

MAPLEWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# MESSENGER *EXTRA*

May 2015

apportionment update

## **Adopt-an-Apportionment Sunday, 2015, was a huge success**

On February 14th, \$8,630.00 in apportionments and vital ministries were adopted. This represents over 43% of the \$19,828.00 total for 2015. We are well on the way to our 9th consecutive year of paying 100% of our apportionments. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and we would like to thank all who participated in this second mile giving campaign!

As of May 3rd, MUMC has paid \$10,673.38 in apportionments and vital ministries, which is over 53% of the total due for the year. In case you missed Adopt-an-Apportionment Sunday, there are some apportionment cards of varying amounts still available for adoption. They are located on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Please feel free to take a card and sign your name in the book next to the apportionment number that you are adopting. Adopted apportionments can be paid at any time during the calendar year. These remaining apportionment cards will be available for the next few weeks. Thank you, again, to our congregation for

## **Think you are Safe Sanctuary certified?? Then check this out**

1. Covenants need to be read and signed every year!!! Every person who should have taken care of this by May 2015 has received an email message. SOME folks have dealt with this. Have you?
2. Background checks are REQUIRED. After these have been filled in, MUMC sends them to the registry & pays the required fee. Each person is reminded that the response to these are sent to the home of the individual involved and not to the church. We must have these in your files ... PLEASE check around your house; you might have filed it away thinking it looked official and should be kept but were not quite certain just what to do with the letter. WE NEED IT IN THE CHURCH OFFICE.

**If these are not up-to-date for you, then neither is your Safe Sanctuary certification .**

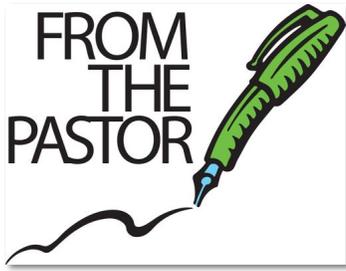
*Shay and Rona*

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### **Why this “Extra” edition of the Maplewood UMC Messenger:**

The past couple of months many events have taken place at Maplewood UMC and many pictures taken. The May issue of the Messenger did not allow enough extra space to display some of those pictures. You will see a selection of pictures now covering those events.

## FROM THE PASTOR



Dear Friends,

For the past few days I have been remembering all the joy we shared in the worship service this past

Sunday. One young person was affirmed! Seven young people were confirmed and one of those seven was baptized. We also welcomed two new members.

If you were there on that day I am sure you noticed that we did a lot of cheering and clapping! This was especially powerful during Trevor's baptism. When that whole pitcher of grace-filled water flowed over his head his new community of faith cheered out loud right along with the angels! It was a truly sacred moment.

Hebrews 12: 1- 2, which we read Sunday, tells us that we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses. Hebrews 11 names these witnesses—including Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Rahab, Samson, Gideon, Barak, Jephthah, Samuel, David—noting their courageous and often difficult or painful deeds that were enacted because of their faith in God.

I believe that on Sunday we were part of the cloud of witnesses cheering our newest members on in their faith. We are also that cloud of witnesses on Monday and the rest of our days, modeling not just for our young people, but for everyone what it means to live a life of faith in Jesus. It is an enormous privilege and an enormous responsibility.

I am grateful for the many ways that God's light and love are reflected so uniquely in each of you. Let's keep running the race... fixing our eyes on Jesus "the pioneer and perfecter" of our faith (Hebrews 12: 2),

seeking his guidance for each step we take. Remember the cloud of witnesses is cheering us on. They have run their race and know that it was well worth it!

God grant us the grace we need to run the race of faith knowing that others will experience faith in God through the way we run. And God grant us the grace we need so that we always remember how to cheer each other on!

In Christ's love and hope,

*Pastor Kim*



**Confirmation Class of 2015**



**Trevor's baptism**



## WHO'S WHO? (IN OUR CHURCH)

*Can you name.....*

- 1....who is learning to drive a food truck?
- 2....who are the teachers, administrators or working in the education field?
- 3....who are the architects?

**Answers to Who's Who are found on page 5.**

## You don't want to miss this!

Summer Camp Opportunities and scholarships still are available.

If you are interested in church camp this summer go to [moumethodist.org](http://moumethodist.org). Click on "Next Generation Ministries" in the column on the left. Then click on camping ministries. If you have questions about how to sign up for summer camp or summer camp scholarships please call, text, or email Pastor Kim.



Meet Jim and Beth Abeln, new members of Maplewood UMC but familiar faces!



Pastor Kim sharing about the sacrament of baptism with the confirmation class.

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**From John Wesley's Little Instruction Book**

**Be a "Do Gooder"**

"Do all the good you can.  
By all the means you can,  
In all the ways you can,  
To all the people you can,  
As long as ever you can."

## And the “thanks” goes on, and the ‘thanks’ goes on

Thank you to ...

... the parents of the confirmands, for raising wonderful young children, for supporting them during the Confirmation classes, and for providing a delightful reception after the Confirmation service.

... Chelsey Hillyer, Jordan Ault, and Karen Raborn for sharing their faith stories with the Confirmation class.

... to the Quilting Group, Rona Chandler, Madaleaze Cramer, Nina Berry, and Donna Reynolds for the beautiful confirmation banners.

... to all the helpers that make the Second Time Around Shop work. Spending extra time to go through all the Spring and Summer clothes so they can be put out..Bonnie Jent, Madaleaze Cramer, Joanne Davis and Shay Blackwell spent time Tuesday when the shop was closed to get the job done. Thanks to Suzie & Dave Ward, Bob Harsh, Bonnie Jent and Shay Blackwell who finished the job on Thursday.



## Mission Statement of Maplewood UMC is:

**GATHER** as God's people  
**GROW** in faith, love, and service.

**GO** into the world to do God's work.

Our confirmands had the opportunity to lead worship as liturgists for the morning service.

## Youth mission trip is coming

How would you like to be a part of this trip by supporting the 8 youth and adults going to Gatlinburg, Tennessee with the youth from Webster First UMC?

Here it is – one more way to be a part of this year's trip. Coming soon you will see a map showing the route from St. Louis to Gatlinburg, all 537 miles – one way. You can help this group get there by donating \$1.00 for each mile that has to be traveled and you can direct your dollar(s) toward helping the youth GO to Tennessee OR toward helping them to come back home. So what's the scoop? Do we send them AND bring them back?

So far we have Samantha Schaffner, Loren Wismann, Emily Baskett, Noah Buxton, Brooke Watkins, Melanie Brucker, Paige Watkins, Jerry Blackwell and Sue Baskett going on the trip. The group leaves July 19<sup>th</sup> · returns the 25<sup>th</sup>.

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## Don't forget Joe's Place and

**Weekend on Wheels...**both programs are part of the mission of Maplewood UMC. Non perishable food products and paper products are need all year around.

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## Answers to Who's Who in our church:

1. Annie Schmid

2. Renee McDonough, Rebecca Kunce, Rachel Kunce, Lisa Watkins Nikki Hobbs, Madaleaze Cramer, Pickett Lema Jan Harsh, Linda Vawter, Lynn Page, Stacy Swab, Steve Findley, Pascale Perraudin, Kyle Kranes, Bryan Stone, Collette Cummings, Erin McDonough, Lindsay Stith, Jose Cammarata and Jenny Rasnic

3. Dennis Collins and Larry Schmid



Each confirmand received a banner with their name on it to commemorate their confirmation. These were made by our quilting group.



GREAT JOY on Palm Sunday. Everyone got into the act, waving palms



Steve Shirar and Dave Kunce chopping veggies for the omelets.



Jason Watkins and Tim McDonough cooking pancakes. Ken Cohen putting the finishing touches on a batch of hash brown potatoes.



Larry Schmid, Dave Kunce and Mark Watkins cooking made to order omelets



The Watkins family enjoying the finished product.



Tom Cordeal sauteing mushrooms for the omelets



Getting ready for the Easter Egg Hunt



Hiding eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt



Larry Schmid sharing his fine trumpet sounds during Easter worship.



Finding the eggs...“if only I could reach it.”



The “Leftovers” continue the tradition of singing during Easter Worship

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**Maplewood UMC's  
VISION Statement**

\* Openly invite all people to experience God's transforming love and grace through a relationship with Jesus Christ.

\* Grow spiritually in ways that strengthen our relationship with God: worship, preaching and teaching, fellowship, prayer, evangelism, giving and caring for others.

\* Do God's work by sharing our faith, working for justice and serving the needs of those in our community and world.

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**Every Sunday  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship**