.

Ministry card decorating kits are also available, and a sign next to these kits lets children know to whom their card will be sent (e.g. homebound members, Treats for Troops recipients, etc.).

Worship Bags with creative supplies are located at the back of the Sanctuary.

The Nursery/Toddler Room for infants and toddlers (Kindergarten and younger) is available throughout the morning worship service and is located at the north end of the upstairs hallway.

The Family Space, located in the Overflow Room at 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.

Care Connections

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.

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 us know! Feel free to contact Pastor Ashley, a Deacon, or the church office. The church phone number is (507) 524-3141. Pastor Ashley's phone number is (507) 381-8199 and her email is 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.

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Town and Country Days Silent Auction

Our church has been asked to contribute items for the Silent Auction at Town & Country Days which will be held **Saturday, June 11th from 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.** Please bring your items to the church Fellowship hall **by Tuesday, June 7th.** Place a value on your items and designate where you want your bid money to go (United Church, youth center or T&C Days fund). Items can be hand made, unique theme baskets, antiques, small furniture, and almost new items. If you need to have an item picked up, please call Joyce Johnson.

In order for our church to receive the bid money, we need to fill two one hour shifts. Volunteers have already filled our 9:00-10:00 a.m. and 6:00-7:00 p.m. shifts, for which I thank them. If you have any questions, please contact Joyce Johnson at 524-3727. Thank you in advance for your participation.

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 22nd, 2016

Tuesday, May 24th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT; 1:00 p.m.

Quilting; 3:00-6:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes workday;

6:00-9:00 p.m. Kilties in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 25th, 7:30 p.m. **Pastoral Relations**

Saturday, May 28th, 9:00-noon Loaves & Fishes workday

Planning Ahead

Tuesday, May 31st, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT; 1:00 p.m.

Quilting

Wednesday, June 1st, 6:00 p.m. Film, Fun, & Faith in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, June 8th, 6:00 p.m. Film, Fun, & Faith in Fellowship Hall

Talent Team Member Needed

The United Church Council is seeking a third Talent Team member. The Talent Team meets as needed to assist all members of the congregation in identifying their spiritual gifts and passions for ministry and finding ways to pursue those passions, in addition to helping the Church Council identify members for the Council itself as well as ministry teams or committees as needed. If you are interested in being part of this team, please let Moderator Dick Dietz, the two current Talent Team members (Louise Webb and Ruth Cumming), or Pastor Ashley know. Thank you!

Sign-Up for Sunday Lay Ministries!

Please consider helping by signing-up to be a **Lay Leader, Hospitality Team Leader, Communion Server, and Sunday School teacher** for Sunday worship services. Sheets are posted on the bulletin board outside the main office. Thank you in advance for your service!

Film, Fun, & Faith

Free! ~ Every Wednesday ~ June and July ~ 6:00p.m.

United Church of Mapleton ~ Fellowship Hall



- **Bring a lawn chair or a comfy blanket to sit on!**
- **Free popcorn and root beer floats!**
- **Guess the movie each week and be entered to win a door prize!**
- **All movies are PG or G rated**

All are welcome!

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How to Contact Pastor Ashley

Pastor Ashley's cell phone number is (507) 381-8199 and her email is 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. Pastors' Preaching Text Study Group in Mankato, 3:00-5:00 p.m. Maple River Youth Center. *Wednesday* 9:00-11:00 a.m. church office, noon-1:00 p.m. Maggie J's Restaurant (Location for Community Office Hours) 1st & 3rd Wednesdays 6:00-7:00 p.m. G.I.F.T. *Thursday* 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. church office, 2:00-3:00 p.m. 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!

Congratulations to Our Graduating Senior!

The United Church of Mapleton congratulates **Alec Bair** on his high school graduation! United has watched you grow into a wonderful young adult. We love you and we are proud of you! We extend our best wishes to you in your future plans.

Garden of Eatin' Season

There are sheets posted for you to sign-up and volunteer throughout the season to tend, water, pick and deliver produce. **On any given week, produce can be delivered Tuesdays at 3:00 p.m. and Saturdays at 9:00 a.m.** This garden has been a great success in the past couple of years. Let's continue to grow and love in our community with this great mission!

Donations Needed!

We are looking for donations for our June and July *Film, Fun, & Faith* movie nights. **Please sign-up on the bulletin board or call the church office at 524-3141** to donate pails of vanilla ice cream and 2-liter root beers. Thank you!

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Call to Ministry Table

Beginning the first Sunday of June, if you would like to share a Call to Ministry at the beginning of worship, please be in touch with Marissa Pfeffer or the church office no later than Wednesday evening before that Sunday. The same timeline is requested for bulletin or Ministry Table information. The Call to Ministry time will be reserved for one announcement that is both informational and a call to action and should be directly related to The United Church of Mapleton's mission and ministry.

The Ministry Table in the entryway (next to the East doors and the Sanctuary doors) will have information about church ministry opportunities, sign-ups, and community events. Some information will be moved from the bulletin or from the bulletin board in the hallway to this table for easier, more prominent access.

We will be trying out these two new ways of worshipping and communicating during the month of June and evaluating at the end of the month. Thank you!

All-Church Retreat: Interest Needed!

The United Church has the opportunity to reserve Camp FaHoCha (on an island at German Lake) Friday, September 10th—Saturday, September 11th for an all-church retreat of fellowship, worship, and fun. Are you interested? Please let us know on the interest sheet in the Fellowship Hall or by contacting the church office before Tuesday, June 7th! Without sufficient interest, we will have to pass up this opportunity. Thank you!

Town and Country Days Quilt Show

We are looking for quilts to display for our Quilt Show during Town and Country Days June 9th-12th. Please contact Rita Caron at 524-4234.

Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Scripture for the Week: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name! Psalm 97:12

Sunday:

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.
Romans 12:12 (NIV)

We rejoice in knowing that you, O Lord, are King above the earth. Give us the patience and courage to face the challenges that arise in our homes and family lives. Bless those in authority as parents and guardians to seek your direction and guidance in taking care of your children on earth. Amen.

Monday:

You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God.
Colossians 1:5–6

Heavenly Father, we are so grateful that we can trust you wherever we are in our lives. We know that your will is our answer when we cry for help. We give thanks for this assurance, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Tuesday:

Paul wrote: Not that we are competent of ourselves to claim anything as coming from us; our competence is from God.
2 Corinthians 3:5

Lord, you continue to breathe the breath of life within us. Purge our spirits so that your life anew in us will be pleasing in your sight when we recognize that all things come from and through you. Amen.

Wednesday:

Jesus took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about. Mark 5:41–42

Father in heaven, continue to help us to realize that you are our guide through a barren land. We thank you for restoring our faith in you as we trust you to feed us now and evermore on our life’s journey. Amen.

Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Thursday:

Fight the good fight of the faith. 1 Timothy 6:12

Gracious God, we give thanks, knowing that when we are going through the storms of life you are there. In all areas of our lives, help us to let go and let you work in us. Let your glory be revealed. Amen.

Friday:

If we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 1 John 1:7

Thank you, O Father, for being our vision and leading us in the paths of righteousness. Help us to open our spiritual eyes to experience your greatness and your divine presence. These things we ask in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Saturday:

For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from fornication. 1 Thessalonians 4:3

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the love with which you continue to fill our spirits and for helping us to be at peace with you. Teach us to wait on you for the answers to our unceasing prayers, so that we can truly see the glory of God shining through our lives. Amen.

Source: Moravian Daily Texts

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