

**The United Church News and Announcements**  
**Sunday, October 16th, 2016**

**Mission Collection Jars for October:** Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf

**Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion & Community**

**Announcements** are available for pick up from the  
Ministry Table.

**Party of 8**

Please sign up! Sheets are posted on the Ministry Table.  
Please be aware of, and if, there are any food items you could bring  
for the evening you attend. Thank you!

**Call to Ministry and Ministry Table**

If you would like to share a **Call to Ministry** at the beginning  
of worship, please contact 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 United Church of Mapleton**  
**Order of Worship**

Sunday, October 16th, 2016

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Our Mission:

*The United Church of Mapleton is a Christian fellowship of  
mission, worship, and faith formation dedicated to the  
Maple River community.*

*The \* symbolizes an invitation to rise in body or spirit.*

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

*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 Ministry**

**\*Call to Worship**

*Based on Psalm 121*

One: Lord, we lift our eyes to the hills;

**Many: where will our help come from?**

One: Our help comes from you alone, O Lord,

**Many: the maker of heaven and earth.**

One: The Lord is our keeper,

**Many: the guardian at our right hand.**

One: The Lord keeps us from all evil,

**Many: the Lord keeps our very lives.**

One: The Lord will guard our coming and going

***All: now and forevermore!***

**\*Opening Hymn**

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” #56

**\*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.

### **Invitation to Worship Through Offerings**

*All adults are invited to share any spare change they may have with the children nearest them so that all may participate in worshiping through the offering.*

*Children are invited to place their offering in the offering basket or come to the front of the Sanctuary and place it in the jar. For the month of **October**, the Mission Jar offerings (for both front and back jars) will go to **Maple River Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf**.*

### **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**

### **Message for God's Children**

*Sunday School for children Pre-Kindergarten through Kindergarten is available in Classroom A, down the hall from the Sanctuary. Sunday School for 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grades is available downstairs in Classroom B.*

*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 Pre-Kindergarten age. Worship Bags, “The Sunday Paper” coloring pages, and Ministry Card making kits are available in the back of the Sanctuary.*

### **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 momentarily and shared with the congregation anonymously before our Preparation for Prayer.*

### **Preparation for Prayer (Moment of Silence)**

### **Prayers of the People**

### **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**

“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart” #132

*Versus 1, 3, 4, 5*

### **Scripture**

Luke 18:1-8 (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**

“Justice and Faith”

### **\*Closing Hymn**

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past” #84

*Verses 1, 3, 4, 6*

### **\*Benediction**

### **Postlude**

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

## The United Church of Mapleton

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### Today's Worship & Fellowship

Pastor—Ashley Whitaker  
Lay Leader—Carolyn Becker  
Hospitality Team Lead—  
Organist/Pianist—Ann DeWitz  
Coffee Fellowship Host—Youth Center

9:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
9:00 a.m. Nursery/Toddler Care (*in Nursery/Toddler Room*)  
9:30-10:00 a.m. PreK—Kin Sunday School (*Classroom A—upstairs*)  
9:30-10:00 a.m. 1st—5th grade Sunday School (*Classroom B—downstairs*)  
10:00-11:00 a.m. 6th —12th grade Sunday School (*Youth Room*)  
10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

Today's *Call to Worship* is by Rev. Ashley Whitaker and is posted online at [praxisandpraise.weebly.com](http://praxisandpraise.weebly.com).

### Church Calendar

Tuesday, October 18th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT  
Tuesday, October 18th, 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study  
Wednesday, October 19th, 6:00 p.m. GIFT  
**Wednesday, October 19th, 7:00 p.m. Council**  
Thursday, October 20th, 3:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study  
Thursday, October 20th, 7:00 p.m. **Pastoral Relations meeting**  
Friday, October 21st, 8:00 a.m. Newsletter items **are due!**  
Saturday, October 22nd, 9:00-11:00 a.m. Kilties Practice  
Tuesday, November 1st, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT  
Saturday, November 5th, Wedding of Kameron Duncanson & LeAnna Kram

### In Our Prayers

- The ministries of The United Church, including our local missions: The Maple River Youth Center, Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf, Meals on Wheels, Jackson Foster Care Home
- 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, Marian Mallory, Lloyd Mitchell, Stan Solie,
- Those recovering from recent health concerns or procedures: Eli Alvarado, Jack Madsen, Sean Mallory
- All those affected by the ongoing crisis in Syria and the hundreds of thousands of refugees fleeing the Middle East
- Phyllis Lindemann, who has been undergoing evaluation testing for a double lung transplant at the University of Minnesota. She has been cleared to join the transplant list, but faces potential problems with finding a match to avoid rejection.
- Larry Barott, who is dealing with a kidney stone
- All those affected by Hurricane Matthew, especially the nearly 500 killed in Haiti

### The prayer requests and praises from worship last week were: Prayers:

- For the Jackson family foster home as Jeannie is dealing with health issues
- For Tim and Phyllis Lindemann
- For Dorothy, who slipped and cracked ribs

### Thanksgiving:

- To God that our son, Keith, and family in Florida were spared any major problems from Hurricane Matthew
- And prayers for the birth of twins into the family. Due to early delivery, there are some health concerns, but the best care of medicine is in place.
- And for your prayers while I, Clint Lindemann, was in the hospital. Special thanks to Hugo for taking my place a couple of weeks ago.

## Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

**Scripture for the Week:** Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act. Psalm 37:5

### **Sunday:**

Jesus said, “Is a lamp brought to be put under a basket or under a bed? Is it not to be set on a lampstand?” Mark 4:21 (NKJV)

Your salvation, O Lord, stretches as far as the east is to the west, and the north is to the south. There is no corner, depth, or height where you will not go to seek us out. Mighty God, to you be all glory forever. Amen.

### **Monday:**

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6

Sustainer, today we cling to the everlasting hope found in you. Whatever may come our way, we will boldly profess that we serve a God who provides exceedingly and abundantly, above all that we could ever hope for or imagine. Amen.

### **Tuesday:**

The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands. Acts 17:24

Creator, not made or dependent upon human hands, how blessed are we that you considered us more than the dust that we are? Father of the universe, how marvelous are the works of your hand; we are awestruck by the limitlessness of your love. Hallelujah! Amen.

### **Wednesday:**

If anyone secretly entices you—even if it is your brother, your father’s son or your mother’s son, or your own son or daughter, or the wife you embrace, or your most intimate friend—saying, “Let us go worship other gods,” you must not yield to or heed any such persons. Deuteronomy 13:6,8

You, O Lord, are the only living God, the only sovereign Lord. Rule our hearts, minds, and souls. In us, through us, wherever we may go, command our souls forevermore. Amen.

## Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

### **Thursday:**

All deeds are right in the sight of the doer, but the Lord weighs the heart. Proverbs 21:2

“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. 1 Corinthians 6:12

Hearken our ears, Elohim, to hear you calling us and to know and live your will—not the will of the world and not of our flesh. Search and purify our hearts, dear Emmanuel. You are the only living God, and we serve only you. Amen.

### **Friday:**

Simeon prayed: “My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.” Luke 2:30–32

Peel the scales from our eyes, remove the blockages from our ears and hearts, O Lord, so that we may receive you. Let not this day pass without us drawing nigh unto you, our Savior, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen.

### **Saturday:**

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. Romans 15:4

Word of life, Word made flesh, today we declare that, indeed, you are a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. In you, living Word, is the blueprint for all aspects of life’s journey. Order our steps in your word today. Amen.

*Source: Moravian Daily Texts*

*Continue*

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### **Jackson Girls Foster Care Home**

The Jacksons now have eleven teenage girls in their home. An “items of need list” can be found in the entryway, underneath the Ministry Table. Please leave donated items in box provided. **Thank you so much for your generosity** in helping out this home. Most of all, please keep praying for these girls and their families. Thank you! Any Questions, please contact Sheila Samuelson.

### **Breakfast at St. Teresa Church**

St. Teresa Catholic Church will be hosting a fundraising breakfast on **Sunday, October 23rd from 10:00 a.m.-Noon**. The proceeds will go to the Mission Trip to Belize to help purchase supplies for building and repairing homes. Please attend and enjoy a great breakfast while helping those less fortunate than us.

### **First Presbyterian in Amboy**

First Presbyterian in Amboy will host a Harvest Ham Dinner on **Sunday, October 30th from 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.** The cost is \$9 per adult and under 5 is free. Take outs are available by calling 674-3895.

### **11th Annual Earth Conference**

Good Counsel Conference Center will be hosting the 11th Annual Earth Conference on **Saturday, November 12th, 8:30 a.m.-3:15 p.m.** This years theme is “*The Story of Seed*”. Registration forms are posted on the bulletin board.

### **2016-17 Energy Assistance Program**

This program provides a grant for income-eligible households which can help defray some of their monthly energy bill costs. Please see information posted on bulletin board in mail room.