

**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!*



In-gathering of Thanksgiving

November 19, 2017

Food Donations

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

W. Felton

A time for meditation in preparation for worshipping God)

WORDS OF GATHERING AND WELCOME



CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: When Jesus went down to seashore and recruited James and John,

People: They said, "Sure, we'll give it a try."

Leader: When the early Pilgrims wanted to form a new church,

People: The people said, "Sure, we'll give it a try."

Leader: When the tribal chief sensed it was time to travel to new hunting grounds,

People: The people followed and said, "Sure, we'll give it a try."

Leader: When Jesus heard about John baptizing in the Jordan,

People: Jesus said, "Sure, I'll give it try."

Leader: Aren't we glad he did?

People: Yes we are! Amen! Hallelujah!

--RevKev



***OPENING HYMN**

We Gather Together

Red No. 21



***INVOCATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE** (*inspired by Psalm 96*)

Leader: Today we offer our thanksgiving and gratitude to the Giver of all good and perfect gifts,

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**Please stand as you are able.*

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People: The Lord be praised.

Leader: For the tables we share and the bread we partake of within our communities, within our families, and within our homes,

People: The Lord be praised.

Leader: For the hands of friendship that have been extended to us and the grace we have received,

People: The Lord be praised.

Leader: For Your continual provision in our lives,

People: The Lord be praised.

Leader: For the embrace of love,

People: The Lord be praised.

Leader: For Your mercies that are new at dawn and sustain us through the day, echoing through the night,

People: The Lord be praised.

Leader: For the gift of Jesus Christ and his universal saving love for all.

People: The Lord be praised.

Leader: For the new life that beats within us now.

People: The Lord be praised. In all things, we give You thanks and join with creation's song, Great is the Lord and most worthy to be praised!

~Adapted, Erika Kobewk

In the name of Christ, our companion, our friend, our Savior, we pray the prayer he taught 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

Look at the World
Joyful Noise Choir and Chancel Choir

John Rutter

MOMENT FOR HISTORY

Bob McBride

GATHERING OF CHILDREN

Rev. Pam

INGATHERING OF FOOD DONATIONS FOR PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE FOOD PANTRY



***HYMN**

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Red No. 462

*(At the end of the hymn, children and youth are invited to
go to the Covenant Room and then to their Sunday School classrooms.)*



PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Kevin

*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 Heavens Are Telling from *The Creation*
Chancel Choir and Trio

Joseph Haydn

Vonnie Libby, soprano; Jonathan Prescott, tenor; Edmond Bertrand, bass

***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 25:14-30

“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not

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Maple Street News

Today is the In-gathering of Thanksgiving Food Donations. The food donated and blessed today will be donated to the Danvers People-to-People Food Pantry. Thank you for your generosity.

- 9:50 am Prayers of Joys and Concerns
- 10:00 am Morning Worship
- 11:30 am Following worship, enjoy a *cup of justice* (free-trade coffee) with the Maple Street Family in the Social Hall.



Today and next Sunday, the 26th, **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.

The Maple Street Church **Women's Group** will meet the 5th Wednesday instead of the 4th Wednesday this month, so **will meet on Wednesday, November 29, at 10 am** in the Reception Room. Adrienne Bradstreet and Pat Newman will host this meeting, which will include a painting demonstration by Karen Nastik. Hope to see you there.



Our next **Prayer & Table Service** will this coming **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!



With Advent beginning in two weeks, it's time to think about Memorials at Christmas. If you wish to purchase a **Poinsettia** or make a gift to the **Memorial Fund** in memory of (or in honor of) someone special, please see the order form at the end of this bulletin. The **deadline for ordering is December 9**. If you have any questions, please call the church office.



Sunday, November 26th CE invites all to take part in the **All Age Advent Wreath Making Workshop**. Wreath making will begin for the kids during worship and extend into fellowship hour for all.

Youth (DIP) will gather on First Sunday, December 3, at Northshore Unitarian Universalist Church for Brunch and a Holiday Hands On Workshop—details coming soon!



Upcoming Events: Please see the back page of this bulletin for a full schedule of the many Advent and Christmas activities here at Maple Street Church.

Cookies Needed! Calling all bakers! The Church Growth Committee **needs cookies** for “Cocoa & Cookies” on December 2.



Please note that they have invited the Dcat elves to take photos from 2 to 4:30—Don't miss it!

Life's most valued treasures are the treasures that are free. The special gifts that have no price - our family, friends, and health. May God bless you abundantly, love you dearly and watch over you always!

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed Thanksgiving

Question: What Old Testament woman bore a child at age 90 and is the most mentioned woman in the Bible?

The latest issue of *These Days* is available for you on the table to the left as you leave the Narthex.

This Thanksgiving Week



Monday

11:30 am Pre-K Stone Soup Feast in the Social Hall
6:30 pm Cub Scouts in the Social Hall

Tuesday

9:15 am A New Day Yoga in the Reception Room
11:00 am Nursery Stone Soup Feast in the Social Hall
6:00 pm Prayer & Table Service in the Chapel
6:30 pm Boy Scouts in the Social Hall
7:00 pm **World Service Meeting** at the Phinney home



Wednesday Nursery School Closed until Monday

Thursday and Friday Church Offices Closed

Sunday Worship at 9:50 am and the Sacrament of Baptism

*Worship
With Us*



Holiday Giving with Heifer International: Give the gift that keeps giving, your donation to Heifer will offer a family the chance to flourish! Look for the display in the social hall. For each donation select an ornament and heifer pin to accompany a gift card to friends or family!

Answer: Sarah



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Our Worship Services are 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-noon

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.



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. **Our Sunday School Program** for children and youth takes place following the beginning of the second Hymn except on “First Sundays”.

The church of disciples who welcome you!
Visit our web page at www.maplestreetchurch.org

Sunday’s Servants:

Greeter: Linda Matthews
Deacon of the Month: Sandi Bogel
Acolytes: Matt Shannon and Charlie Macsata
Ushers: Alden Duffill, Lynne Duffill, John Foss and Bob Wilkinson
Special Assistant to the Deacon: Bob Wilkinson

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

Lighting the steeple for a week is also a nice way to honor or remember someone or to celebrate a special event. Contact the office at 978-774-4510 or complete and submit the form below if you wish to do so.

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: _____



Memorial Poinsettias and Memorial Gifts for the Christmas Season

If you wish to have poinsettias placed in the Sanctuary for the Christmas season, or make a gift to the Memorial Fund in honor or memory of a loved one, please complete this form and place it in the offering plate, or send it to the church office with your payment of \$12.50 each. Orders **MUST** be in the church office by ***December 7th***.

_____ I would like to place _____ poinsettias in the Sanctuary

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

_____ I would like to make a gift to the Memorial Fund

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

I enclose a check in the amount of \$ _____

Name _____ Telephone _____

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT MAPLE STREET CHURCH

www.maplestreetchurch.org

Worship is every Sunday morning at 9:50 am

Saturday, December 2, 2:30 pm: LIVING NATIVITY

Cocoa, Cookies and Photos

Sunday, December 3: FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT, "FIRST SUNDAY," COMMUNION SERVICE

Advent Bible Study After Worship

All-age Advent Wreath Workshop After Worship

Tuesday, December 5: PRAYER & TABLE SERVICE

Sunday, December 10: YOUTH ADVENT CELEBRATION

Advent Bible Study After Worship

Game and Toy Drive to benefit "Toys for Tots"

Friday, December 15: POLAR EXPRESS MOVIE & DINNER NIGHT

Sunday, December 17: SPECIAL MUSIC SUNDAY

GREENING OF THE SANCTUARY, CHRISTMAS FUND OFFERING

Advent Bible Study After Worship

Women's Group Cookie Walk After Worship

Tuesday, December 19: PRAYER & TABLE SERVICE/ BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Sunday, December 24: SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 9:50 AM CHRISTMAS EVE

FAMILY SERVICE, ALL AGES at 5 pm

11 pm LESSONS, CAROLS AND CANDLE LIGHTING

Monday, December 25: CHRISTMAS DAY!

No services: Family Time!

JOIN US IN WORSHIP AND HAVE A RICH AND
FULL ADVENT AS WE PREPARE FOR OUR
CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS!

Monday, December 25, Church Offices closed for the Holiday

Monday, January 1, Church Offices closed for the Holiday