

## 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!

## 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, October 19th, 2014

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

### \*Call to Worship

*Based on Psalm 96*

One: We come to sing to God a new song!

### Many: Praise God's name!

One: From generation to generation, from day to day you are the Holy Presence in our lives.

### Many: Source of life be with us today and always.

One: Flawed beliefs of nations lead them to falter and the false idols we praise will fall.

### Many: But you alone God transcend all.

One: Praise God's name!

*All: Let us all worship God!*

**\*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!

**\*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**

Mary Beth Fritz

**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**

“Abide with Me” #521

**Scripture**

Isaiah 45:1-7; Matthew 22:15-22 (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**

“Money”

**\*Closing Hymn**

“I Surrender All” #474

**\*Benediction**

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

**Postlude**

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

## **Serving Us Today: Sunday, October 19th, 2014**

Pastor—Ava Adams-Morris

Lay Leader—Hugo John

Organist—Jola Walker

Greeters—Hugo and Pat John

Head Usher—Dave Byram

Coffee Hour Host—The Well Youth Center

### **About Today's Worship & Fellowship**

9:00 a.m. Morning Worship with The Well Youth Center

Collections (*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 Pamela Greenberg,  
*The Complete Psalms.*

## 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, Hutch Cramer, David Keller, Stan Solie, Alberta Samuelson
- 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 6, a family friend of the Allevens, who is undergoing treatment for leukemia
- Isaac Kolstad, who continues to recover from a serious head injury in a rehab facility in the Twin Cities. The Kolstads are friends of Joe and Sheila Samuelson.
- Dawn Dietz, who learned that her lymphoma has recurred. Dawn's chemotherapy treatment will likely begin in late October.
- Norma Baack, who is recovering from a broken hip at the Masonic Home of Bloomington, MN.

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## In Our Prayers Continued...

- Mary Karel, the sister-in-law of Sharon Shuck, who is recovering at home after a heart health scare
- Tucker Shuck, Sharon's grandson, who recently completed Marine Corps basic training and who now continues his military education in Pendleton, California
- 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 family and friends of Tom Considine, the brother of Jack Madsen's son-in-law, who was killed in a car accident on Thursday, October 2nd.
- Jonathan Cruz, son of Rev. Eddie Cruz, Associate Executive Director of the American Baptist Home Mission Society. Jonathan lives with the effects of a traumatic brain injury as a result of a car accident; he will be undergoing surgery on his hand to help relax those muscles this week.
- Shirley Bowen, who had a car accident late last week and was hospitalized through Sunday. She is now recovering at home.

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

#### **Prayers:**

- For a safe harvest season for our farmers, their families, and everyone involved in the harvest

#### **Thanksgiving:**

- For Doug and Laura Fritz's anniversary
- To God for a fun and successful football season so far for Maple River without any serious injuries

## **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, October 19th, 2014**

Tuesday, October 21st, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT

Wednesday, October 22nd, 1:00 p.m. Quilters

**Wednesday, October 22nd, 7:00 p.m. Trustees**

Thursday, October 23rd, 3:00 p.m. Bible Study in Overflow Room

Sunday, October 26th, 6:00 p.m. Youth Fun & Fellowship

### **Planning Ahead**

Tuesday, October 28th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT

Wednesday, October 29th, 1:00 p.m. Quilters

Thursday, October 30th, 3:00 p.m. Bible Study in Overflow Room

### **Newsletter**

Please submit your reports and articles for the November newsletter into the church office **by Thursday, October 23rd**. Thank you!

### **Children's Christmas Program**

Before we know it, Christmas will be upon us! How exciting to anticipate good things to come!

The United Church offers an invitation to you to participate and help out with the Children's Christmas program this year. If you are interested, please contact the church office at 524-3141.

## **The United Church News and Announcements** **Sunday, October 19th, 2014**

### **New and Renewed Member Sunday**

On **Sunday, October 26th, 2014**, The United Church of Mapleton will hold a “New and Renewed Member Sunday” in order to welcome new members and members who have renewed their membership in worship.

**If you are a new member or a member who has recently renewed their participation in United Church life, please plan to attend!**

Thank you for being a part of the life of The United Church. We hope you can join us for this joyful day of worship!

### **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 people to serve as Deacons, Trustees, Board of Christian Education, Pastoral Relations Committee, 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.

### **Thank You!**

The United Church Women’s Fellowship would like to thank the members of our congregation who contributed to our very successful Craft, Quilt, and Bake Sale on October 11, 2014. Through your contributions of baked goods, crafts, quilts and time, we made a profit of about \$800.00.

Please consider joining our Women’s Fellowship meetings which are held on the 2nd Monday each month at 7:00 p.m. We have devotions, a business meeting, planning for events to be held in our church, fellowship and a yummy lunch. We need you to help us with some new ideas for our meetings!

## **The United Church News and Announcements** **Sunday, October 19th, 2014**

### **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](mailto: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!

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**St. Joseph Church in Waldorf**

St. Joseph Church CCW will be hosting a vendor fair at the Waldorf Community Center **Saturday, November 15th from 8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.** We are looking for local vendors/crafters. Anyone interested in participating, please contact Laura Jewison (507) 461-1662 or Becky Stenzel at [cbzlc@outlook.com](mailto:cbzlc@outlook.com).

**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.

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**The Well Youth Center**

**Today, Sunday, October 19th**, 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.

**October Special Mission Offering**

The fall special mission offering is collected during the month of October to support World Mission Offering (ABC) and Neighbors in Need (UCC). All money collected through this offering is equally divided between the ABC and the UCC. Please use the specially marked white "Special Mission Offering" envelopes in the pew racks for this purpose.

The World Mission Offering supports the work of the ABC International Ministries and the work of our missionaries around the world. Neighbors in Need supports ministries of justice and compassion across the United States, including the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministry as well as UCC Justice and Witness Ministries.

Thank you for giving generously to support these ministries and make a difference in our world!

**Pack the Pews**

The weekend of **October 26th, 2014** join forces with congregations across the state and pack your pews with bags of food to keep your local food shelves stocked through the fall months. This October, help support Minnesotan families-in-need by bringing your package of food to the United Church **next Sunday, October 26th!**

**The United Church News and Announcements**  
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**Loaves & Fishes Love Item for October:**

**Peanut Butter**

Beginning in October, The United Church will feature a “love item” of special focus for members to donate to Loaves & Fishes. This will help stock the shelves at Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf and hopefully help increase our giving to this worthy and much needed mission in our own town. There will be one Love Item per month that you’re encouraged to look for as you’re out shopping throughout the month, especially if you see a coupon or a sale! These items will usually be part of the Loaves & Fishes standard 25lb box that all visitors receive to ensure that they’ll always be used and needed.

Of course, this doesn’t mean you can’t bring other food items or cash donations. This is just a new way to think about supporting Loaves & Fishes!

**Our Love Item for October is peanut butter!** Did you know that one serving of peanut butter has 3mg of antioxidant vitamin E, 49mg of bone building magnesium, and 208mg of muscle friendly potassium? It has lots of healthy monounsaturated fat and is a great source of protein at 8g per serving. (*Source: prevention.com*). Please bring jars of peanut butter to help fill the Loaves & Fishes cart throughout the month of October. Also, keep an eye out for our November Love Item, which will be featured in the bulletin beginning the last Sunday of October!

**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!



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**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.



**Treats For Troops**

Packing of boxes for Treats for Troops will be held Saturday, November 8th, 9:00 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church in Mapleton. You may pick up a Treats for Troops shopping list by the designated box in the Narthex. **Please have items to the church Narthex Wednesday, November 5th by noon.**

One sailor on the USS Howard said, “To my heroes back home! Thank you very much, your support means a lot! Thank you for taking the time to prepare all of the care packages. It put a smile on all 26 of us. It made us proud to serve and will continue to do so with dignity and pride.”

**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.

## **Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion**

**Scripture for the Week:** The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. Psalm 118:22-23

### **Sunday:**

Whenever our hearts condemn us; God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. 1 John 3:20

Gracious Comforter, remind us that you know us better than we know ourselves. So when we are filling the voids in our lives or are in need of a change, help us look to you for what we need. Amen.

### **Monday:**

I have swept away your transgressions like a cloud, and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you. Isaiah 44:22

Lord, thank you for your gracious forgiveness. You purify our hearts with your love. Your son took our very own place on the cross. May we live for you through grateful hearts and service. Amen.

### **Tuesday:**

One of the lepers, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. Luke 17:15-16

Messiah, in our busy lives so many times we overlook the blessings you provide. May we have the heart of the healed leper and remember to thank you for your grace and mercy. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

### **Wednesday:**

Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established. Proverbs 16:3

You ought to say, "If the Lord wishes, we will live and do this or that." James 4:15

Spiritual Lord, may we each celebrate and serve you with love and joy. Grant us wisdom to be Christ-like every moment of the day with which you have blessed us. Hear our prayer. Amen.

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## **Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion**

### **Thursday:**

The fear of others lays a snare, but one who trusts in the Lord is secure. Proverbs 29:25

Rock of ages, guide us to build our lives and relationships on the foundation of your holy word. May the light of Christ shine in us as we acknowledge our relationship with you. Hallelujah! Amen.

### **Friday:**

Eliphaz said, "As for me, I would seek God, and to God I would commit my cause. He does great things and unsearchable, marvelous things without number." Job 5:8-9

Wonderful Savior, open our hearts and our eyes to see the marvelous things you are doing in our churches. Make us willing participants in the work of your kingdom. Amen.

### **Saturday:**

The angel of the Lord touched Elijah, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." 1 Kings 19:7

Bread of heaven, many times we see the effects of spiritual famine in this world. May we spend time "watering" our spirit through your word, prayer, and joyful service. Thank you for the opportunities to share the good news of salvation. Amen.

*Source: Moravian Daily Texts*