

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.

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 31st, 2015

Trinity Sunday

First Sunday After Pentecost

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

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 abundant life.

One: Let us celebrate the Triune God,

All: who has called us here to worship together!

***Opening Hymn**

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

***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

Sue Prenzlou

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**

Litany of Blessing at Graduation

*Please turn to the marked bulletin insert 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**

“Your Servant Comes This Hour” #566

Scripture

Isaiah 6: 1-8 (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

“Holiness and Glory”

***Closing Hymn**

“Take My Life and Let It Be” #466

***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 31st, 2015

Pastor—Ashley Whitaker

Lay Leader—Pam Foster

Organist—Jola Walker

Greeter—Mabelle Larson

Head Usher—Carolyn Becker

Coffee Hour Host—Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf

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 by Moira Laidlaw at liturgiesonline.com.au.

The "Litany of Blessing for Graduation" is based on material by Rev. Christine Longhurst at re-worship.blogspot.ca and Neil Riley, Canon for Faith Formation, Diocese of Colorado, published in the Episcopal Life Weekly at episcopalchurch.org.

The **white paraments** on Trinity Sunday symbolize joy in the light of God. The color white is also customary on holidays that praise the glory and power of Jesus Christ. Trinity Sunday is the first Sunday after Pentecost and celebrates the Christian doctrine of the Trinity; the three persons of God, known as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit as well as the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. *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: 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
- All those affected by the ongoing extreme heat wave in India, which has killed at least 1,100 people
- All those affected by the recent flash flooding in Texas and Oklahoma, which killed at least 19 people and left at least 14 missing



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

Prayers:

- For baby Aubrielle, who is dealing with many medical issues, and her family (parents Dusty and Kelly Howley, big sister Lillia, grandparents Joe and Cathy Wittrock)
- To bring those without a church to find a church to call home

Thanksgiving:

- To have celebrated a surprise 60th birthday for our daughter, Julie

The prayers and sympathies of The United Church are extended to the family and friends of Karl Duncanson, longtime United Church member, who passed away on Monday, May 25th.

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 31st, 2015

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

Informational meeting

Tuesday, June 2nd, 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study in GT

Wednesday, June 3rd, 7:00 p.m. Capital Campaign

Informational meeting

Thursday, June 4th, 2:00 p.m. Bible Study

Planning Ahead

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

Monday, June 8th, 7:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship

Tuesday, June 9th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study in GT

Wednesday, June 10th, 7:00 p.m. Deacons

Wednesday, June 11th, 2:00 p.m. Bible Study

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.

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 , Sunday, May 31st after the morning worship service, and Wednesday June 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf

Next Sunday, June 7th, 2015 we will collect donations for the Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf. Please consider giving monetary gifts and/or non-perishable items to this meaningful mission on the **first Sunday** of each month.

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 **today**, 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: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. Psalm 98:4

Sunday:

You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. Acts 10:36 (NIV)

Father, you are everything. You are love, peace, and salvation. Shine upon us and give us peace everywhere we go, as we struggle to do anything without you. Have mercy upon us and help us find peace in you, our Savior. Amen.

Monday:

God says, “At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.” See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation!

2 Corinthians 6:2

Father, only you know the exact time for your second coming. Only you know when it is that you will give us salvation from the disasters of this world. Prepare us, so that whenever it is that you come, we will be ready to go with you. Amen.

Tuesday:

What we see now is like a dim image in a mirror; then we shall see face-to-face. What I know now is only partial; then it will be complete—as complete as God’s knowledge of me.

1 Corinthians 13:12 (GNT)*

God, we usually think that we have to see something to believe it. You call us to do the opposite with your kingdom; we have to believe in order to see. Allow us to become closer with your word so that we may believe and never doubt. Amen.

Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Wednesday:

The Lord says, “I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” Isaiah 49:6

Almighty God, let us be lamps in the middle of dark shadows. Help us to spread the light that you have given us to those around us who carry darkness on their shoulders. You are with us. Amen.

Thursday:

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1:78–79

Father, you spoke unto us, saying that you are the only way to heaven. We reach for your hand to guide us until you call us home. We trust in the perfect timing of your plan for us.

Amen.

Friday:

The Lord said, “Oh, that their hearts would be inclined to fear me and keep all my commands always, so that it might go well with them and their children forever!”

Deuteronomy 5:29 (NIV)

Dear Heavenly Father, you are so good. We do not have words enough to thank you for your word and your promises to us, your grateful servants. Grant us today your wisdom, mercy, grace, and love. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

Saturday:

Jesus Christ gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds. Titus 2:14

Merciful Lord, we seek to bring witness to the world. May we spread and proclaim your word with freedom and power. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

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