

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 24th, 2015

Pentecost Sunday

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 Joel 2:28-32 and Acts 2:1-21

One: "Then I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh," says the Lord.

Many: God, send out the fire of your justice!

One: "Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy."

Many: Jesus, send out the rain of your love!

One: "Your old shall dream dreams, and your young shall see visions."

Many: Holy Spirit, send out your wind and breathe life in your people!

One: The Lord says, "In those days, I will pour out my Spirit!"

All: And we will all be people of God! Amen!

***Opening Hymn**

“On Pentecost They Gathered” #334

***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

Dick Dietz

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**

“Let Every Christian Pray” #332

Scripture

Acts 2:1-21 (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

“All Are Amazed”

***Closing Hymn**

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” #96

Verses 1, 2, 3, 5

***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 24th, 2015

Pastor—Ashley Whitaker

Lay Leader—Ginny Kinzie

Organist—Kathy Byram

Greeter—Louise Webb

Head Usher—Carolyn Becker

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. 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 based on liturgy by Katherine Hawker at liturgyoutside.net.

The **paraments are red on Pentecost Sunday**, the day that represents the birth of the Christian community. According to Acts, it was a day when some 3,000 were added to the community as a result of the preaching of the Apostles. The miracle of the day was that these strangers, of many different “tongues” were able to understand and respond to the proclamation of the Gospel. If Easter is God's resurrection *moment*, Pentecost marks the beginning of God's resurrection *movement*. With the dramatic appearance of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost came the power to restore right relationships with God, one another, and all creation. Thus, the redemptive power activated at Pentecost is the power to mend the rips within our social fabric, to restore splintered relationships, to repair broken communities. Pentecostal power is the power to stand in the cracks, to face hostilities without fear, to confess, repent, and repair – to be agents of healing even as we have been healed. *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.

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:

- And thanks to all who contribute to Treats for Troops.
- To bring those without a church to find a church to call home

Thanksgiving:

- And praises to the Madsen family for their service to the United Church. Sometimes on very short notice!
- To Kris Madsen for sharing her talent with us during our morning worship service

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 24th, 2015

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

Planning Ahead

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. 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. We have begun asking for Ushers on a weekly basis, so please sign up on the sheets provided. Thank you in advance for your service.

If you would like more information, please contact Marian Mallory or any member of the Diaconate

Congregational, Foundation 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. Immediately following the Congregational Meeting the Mapleton United Church Foundation Board has called a meeting to confirm their recommendation for financing of the capital campaign.

Three informational meetings will be held prior to 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.

Salad Lunch

The Maple River Youth Center will host an all-you-can-eat salad lunch for \$5 on Monday, June 1st from 11:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m. at their Main Street location.

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Mitchell Benefit

A breakfast will be held at St. Teresa's Catholic Church on Sunday, May 31st, 10:00 a.m.-12 noon, to raise funds to support medical/living costs for the Mitchell family as Lloyd continues rehabilitation at Mayo Physical Medicine. Lloyd suffered a hemorrhagic stroke on February 19th in Illinois and spent 7 weeks at a medical center receiving therapy.

The breakfast menu is eggs, hash brown, ham, fruit, muffins, coffee and juice. Free will offering with matching funds by Catholic Order of Foresters.

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 **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.

Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Scripture for the Week: Jesus says, “Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.” John 15:4

Sunday:

Whoever is kind to the needy honors God.
Proverbs 14:31 (NIV)

O loving Creator, we recognize that you are our Provider. We give thanks to you every day. Let us share your blessings with others in need, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Monday:

May you have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge.
Ephesians 3:18–19

Thank you, God, for your boundless and infinite love for us. We want to serve you only. Lead us to recognize you through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Tuesday:

God has not left himself without a witness in doing good—giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, and filling you with food and your hearts with joy. Acts 14:17

Eternal God, you are the Provider. You give us your grace through Jesus Christ and you always provide us with abundant fruits of the land to feed us. We give you thanks for all of these gifts. Amen.

Wednesday:

Christ says, “I am with you always, to the end of the age.”
Matthew 28:20

We worship you, dear Lord, with a spirit of thanksgiving for your presence with us. May you be with us always. Give us hope and love so that we can share it with others, just as you shared it with us. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Thursday:

The gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Romans 6:23 (NIV)

Heavenly Father, we surrender to your presence so that we can reach eternal life with you. We praise you not because of the things you provide us with, but simply because you are God. Be with us through this whole journey until we get to spend eternity with you. Amen.

Friday:

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. Galatians 6:7

We cannot deceive you, Lord. We can only surrender our lives to you so that you can use us to fulfill your will. Let us be the instruments through which you make beautiful music. We belong to you. Amen.

Saturday:

The Lord said, “Whom did you dread and fear so that you lied, and did not remember me?” Isaiah 57:11

O Lord, you remember us every single moment of our lives, yet we continually fail you, only remembering you in our times of need or crisis. Please help us to be more like you so that we won’t fail you as much as we do today. Amen.

Source: Moravian Daily Texts

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