

# Maple Street Congregational Church United Church of Christ

*No matter who you are or where you are on your faith journey,  
you are welcome here!*



**June 18, 2017**

**New Member Sunday**

**10:00 a.m.**

*Child care is offered for 3 and under during Worship at "Kid's Korner" in the hall behind the Sanctuary.  
We share at 9:50 our prayers for joys and concerns. During coffee hour announcements may be given.*

**PRELUDE** *Father, Thy Holy Spirit Send* Melchoir Franck  
*(A time for meditation in preparation for worshipping God)*

## WORDS OF GATHERING AND WELCOME



### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth!

**People: We will worship the Lord with gladness.**

Leader: We will come before God with joyful songs.

**People: The Lord is God. It is God who made and we are God's.  
We are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.**

Leader: We enter God's gates with thanksgiving.  
We come to God's courts with praise.

**People: The Lord is good and God's love endures forever.  
God's faithfulness continues through all generations. Amen.**

*-Adapted, Richard Fairchild*



### \*OPENING HYMN

*God of Abraham and Sarah*

Black No. 20

### \*INVOCATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Leader: Three visitors knock on Abraham's door and he responds with confident hospitality calling for the calf, setting the feast, making the guests welcome. He offers the best of what he has to the strangers in need. And the community responds in kind.

**People: The seeds of compassion find fertile ground.**

Leader: Two angels beckon at Lot's door and he responds with nervous hospitality gathering the bread, pouring the wine, offering words of welcome. Still, he offers the best of what he has to the strangers in need. Yet the community thwarts his efforts.

**People: The seeds of compassion fall into the weeds.**

Leader: Somewhere in between the good intentions something goes bad.  
Abraham is blessed and becomes a mighty nation. Lot's homeland is laid

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*\* Please stand as you are able.*

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waste and his wife a pillar of salt. The individual held in the context of community.

**People: The seeds of compassion are vulnerable.**

Leader: A single stranger beckons now and we respond with joy and kindness offering the promise of hope!

**People: May our seeds of compassion be sown in fertile ground. Come, O God, come into this sanctuary.**

--Adapted, Katherine Hawker

*In the name of the one who knocks at our doors and bid us welcome him in and who taught us to pray, saying...*



**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER (IN UNISON)**

**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.**



**\*RESPONSE**

Tune: Red No. 241

**Spirit divine, attend our prayers and**

**Make this world thy home;**

**Descend with all thy gracious powers,**

**O come, great Spirit, come!**

**ANTHEM—***Balm in Gilead*

Traditional Spiritual, arr. Harry T. Burleigh

Edmond Bertrand, solo

**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**

Please see Litany insert



**\*HYMN**

*Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?*

Black No. 539

*(At the beginning of the hymn, Pre-K through 7th graders are invited to the Education Wing for Chapel Time and Classroom Activities.*

*Youth grades 8 through 12 are invited to gather in the Reception Room.)*



**SILENT PRAYER AND PASTORAL PRAYER**

*You are invited to complete the "Connection Card" if you are new, need to update information or have special requests*

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**OFFERTORY**

*The Potter's Hand*

Darlene Zschech

# Maple Street News



## Today is New Member Sunday

- 9:50 am Prayers for Joys and Concerns
- 10:00 am Morning Worship. Babycare is offered for children 3 and under.
- 11:30 am Please join the Maple Street Church family in the Social Hall after Worship for a "cup of justice" (free trade environmentally-friendly coffee) and fine fellowship.

COME VISIT THE MAPLE STREET CHURCH

*FISHING POOL*

AT ENDICOTT PARK DAY

**SATURDAY, JUNE 24th from 1-3pm**

*part of the Danvers Family Festival*

A black and white photograph of a fishing pool. In the foreground, a duck is visible. Several children are gathered around the pool, some holding fishing rods. The background shows a grassy area and some trees.

*Need extra chairs? The trustees will soon be disposing of the old grey metal chairs, so if you are interested in, or know a group or organization that could use them, please contact Val Billingham or Steve Horn, our trustees' chairpersons.*



**Memory Garden Watering:** please consider signing up for a week or more to help water this special garden during this summer. If you can help, contact Jennifer Napolitano—the garden committee needs “waterers” to keep it blooming!

*Our Summer Office Hours are now in effect*

Monday, 10 am—12 pm  
Tuesday through Thursday, 9 am—12 pm  
Friday the office is closed

**BOY SCOUT TROOP 16 SPAGHETTI SUPPER**  
A PART OF FAMIY FESTIVAL WEEK

**WEDNESDAY JUNE 28TH FROM 5PM TO 7PM**  
*RAIN OR SHINE AT MAPLE STREET CHURCH*

\$20 FAMILY / \$7 ADULT / \$5 CHILD OR SENIOR

PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT YOUR TROOP—  
THIS IS OUR YEARLY FUNDRAISER

THERE WILL EVEN BE RAFFLES AND PRIZES!



**Spaghetti  
Dinner**

## This Week at Maple Street

**Tuesday**    *inSpire* Deadline  
9:15 am    A New Day Yoga in the Reception Room  
6:30 pm    Boy Scouts in the Social Hall

**Friday**    **Offices Closed**  
11:00 am    DCAT in the Reception Room

**Sunday**    **Hymn Sing Sunday**—write your favorite hymn on the purple slips included with this bulletin and give to an usher or place in the collection plate. If your favorite hymn is not sung this week it will be saved for the next Hymn Sing Sunday



### *Reminder*



***Your old eyeglasses can change another person's life!*** If you have used eyeglasses you no longer need, please put them in the collection box located on the shelf in the Social Hall near the Lost and Found board. Children's eyeglasses are particularly needed.



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Our Worship Services are recorded each week and aired on Danvers Comcast Channel 99 and Verizon Channel 36, Sunday 10:00 am and 7:00 pm (one week delay)

***SUMMER OFFICE HOURS***

*Monday 10 am-12 pm; Tuesday through Thursday 9 am-12 pm; Closed Friday*

Pastor Kevin Smith is available for home visitation, member weddings, funerals, memorial services, baptisms, and pastoral counseling. Pastor Pam is also available. Feel free to contact Pastor Kevin or Pastor Pam if you need a listening ear, if you want to discuss the work of the congregation, or if you would like to join Maple Street Church!

Office schedules can vary for ministers as they attend meetings, attend to church business, write and prepare for Sunday worship away from the office, visit members of the congregation, and more, so it's always wise to call or e-mail to make an appointment if at all possible. Pastor Kevin's day off is Friday. Pastor Pam's day off is Monday. Pastor Kevin's worship preparation times are Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoon when he will be out of the office. Pastor Kevin is available 24/7 in case of emergencies and also has office hours on Sunday until 2 pm in addition to weekdays. You can contact both at the Church Office phone listed above, the emails listed above, or you can contact Pastor Kevin at 978-968-5020.

**\*Doxology**

Red No. 64, verse 5

**Let all things their creator bless, and worship him in humbleness,  
O praise him, alleluia. Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, three in one. O praise him, O praise him.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Amen.**

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**      Genesis 18:1-15 *The Message*      pew Bible pg. 13

God appeared to Abraham at the Oaks of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance of his tent. It was the hottest part of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing. He ran from his tent to greet them and bowed before them. He said, "Master, if it please you, stop for a while with your servant. I'll get some water so you can wash your feet. Rest under this tree. I'll get some food to refresh you on your way, since your travels have brought you across my path." They said, "Certainly. Go ahead."

Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. He said, "Hurry. Get three cups of our best flour; knead it and make bread." Then Abraham ran to the cattle pen and picked out a nice plump calf and gave it to the servant who lost no time getting it ready. Then he got curds and milk, brought them with the calf that had been roasted, set the meal before the men, and stood there under the tree while they ate.

The men said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" He said, "In the tent."

One of them said, "I'm coming back about this time next year. When I arrive, your wife Sarah will have a son." Sarah was listening at the tent opening, just behind the man.

Abraham and Sarah were old by this time, very old. Sarah was far past the age for having babies. Sarah laughed within herself, "An old woman like me? Get pregnant? With this old man of a husband?"

God said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh saying, 'Me? Have a baby? An old woman like me?' Is anything too hard for God? I'll be back about this time next year and Sarah will have a baby." Sarah lied. She said, "I didn't laugh," because she was afraid. But he said, "Yes you did; you laughed."

**SERMON**      "You Never Know"      Pastor Kevin

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE**      *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love*      Black No. 498

**BENEDICTION**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE**      *Go in the Grace of the Lord*      James Barnard

**POSTLUDE**      *To God on High Be Glory*      J.S. Bach

*Our Worship together concludes with the Benediction Response.*

*The Postlude is transitional music which inspires us as we go  
forth as disciples to serve God and one another.*

*Worship has ended. Our Service Begins . . . .*



**Welcome to Maple Street Congregational Church, United Church of Christ.** If you are here for the first time, please fill out the “Connection Card” and pass it on to an usher or put it in the collection plate. Our ushers and greeters are happy to answer any questions. Nursery care, with a trained staff, is offered throughout the worship service.

*The church of disciples who welcome you!  
Visit our web page at [www.maplestreetchurch.org](http://www.maplestreetchurch.org)*

**Sunday’s Servants:**

- Greeter:
- Deacon of the Month: Marge Hathaway
- Ushers: Charles Desmond, Phyllis Boyd Desmond, Scott Spearing and Priscilla Curda
- Special Assistant to the Deacon: Bob Wilkinson

*The Steeple is lit in memory of Charles Dinsmore  
By Janet Dinsmore*

*The flowers in the Chancel are in loving memory of our fathers,  
E. Phillip Littlefield and Merwin L. Hathaway  
Given by Marjorie and Lew Hathaway*

**Donating flowers for the altar or narthex is a wonderful way to honor a loved one. If you wish to donate flowers, please contact Donna Graves at 978-762-9916.**

Our lighted steeple is an important symbol of our presence in the community. Your contributions in memory of loved ones and friends or to commemorate a special event help keep the steeple lighted. If you would like to have the steeple lighted for one or more weeks, please fill out the form below and send it with \$15 per week to the church office.

I would like the steeple lighted in memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like the steeple lighted in honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested date (if available) to light: \_\_\_\_\_

(signed) \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_