

# 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!*



**Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time and the  
November 12, 2017      Sacrament of Baptism      9:50 a.m.**

*Childcare is offered for 3 and under during Worship at "Kid's Korner" in the hall behind the Sanctuary.*

**PRELUDE**      *Andante*      Felix Mendelssohn  
*(A time for meditation in preparation for worshipping God)*

## WORDS OF WELCOME

### CALL TO WORSHIP



Leader: If we will but listen,

People: **God will speak to us in parables,  
God will tell us stories lived out by our grandparents.**

Leader: If we will but remember,

People: **we will discover all we have heard and known,  
all the wonders God has in store for us.**

Leader: If we will but share,

People: **we can tell our children and grandchildren—  
even those not yet born—the glorious stories of our God.**

*-- lectionaryliturgies*



### \*OPENING HYMN

*I Love to Tell the Story*

Black No. 522



### \*INVOCATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Leader: We stand at the crossing, Holy God, arms, hearts, souls full of the  
burdens the gods of this world have placed on us.

People: **You remove them, throw them to one side, taking us by the hand  
to lead us into your kingdom.**

Leader: As we turn to you in our despair, Holy Friend, you come and fill our  
emptiness with the holy oil of your compassion, so we might always be  
ready to serve those who come to us.

People: **Holy Wisdom, you would not leave us uninformed of God's love for  
us, so you whisper in our ears of wonders beyond imagination; you**

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*\*Please stand as you are able.*

(continued) **remove the blindfolds from our eyes so we may behold the grace flowing all around us; you open our hearts to the family God has given us.** -- lectionaryliturgies

Leader: *God in Community, Holy in One, hear us as we pray as Jesus teaches us, 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—*This Is My Song* tune: Finlandia, by Jean Sibelius, words by Lloyd Stone

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Samantha Elizabeth DeAmelio  
Born: September 29, 2016, in Beverly  
Child of Melissa and Chris DeAmelio  
*and*

Henry James Pickering  
Born: July 10, 2017, in Beverly  
Child of James and Nicole Pickering



**\*SONG**

*Down in the River to Pray*  
*Please join in singing.*

Traditional

**As I went down in the river to pray, studyin' about that good ole way  
And who shall wear a starry crown, good Lord, show me the way.  
Oh, sisters,\* let's go down. Let's go down. Come on down.  
Oh, sisters,\* let's go down. Down in the river to pray.  
\*substitute 2. brothers 2. sinners**



**\*BAPTISMAL HYMN** *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

Black No. 325

*(At the end of the hymn, children and youth are invited to go to the "Cuvatent Room" for an all-age activity.)*

# Maple Street News



**Today is the Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time and the Sacrament of Baptism. Today is also Hospitality Sunday hosted by the Trustees and Food Collection Sunday.**

- 9:50 am Joys and Concerns
- 10:00 am Morning Worship. Childcare is offered for children 3 and under at “Kid’s Korner” in the hall behind the Sanctuary. We welcome the family and friends of **Samantha Elizabeth DeAmeilio**, child of Melissa and Chris DeAmeilio, and **Henry James Pickering**, child of James and Nicole Pickering, both of whom are being Baptized here today.
- 11:30 am Fellowship time in the Social Hall—Join the Maple Street Church Family for a *Cup of Justice (free-trade coffee)* and **enjoy the warm hospitality of the Trustees.**



**Beginning today** and then November 19 and 26, the **Boy Scouts** will be taking orders for **12” Christmas Wreaths** in the social hall during fellowship time. Prices are: Plain, \$14; with a bow (burgundy or red), \$17; and fully decorated (bow, pine cones, ornaments), \$19. Wreaths will be delivered on Sunday, December 3. We appreciate your supporting our Boy Scouts.



Next Sunday is **Thanksgiving Sunday, In-Gathering, and World Service Food Blessing**. As you are able, we ask that you bring non-perishable items to be collected during Worship and then donated to the People-to-People Food Pantry. Thank you for your generosity.

**Volunteers are needed** to give rides to and from Sunday Worship services and other church activities for those in need of a ride. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the social hall.



Our next **Prayer & Table Service** will be on **Tuesday, November 21**, at 6 pm in the Chapel. We gather together for a contemplative, interactive service to pray, share the Lord's meal, and discuss together matters of faith, community, love, and life. It's an opportunity at the end of your day to relax, be soulfully fed in community, and experience the sacred. All are welcome!



It's time to order **Poinsettias**, in memory of or in honor of someone special, to have placed in the Sanctuary. An order form is inserted in this bulletin. Absolute deadline for orders is December 7.

*Coming Soon:*

- December 2: Living Nativity
- December 3: "First Sunday", First Sunday in Advent; Advent Bible Study Discussion begins
- December 5: Prayer & Table Service
- December 10: Youth Advent Celebration; Game and Toy Drive
- December 15: Polar Express Movie and Dinner Night

**Toiletries Needed for Lifebridge!**

We will be making a monthly delivery of toiletries to Lifebridge in Salem. Please help those in need by bringing toiletries to church and placing them in the collection basket located on the shelf in the Social Hall near the Lost and Found board.



This is an ongoing project through- out the year. Thank you



**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.

Thank you.

Question: Who was the first person to fall asleep during a sermon?

## This Week



### Monday

- 4:30 pm Girl Scouts in the Social Hall
- 6:20 pm Cub Scouts in the Social Hall

### Tuesday

- 9:15 am A New Day Yoga in the Reception Room
- 6:30 pm **Deacons' Meeting** in the Reception Room
- Boy Scouts in the Social Hall



### Wednesday

- 4:30 pm *Alleluia Morning* in the Music Room

### Thursday

- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir in the Music Room



**Saturday World Service decorating in the Sanctuary at 9:30 am**

**Sunday Thanksgiving Sunday Worship at 9:50 am; World Service Food Blessing Sunday; Ingathering**



*Answer: Eutychus, who dozed off and fell out of a window during Paul's sermon (Acts 20:9)*



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

***OFFICE HOURS—***

Monday 10 am-2 pm; Tuesday through Thursday 9 am-2 pm; Friday 9 am-12 pm

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. You can contact both at the Church Office phone listed above, the e-mails listed above, or you can contact Pastor Kevin at 978-968-5020.

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

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**\*Offertory**—*In the Stillness of This Moment* Joseph Martin and David Angerman

**\*Doxology** Lyrics: Thomas Ken, Tune: Red No. 64

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ  
whose pow'r uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Matthew 25:1-13

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

**SERMON** “Just Sleep on It” Rev. Kevin

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE** *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me* Red No. 358

**BENEDICTION**

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

**POSTLUDE** *Fugue in C Major* 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.*



**Welcome to Maple Street Congregational Church, United Church of Christ.** If you are here for the first time, please fill out a connection card and place it in the offering plate. Our ushers and greeters are happy to answer any questions. Nursery care, with a trained staff, is offered throughout the worship service. **Sunday School** for children and youth takes place following the beginning of the second Hymn.

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

**Sunday's Servants:**

Deacon of the Month: Sandi Bogel  
Acolytes: Morgan Costa and Grace Lawler  
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 Phil Evans  
By Bob Cavanaugh*

*The flowers in the Chancel are in loving memory of Thomas Vallette  
Given by Marian Vallette*

*The Narthex Basket is in memory of Chester W. and Josephine B. Potter; Lloyd E. and Helen L. Potter, both WWII; John J. Worsencroft, WWII and Barbara F. Worsencroft; Jay Baxter Worsencroft; Calvin R Potter, Ens., WWII and Jane P. Potter, DAR; Leonard T. Potter, WWII; Steven and Mark Potter; Kenneth W. Potter, Korean War. They are given by Libby Potter*

**Donating flowers for the altar or narthex is a wonderful way to honor a loved one. If you wish to donate flowers, please contact Peggy Kuzma at 978-998-5007 or [smkuzma1@gmail.com](mailto:smkuzma1@gmail.com)**

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: \_\_\_\_\_