

The United Church News and Announcements
Sunday, October 23rd, 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.

It's Time to Fall Back! Daylight Saving Time Ends:
Sunday, November 6th at 2:00 a.m.



The United Church of Mapleton
Order of Worship

Sunday, October 23rd, 2016
Twenty-Third 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 65

One: Let us praise the Lord,

Many: the one who answers prayer!

One: When we sin and fall short,

Many: you forgive our transgressions, O Lord.

One: All shall be satisfied by the goodness of God,

Many: for the Lord is the hope of all peoples.

One: You established the mountains and seas,

Many: and you are the sustenance of all the earth.

One: The beauty of the earth is a glory to you,

All: and all creation sings together for joy!

***Opening Hymn**

"I Sing the Almighty Power of God" #31

***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 1st – 5th 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**

“I Then Shall Live” #372

Scripture

Luke 18:9-14 (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

“True Humility”

***Closing Hymn**

“Amazing Grace!” #422

***Benediction**

Postlude

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

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Today's Worship & Fellowship

Pastor—Ashley Whitaker

Lay Leader—Jack Madsen

Hospitality Team Lead—

Organist/Pianist—Pam Braunshausen

Coffee Fellowship Host—Christian Education

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.

Church Calendar

Sunday, October 23rd, 4:00 p.m. Party of 8 Gathering

Tuesday, October 25th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT

Tuesday, October 25th, 7:00 p.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, October 26th, 7:00 p.m. **PRC/Personnel meeting**

Thursday, October 27th, 3:00 p.m. Bible Study

Saturday, October 29th, 9:00-11:00 a.m. Kilties dance practice

Tuesday, November 1st, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT

Wednesday, November 2nd, 6:00 p.m. GIFT

Wednesday, November 2nd, 7:00 p.m. **Called to Care**

Saturday, November 5th, Wedding of Kameron Duncanson & LeAnna Kram

Tuesday, November 8th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT

Sunday, November 13th, 5:00-7:00 p.m. Wild Game Feed

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, Larry Barott, Jack Madsen
- 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.

The prayer requests and praises from worship last week were:

Prayers:

- For the farmers and their families
- For single parents striving to create safe, loving environments for their children
- For Chelsea Wingen, who is undergoing cancer treatment
- For safe travels to GA/FL this week for a girls' vacation
- For the family of Jacob Strobel
- For calm in a world that is becoming more and more chaotic
- For a mother and daughter undergoing severe addiction problems

Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Scripture for the Week: If we have died with him, we will also live with him. 2 Timothy 2:11

Sunday:

Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Colossians 3:13

Seventy times seven you said, Lord; yet, you forgive us our sins beyond this measure daily. The praise and thanksgiving we offer you cannot cover your depth of forgiveness. Thus, O Lord, let us go and do for others as you have done for us. Amen.

Monday:

Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Ephesians 5:8–9

Good and Righteous God, lead us to walk, talk, and be within your righteous goodness. Let your light so shine in and through us as a testimony to who you are; the true and living God! Amen.

Tuesday:

Indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. 1 Peter 2:3

Alleluia, alleluia, the highest of praise be to you, Christ Jesus, King of kings and Lord of lords! Because of your blood shed and body broken for our sake, we have a foretaste of the goodness of your kingdom. Amen.

Wednesday:

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me.” Mark 1:16–17

Christ, the Good Shepherd, tune our ears to discern your voice amongst so many wolves masquerading as you. Help us to hear your voice beckoning us to follow you, and grant us courage in faith to drop our nets and go wherever you lead. Amen.

Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Thursday:

Even though there may be so-called gods—for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. 1 Corinthians 8:5–6

We declare and decree that you, O Lord Jesus Christ, are the great I Am. You are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. You are the Creator, the source and sustenance of life and the only God we praise! Amen.

Friday:

The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?” John 4:11

Like the woman at the well, we seldom realize that our souls are utterly dry, deprived of your living water, so wallowed in the sins that squeeze your breath from our mortal beings, cisterns become normal. Purge us, Lord, and fill us with your living water! Amen.

Saturday:

Peter wrote: We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. 2 Peter 1:16

We realize that the time of your return draws near, O Lord. While there is still time, however, we pray that your Holy Spirit will prepare our hearts. We pray also that, as you lead, we will continue to bring your good news to all people. Amen.

Source: Moravian Daily Texts

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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.