

Announcements |

Canned Food Drive: Starting today, our new mission project is filling a shopping cart FULL of canned foods and soups for MUST Ministries. Sunday, February 8th, we will end our Food Drive mission project with our 4th annual SOUP COOK-OFF! Do you have what it takes to bring home the golden ladle?

Soup Cook-Off: Volunteers are needed to help set up and take down the soup cook-off next Sunday. Please indicate on the back of your Connect Card where you are able to help.

Tech Team: We are building a livestream/tech team and are looking for people who would be interested in joining the team. If you have felt like you could be a technical person, if you only had the training, this is the perfect opportunity for you! Training will be provided. If you wish to learn more or are interested, reach out to Pastor Heather.

Realm Rollout: We are rolling out **Realm**, a new ministry tool designed to help us stay connected and engaged as a church family. Realm will be a one-stop spot for communication, event registration, group connections, online giving, and more. Watch your email inbox for your personal invitation to join Realm. Need help getting started? We'll have folks available to help you set up your profile on February 8 at the Soup Cook-Off & Lunch. If you don't use email or digital devices, you'll still be able to connect, sign up, and participate just like you always have. Realm is a new option, not a barrier.

SPARK Team meeting: Today, after the worship service, the SPARK Team will meet to discuss children's and youth ministry plans for 2026. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, this is a great way to connect with the ministry leaders.

Lenten Study: Wednesday, February 25 at 7:00, we will begin our Lenten Bible Study. We will be using the book, *The Last Supper: Conversations That Led to the Cross*, by Will Willimon.

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February 1, 2026
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

PRELUDE | *Soon and Very Soon*

By Andrae Crouch

*When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder
When We All Get to Heaven*

Arranged by Lloyd Larson

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP |

*HYMN 2130 | *The Summons*

**Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?**

**Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?**

**Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?**

**Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?**

**Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | *The Apostle's Creed* (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.

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.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Thank you for supporting God's mission through Maple Avenue UMC. Offerings may be placed in the plates in the Narthex, by text to 833-315-0263, or online via the QR code.



**OFFERTORY | *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

African-American spiritual, 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 399 | *Take My Life, and Let It Be*

SCRIPTURE READING | 1 John 2:3-6

Now by this we may be sure that we know him, if we obey his commandments. Whoever says, "I have to come to know him," but does not obey his commandments, is a liar, and in such a person the truth does

not exist; but whoever obeys his word, truly in this person the love of God has reached perfection. By this we may be sure that we are in him: whoever says, "I abide in him," ought to walk just as he walked.

SERMON | *A Path Worth Walking: Step onto the Path*

HOLY COMMUNION |

*HYMN 189 | *Fairest Lord Jesus*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE | *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

By Gorge J. Elvey, Arranged by Matt Hyzel

* Please stand in body or in Spirit.

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PRAYER CONCERNS |

Anson Senter, Briggs Weeks, Christine Weeks, Keith Harmeyer, Dean Greenway, Joyce Long, Gaines Law, Al & Ann Hough, Wanda Hurt, Bobby & Raenell Johnson

Please share any new prayer concerns using the back of the connect card.

**Black History Month is an annually observed commemorative month originating in the United States, where it is also known as African-American History Month. It began as a way of remembering important people and events in African American history, before it spread to other countries where it could celebrate black people worldwide. It initially lasted a week before becoming a month-long observation in 1970. It is celebrated for the entire month of February in the US and Canada. The Wall Street Journal describes Black History Month as "a time when the culture and contributions of African Americans take center stage in a variety of cultural institutions including theaters, libraries, and museums." Black History Month received official recognition from the government until 2025. To celebrate Black History Month Maple Avenue will feature music by African American artists and composers each Sunday.