

Service Notes

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

The **Nursery/Toddler Room** for infants and toddlers is available throughout the morning worship service and is located at the end of the hallway opposite the Sanctuary. Sunday School is available for children PreK– 5th grade after the Message for God's Children, and children can meet their teachers at the back of the Sanctuary at that time. Children's Worship Bags with creative supplies are available in the back of the Sanctuary for children during worship.

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Prayer Chain

The United Church Prayer Chain is now active! If you have a prayer request, please call Karen Stanton at (507) 327-8168 or Joyce Johnson at 524-3727. Please let them know your prayer request, including the name of the person to pray for if applicable, and whether or not 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.

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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 25th, 2014

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Based on Psalm 66

One: Come and celebrate! Glorify God with praise!

Many: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

One: Sing out the praises of God!

Many: Everything on earth worships the Lord together.

One: Come and see what awesome things God has done!

Many: Let the whole world sing God's praise.

One: The love of God is greater than the tongue can tell!

All: Come and celebrate! Glorify God with praise!

***Opening Hymn**

“Onward, Christian Soldiers” #509

***Prayer of Invocation**

***Gloria Patri**

“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

Mission Moment

Special Offering

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**

“For the Beauty of the Earth” #40

Scripture

Matthew 5:43-48

***Closing Hymn**

“When Peace Like a River” #428

***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 25th, 2014

Pastor—Eric Swanson

Lay Leader—Jack Madsen

Organist—Kathy Byram

Greeters—Mabelle Larson

Head Usher—Pat Carter

Coffee Hour Host—Christian Education Board

About Today's Worship & Fellowship

9:00 a.m. Morning Worship (*Sanctuary*)

9:00-10:30 a.m. Nursery Childcare (*Babies-Toddlers*),

Crib/Toddler Room, upstairs

10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

Our **Scripture Response** honors the ways in which we know and receive the Word of God: through Scripture, in community, and through our personal faith in God. Thanks be to God!

Our **Call to Worship** today is by Christine Longhurst at re-worship.blogspot.com.

Adult, youth and children's **Sunday School** are now on break for the summer. We will resume all classes in the fall.

In Our Prayers

- The ministries of The United Church, including our local missions: The Well Youth Center, Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf
- The leaders of our church: local, regional, and national
- The ministers and missionaries of the world
- Those anticipating surgery, recovering from surgery, or undergoing medical procedures, tests, or treatments
- Those living in assisted living or in a nursing home
- Those who are homebound and those who are caregivers

Our church prayer list includes:

- Those with ongoing health concerns: Bill Brice, Stan Solie, Alberta Samuelson, Lorraine Stanton
- Family members and loved ones who are ill
- Traveling mercies for our members, family, and friends
- All those who are grieving and mourning
- Hutch Cramer, who is recovering from recent hip surgery at the Mapleton Community Home
- Norma Baack, who is recovering at Oak Lawn Nursing Home in Mankato after a recent fall and hospitalization
- Benjamin Brockmann of Lake Crystal, age 6, a family friend of the Allevens, who is undergoing treatment for leukemia
- Isaac Kolstad, who suffered a severe head injury early on May 11th in Mankato, and who is currently hospitalized in critical condition. The Kolstads are friends of Joe and Sheila Samuelson. You may visit Isaac's Caring Bridge site at <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/isaackolstad>.
- Louis Fritz, who was diagnosed this weekend with an inoperable brain tumor. Louie is hospitalized in Mankato for further testing, including a biopsy this week before treatment begins.

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

Prayers:

- That our Confirmands may feel the joy of Christ's love
- For Colleen Lindemann, who continues to deal with serious back problems
- For healing for those who are ill
- For all those dealing with natural disasters like floods and fires

Thanksgiving:

- For the young men who have stood to confess their faith and also for their families' support and love
- For the blessing of Sunday School and Confirmation
- For the joy of having four grandkids together and playing well with each other, and for the joy of the 11th anniversary of daughter Tina and son-in-law Jeremy

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Sunday Morning Wheelchair Assistance

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 it is too difficult for you to push a wheelchair up the ramp, please feel free to contact an Usher or Deacon for assistance.

How to Contact Pastor Ashley

My office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to noon. In the afternoon, I may be in the office, or I may be out in the community for pastoral care or outreach. If you'd like to stop by to visit another time, just email or call. Monday and Saturday are my days off.

My email address is: pastor@unitedchurchmapleton.org. If I'm not in the office, my phone number is (507) 381-8199.

Pastoral Care Connections

If you or a family member is ill, in the hospital, is homebound, 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 to let us know so that we may serve you.

The church phone number is (507) 524-3141 and Pastor Ashley's phone number is (507) 381-8199. Thank you!

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 25th, 2014

Tuesday, May 27th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT

Wednesday, May 28th, 1:00 p.m. Quilting

Planning Ahead

Tuesday, June 3rd, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT

Monday, June 9th, 7:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship

Wednesday, June 11th, 7:00 p.m. Deacons

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Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf

Remember Sunday, June 1st, 2014 we will collect donations for the Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf. Please consider giving monetary gifts and/or non-perishable items to this meaningful mission.

The United Church supports Loaves & Fishes in this way on the first Sunday of each month.

Head Ushers Needed

The United Church is in need of Head Ushers for the months June through October. Please consider signing up to help by calling the church office at 524-3141.

Silent Auction Items Needed

Your Silent Auction items may be new, slightly used, home-made or the very popular theme baskets. On your donated item write your name, a suggested value, and who you wish the donation to be given to (either the United Church, T&C Committee). We receive the money from the items sold less 10% for the T&C organization. Deadline for the items is Tuesday, June 10th. Either bring them to the church and place in the marked box in the dining hall or call Joyce for pick up.

We also need to have 4 workers. At the present time I have Mary Beth Fritz, Ruth Cumming and myself. We need one more volunteer to help.

Thank you for your contributions. If you have any questions, please call Joyce Johnson at 524-3727.

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Memorial Service

A memorial service for Mary Lynn Kraywinkel will be held on Saturday, May 31st, at 11:00 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Amboy. Mary Lynn graduated from Mapleton HS in 1964. She and her husband John lived in Indian River, MI, at the time of her passing. Her siblings are Bob Kraywinkel of Eagle Lake, Sharon Wetzels of Mankato, and Carol Nickerson of AZ.

The Well Youth Center

The Well Youth Center is open for grades 4th through 12th from 3:00—5:00 p.m.

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays when school is in session.

We always welcome adult volunteers to help supervise, present a life-skill to our youth, or help with fundraising events. Please call (507) 524-3839 or Sheila at (507) 995-8194.



Loaves & Fishes

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!



Community Closet

Open Tuesdays and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m.—Noon. If you have a non-profit group that would like to take advantage of profits from the Closet, please call Gay Rice at (507) 524-4040 for more information.

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Called to Care Visitation Training

One of the goals and needs that came out of our visioning process was a trained lay pastoral care visitation team to help make sure that all of our at-home members and members with long-term care needs receive the care and support they deserve from The United Church. Pastor Ashley will be leading training sessions based on the “Called to Care” curriculum for all who would like to become caregivers in this context. The Diaconate will coordinate this ministry with Pastor Ashley. There are five training sessions, and caregivers will need to attend all five sessions to be commissioned. Each hour-long training session will be offered twice: once on a Sunday after worship and once on a Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. The schedule is as follows:

Session One: Wednesday 5/28, Sunday 6/1

Session Two: Wednesday 6/4, Sunday 6/8

Session Three: Wednesday 6/18, Sunday 6/22

Session Four: Wednesday 6/25, Sunday 6/29

Session Five: Wednesday 7/2, Sunday 7/6

If you have any questions or are interested in Called to Care, please talk to Pastor Ashley or Ruth Cumming. Thank you!

**Mid-America Baptist Women and
AB Girls Conference**

The Mid-America Baptist Women and AB Girls Conference “A Time to Serve” will be held June 27th—28th, 2014 at Wartburg College in Waverly, IA. Pastor Ashley will be the Bible Study Leader at this years conference.

If you are interested in attending, a flyer is posted on the bulletin board along with brochures for the taking.

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T & C Days Pancake Breakfast

A Pancake breakfast will be held during Town and Country Days on Sunday, June 15th from 9:00 a.m.—Noon at the City Park by the Library. This breakfast is sponsored by the Mapleton Town and Country Days Committee and Mapleton Odd Fellows.

Quilts Needed for T & C Days

The Town and Country Days Committee is in need of quilts to be displayed at their Quilt Show. The quilts will be on display at St. Teresa’s from 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. on Friday, June 13th, and 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m., and 5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. Saturday, June 14th. Rita Caron may be contacted at 524-4234 for any questions.

The Well Youth Center

The Well is taking T-Shirt orders. **Please order and pay by Wednesday, May 28th.**



PLEASE VOLUNTEER! Call Sheila at (507) 995-8194.

The Well upcoming fundraisers that need adult help are:
Monday, June 2nd, 11:00—1:30 p.m.: A Salad Luncheon will be held at The Well location.

Friday, June 13th and Saturday, June 14th,
11:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.: Town and Country Days Food Booth at The Well location

Sunday, June 15th, 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.: Tractor Pull Food Booth

Friday, July 11th and Saturday July 12th,
10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.: Dietz Brat Wagon

Saturday morning, July 26th: Community Closet fundraiser

Friday, August 1st and Saturday, August 2nd,
10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.: Dietz Brat Wagon

Saturday morning, August 23rd: Community Closet fundraiser

Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Scripture for the Week: Jesus says, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

John 14:6

Sunday:

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. 1 John 3:1

Heavenly Lord, you have built your church's foundation on a rock. Although doors may close and steeples fall, we your people shall always stand strong upon the rock of your church. Amen.

Monday:

Jesus said, "On that day many will say to me, "Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many deeds of power in your name?" Then I will declare to them, "I never knew you." Matthew 7:22-23

Lord Jesus, teach us your ways and show us right and wrong. In times of doubt and troubled minds, may our hearts lead us down the path which you have created. Amen.

Tuesday:

Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and will be repaid in full. Proverbs 19:17

Eternal God, we bow before you asking for forgiveness for our sinful ways. Lord, teach us the way we should go so we may one day enter your eternal home. Amen.

Wednesday:

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. Psalm 51:12

Giving Lord, we thank you for all that your hand has provided. We thank you for sending your son, Jesus Christ, so we may know you better and be closer to you. Amen.

Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Thursday:

Jesus can have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also subject to weakness.

Hebrews 5:2

Lord God, may we praise your name not just in our own homes but in all your world. May we learn to be friends of foes and work to live the shepherd's care. Amen.

Friday:

O Lord, all my longing is known to you; my sighing is not hidden from you. Psalm 38:9

God, what a friend we have in Jesus! May we bring to you our worries in times of trial and rejoice in your name during times of serenity. Ourselves we bring to you, Lord, in prayer. Amen.

Saturday:

We, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. Ephesians 1:12

Fulfilling Lord, we pray for the day you will come in glory—we will shout and sing praise to you. May we lay down all that we have in your name, Lord. Amen.

Source: Moravian Daily Texts

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