

MAPLEWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MESSENGER *EXTRA*

MARCH 2013

Sunday, March 23 - Palm Sunday Worship—11 a.m. The children sing and will parade with palms

Thursday, March 28 Maundy Thursday

6 p.m. Soup and Salad supper served in Fellowship Hall on an “eat when you arrive basis” until just before the service. (Details about helping with the supper are in this newsletter.)

7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service in the sanctuary

Sunday, March 31 Easter Sunday

7 a.m. **Sunrise Service**

7:45 a.m. (approximately) Easter Breakfast prepared and served by the MUMC Men

9:45 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt for all children (Held rain or shine)

11:00 a.m. **Easter Worship**



Cleaning day to prepare for Holy Week is scheduled

We are hoping for a BIG crowd to help get the church clean and in order for Holy Week and Easter.

We will meet at 8:30 a.m. and hope to have completed all tasks by 12 noon. If you can't make by 8:30 a.m. just come when you can. Some of the jobs on Jason's big TO DO LIST include cleaning the sanctuary, fellowship hall, kitchen and the front church yard. You can be sure that Jason has enough jobs for everyone AND for all ages!

A rumor about donuts being available to give us all energy to get the job done has been circulating. So come on down; get your sugar high -- and let's get MUMC ready for Holy Week and for Easter.

Your help is requested for the Easter Egg Hunt

The church Easter Egg Hunt will held at 9:45 a.m. *Weather permitting it will be held outside.*

Here's how you can help: Hope Watkins (636) 207-1496 or kevinhope@msn.com says they need plastic Easter Eggs either empty or filled with candy. Candy small enough to go in the plastic eggs which are not filled also is needed. Please bring your eggs and candy to church no later than Thursday, March 28th. The church office is open in the morning (about 10 am) until about 2 pm. You also can bring them to the Maundy Thursday Soup supper (6p.m.) and/or worship (7p.m.).

CALENDAR

Thursday 2/21 - 9 AM-2 PM

2nd Time Around Shoppe
open.

Saturday 3/ 23 - 8:30 AM Church
Spring Cleanup Day

Sunday 3/24 - Palm Sunday
9:45 AM Sunday School

Thursday 3/28 - 9 AM-2 PM

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open.

6 PM - Soup Supper

7 PM - Maundy Thursday
Worship

Sunday, 3/31 - Easter Sunday

7 AM Sunrise Service

7:45 AM - Easter Breakfast

9:45 AM - Easter Egg Hunt

11:00 AM - Worship

Thursday 4/4 - 9 AM-2 PM

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Saturday, 4/6 - 9AM-2PM

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open

New church calendar available on church website

We now have an online church calendar showing church event schedules. Everyone has access to this calendar from the church website: www.maplewoodumc.org. Just click on 'calendar' on the top header for the webpage. If you click on an event, more information about the event appears. You also have the capability of forwarding that event to a friend or someone who you think might enjoy participating.

Here's an especially neat feature of this calendar. You can use the web address below in the calendar portion of your phone setup and all the events of the church will automatically appear as a part of your phone's calendar.

<http://www.mychurchevents.com/calendar/ical/73941849/public.ics?>

another continuing MUMC Easter ...

Easter Breakfast will be served

Breakfast (7:45a.m) will be served after the Sunrise Service on Easter morning. The menu will thenow-traditional fare of previous breakfasts: pancakes, sausage, omelets, hash brown potatoes, fresh fruit salad, veggie, sausage, orange juice, milk and coffee (and egg white omelets will be available too.)

Be sure to sign up sign up on the communication card if you plan to attend so there will be plenty of food for all.

**Easter is coming! Share the Good News!
Invite a Friend to Easter Worship!**



Paige Watkins playing the piano for worship.

2nd Time Around Shoppe

First Saturday of the month help is needed

The Second Time Around Shop needs help to be able to be open on the first Sat. of each month. The month of April is covered but you could sign up on the list in the narthex for future months.

In an effort to make it easier for folks to give a part of their Saturday for Shoppe coverage, the day has been split into 2 shifts: 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. By being there by 8:30 a.m., this allows for putting signs up and getting out the money for change and getting everything set to open the shop at 9 a.m. Two people are needed for each shift.

News From Ad Council

Trustees Corner

The state of the MUMC building

The church Trustees - a group within the church's governing body, the Administrative Council, which is responsible for the repairs and upkeep of the church's physical structure, including the house next door, better known as the parsonage. They are responsible for anything and everything from a burned out light bulb **and janitorial supplies**, to the replacement of a leaking roof.

From time to time you may have been aware of the **planned** activity that is being led or coordinated by the Trustees. This past year quite a bit has been going on: new floor tile, a new boiler for the heating system, re-plastering the walls in the Fellowship Hall and the adjoining room, the painting of the Sunday school rooms, the re-located Choir room, the updating of the rooms for the resale shop and the updating of the kitchen area in Memorial hall have been the more visible areas of activity.

Each year the Trustees have a certain amount of funds available for the regular, day to day, maintenance needs and just like any other old building, we experience issues **that arise unexpectedly and** require a significant amount of **funding** to remedy the condition, (like the boiler). When that happens the Finance Team, also part of the Ad Council, is brought in to determine what financial means are available to pay for the necessary repairs.

The Trustees have a "to do" list that is evaluated on a regular basis to prioritize the work that needs to be done, based upon the urgency and the cost of the work. In any large cost project the Trustees obtain competitive bids when possible in order to get quality workmanship for the amount being spent.

Facing us at this time are the following major repairs:

Main church building: Leaking roof over bathroom section, new drywall and paint to repair water damage in the bathrooms, outside painting of window frames, replace church bell structure, leaks around foundation.

Educational Building: Over several years we have dealt with a leaking roof of the Educational Building which has been patched many times over; its replacement has been delayed due to financial conditions but the longer it is put off, the more damage occurs to the areas where the water leaks. We were preparing to have it replaced until the boiler gave out. The overhang at the Flora side entry doors, glazing putty replacement in many windows as well as the outside painting of the window frames.

Parsonage:

There has been some work done on the parsonage to address issues raised by the City of Maplewood inspector. There are more repairs that will be needed in the future: L concrete work, driveway, rear patio area, rear porch replacement, electrical work.

As much as possible of the repair work is being accomplished by church members when they are able to volunteer their time and talents as well as during special workdays. If you see something that needs to be looked into please let Jason Watkins (Trustees chairperson), Diane Watkins, Tami Collins or Ray Jauregui know about your concern(s).



Maplewood UMC is now on Facebook

All you have to do is "Like" us and you will be kept up to date on what is happening at MUMC. If you haven't visited our new Facebook page, please take a look at <http://www.fb.com/mumcstl>

And like our new page.

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mumc family

You've got mail!

(1) Dear Friends,

The congregation of Belmar First United Methodist Church would, with gratitude, like to thank you so much for your generous donation of \$3250.00 towards the rebuilding of our Church home and Parsonage. We are overwhelmed.

The Love and Generosity from across the nation has been overwhelming.

We also support a Food Pantry, Boy Scouts, a monthly lunch (Shepherd's Table) and AA. With your help, we hope to have them all up and running in the near future.

May God Bless You...Thank you for caring and sharing!

Sincerely,

Bernice Poland, on behalf of Belmar UMC

and *Pastors Eugene & Ellen Chamberlin*

(2) Our congregation received three letters of congratulations and appreciation from our District Superintendent, Rev. Kurt Schuermann, The Missouri Annual Conference Treasurer, Rev. Kendal Waller, and the Bishop of the Missouri Annual Conference, Rev. Robert Schnase, all because of your commitment to exceptional generosity which is expressed in the payment of 110% of District Apportionments and 110% of our Annual Conference Apportionments.

Rev. Kendall Waller stated in his letter: "Because of your commitment to giving beyond what is expected we have been able to open new churches, renew existing churches, train and recruit new pastors, prepare communities for disasters and disaster recovery, and strengthen the ministry of local churches across the connection. You have helped us move forward in our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

If you ever wonder whether or not your faithfulness and your gifts make a difference in the world on behalf of Jesus Christ, this might convince you that they do!

Thank you for your generosity. It is used by God as a source of inspiration and help and hope in ways far beyond what we might imagine or dream.

Thank you, thank you – very much

* My MUMC Family: Thank you for all your kind words and support through my time of need. It was much appreciated! Also I would like to thank everyone for the beautiful flowers. They were much needed to help cheer me up! It definitely worked! I love you all and thanks again! Love and Blessings, *Colleen Watkins*

Liturgist for April

April 7 - Shay Blackwell

April 14 - Mark Watkins

April 21 - Jan Harsh

April 28 - Bryon Stone



An interesting photo taken by Rob Chandler, notice how the telephone pole makes a cross coming out of the sunrise.



Dustin, Rachel, Isabel and the newest member of the Maplewood UMC family Abbey Kunce

MUMC & Webster 1st youth host successful Trivia Night in March

The first joint fund raiser for the Youth Mission Trip this summer was a great success. Trivia night saw 120+ folk testing the trivia skills. Maplewood filled 5 of the 16 tables at the Trivia night. One of the Maplewood tables won first place in the trivia contest and another Maplewood table tied for 3rd place.

A large number of silent auction items were available. Many of the items were bakery items, including a chocolate mint cheesecake *baked and donated by Larry Schmid*. This cheesecake was purchased for \$80.00 - and the person who purchased the cheesecake then sold pieces of the cake for \$5.00 a slice which brought in at least \$20 more!

At this date, it appears that the total amount brought in for Trivia Night was \$3,200.00. Thanks to all who participated and contributed in making the evening a great success.

(This was the first time our youth were able to meet and interact with the youth from Webster First.)



First place winners on Trivia Night



Tied for third place winners

More photos from 'Time for Dinner' for Joe's Place



Looking at some of the many silent auction items on Trivia Night

Kim Shirar, Pastor

Pastor's Office Hours:

Tuesday: 9 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Thursday: 9 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Cell Phone: (314) 651-9999

E-Mail:

pastor@maplewoodumc.org

Sally Noel, Secretary

Secretary will be in the office:

Tues. & Thurs. - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Maplewood UMC phone

(314) 781-5902

Maplewood Official Website:

www.maplewoodumc.org



***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.

Mission Statement of Maplewood UMC

GATHER as God's people

GROW in faith, love and service

GO into the world to do God's work

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11:00 a.m. Worship