

**The United Church News and Announcements**  
**Sunday, September 4th, 2016**

**Garden of Eatin' Update:** 390.5 lbs. of produce to date

**Help!**

The church is looking for help with painting the walls and doors of the Fellowship Hall. We are also looking for someone to place adhesive tile onto the Nursery rest room floor. Please contact the church office at 524-3141, or contact Dave Byram if you are willing to help. Thank you!

**Thank You!**

Thank you to everyone that helped sew bags, donate items, and pack Kits this year!

Please remember the Kit Program will be doing a fundraiser at Dietz Brat Wagon **Friday, September 16th and Saturday, September 17th.**

**Congregational Meeting**

A congregational meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, September 18th**, immediately following worship service to discuss the new structure trial.

**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.

**Girls Foster Care Home—School Supplies and Backpacks!**

Jeannie Jackson contacted me about the need for backpacks and school supplies for the foster care girls. They have just recently received three (3) more girls into the foster care home, which brings them up to eleven (11) girls. 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!

**The United Church of Mapleton**  
**Order of Worship**

Sunday, September 4th, 2016  
Sixteenth 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 139:1-6, 13-18*

One: Lord, you have searched us and known us.

**Many: You know all our thoughts and ways.**

Even before we speak, O Lord,

**you know the words we would say.**

When we look ahead or behind,

**you are there.**

When we look to the left or right,

**you are there.**

Your presence is more than we can understand,

**and so we praise you!**

For all your wonderful works,

**for forming us from the very beginning,**

for your eternal presence with us:

**All: Lord, we praise you!**

**\*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.

### **Message for God’s Children**

*After the Message for God’s Children, all children may return to their pews, use the Family Space in the Overflow Room in the back of the Sanctuary, or use the Nursery if they are younger than Kindergarten age. Worship Bags, “The Sunday Paper” coloring pages, and Ministry Card making kits are available in the back of the Sanctuary.*

### **Invitation to Worship Through Offerings**

#### **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 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**

“Your Servant Comes This Hour” #566

### **Scripture**

Philemon 1:1-21 (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**

“Bold Enough in Christ”

### **Communion Service**

*At The United Church of Mapleton, the Communion Table is open to all without restriction. This is not our table, but it is God’s, and it is open to all of God’s children.*

*Today, we will participate in Communion by intinction.*

*Intinction is the practice of coming forward to the front of the Sanctuary, taking a piece of bread from the loaf, dipping it into the cup of juice, and receiving the elements at that time. The piece of bread you will receive is intentionally large to allow for sanitary dipping into the common cup.*

*If you request that the elements to be brought to you in your pew, simply let a Hospitality Team member (usher/greeter) know during the Communion Service and the servers will come to you. All of our Communion elements are gluten free. A pastoral blessing is available if you or your child(ren) choose to not receive Communion today.*

### **\*Closing Hymn**

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service” #581

### **\*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—Darlene Fezler  
Hospitality Team Lead—Dave Byram  
Organist/Pianist—Kathy Byram  
Coffee Hour Host—Council

9:00 a.m. Worship (*Sanctuary*)

9:00 a.m. Nursery/Toddler Care (*The Nursery/Toddler Room is at the north end of upstairs hallway*)

10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship (*Fellowship Hall*)

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, September 6th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT

Sunday, September 11th, 9:00 a.m. **Worship Service with Communion and Fall Fling Celebration at Daly Park**

Monday, September 12th, 7:00 p.m. **Women's Fellowship**

Tuesday, September 13th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT

Tuesday, September 13th, 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

Thursday, September 15th, 7:30 p.m. **CRC Team meeting**

Friday, September 16th, United Church at Brat Wagon (Kits)

Saturday, September 17th, United Church at Brat Wagon (Kits)

Sunday, September 18th, 9:30-10:00 a.m. Sunday School (PreK-5th begins); **10:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting**

Tuesday, September 20th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT

Tuesday, September 20th, 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, September 21st, 6:00-7:00 p.m. G.I.F.T.

Wednesday, September 21st, 7:00 p.m. **Church Council**

Thursday, September 22nd, 8:00 a.m. Submit items for newsletter

### 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, Mary Beth Fritz, Marian Mallory, Sean Mallory, Lloyd Mitchell, Stan Solie,
- Those recovering from recent health concerns or procedures: 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.
- All those affected by the flooding in Louisiana, which killed at least 13 people and left at least 20 parishes as disaster areas.
- All those affected by the earthquakes in Italy, which killed at least 292 people with dozens more still missing.
- Eli Alvarado, Mary Dietz's husband, who had a heart attack last week

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

#### Prayers:

- For victims of earthquakes, flooding, and human failings
- For kids of all ages and teachers as they begin a new school year

## Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

**Scripture for the Week:** The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him. Psalm 103:17

### **Sunday:**

By this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

1 John 3:19–20

Lord of sea and sky, hear our prayers. Forgive us as we stumble in our humanity. We turn away from you in our conceit. We suffer from our pride. Yet, with each heartbreak you are waiting for us. Thank you for never giving up on us. Amen.

### **Monday:**

Christ says, “I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in the darkness.”

John 12:46

Provider of wholeness, give our souls peace. Light our hearts’ flames yet again. You are the giver of all good and wonderful gifts. Let us never forget to use those blessings to glorify you. Amen.

### **Tuesday:**

The sabbath was made for humankind. Mark 2:27

Star of the morning, you have written on our hearts your divine salvation. You are the Lord of the ages; your love never ends. Your grace is perfectly eternal. Only you can grant us true rest. Let us be ever humbled by this amazing gift. Amen.

### **Wednesday:**

Admonish the idlers, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all.

1 Thessalonians 5:14–15

Merciful Redeemer, you always pick us up, no matter how far we fall. Jesus, you are worthy of our love and praises. Even though we continue to fail you, you never give up on us. Lord, help us to love others as deeply as you love us. Amen.

## Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

### **Thursday:**

Rejoice that your names are written in heaven. Luke 10:20

Precious Lamb of God, let us never grow tired of singing your praises! You have set our feet upon your firm foundation. We are so blessed. Lord, open new ways to share your love to all those whom we touch, both near and far. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

### **Friday:**

Do not abandon that confidence of yours; it brings a great reward. Hebrews 10:35

Constant Sustainer, your love is ever-present. It is always enough. Lord, guide us to live life from your fullness of grace, rather than from the emptiness the world offers. Alone, we are weak; together, we are strong. With you, nothing is impossible. Amen.

### **Saturday:**

God, through Jesus Christ, will judge the secret thoughts of all. Romans 2:16

Jesus, dear friend, you have provided a perfect example for us to follow. God, grant us strong hands, quick feet, and full hearts to carry your message to the ends of the earth. Amen.

*Source: Moravian Daily Texts*

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