

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, October 26th, 2014

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

Reformation Sunday

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Based on Psalm 46

One: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Many: God's love surrounds us every day; our God is merciful and gracious.

One: Turn your backs on idols and distractions, and worship the Lord alone.

Many: Blessed are all who stand in awe before God; happy are all who walk in God's ways.

One: The love of God has chosen us, the love of God unites us with all God's people.

Many: God is our judge and the source of life; God is our comfort and refuge.

One: Come and see the glorious things that God can do!

All: We will forever worship the Lord!

***Opening Hymn**

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” #507

***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

Offertory

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

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**

Welcoming of New and Renewed Members

Please turn to the bulletin insert titled “Welcoming of Members” and join in the responsive readings.

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**

“Amazing Grace!” #422

Scripture

Jeremiah 31:31-34 (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

“A New Covenant”

***Closing Hymn**

“How Firm a Foundation” #411

***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 26th, 2014

Pastor—Ashley Whitaker
Lay Leader—Sue Prenzlou
Organist—Jola Walker
Greeters—Clint Lindemann
Head Usher—Dave Byram
Coffee Hour Host—Board of Christian Education

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 Homer G. Samplonius from *A Better Righteousness: Four Services* and posted online at reformedworship.org.

The **floral arrangement** on the altar is in memory of grandson Casey.

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Harvest Ham Dinner

The Amboy Presbyterian Church will host a Harvest Ham Dinner today, **Sunday, October 26th** from 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Tickets are \$8; preschool are free. Take outs are available by calling (507) 674-3895.

Turkey Dinner

Grace United Methodist church of Vernon Center will host a Turkey Dinner **Tuesday, November 4th** from 4:00—8:00 p.m. Menu will include turkey, mashed potatoes, dressing, pies and beverages. Cost: Adult—\$9.50; ages 5 through 10 years—\$5.00; under 5 years—free. Take outs are available by calling (507) 549-3162.

2 Buck Wednesday

Come in and dine on **November 5th, 11:30 a.m., at our Mapleton Senior Dining**, located at the Town and Leisure Center for \$2 meal of Chicken Ala King catered by Ecumen of Mapleton and sponsored by Pioneer Bank of Mapleton. All Seniors 60+ are welcome!

Please contact your local Senior Dining site manager Darlene Fezler before October 28th at 524-4868, to let them know you will be in attendance.

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, 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 has now advanced to an out-patient. 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.

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
- Kathy Cox, who had shoulder surgery on Wednesday

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

- For Seabeana and Brymm, twins born to Jeremy Jacob and Sara Johnson on October 12th at 9:00 a.m. at only 24 weeks. Seabeana is breathing on her own, but Brymm isn't doing as well.
- For Lee Severtson, son-in-law of Joe and Sheila Samuelson, who had a heart attack a week ago
- Hugo John, who was hospitalized Saturday evening with heart issues, and who is now recovering at home
- Marge Walters, who recently fell and is recovering at the Mapleton Community Home

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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!

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

Planning Ahead

Tuesday, November 4th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT
Wednesday, November 5th, 1:00 p.m. Quilters
Wednesday, November 5th, 7:00 p.m. Board of Christian Ed.
Thursday, November 6th, 3:00 p.m. Bible Study

Daylight Saving Time Ends!

Please remember to turn back your clocks one hour the weekend of November 2nd, 2014.



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New and Renewed Member Sunday

Today, **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.

Thank you for being a part of the life of The United Church.

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for cake and coffee following our worship service today!

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 Nominating Committee, Mission 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.

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!

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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.

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.

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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.**

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."

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!

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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

Today, **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.

Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf

Next, **Sunday, November 2nd, 2014** we will collect donations for the Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf. Please consider giving monetary gifts and/or non-perishable items to this meaningful mission.

The United Church supports Loaves & Fishes in this way on the first Sunday of each month.

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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.



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.

Church on the Move

All of our church members are invited to attend the Minnesota Conference UCC’s **Church on the Move** at Associated Church, 800 Havana Rd, Owatonna, MN on November 8th, from 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. with registration starting at 9:30 a.m.

Listen to a compelling keynote on just what makes a church a thriving church from Rev. Rick Wagner! Thriving churches make a difference in people’s lives. How is your church making that difference?

Registration fee is \$10/person which includes lunch. Bring a team of 5 and your fifth person comes at no cost.

Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Scripture for the Week: O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things. Isaiah 25:1

Sunday:

Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. 1 Corinthians 16:13

Great conqueror of sin and death, thank you for the strength and courage that your Spirit provides. Keep us firm in our faith and grounded in truth. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the destruction of sin. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

Monday:

The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad! Psalm 97:1

Heavenly Lord, let us rejoice in the beauty that you have created for us. Open our hearts to see the greatness of each day. You are truly the King of our lives. Amen.

Tuesday:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. Exodus 20:2

Lord of hope, may we be like Moses, willing to leave the comforts of home and follow you to the places that you call us to serve. Lead us into your promised land of salvation. In Christ's name. Amen.

Wednesday:

When David's time to die drew near, he charged his son Solomon, saying: "I am about to go the way of all the earth. Be strong and keep the charge of the Lord your God." 1 Kings 2:1-3

Lord, we are never too young or too old to serve you. Keep us faithful to the task that you call us to do and may we serve you with joy each day of our life. In Christ's service. Amen.

Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Thursday:

O Lord, you will hear the desire of the meek; you will strengthen their heart. Psalm 10:17

Eternal God, may we pray with boldness and thanksgiving. Strengthen our faith that we may reflect the light of Christ in our words and deeds. Amen.

Friday:

I proclaimed a fast, so that we might humble ourselves before our God and ask him for a safe journey. Ezra 8:21

Great Shepherd, we spend many hours each week journeying to work, school, and many other activities and errands. We ask for safe journeys in our travels. Most importantly, guide us on our spiritual journey and open our hearts that we may be filled with the joy of Jesus! Amen.

Saturday:

Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? Isaiah 43:18-19

Lord of lords, help us to put the past behind us and to rejoice in the new beginning of forgiveness. Give us courage to share the good news of salvation. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

Source: Moravian Daily Texts

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