

Announcements |

Soup-a-thon! Now is the time to finalize your canned soup contributions AND recipe selection for our 3rd annual SOUP COOK-OFF next Sunday, February 9th. Bring your hot soup for the competition to the Fellowship Hall prior to the 11 AM church service. We will have tables set up with plug-in strips and hot pads. Heather Varsalona will be there to assist you.

2025 Missions Calendar: Additional calendars detailing our 2025 mission projects are available in the Narthex.

End of Year Giving Statements: 2024 giving statements have gone out to the congregation. Please review and notify the office if you find any discrepancies.

We are Hiring: We are currently looking for a new Administrative Assistant. For more information on the position, please visit our webpage, www.mapleavenuechurch.org/employment.

SPARK after Dark February Schedule: Our kids and youth will meet at 5 PM on the following Sundays in February: Feb. 2 and 23. There will be no Spark after Dark on Feb. 9 or 16.

SPARK after Dark Meal Volunteers: If you would like to bring a meal for Spark after Dark there is a sign up in the Narthex.

Adult Sunday School: Adult Sunday School meets each Sunday at 9:45am in the chapel building.

Exercise at Maple Avenue: Strength Training on Mondays at 10am lead by Glo Miller. Adaptive Yoga on Fridays at 10am with Annie. All are welcome!

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February 2, 2025
Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

PRELUDE | *No Greater Love*

Margaret Becker and Chris Eaton, arr. by Craig Curry

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP |

*HYMN 585 | *This Little Light of Mine*

*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

Offerings to Maple Avenue can be left in the Narthex. You can also give by texting any dollar amount to 833-315-0263. You can also scan this code to give online.



OFFERTORY | *The Gift of Love*

American Folk Tune, arranged by Hal Hopson

*DOXOLOGY |

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

PASSING THE PEACE |

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*HYMN 525 | *We'll Understand it Better, By and By*

SCRIPTURE LESSON | 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

(New Revised Standard)

SERMON | *Without Love... It's Just Noise*

HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN 399 | *Take My Life*

BENEDICTION

Postlude | *Amazing Grace with Ash Grove*

Early American Melody arr. by Marilyn Ham

* Please stand as able

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PRAYER CONCERNS |

Allen Clackum, Angie Brown, Browning Family, Gooden Family, Ken Harper Jeremy Bolt, Keith Watson, C. Snipes, R. McGann, Family of Buddy Heath, Doug Alvarado, Cindy Peters, Brycen Teague, Barbara Potter, Cherokee Walker, Becky Walker, Alan Greene, Deborah Nelson, Baby Briggs Weeks, Dana Lingerfelt, Chandler Wooten, Ben Vickery, Zoe Vickery, Wanda Hurt, Keith Harmeyer, Pete Werner, JoAnn Gibson, Baby Tarah, Megan Matassa, Matt Matassa, Jas Medina, Baby Gaines Law