

**The United Church News and Announcements**  
**Sunday, October 9th, 2016**

**Garden of Eatin' Update:** 773 lbs. of produce to date.

**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.

**Children and Youth Mission Jar**

During Offertory time, the children and youth are welcome to come forward to place their donation into a mission donation jar. Each month the collections will be given to a chosen mission of the month.

**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.

**Living Well with Chronic Conditions**

Catholic Charities, in partnership with Heritage Place of Mapleton, will offer a 6-week workshop on "*Living Well with Chronic Conditions.*" Allow yourself to achieve new goals and communicate to others about your health. Reach your greatest potential with support of trained staff and other individuals with similar concerns. This workshop **starts Monday, October 10th**. Call (507)387-5586, ext. 3.

**The United Church of Mapleton**

**Order of Worship**

Sunday, October 9th, 2016

Twenty-First 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 66:1-12*

One: Make a joyful noise, all Creation!

**Many: Sing the praises of God's name forever!**

One: How amazing are your works, O Lord.

**Many: All the earth worships you, and all Creation praises you!**

One: Come and see what the Lord has done, O people of God.

**Many: Remember the great works of the Lord, and rejoice.**

One: Bless the Lord, O people!

**All: Let us bless the Lord together!**

**\*Opening Hymn**

"All Creatures of Our God and King" #23

**\*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**

“Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ” #475

### **Scripture**

Luke 17:11-19 (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**

“Turning to Thanksgiving”

### **\*Closing Hymn**

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending” #572

### **\*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—Karen Stanton

Hospitality Team Lead—

Organist/Pianist—Jola Walker

Coffee Fellowship Host—Women's Fellowship

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).

The altar **flower arrangement** is in loving memory of Patrick Shubert.

### Church Calendar

Monday, October 10th, 7:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship

Tuesday, October 11th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT

Tuesday, October 11th, 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

Thursday, October 13th, 3:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

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

Friday, October 21st, 8:00 a.m. Newsletter items **are due!**

Saturday, October 22nd, 9:00-11:00 a.m. Kilties Practice

### 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.

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

#### Prayers:

- Of happiness for family here from Alaska to stay—Jimmy Karels and family, nephew of Sharon Shuck
- For secure jobs and financial stability for those in need
- For a nephew, Bill, recovering from a motorcycle accident
- For the community of Lake Crystal, where a 37 year old teacher died suddenly last week
- For Carter Bair, who recently turned 16 years old
- For my brother and his wife as they proceed with trying to becoming foster care providers for their four grandchildren. And for the children as they deal with all the difficulties they have gone through.
- For a family member going through a very tough time in her life

## Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

**Scripture for the Week:** There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment. 1 Timothy 6:6

### **Sunday:**

Our Savior Jesus Christ gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds. Titus 2:13–14

Forgiving Savior, what solace we find in knowing that our scarlet sins are washed white as snow; in knowing that you not only forgive but that you also forget. The weight of our sin is great; yet, you have taken it from us with your own life so that we might live. We praise you and thank you for this greatest of all gifts! Amen.

### **Monday:**

Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.  
Romans 12:11

Glorious Lord, thank you for opportunities to serve. Renew our strength that we might work energetically and with gladness. May our faithfulness be a testimony to your goodness and grace. Amen.

### **Tuesday:**

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness.  
2 Corinthians 3:12

Father, your word is consistent in proclaiming your abiding presence and faithfulness. We believe this but sometimes we are hesitant, tentative in our actions. On this day, may we feel your hand gently pushing us, moving us to greater confidence in letting our light shine as we serve you and our world. Amen.

### **Wednesday:**

God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in Christ, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Colossians 1:19–20 (NIV)

Sovereign God, you have shown us your face through the life of your Son. Through his sacrifice, you have reconciled us from sin and back into your favor. Thank you, Gracious Father, for your marvelous plan of hope and salvation. Amen.

## Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

### **Thursday:**

The Lord says, “Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good.” Isaiah 55:2

Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you.  
John 6:27

Bread of life and living Water, we feed on your word and the life it reveals. Fill us, complete us, save us! Amen.

### **Friday:**

Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Romans 8:34

O Christ our Intercessor, have mercy on us! You see beyond our selfish and childish ways. With all of our faults and imperfections, you still love us. May we be as forgiving and merciful to others as you are to us. Amen.

### **Saturday:**

Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life.  
John 6:68

Christ, living Word made flesh, we profess that in your word we find truth, and your truth we will not forget. O Word of life eternal, only in you can we truly live. Come O Christ, come O Life, and fill our souls again! Amen.

*Source: Moravian Daily Texts*

**The United Church News and Announcements**  
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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.

**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.