

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:

Prayers:

- To God in memory of Michelle Lindemann and for her family. May 23rd was her birthday.
- For safe traveling in the weeks and months ahead
- For strong faith in all who seek God
- For the Carol Anderson family, who passed away in California at age 96. Carol was a sister of Pat John and sister-in-law of Louisa Belle Shuck.
- All those affected by the EgyptAir plane crash on May 19th, including the family and friends of the 66 people on board

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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 29th, 2016

Second Sunday After Pentecost

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

Based on Psalm 96

One: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice!

Many: Let the sea and everything in it shout God's praise!

One: Let the fields and their crops burst forth with joy!

Many: Let the trees of the forest sing praise before the Lord!

One: For God is great,

All: and worthy of our praise!

***Opening Hymn**

“God Is Here!” #1

***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

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

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**

Memorial Day Prayer Litany

Please turn to the bulletin insert titled “Memorial Day Prayer Litany” and join in this 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**

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” #501

Scripture

1 Corinthians 11:23-25 (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

“What Do We Remember?”

***Closing Hymn**

“Lord, You Give the Great Commission” #592

Verses 1, 3, and 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 29th, 2016

Pastor—Gerrit Molenaar

Lay Leader—Marian Mallory

Organist—Jola Walker

Sound System—Dick Dietz

Hospitality Team Lead—

Coffee Hour Host—Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf

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*)

Today's *Call to Worship* is by Rev. Christine Longhurst at <http://re-worship.blogspot.com>.

The **green paraments** symbolize Ordinary Time, the longest season of the church liturgical year, which is a continuation of the Season of Epiphany that began the Sunday after Epiphany and ended with Ash Wednesday. Ordinary Time begins on the Sunday after Pentecost and ends with Reign of Christ Sunday, the Sunday before Advent begins. Since it explores the mission of the church, the traditional color for this season is green, symbolizing growth. Ordinary Time also focuses on the important issue of how we can continually grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. *Information from ucc.org.*

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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**Mid-American Baptist Women's Ministries Annual
Conference for Women and AB Girls**

The annual conference for women and girls held at Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa, begins Friday, June 24th with registration at 9:00 a.m. and concludes at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, June 25th.

Missionary speaker will be Katie Longkumer, AB Missionary in Northeast India; Bible Study Leader: Rev. Mary Robinson; Worship Co-Leaders: Rev. Carol Teare and Susan Price; Sessions for AB girls will be led by Becca Whitaker. Please check bulletin board for registration information.

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.

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.

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
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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

Planning Ahead

Tuesday, June 7th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT

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

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, and Communion Servers** for Sunday worship services. Sheets are posted on the bulletin board outside the main office. Thank you in advance for your service!

Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf

Next Sunday, June 5th we will collect donations for the Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf.

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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) Every Wednesday 6:00-7:30 p.m. Film, Fun & Faith. *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!

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 show love in our community with this great mission!



Special Mission for June

During the month of June our special mission will be America for Christ (ABC)/Strengthen the Church (UCC).

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!



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Call to Ministry and 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!

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!

Film, Fun, & Faith

Every Wednesday during June and July the United Church will host a family movie night (*Film, Fun, & Faith*) in the Fellowship Hall starting at 6:00 p.m. There will be free popcorn and root beer floats! Bring a lawn chair or comfy blanket to sit on. You may make a guess of the title of the movie each week and be entered to win a door prize!. All movies are PG or G rated. Bring your family, friends and neighbors! All are welcome!



Graduation Open House for Alec Bair

You are welcome to join Alec Bair in celebrating his graduation at his reception which will be held Saturday, June 11th from 12:00-3:00 p.m. at his home.



Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Scripture for the Week: For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. Romans 8:14

Sunday:

It is well for the heart to be strengthened by grace.
Hebrews 13:9

The time is now, O God, when we need to reach out more to you in our faith. We continue to fight battles and you remind us that we fight for you and that the victory is ours. Free us from the forces that keep us from clinging to you and help us to press onward with your promises. Amen.

Monday:

You were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. 1 Peter 2:25

Gracious God, we kneel before you to give thanks for the refreshment that only you can give. Pardon us for the mistakes that we have made and the results of those mistakes which sometimes cause pain and sorrow. We lean on you now as our Shepherd and Guardian. Amen.

Tuesday:

Paul wrote to Timothy: I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you. 2 Timothy 1:6

We bow before you this day to honor, worship, and praise you, living God. The Psalmist reminds us that you are our light, strength, and salvation, and no good thing will you withhold from those who walk uprightly. Hear our prayer today at this time, and renew a right spirit within us. Amen.

Wednesday:

Clothe yourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. Ephesians 4:24

We give thanks, dear Father, that you wake us to receive new mercies and blessings each day. We are so grateful that we can rise and know that you are always there to lead and guide us even when we become preoccupied. We love you, Father; in the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Thursday:

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Mark 13:31

We stand amazed at your goodness and greatness, gracious Savior, as we seek to walk closer in communion with you. Sin is so prevalent in our human societies. Give us a clear vision of who we are and remind us that we are your representation here on earth. Let us act justly and walk humbly before our God. Amen.

Friday:

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors. Ephesians 4:25

We ask you, Gracious Savior, to calm our thoughts and our spirits so that we may hear from you when you need to speak to us. The still small voice reminds us that you are never far away and we only need to quiet ourselves before your throne. Have mercy upon us we pray. Amen.

Saturday:

Therefore do not worry. Matthew 6:31

When we worry, Lord, it reminds us that we do not trust you fully. We allow fear to override your promises for us. Remind us that all things belong to you and that you always have the final say. We give you thanks. Amen.

Source: Moravian Daily Texts

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