

BIBLE STUDY REGISTRATION

Bible study registration is underway. To register for a study, scan the qr code located next to the study description.

Epic of Eden

Have you ever wondered how the Old Testament fits together? The Epic of Eden helps participants see the Bible as one connected story of God's redeeming grace. This study combines engaging teaching from Bible scholar Sandra Richter with Scripture reading individual reflection, and group discussion. We will meet Wednesdays 9/30-11/11, take a break for Advent, and pick back up in the new year meeting 1/6-2/3 from 3:30 – 5:00 or from 7:00 – 8:30

Belong

Belong invites us to explore what it means to belong to God and to one another in the church. Through practices of baptism, Holy Communion, membership vows, this study connects faith with a lived commitment to pray, serve, give, witness, and grow together. This is a welcoming, conversation-based group that explores faith, belonging, and the practices that shape us as disciples of Jesus. We will meet October 4 & 11 at 12:30. A snack lunch will be provided.

On the Way to Bethlehem

On the Way to Bethlehem follows the journey toward Christmas through four meaningful places: Rome, Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem. Along the way, it invites us to experience the birth of Jesus with fresh attention to hope, humility, simplicity, wonder, and joy. A four-session Advent study with Scripture, reflection, and group discussion. We will meet Wednesdays November 18 – December 16 at 7:00. We will take the week of Thanksgiving off.



To learn more about these studies, please scan the QR code or contact the church office.

THIS WEEK AT MAPLE AVENUE

Sunday, September 20

9:30 Discovery Hour
10:30 Coffee Connect
11:00 Worship Service
12:00 Choir Practice

Monday, September 21

10:30 NO STRENGTH TRAINING CLASS

Tuesday, September 22

9:00-10:00 Tuesday Coffee w/ Pastor Heather
9:00-1:00 Church office open

Wednesday, September 23

9:00-1:00 Church office open
10:00 NO MAT EXERCISE CLASS
2:00 Prayer Team

Thursday, September 24

9:00-1:00 Church office Open

Friday, September 25

10:00-11:00 Stretching & Adaptive Yoga

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September 20, 2026
Seventeenth Sunday
after Pentecost

PRELUDE | *Via Dolorosa*

By Billy Sprague & Niles Borop Arranged by Bill Wolaver

Amazing Grace

From Virginia Harmony, 1831 Arranged by Marilynn Ham

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MORNING PRAYER

THE 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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 314 | *In the Garden*
(I Come to the Garden Alone)

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Thank you for supporting God's mission through Maple Avenue UMC. Offerings may be placed in the plates or online via the QR code.



OFFERTORY | *Open the Eyes of My Heart*

Words & music by Paul Baloche
Arranged by Lloyd Larson

*DOXOLOGY |
**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.**

PASSING THE PEACE |

KID’S SERMON

*HYMN 700 | *Abide with Me*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH |
The Apostle’s Creed UMH 881
**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of
heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son,
our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third
day he rose from the dead; he ascended into
heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to
judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the
Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING | John 15:1-8
“I am the true vine, and my Father is the
vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that
bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he
prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have
already been cleansed by the word that I have
spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just
as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it
abides in the vine, neither can you unless you
abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches.
Those who abide in me and I in them bear much
fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like
a branch and withers; such branches are
gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you
abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for
whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My
Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit
and become my disciples.

SERMON | *Abide*

*HYMN 557 | *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE | *I Sing the Mighty Power of
God*
Dersngebuch der Herzogl, Wurttemberg, 1784
Arranged by Bob Kauflin

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Practice for the Week: Choose a daily
“abiding rhythm”: five minutes of Scripture,
five minutes of prayer, and one
intentional act of love. Use John 15:4 as a
breath prayer: “Abide in me” on the inhale;
“As I abide in you” on the exhale.

PRAYER CONCERNS |
Al & Ann Hough, Zoe Vickery, Ben Vickery,
Adia May, Asher May, Mark Free, Joe W.,
Ariana Jallad, Adam Fike, Luke &
Francine Jackson, Marie Jackson, Roger
A., Chris, Beatrice, Anson Senter, Keith
Harmeyer, George & Jan Statham,
Gizelle, Duane Anthony, Martha Osborne,
Wanda Hurt, Scott & Mary Ann Gordon, Pete
Werner, Bill Browning, unnamed requests
from prayer box, Ruth Hubbard, family of
Melody Unger, Ed & Linda Stickler, Eddie
Lingerfelt, Frani Wing Corn, Virgil Elliott, Judy
Ramsey
Please notify the church office of any prayer

MISSIONS: We are collecting snacks for 911
operators. All snacks must be individually
wrapped in single serving size.

Donation Suggestions

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| Chex mix | protein bars |
| trail mix | anything chocolate |
| fruit | energy drinks |
| chips | 5 Hour energy shots |
| granola bars | Alani Nu energy drinks |