

Service Notes

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.

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.

Children's Worship Bags with creative supplies are available at the back of the Sanctuary for children during worship.

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 (located at the north end of the hallway on the Sanctuary level) so that families can both see and hear what's going on in worship. Feel free to use either space if it would be helpful for you and your family!

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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, November 9th, 2014

Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Based on Psalm 78:1-4

One: People of God, open your ears!

Many: Come and celebrate the story of our God,

One: a story of compassion and mercy,

Many: a story of redemption and love;

One: a story passed down from generation to generation,

Many: so that the people of God never forget

One: the wonderful things the Lord has done!

All: Let's praise God together!

***Opening Hymn**

“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life” #591
Verses 1, 3, 4, 5

***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

Marion Mallory

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory “We Have Come to Join in Worship” Adult Choir

***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**

“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service” #575

Scripture

Amos 5:18-24 (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

“Let Justice and Righteousness Roll”

***Closing Hymn**

“For the Healing of the Nations” #621

***Benediction**

*Please be mindful of others who continue to worship
through the Postlude.*

Postlude

****Please rise in body or spirit.****

Serving Us Today: Sunday, November 9th, 2014

Pastor—Ashley Whitaker
Lay Leader—Pam Foster
Organist—Jola Walker
Greeters—Wally and Joyce Johnson
Head Usher—Bob Shubert
Coffee Hour Host—Women's Fellowship

About 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 Fellowship (*Fellowship Hall*)
10:00 a.m. Choir Practice
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
10:10-10:40 a.m. Adult Sunday School, Classroom B, downstairs

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.

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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!

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: Norma Baack, Shirley Bowen, Hutch Cramer, Kathy Cox, David Keller, Stan Solie, Alberta Samuelson, Marge Walters
- Family members and loved ones who are ill
- Traveling mercies for our members, family, and friends
- All those who are grieving and mourning
- The 2015 American Baptist Churches, USA Biennial Mission Summit, to be held June 26-28 in Overland Park, KS, including the many people and groups involved in its planning and leadership.
- Benjamin Brockmann of Lake Crystal, age six, who is undergoing treatment for leukemia. The Brockmanns are family friends of the Allevens. You can find more about Benjamin at caringbridge.org/visit/benjaminbrockmann.
- Isaac Kolstad, who continues to recover from a serious head injury, has now advanced to an outpatient recovery center. The Kolstads are friends of Joe and Sheila Samuelson.
- Dawn Dietz, who learned that her lymphoma has recurred and who will begin chemotherapy treatment soon.

In Our Prayers Continued...

- Jonathan Ziert, of Mankato, the president of Greater Mankato Growth and the boss of Jack Madsen's grandson, who is undergoing treatment for an aggressive form of cancer

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

Thanksgiving:

- To God for grandchildren and their energy!
- For two angels that showed up to take care of my leaves

Prayers:

- For John Klenk's mother, who lives in El Paso, TX, and who is having health issues
- For Bill Brice, Pam Foster's father, who had a minor stroke and is hospitalized.
- Of sadness and joy in remembering Pam Foster's mother, Bernie Brice, who passed away on October 24, 2013

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Community Closet

The Community Closet is having a very busy fall. Lots of donations and lots of merchandise going out each week. We will continue our \$3 bag sale on clothing and shoes. By moving more clothing at such a great savings, we are able to have a more rapid turnover in clothing. We had a good run on Halloween items and costumes and now we are ready for the Holiday season. We have lots of decorations as well as Holiday clothing and gifts. We appreciate all the donations that we receive and are so grateful for all the groups that keep the Closet open on Saturdays.

Just a reminder that we can not take any electronics or furniture. If you are able, please take your donated items to the top of the stairs and place in front of the door to the left. Thanks for all your support.

Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer request for the Prayer Chain, 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.

There is also a prayer request submission form available on the United Church website under the "Ministries" tab.

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, November 9th, 2014

Sunday, November 9th, 10:00 a.m. Budget meeting

Monday, November 10th, 7:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship

Tuesday, November 11th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT

Tuesday, November 11th, 6:00 p.m. Veteran's Day Dinner,
Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 12th, 8:00—Noon MRHS Plan Test,
Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 12th, 7:00 p.m. Deacons

Saturday, November 15th, 9:00 a.m. Kilties

Planning Ahead

Sunday, November 16th, 1:00 p.m. UCM Youth Group Service/
Fun & Fellowship Events

Tuesday, November 18th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT

Wednesday, November 19th, 7:00 p.m. Trustees

Thursday, November 20th, 3:00 p.m. Bible Study

Saturday, November 22nd, 9:00 a.m. Kilties

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Announcing Congregational Meeting

There will be a Congregational Meeting **today, Sunday, November 9th, 2014**. This meeting will begin immediately following worship service and will be held in the Fellowship Hall of the United Church.

This meeting is to adopt the 2015 Budget Proposal and a slate of officers nominated for 2015. Other business can be considered at this time, please inform the Moderator if you wish to place an item on the agenda.

The ballot for Church Officers and Committees for the year 2015 has been placed on the church bulletin board.

Nominating Committee

It is that time of year when we need to fill positions on several boards. Please start praying about where you could be of assistance to your church! We need one person to serve as Nominating Committee and a Church Clerk. If you feel you can serve in any of these areas, please contact a member of the Nominating committee: Ella Conrad, Laura Fritz or Jola Walker. **An up-to-date ballot is posted on the church bulletin board.**

The Well Youth Center

Sunday, November 16th, Coffee Hour and the Mission Collection jar will go towards helping support our local youth at The Well Youth Center.

The United Church supports The Well Youth Center in this way each month.

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Holiday Boxes are back!

Maple River Loaves & Fishes will again be handing out Thanksgiving and Christmas complete meal boxes.

We will be packing the boxes on November 16th and December 14th at 1 pm at St. Teresa's and handing them out on November 18 from 3-6 pm and December 16th from 3-6 pm at St. Teresa's in Mapleton. We can always use volunteers to help!

The cost for the boxes is \$40/box and we anticipate handing out over 120 this year for each holiday. Please consider sponsoring a box (or several) this holiday season.

Thank you for your generous support for our food shelf. God Bless!

The Well Youth Center

The Well Youth Center open hours will continue as follows: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 3:00—5:00 p.m.



Ecumenical Choir

We invite you to participate in the Ecumenical Choir which will sing during the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service to be held at St. John Lutheran Church on Wednesday, November 26th at 7:00 p.m. The Ecumenical Choir will practice Wednesday, November 12th and Wednesday, November 19th, 7:15 p.m. in the St. John Church Sanctuary. We hope to see you there!

American Red Cross Bloodmobile

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be coming to St. Teresa's Catholic Church Monday November 10th from 1:00—7:00 p.m.

Appointments may be made by calling Peg at 420-1286 or sign-up online at www.redcrossblood.org, enter sponsor code: 017145. Thank you for your support!

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How to Contact Pastor Ashley—November Update

On November 3rd, I found out from my doctor that I have mononucleosis, a virus that has left me very fatigued. Mono can't be spread by regular contact, and its only treatment is rest. My doctor has limited my work hours through the end of November, so I will not be able to hold my regular office hours this month. I will continue to lead worship, preach, and attend to church matters as much as possible while also caring for my health during this time.

If you would like to meet with me, please call me at 381-8199 or email me at pastor@unitedchurchmapleon.org.

Thank you for your compassion and understanding.

Baby Shower

An Open House Baby Shower will be held for Pastor Ashley and Jeff Whitaker on **Saturday, December 6th from 10:00 a.m.—Noon** in the Fellowship Hall of the United Church.



The Whitakers are registered at Target and Babies R Us.

Youth Group

Sunday, November 16th, 1:00 p.m. youth are invited to help pack Loaves & Fishes Thanksgiving Boxes at St. Teresa Catholic Church. After packing Thanksgiving boxes, they will immediately leave together for their November Fun and Fellowship Event, which is bowling at Wow! Zone in Mankato.

Ambience

Tuesday, November 25th at 5:30 p.m. the United Church Ambience Team and volunteers will decorate the church for the Advent season. Ambience can always use extra hands to help out. Thanks!

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Veteran's Dinner and Program

The Veteran's Dinner will be held **Tuesday, November 11th, 6:00 p.m. at The United Church of Mapleton Fellowship Hall.**

Tickets are \$10.00 and may be purchased at the Plaid Piper or by calling Amy Gabler, 524-4828; or Arleen Hanson, 524-4602. **Deadline to purchase tickets is Friday, November 7th.**

International Ministries Speaker—Ruth Mooney

Sunday, November 23rd, Ruth Mooney will be with us in worship. Ruth's ministry is theological education. She lives in Costa Rica, where she serves on the faculty of the Latin American Biblical University (UBL), a seminary founded in 1924 that prepares pastors and leaders for churches throughout Latin America. Ruth teaches the Christian education courses as well as Written Communication and Ethics.

Ruth has extensive experience in writing Bible study materials and training Sunday school teachers. Most recently, she directed Ediciones Lumbraera, a ministry of the Federacion de Asociaciones Bautistas de Costa Rica. Previously she served in Cuba and El Salvador, where she trained curriculum teams to respond to the specific needs of the churches in those regions.

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!



Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Scripture for the Week: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. Leviticus 19:2

Sunday:

I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord”, and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Psalm 32:5

Holy Redeemer, we confess our sins to you and give thanks for the mercy of forgiveness. We are ever grateful. Thank you, Jesus. Amen.

Monday:

The Lord says, “When they call to me, I will answer them.” Psalm 91:15

The same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. Romans 10:12

Gentle Jesus, we call upon you in prayer asking for peace and health. May our congregations grow in spirit and number. Let us be the bearers of your message of love and compassion. Amen.

Tuesday:

Why do you contend against God, saying, “He will answer none of my words”? For God speaks in one way, and in two, though people do not perceive it. Job 33:13-14

Heavenly Lord, teach us how to pray. Give us wisdom to accept the answers that you provide. Open the eyes of our hearts that we may see all the blessings and solutions you have placed before us. Grant us your peace. Amen.

Wednesday:

Hold fast to the Lord your God, as you have done to this day. Joshua 23:8

Christ Jesus, may we live each day as if it is the day of your triumphant return. Let us hold fast to your holy word. Encourage us and renew us that we may serve you in hope and joy. Amen.

Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Thursday:

I therefore command you, “Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor.” Deuteronomy 15:11

Open wide your hearts also. 2 Corinthians 6:13

Blessed Lord, we are the body of Christ, the church, and we are called to serve with gladness and zeal. Show us ways in which to open wide our hands and our hearts to our neighbors. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Friday:

O Lord, you have plans formed of old, faithful and sure. Isaiah 25:1

Alpha and Omega, thank you for being unchanging in your love and mercy. Make us bold in sharing our faith. Allow us to be a blessing to our homes and communities. Amen.

Saturday:

Therefore keep the commandments of the Lord your God, by walking in his ways and by fearing him. Deuteronomy 8:6

God in Heaven, guide us in the path of your will. May we have enough love in our hearts for you Lord, that we keep your commandments. We ask forgiveness of our sins. Thank you, Lord, that we have been redeemed by your precious grace. Amen.

Source: Moravian Daily Texts

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