

AUGUST EVENTS

Read to a Dog

 Saturday, August 15 9:30-10:30 in the Paws to Praise Prayer Garden, we are having our next community event – Read to a Dog. Everyone is invited to bring their dog and read aloud to them. Or, if you don't own a dog, but you enjoy being around them, come out and join the fun. Perhaps someone would allow you to read to their dog!

Back to School Back to Church Lunch

 Sunday, August 16 immediately following the worship service the Back to School Back to Church Lunch will be served. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex where you may sign up to bring a dish.

Maple Avenue Book Club

 Tuesday, August 25 at 7:00 PM, Book Club will meet in the Garden Room to discuss *Calamity Club* by Kathryn Stockett, who also wrote *The Help*.

Open Air Flute Recital

 Saturday, August 29, from 3:00-4:00, in honor of Play Music on the Porch Day, Tisa Schuurman will be holding a recital of her student's on Maple Avenue's front porch. Bring your chairs and come out to listen and encourage young musicians

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

THIS WEEK AT MAPLE AVENUE

Sunday, August 9

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

Monday, August 10

10:30 Exercise with Glo
5:00 Prayer Zoom

Tuesday, August 11

9:00-10:00 Heather's community office hour at Tuesday Coffee
9:00-1:00 Church office open

Wednesday, August 12

9:00-1:00 Church office open
10:00 Mat Exercise Class
2:00 Prayer Team

Thursday, August 13

9:00-1:00 Church office Open

Friday, August 14

10:00 Adaptive Yoga and Stretching with Annie

Saturday, August 15

9:30-10:30 Read to a Dog

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August 9, 2026
Eleventh Sunday
after Pentecost

PRELUDE | *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

By Martin Luther Arranged Marilyn Ham
I've Got Peace Like a River
Traditional Spiritual Arranged by Alex-Zsolt

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 2222 | *The Servant Song*

**Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant, too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey;
we're together on this road.
We are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.**

I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we see this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

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 | *Agnus Dei* with
How Great Thou Art

Agnus Dei words & music by Michael W. Smith
How Great Thou Art words by Stuart K. Hine
traditional Swedish folk song

*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 581 | *Lord, Whose Love Through
Humble Service*

*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 | Ephesians 4:7-11
But each of us was given grace, according to the
measure of Christ's gift. Therefore, it is said, “When
he ascended on high he made captivity itself a
captive; he gave gifts to his people.” (When it says,
“He ascended,” what does it mean but that he
also descended into the lower parts of the earth?
He who descended is the same one who
ascended far above all the heavens, so that he
might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that
some would be apostles, some prophets, some
evangelists, some pastors, and teachers,

SERMON | *Every Person Matters: Grace Gives
Gifts*

*HYMN 399 | *Take My Life, and Let It Be*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE | *All Hail the Power of Jesus’
Name*
By Oliver Holden arranged by Melody Bober

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PRAYER CONCERNS|
Al & Ann Hough, Zoe Vickery, Ben Vickery,
Adia May, Asher May, Mark Fvee, the family
of Marta Smith, Joe W., Ariana Jallad, Adam
Fike, Luke & Francine Jackson, Marie
Jackson, Roger A., Chris, Beatrice

Please notify the church office of any prayer concerns.

MISSIONS: **Help us bless our teachers!** As a
new school year begins, let's show our
appreciation for the educators in our
community. Throughout August, we'll be
collecting snacks and personal care items to
create “Teacher Care Bags” for local
teachers. These simple gifts remind our
educators that their church is praying for
them and is grateful for the difference they
make every day.

Suggested items: granola bars, protein bars,
peanut butter or cheese cracker packs
(where school policies allow), trail mix or nut
free trail mix, Goldfish crackers, pretzels,
popcorn bags, applesauce or fruit cups, beef
jerky, instant oatmeal packets, gum, mints,
tea bags, single serve coffee packets or k-
cups (if the school has a Keurig), flavored
drink packets (Liquid I.V., Crystal Light, etc.),
lip balm, hand lotion, hand sanitizer, facial
tissues, disinfecting wipes, bandages, hair ties