

**The United Church News and Announcements**  
**Sunday, October 30th, 2016**

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

**Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf Collections:** Sunday, November 6th

**PrayGround**

The PrayGround is beginning this Sunday. Children ages 3—8 may sit up front for the beginning of the service until the Children's Message. There will be an adult with the children. After the Message, children may go to their Sunday school class or join their family for the remainder of the worship service.

**Party of 8 Fellowship Event**

Please sign up! Sheets are posted on the Ministry Table. **The next gathering will be Friday, November 18th!** 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.

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**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 30th, 2016  
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
Reformation Sunday

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 46*

One: God is our refuge and strength,

**Many: a very present help in trouble.**

One: We will not fear:

**Many: though the seas roar and the mountains shake,**

One: though the earth should change, we will not fear!

**Many: For God is in the midst of the city, and it shall not be moved;**

One: the Lord of Hosts is with us!

**Many: Be still and know that the Lord is God,**

One: and the Lord of Hosts is with us!

**All: God is our refuge forever!**

**\*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!

**\*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.*

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*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.*

**Welcoming New Members**

*Please turn to the bulletin insert titled “Welcoming New 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 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**

“How Great Thou Art” #51

**Scripture**

Romans 3:19-28 (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**

“Justified by Faith”

**\*Closing Hymn**

“How Firm a Foundation” #411

**\*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—Marian Mallory

Hospitality Team Lead—Stan Whitney

Organist/Pianist—Joanne Cramer

Coffee Fellowship Host—Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf

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

Wednesday, November 2nd, 6:00 p.m. G.I.F.T. (final session)

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

Saturday, November 12th, 9:00-11:00 a.m. Kilties dance practice

Sunday, November 13th, 10:00 a.m. **Congregational Annual Budget Proposal and Election meeting**

Monday, November 14th, 7:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship

Tuesday, November 15th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT

Wednesday, November 16th, 7:00 p.m. **Church Council**

Friday, November 18th, 6:00 p.m. Party of 8 Fellowship Event

### 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 B., Kathy C., Janie F., Jeannie J., Phyllis L., Marian M., Lloyd M., Stan S.,
- Those recovering from recent health concerns or procedures: Eli A., Larry B., Jack M., Sean M.
- All those affected by the ongoing crisis in Syria and the hundreds of thousands of refugees fleeing the Middle East

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

- For my co-worker's son, Matt, recovering from a dirt bike accident
- For my sister's husband and children, as they face a life without her
- For the families of suicide victims
- For my sister, Linda D., as her cancer has returned

## Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

**Scripture for the Week:** Proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. 2 Timothy 4:2

### **Sunday:**

This is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. John 17:3

Wise Jehovah, time and time again you remind us that even your foolishness is wiser than our wisdom. Though in our humanity we cannot fully comprehend all that you are and all that you do, when we gaze upon creation we know that you alone are God Almighty. Amen.

### **Monday:**

Your kingdom come. Matthew 6:10

Father, let your holy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. May your will for our lives manifest so that in all that we do and say we bring glory to your name. Amen.

### **Tuesday:**

We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord. 2 Corinthians 4:5

Let your light in us shine before all people, so that they may see our good works and glorify you, the living God. You are worthy of all praise. Out of love, you gave your life for us. We will proclaim you to the world. Amen.

### **Wednesday:**

For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life. Ephesians 2:10

Christ you are the Vine and we are the branches; apart from you we cannot bear good fruit. Source of goodness, help us to stay connected to you, bearing fruit that testifies to righteousness. Amen.

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### **Thursday:**

Be serious and discipline yourselves for the sake of your prayers. Above all, maintain constant love for one another.

1 Peter 4:7–8

Let us take off our shoes in the presence of your holiness. Let us sit in silence and listen to your voice. Let us bask in your glory as we are being refilled to be your loving hands and feet until you return. Amen!

### **Friday:**

The Lord says, “I will look with favor upon you and make you fruitful and multiply you; and I will maintain my covenant with you.” Leviticus 26:9

We are the clay and you are the Potter. We are the beauty of the works of your hand, fearfully and wonderfully made in your image. Continue to refine us to courageously share your good news with all the world. Amen.

### **Saturday:**

Many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 8:11 (NIV)

Wonderful Counselor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of peace, O what a foretaste you have given us of your heavenly feast. ‘Til we shall recline at your great banquet table, continue to nourish our souls with your living bread and wine. 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.

### **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.

### **Caregiver Support Group**

This monthly support group is moving from Amboy to Mapleton. The group is for anyone who provides care to a family member or friend with a progressive illness. It is informal and meets on the first Tuesday of each month. Join us for our next session on **November 1st, 3:00-4:30 p.m., at St. Teresa Catholic Church in Mapleton.** Please use the north entrance near the parking lot. Topic: Managing caregiver stress over the holidays. There is no charge to attend; pre-registration is not required. Questions? Call Joyce Kolbet at VINE Faith in Action (386-5583).

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### **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.