



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

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of mission, worship, and faith formation dedicated  
to the Maple River community.”*

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## 9:30 am Sunday Worship

(1st Sunday of the month Communion by intinction and Sunday Bible Camp during worship for ages 5-10 on 2nd—5th Sundays) **10:30 am Coffee & Fellowship**

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

# JULY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;">                     Throughout this month we will be receiving a special offering for our Midwestern Seminaries—Chicago, United &amp; Eden Seminaries—C.U.E.                 </div>						
<p style="color: red; text-align: center;">Each Sunday at 9:30 am - Worship for All &amp; Sunday Bible Camp for our children 5-10 years of age on 2nd—5th Sundays</p>						
2 <b>9:30 am Worship</b> Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf Collections  Pastor Cindy performing a friend's wedding in Northern MN today	3	4 <b>Independence Day!</b>  <b>Church Office Closed</b> <b>6:30 am</b> Men's Breakfast in Good Thunder	5	6	7 <b>RECYCLE!</b>	8
9 <b>9:30 am Worship</b> <b>10:30 am Holy Conversation: Our Heritage &amp; How it has Impacted Us Today Continued</b>	10	11 <b>6:30 am</b> Men's Breakfast in Good Thunder	12	13 <b>7:00 pm</b> Search Committee	14	15
<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #ccccff; padding: 5px;">                     The Church Office will be closed except during Pastor Cindy's office hours between 7/12 &amp; 7/18.                 </div>						
16 <b>9:30 am Worship</b> <b>10:30 am Workshop "Who is Our Neighbor" - demographics of our area</b> <b>7:00 pm Search</b>	17	18 <b>6:30 am</b> Men's Breakfast in Good Thunder	19 <b>7:00 pm</b> Council Mtg.	20	21 <b>RECYCLE!</b>  <b>7:00 pm</b> Search Committee	22
23 <b>9:30 am Worship</b>	24 <b>Newsletter articles/reports are due into the church office</b>	25 <b>6:30 am</b> Men's Breakfast in Good Thunder	26 <b>7:00 pm</b> Search Committee	27	28	29
30 <b>9:30 am Worship</b> <b>10:30 am Workshop "What Our Neighbors Have to Say about Us"</b> - a report on what are leaders have to tell us about our faith community	31					
<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #ffff00; padding: 5px;">                     In the case of a pastoral emergency while Pastor is gone, please contact the church office at 507-524-3141.                 </div>						



Our Search Committee (SC) has been commissioned and begun their work. After having already met four different times they have jumped into their work and met with our denominational representatives to learn more about the process ahead of them. Below is a note from them and the work that lies ahead of them. Please keep the SC members in your prayers as they seek to find our next settled pastor.

*Rev. Cindy Mueller*

June 19, 2017

The Search Committee of the United Church of Mapleton, agrees as its responsibility to our mutual covenant, to the following:

1. Interpret to the congregation why the Interim Minister will not be considered as a candidate for the pastoral leadership position.
2. Complete the Congregational Profile as carefully, accurately and rapidly as possible, having sought input of the whole congregation.
3. Correspond at least twice with each candidate whose profile we have received: a) to confirm that we have received the profile and are considering it; b) to notify candidates no longer under consideration as soon as that decision is made.
4. Consider only clergy persons recognized as having professional standing within the United Church of Christ/American Baptist Church or those non-UCC clergy persons who have been granted a current privilege of call by an Association within the United Church of Christ/American Baptist Church.
5. Inform the Conference/Associate Region Staff Person of all names of candidates received independently of the Conference/Associate Region Office; cease interaction with such candidates and inform them that you will only consider those profiles and applications which come through the UCC/ABC office.
6. Strictly respect the confidentiality of the candidates, and maintain that confidentiality in discussions with others outside the Search Committee.
7. Give equal consideration to all candidates regardless of their age, race, gender, nationality, marital status, or sexual orientation.
8. Schedule face to face interviews with candidates only after the Conference/Associate Regional Minister has been requested to secure references from other Conference/Regional Staff.
9. Invite only the Search Committee's recommended candidate to preach before your congregation.
10. Consult with the Conference/Associate Staff Person before taking revisions in the recommended pastoral search process.
11. Keep both congregation and Conference/Associate Regional Staff Person regularly apprised of our progress, seeking clarification and counsel when needed.

Sincerely,

Karen Stanton; Chairperson

Kathy Cox, Gary Fritz, Annalivia Bair, Louisa Belle Shuck, Jay DeLeon and Carolyn Becker

## Ministry Schedules & Coffee Hour Hosts

### July 2

Lay Reader:	Linda Whitney
Hospitality Team Lead:	Ron Conrad
Guitar/Vocals:	Laura Fritz, Sheila Samuelson
Sound System:	Chad Kunkel
Power Point:	Gary Fritz
Coffee Hour Host:	Council

### July 9

Lay Reader:	Lisa Shubert
Hospitality Team Lead:	Pam Foster
Pianist/Organist:	Kathy Byram
Sound System:	Chad Kunkel
Power Point:	Randy Cumming
Coffee Hour Host:	Women's Fellowship

### July 16

Lay Reader:	Joyce Johnson
Hospitality Team Lead:	Carolyn Becker
Pianist/Organist:	Ann DeWitz
Sound System:	Chad Kunkel
Power Point:	Jay McCutchen
Coffee Hour Host:	Youth Center

### July 23

Lay Reader:	Darlene Fezler
Hospitality Team Lead:	Bob & Geri Howieson
Pianist/Organist:	Joanne Cramer
Sound System:	Chad Kunkel
Power Point:	Kathy Cox
Coffee Hour Host:	Christian Ed.

### July 30

Lay Reader:	Louise Webb
Hospitality Team Lead:	Pat Carter
Pianist/Organist:	Jola Walker
Sound System:	Chad Kunkel
Power Point:	Gary Fritz
Coffee Hour Host:	Loaves & Fishes

## Congregational Meeting Notification

This is to notify the congregation of our next Congregational Meeting to be held on Sunday, **September 24, 2017 after worship**. The agenda will include discussing the changes to the Church Constitution that reflect the new governance structure we have been working with on a trial basis as previously approved by the congregation. All suggested changes to the constitution will be made available to review in the overflow room on the communion table beginning July 24, 2017.

*Your Church Council*

## Outdoor Worship at Daly Park

The United Church will hold it's annual outdoor worship service at Daly Park on Sunday, September 10th at the west side shelter area by the playground equipment.

**Mark your calendars for September 10th!**

## Garden of Eatin' Volunteer Gardeners Needed!

This ministry supplies the local food shelf with fresh produce.

Please contact the church office to **help water, weed,**

**harvest and deliver produce** for this ministry to the Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf.



## Congratulations Pat Carter!

The United Church extends our congratulations to Pat Carter on her retirement from the Mapleton Community Home/Heritage Place after many years of service.



## Troendle Street Project

Since the Troendle Street project has begun, church members are asked to start parking in the East parking lot and entering the East doors at the ramp during weekday hours.

The West door will remain locked during the day. Please note, our neighbors will be parking in our lots throughout this project (since they will not be able to access their homes).

**On Sundays you are free to park in either lot and both the East and West doors will be unlocked as usual.**



**PLEASE CHECK BOTH CHURCH  
BULLETIN BOARDS WEEKLY,  
FOR CHURCH AND  
LOCAL COMMUNITY INFORMATION!**

### 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 contact information.

### 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.

### Daily Devotions Online

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



### Newsletter Submissions

Please submit all items for the **August** newsletter into the church office by **Monday, July 24**.  
Thank you!

Happy July 4th

### Christian Education

#### Sunday Bible Camp



New program for children ages 5—10 during worship from 9:30—10:30 am. When you arrive to Sunday Worship, please have children come directly to the Sunday School room.

Program elements include Bible verse, games (inside and outside), story time with prayer and a snack.

Questions? Please call Pam Foster at 524-2185.

This program will take place each Sunday during the summer except on the first Sunday of each month when we have communion. It is our hope to have the children assist us in communion and participate in this sacrament/ordinance of our church.



June 12, 2017

President Louise Webb called the meeting to order with five members present.

**Secretary Report:** Minutes were read from May and accepted as read.

**Sunshine Committee:** Mabelle sent out several cards for birthdays, get-well, and thinking-of-you.

#### **Business:**

Joyce reported on the Town and Country Days Silent Auction. We only had a couple of things returned that were not bid on.


We voted not to have a meeting in July and maybe not August.

WF will host coffee hour on July 9th and Mabelle and Louisa Belle are in charge.

Lunch was served by Darlene.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Darlene Fezler, Secretary



 Thank you for your recent gift of \$900 to Church World Service. Thanks for all you do to bring light to the world by giving gifts that matter to families around the world.

With peace, *Heather Willson, CWS*

A big thank you from the Maple River Serteen Club for the wonderful donation of \$429.36! We very much appreciate this donation and will use the money wisely! You may view a picture on the bulletin board by the pastor's office of Darlene presenting this gift to the Serteen co-presidents.



Global Ministries thanks you for assisting Don and Maryjane Westra during their visit with you!

Beth A. Miller, *Administrative Assistant*  
Mission Personnel Office

Thank you to all who gave to the *America for Christ* offering.

The United Church gave \$242.50 to this special offering.



Thank you to all who gave to the *Strengthen the Church* Offering 2017! The United Church sent \$ 242.50 to this special offering.

### Senior Dining

Sign up for Senior Dining by calling Joann at 524-4868. The best time to call is between the hours of 10:30—11:30 a.m.. If you are unable to call during this time you may leave a message and Joann will get back to you. This summer the meals are catered by Maggie J's. Call the day before and have lunch with Joann at the Community Center!



## *Holy Conversations* *Held throughout the Summer* *after Worship*

*The content of these conversations assists the Search Committee in developing our Church Profile that will go out to all ministers interested in serving our faith community.*

Join us as we continue the conversation about ***“Our Heritage as a Faith Community and How it has impacted who we are today as a Faith Community”*** on Sunday, 7/9

**On Sunday, 7/16**

***“Who is Our Neighbor”***

Where we'll look at the demographics of our area and compare how our congregation compares to our neighbors

**On Sunday, 7/23**

***“What Our Neighbors Have to Say about Us”***

Local community leaders who are not members of our church were interviewed and asked what they knew about our church. They were also asked to share what they understand to be the current needs of the Maple River community and how our church might partner with them to meet those needs.

**Come share in these Holy Conversations!**



## United Church of Mapleton

Council Meeting

May 17, 2017

Attendees: Pastor Cindy Mueller, Keith McCutchen, Kathy Cox, Darlene Fezler, Dave Byram, Dick Dietz, Pam Foster, Cindy Allevan

May Devotional: Dick Dietz

Secretary's Report: April 17<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> read by members, Motion to approve, Dave; seconded Keith—approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Read by members and discussed, Motion to approve, Kathy; seconded Pam—approved  
Discussion included Keith asking Mike Johnson to attend June meeting to share M & M insurance policy and getting checks to present to Serteen members as a picture in the newspaper. Keith printed one copy of the QuickBooks Check Detail Reports at Council meetings.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Cindy shared that she will be attending the MN Conference UCC Annual Mtg. on June 9, 10, and 11 and officiating at a friend's wedding on July 2.

### Old Business:

- Capital Campaign: Dave Byram shared an up-to-date list of all of the projects which have been completed. The group then discussed and prioritized the rest of the items on the list as follows:
  1. Alter lighting
  2. Front sidewalk ramp
  3. Parsonage: Remodeling kitchen and painting
  4. Carpeting
  5. Parking lots – Repair re-sealing
  6. Sign
- Action Log Review:
  - ⇒ Completion of the following items:
    1. Wedding & funeral booklets updated
    2. Reprioritizing Capital Campaign projects.
  - ⇒ Items added to the list:
    1. Review insurance coverage before it comes up for renewal on 6/21/17; invite Mike Johnson to join us at our June 14<sup>th</sup> Council mtg. – Keith to call Mike and invite him.
    2. Purchasing/installing a wireless gateway for the church – Dick Dietz
- Copier Replacement: Dick Dietz donated a printer to the church.
- Ending term dates were set for each council member.  
Gary Fritz (currently replaced by Cindy Allevan) 2017; Chad Kunkel 2017; Pam Foster 2018; Kathy Cox 2018; Dick Dietz 2018; Darlene Fezler 2019; Keith McCutchen (Elected annually)

### New Business:

- ⇒ Brew & Bible Review (Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at Maggie J's): Dave and Dick shared the numbers attending when they were there. Both members, along with Pastor Cindy, thought the event was going well. Dave suggested that people who wanted to eat dinner should try to arrive earlier so the Bible study could begin at 7:00.
- ⇒ Annual All-Church Calendar: Pastor Cindy handed out a draft for council members to look over for corrections and/or additions.
- ⇒ Dave shared a list of activities he recorded or worked on during the last month.

Next Church Council Meeting: Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cindy Allevan, Clerk

## In Our Prayers



### Our church prayer list includes:

- Those members living in Care Facilities: Norma Baack, Kathy Cramer, and Alberta Samuelson

### The prayer requests and praises shared with the congregation during last month's worship services include:

#### Prayers

- For families keeping them safe during their travels this summer
- For Tyson McPhal
- For healing for Nikki Pucik
- Marian Moore
- For our granddaughter who had emergency surgery for appendicitis on Thursday
- For a niece and her surgeons as she undergoes surgery to remove a tumor on the pituitary gland
- May God watch over my family and our church family, healing our hearts and filling us with love
- For our Search Committee
- For healthy babies
- For Gary Walters, who has been in the VA hospital for a month now

#### Thanksgiving:

- For a new grand-niece born Friday morning: Saij (Sage) Olivia Denzer

