



***“The Voice”* Newsletter of  
The United Church of Mapleton**

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*“The United Church of Mapleton is a Christian fellowship  
of mission, worship, and faith formation dedicated  
to the Maple River community.”*

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## 9:30 am Sunday Worship

*Communion is held the 1st Sunday of each month with Activity Stations for Grade 1—5*

10:30 am Coffee & Fellowship, Faith Formation (FF) during worship except first Sunday

Church Office Hours are Typically, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday from 8:00 am—Noon

January Mission Jar  
Funds go towards:  
**Youth Center**

# January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
FF = faith formation for our children follows the <i>Faith Forming Moment</i> in Worship	1	2 6:30 am Men's Breakfast in GT 8:00 am <b>Annual Reports due into Church Office</b>	3 7:00 pm Search Committee	4	5	6 9:30—11:30 am. Mapleton Kilties
Pastor Cindy is on vacation						
7 9:30 am <b>Worship</b> Communion w/ Activity Stations gr. 1-5/Loaves & Fishes collections / 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship	8 3:30 pm Women's Fellowship	9 6:30 am Men's Breakfast in GT 1:00 pm Quilters	10	11	12 <b>RECYCLE!</b>	13 9:30—11:30 am. Mapleton Kilties
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14 9:30 am <b>Worship</b> FF during worship 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship	15 7:00 pm <b>Council</b>	16 6:30 am Men's Breakfast in Good Thunder 1:00 pm Quilters	17 3:00 pm <b>Congregational Relations</b>	18 7:30 pm Bible & Brew at Maggie J's  <small>Different Brews Different Views</small> <b>BIBLE &amp; BREW</b> <small>BEER, CONVERSATION, &amp; GOD</small>	19	20
21 9:30 am <b>Worship</b> FF during worship 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship <b>with Holy Conversation</b>	22	23 6:30 am Men's Breakfast in Good Thunder 1:00 pm Quilters <b>Newsletter items due!</b>	24	25 7:30 pm Bible & Brew at Maggie J's  <small>Different Brews Different Views</small> <b>BIBLE &amp; BREW</b> <small>BEER, CONVERSATION, &amp; GOD</small>	26 <b>RECYCLE!</b>	27
28 9:30 am worship FF during worship 10:30 am <b>Annual Year End Meeting</b> w/Lunch	29	30 6:30 am Men's Breakfast in Good Thunder 1:00 pm Quilters	31	In the case of a pastoral emergency while Pastor Cindy is on vacation please be in contact with the Rev. Danna Mann in Mankato at 917.202.3738		



### Ministry Schedules & Coffee Hour Hosts

#### January 7

Lay Reader: Sue Prenzlow  
 Hospitality Team Lead:  
 Guitar Group: Marissa P., Laura F., Sheila S.  
 Sound System: Chad Kunkel  
 Coffee Hour Host: Council

#### January 14

Lay Reader: Darlene Fezler  
 Hospitality Team Lead:  
 Pianist/Organist: Janice Lange  
 Sound System: Chad Kunkel  
 Power Point: Gary Fritz  
 Coffee Hour Host: Women's Fellowship

#### January 21

Lay Reader: Louise Webb  
 Hospitality Team Lead:  
 Pianist/Organist: Ann DeWitz  
 Sound System: Chad Kunkel  
 Power Point: Randy Cumming  
 Coffee Hour Host: Youth Center

#### January 28

Lay Reader: Linda Whitney  
 Hospitality Team Lead:  
 Pianist/Organist: Jola Walker  
 Sound System: Chad Kunkel  
 Power Point: Kathy Cox  
 Coffee Hour Host: Grounds & Garden

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**Monthly Mission Jar Donations:**  
*Maple River Youth Center*



### Newsletter Submissions

Please submit all items for the **February** newsletter into the church office no later than **Tuesday, January 22, 2018.** Thank you!



### Contact Information

If you have a **pastoral emergency or need**, please contact Pastor Cindy Mueller. **Please check your bulletin each week** for Pastor Cindy's office hours and how to reach her.

### Church Bulletin Board

To see the most recent approved **Church Council Minutes, church and community information, please check bulletin board outside of the church office.** Thank you!

### Daily Devotions Online

You may visit the following website for daily devotions: [http://www.ucc.org/daily\\_devotional](http://www.ucc.org/daily_devotional)



**AMERICAN BAPTIST**  
**WORLD RELIEF OFFICE**

VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 12/20/17)  
 One Great Hour of Sharing giving by American Baptists, specifically targeted toward hurricane relief and relief for California fire victims, has totaled \$1,636,292 over the past three months through November 2017.



Continue to keep the United Church **Search Committee** in your prayers as they continue to work on the church profile.

**Thank you!**

Karen Stanton; Chair, Louisa Belle Shuck, Gary Fritz, Annalivia Bair, Carolyn Becker, Jay DeLeon & Kathy Cox

### Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer request, 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.

### Women's Fellowship

The United Church Women's Fellowship has changed their meeting time. We still meet on the 2nd Monday of each month, but the hour is changed to afternoons at 3:30 pm.

Our President, Louise Webb calls our meetings to order, after which we have devotions, followed by business items to be taken care of, reports from committee chairperson such as, Mabelle Larson who sends cards on birthdays, anniversaries, cheer, sympathy, and thinking of you. Pat John reports on

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mission projects and quilting. Our quilting group meets on Tuesdays from 1:00—3:00 pm and has made quilts for couples being married and new babies. These reports are followed by a treasurer accounting, fun fellowship, and a delicious treat.

We usually have 8 to 10 members present. For a small group we carry on the necessary tasks such as the following: Coffee hour once a month, decorate Fellowship Hall tables for each season, supported the Back-Pack program at the school with \$300.00 donations, this year we purchased two \$40 gift baskets for Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf, shut-ins are given a gift at Christmas (this year it was a beautiful poinsettia plant), support Town and Country Days with items for the Silent Auction and working the booth, we purchase kitchen supplies, serve and provide refreshments for funerals of members and non-members, while Ruth and Joyce act as wedding coordinators for weddings held at United. Besides the above activities when it is our Church's turn, we serve coffee and bars for the Ecumenical services, drive Meals on Wheels, make the dinner for the Veteran's Banquet in November and provide help and food for the Blood Mobile.

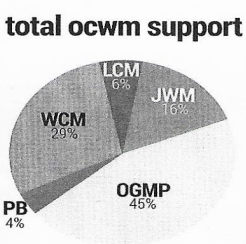
We are able to do these worthwhile endeavors from money given to us for assisting families at funerals. Thanks to all of you who have been called on to work or furnish food during the past year. Won't you consider joining us for a couple hours on Monday afternoon?

Respectfully Submitted—WF Rep., Joyce Johnson

## WHY DONATE TO OUR CHURCH'S WIDER MISSION?

*Our Church's Wider Mission makes it possible to live out the vision of the United Church of Christ: United in Christ's love, a just world for all.*

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MINISTERIAL AUTHORIZATION BEST PRACTICES TRAININGS IN THE PAST 3 YEARS

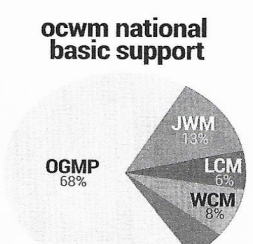


**15** CHINESE SEMINARIANS RECEIVED THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION IN NORTHWEST CHINA

**3,475** WHITE PRIVILEGE: LET'S TALK CURRICULUMS DOWNLOADED FROM THE UCC WEBSITE

**THREE HUNDRED FIFTY** FAMILIES BENEFITTED FROM THE MICRO-CREDIT PROJECTS IN AFRICA

**FIFTY FIVE** MILITARY CHAPLAINS ARE ENDORSED AND CREDENTIALLED BY THE UCC



**3,345** INDIVIDUALS PARTICIPATED IN

**87** UCC MISSION TRIPS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES

ocwm special support

Category	Percentage
WCM	71%
JWM	21%
LCM	7%
OGMP	1%

**EIGHTY** YEARS OF SUPPORT FOR THE ECUMENICAL WITNESS OF CHURCHES FOR THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE

STAFF TRAVELED TO IMPORTANT SUCH AS THOSE IN STANDING ROCK, ND; FLINT, MI; AND ORLANDO, FL.

**one hundred twelve** MISSIONARIES SERVED IN **forty four** COUNTRIES

**17** THEOLOGICAL MEDICAL STUDENTS

**7** AFRICA SCHOLARSHIPS

**15** STAFF WERE TRAINED AT DONGSAVATH CHILDREN AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTRE IN LAOS, SERVING AN AREA PRONE TO CHILD TRAFFICKING

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