

A close-up photograph of an American flag waving in the wind against a clear blue sky. The red and white stripes are prominent, and the blue field with stars is visible at the top. The flag is framed by a thin blue border.

GOD BLESS AMERICA



MAPLE PLAIN
COMMUNITY
CHURCH

JULY 5, 2020



MAPLE PLAIN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Whether you are visiting the area, looking for a church home, exploring the Christian faith or worshipping as a part of our church family, we are glad that you are here!
We also welcome those who are joining us online.

WORSHIP SERVICE

'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'
Luke 10:27 NIV

MESSAGE FROM GOD'S WORD

Sermon Series:

Summer Stories: The Parables of Jesus
"The Good Samaritan"

Luke 10:25-37

For information on the 10:15 am Live-Stream service broadcast, go to www.mpcommunitychurch.org.

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

25 On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

26 "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

27 He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

28 "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

29 But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

30 In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. 31 A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. 32 So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

36 "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

37 The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."
Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

Luke 10:25-37 NIV

MPCC CALENDAR

THIS WEEK:

SUNDAY, July 5

10:15 AM Worship Service in person and live-stream

MONDAY, July 6

Church Office Closed

WEDNESDAY, July 8

3:30-5:30 PM SUMMIT Coffee Afternoon @Blackwater Café

NEXT WEEK:

SUNDAY, July 12

10:15 AM Worship Service in person & live-stream

MONDAY, July 13

Church Office Closed

TUESDAY, July 14

7:00 PM Elder & Trustee Meetings

WEDNESDAY, July 15

7-9:00 PM SUMMIT Bible Study + Hang Out at MPCC

FAMILY ZONE

We currently do not have Children's Ministries available which includes Nursery, Children's Church and K4J. While we hope to have these programs back soon, we have some special things for your kids during the service. We will have both Activity Bags available as well as a **Family Zone**. The **Family Zone** is for parents to accompany their kids and stay with them for the remainder of the service. It is located in the lower Fellowship Hall where the live-streamed Worship Service is available also.



There is therefore now
no condemnation
for those who are in
CHRIST JESUS.

ROMANS 8:1, NRSV

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

VERSE 1

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all!

VERSE 2

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all;
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all!

VERSE 4

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all;
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all!

VERSE 5

O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all;
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all!

THE LION AND THE LAMB

VERSE 1

He's coming on the clouds,
Kings and kingdoms will bow down.
And every chain will break
As broken hearts declare His praise.
For who can stop the Lord Almighty?

CHORUS

Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah.
He's roaring with power, and fighting our battles.
And every knee will bow before Him.
Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain.
For the sins of the world,
His blood breaks the chains.
And every knee will bow before the Lion
and the Lamb.
Every knee will bow before Him.

VERSE 2

So open up the gates,
Make way before the King of kings.
The God who comes to save

Is here to set the captives free.
For who can stop the Lord Almighty?

BRIDGE

Who can stop the Lord Almighty?
Who can stop the Lord (Almighty)?

GOOD GOOD FATHER

VERSE 1

I've heard a thousand stories
Of what they think You're like,
But I've heard the tender whisper
Of love in the dead of night.
You tell me that You're pleased,
And that I'm never alone.

CHORUS

You're a Good, Good Father;
It's who You are,
It's who You are,
It's who You are.
And I'm loved by You;
It's who I am,
It's who I am,
It's who I am.

VERSE 2

I've seen many searching for answers
Far and wide,
But I know we're all searching for answers
Only You provide.
Because You know just what we need
Before we say a word.

BRIDGE

You are perfect in all of Your ways.
You are perfect in all of Your ways.
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us.

VERSE 3

Love so undeniable, I can hardly speak.
Peace so unexplainable, I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still,
As You call me deeper still,
As You call me deeper still
Into love, love, love.

I LOVE YOU LORD

CHORUS

I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice
To worship You, O my soul, rejoice!
Take joy, my King, in what You hear:
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.



MAPLE PLAIN COMMUNITY CHURCH



WORSHIP SERVICE REOPENING PLAN

We are so excited to be gathering again for our worship services! As we consider opening in a safe manner to best protect ourselves from the potential spreading of the COVID-19 virus, the state government has asked us to internally develop a preparedness plan that will guide our worship services and other activities. This plan is available for you to review in the church office. Here are five points to consider for the worship services.

- 1) **We will be gathering for our 10:15 Worship Service only.** Expect things to feel a little different for a while. Connections hour will continue to be made available online only and viewable anytime. There will also be no children's ministries available to start. This includes nursery, children's church, or K4J. We are working to provide some options specific to children. Live-stream service is available in the lower Fellowship Hall for families if needed.
- 2) **We are currently restricted to seat only 50% of the fire code capacity of the spaces in use.** This means we are currently able to seat 190 in our pews. We may also have an overflow area in the fellowship hall with a livestream of the service should we exceed limits. This is to allow a 6-foot distance between family units. We will have ushers available to seat you and we ask that you do not gather in areas like the foyer and atrium as they are also our main walkways.
- 3) **Our online option will continue to be available.** We know there are many of you who may not feel safe gathering at this moment. There are also others who are more prone to severe illness. We would encourage you to continue to worship from home. Our services will be livestreamed each Sunday and made available shortly after the service as a recording should there be a technical difficulty. Our goal is to keep everyone connected, regardless of their decision.
- 4) **Consider your own health before you choose to visit.** We ask that you screen your health before you attend the services. If any of the following are true, we ask that you please worship from home:
 - You are confirmed to have COVID-19.
 - You have been in contact with someone who is confirmed to have COVID-19.
 - You are experiencing symptoms can include fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, headache, muscle pain, sore throat, or loss of taste or smell. Other less common symptoms include gastrointestinal symptoms like nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea.
 - You have been in close contact with anyone experiencing these symptoms.
 - You have travelled outside of the country in the last 14 days.
- 5) **We strongly encourage no hugging/handshakes and the use of face masks.** This will be the most difficult for most of us. We understand and agree that it is not going to feel like the wonderful fellowship we all know and love. Though it may seem contrary, we believe this is the most effective way to show love and respect for each other during the worship service. Studies continue to show that the virus spreads most rapidly through physical contact and droplet transfers from the mouth or nose. Singing has shown to increase the range in which these droplets may be transferred. Many churches have elected not to sing congregationally at this time, but we feel strongly that this is an important component of our gatherings.

Please keep in mind that all protocols and practices are temporary and under review on a weekly basis. Situations will continue to change as new orders and suggestions are given. We will communicate all changes and updates as soon as they are made. We can generally expect things to become less restrictive as we consider the path of other states around the country. Thank you for your continued patience, support, and encouragement during this time.

KIDS WEEKLY CONNECTIONS



Hangout with Ms. Steph

We invite current students at MPCC to a Zoom hangout with Ms. Klaers. If your student(s) are interested, please contact her at: sklaers@mpcommunitychurch.org or 612-669-9126.

Go to www.mpcommunitychurch.org for details and links to all the events.



VIRTUAL TIME MACHINE VBS MONDAYS IN JULY

WWW.MPCOMMUNITYCHURCH.ORG

Vacation Bible School will be held online this year. Each week through the month of July we will revisit or go back in time to a Vacation Bible School from the past. Tune in beginning Monday of each week.



CHURCH
OFFICE HOURS

The Church Office will be closed each **MONDAY** through the summer months.

ONLINE CONNECTIONS HOUR

Adults are invited to join Donna Stundahl online each week this summer as she leads a 13-week study called **JOURNEYS OF FAITH**.



We are looking at the lives of our ancestors as we stroll through Paul Chappell's study "Journeys of Faith"

Retracing the faith-filled steps of great bible characters. In this thirteen lesson study, Dr Paul Chappell re-examines thirteen great Bible characters, each at a critical and memorable moment of faith. At every point of crisis, faith pressed on and God came through.

I'm sure these lessons will challenge your faith by examining the faith of others. The God who blessed these guys, still blesses us today. And He still delights when we trust in Him.

The class is available for viewing at your convenience on the church website:

www.mpcommunitychurch.org.



UPCOMING SUMMIT SCHEDULE

- Wednesday, July 8 – **Coffee Afternoon** at Blackwater Cafe: 3:30-5:30 pm
- Wednesday, July 15 – **Bible Study + Hang Out** at MPCC: 7-9 pm
- Wednesday, July 22 – **Senior Night Celebration Bonfire + Welcome Upcoming 7th Graders** at MPCC: 6-9 pm

WHERE ARE THE LABORERS?

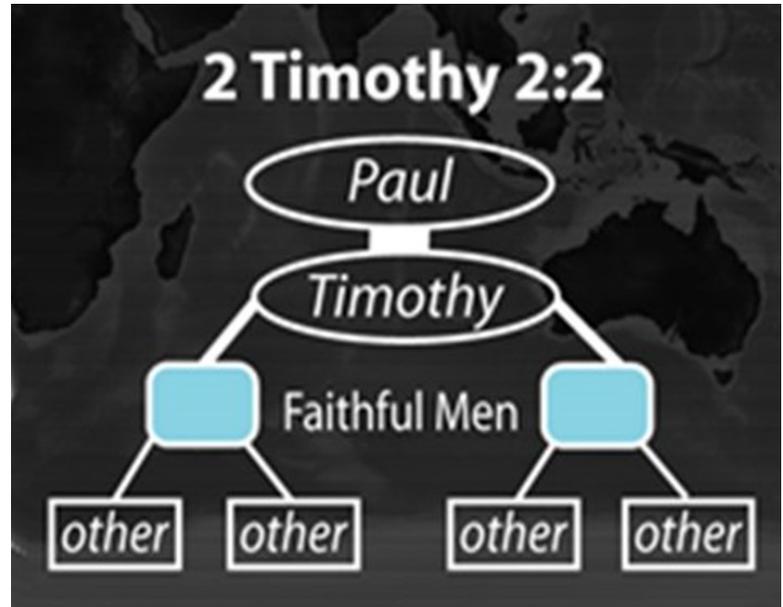
Dear friends,

A critical verse on spiritual reproduction is 2 Tim 2:2: **and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.**

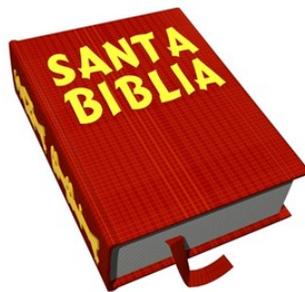
Later on, Paul provides more detail to his beloved spiritual son Timothy when he transmitted the following in 2 Tim 3:10: **You have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness...**

It is clear that the process Paul used with Timothy was intimate, intentional, prayerfully prepared and covered the whole of life and not just ministry skills. Paul used the “with him” principle of Mr 3:14: **And Jesus appointed twelve so that they might be with Him and he might send them out to preach...**

This process of preparing workers for God’s harvest requires time and a dedication to training and one-to-one/couple-to-couple. Yet much rests with the person equipping. Much as every parent has a deep responsibility to disciple their children. Similar to the phrase “like father, like son”, Jesus says: **A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher** (Lk 6:40).



Jesus, seeing the multitudes, had compassion on them, but then announced the real need in Mt 9:37: **Then He said to his disciples, The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few...**



With this urgent mandate of Christ’s, **why then are there so few disciples who have been “fully trained”?** Here are a few of the possible reasons:

- The person claiming a desire to be discipled needs to have certain heart manifestations in his own life: commitment to Jesus and the cost (Lk 9:23, 14:33, Jn 15:5,8), consistency in the Word (Isa 8:16, Jn 8:31-32) and love (Jn13:34-35). Also he needs to be teachable – the word “disciple” is closely related to the word for “learner”. This means it is the discipler who gives most of the guidance. A person who wants a personal trainer, coach or mentor sets the rules, so this is a watered-down form of discipling because his role is not that of a learner, but of ultimately being in charge.
- Many believers do not really understand this vision of spiritual multiplication and the necessity of regular times of one-to-one, or do not feel any real calling to invest their lives in it, or have lost interest, or “retired” from ministering.
- If a person wants to disciple, but has never experienced it personally in a long-term relationship with someone caring enough to be intentional with him, how can he be expected to know how to disciple someone else?

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PRAISE & PRAYER

LOCAL REQUESTS:

Continue to pray for those who are homebound, in assisted living or long-term care centers. Pray for their families as visitation isn't possible or is very limited.

Jeanne Courteau	Mera Glew	Bev Hamilton
Joan Helland	Ginger Olstad	Bette Skreen
Charlotte Stevens	Doris Stuckmayer	Sharon Stundahl
Sandra Sward		

Continue to remember those who have recently lost loved ones:
Todd &Carolynn Stave (Todd's mother, Naomi)
Clint & Juanita Bergman (Son-in-law, Brian Glover)

GLOBAL REQUEST (continued)

- It requires that our own lives be examples of the integrity of a ministering disciple.
- Lack of priorities, fears and laziness can keep a person who says he wants to disciple from actually doing it.
- Without a vision of the power of multiplication, the cost in terms of time, effort, transparency and vulnerability will not seem worth it. And when a friend we have invested in for years quits walking with Jesus, the emotional impact and discouragement can be tremendous.
- The long-term scope of what we want to see is enormous: **Go therefore and make disciples of all nations ... teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.** (Mt 28:19-20). In the 4 gospel accounts I found about 300 verses of what Jesus commands his disciples. That doesn't even touch all the commands in the rest of the New Testament. Paul clarifies that all this transmitting must be done by God's power and not ours (Col 1:28-29), but it still implies a major responsibility to be proactive and intentional on our parts. The good news is that, like parents have the primary responsibility for raising their children, there are also other family members and friends in the Body who contribute to their development.

May God answer the prayer that Jesus commanded us to pray, that the Father raise up more laborers for His harvest!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray

- For believers with a good heart to be not only a disciple, but also a laborer in God's harvest!
- For us to maintain deep, Christ-centered interactions with those we are helping.
- For God to continue to show us whom to disciple and how to motivate them to disciple others.
- For direction and protection as we spend time this summer planning for the fall.

Grateful for your prayers for us to multiply lifetime laborers!

Sam & Randi Edelstein serving with Navigators in León, Mexico.

INFORMATION CARD

July 5, 2020

Welcome to MPCC!

We are glad you joined us in worship today. Please take a moment to fill out this card and place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher or pastor.

First Name/Spouse

Last Name

Address

City State Zip

Home Phone

Cell Phone (s)

Email (s)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> I am a guest | <input type="checkbox"/> Becoming a follower of Christ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I am a regular attendee | <input type="checkbox"/> Discipleship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I have updated information | <input type="checkbox"/> Counseling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single | <input type="checkbox"/> Baptism |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Children | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Groups |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior High | <input type="checkbox"/> Young Adults Ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 20's | <input type="checkbox"/> Men's Ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 30's & 40's | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's Ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 50's & 60's | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 70+ | |

I learned about MPCC from:



OUR PURPOSE

To glorify God through knowing Him and making Him known.

OUR MISSION

For the **WORSHIP** of God,
The **DEVELOPMENT** of believers
And the **OUTREACH** of the Gospel.

OUR VISION

To be a Great Commission church in the west-metro that serves multi-generations near and far.

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Prayer Requests

Your private prayer requests given to the Elders & Staff are kept confidential. Place in the offering plate or hand to an usher or a pastor. The pastors gather for prayer corporately and privately for your request during the week.

- Elder/Staff
- Prayer/Chain
- Request Follow Up

Name: _____

PRAY : GROW : GO

PRAY continuously that God's will is done in this ministry and that we all find our part.

GROW in Christ and in one another as the Lord adds to our numbers for HIS glory.

GO with the light of Christ and reach the community around you.

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it". Malachi 3:10

MAPLE PLAIN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Calendar Year Giving Report

(giving through Saturday of prior week)

January 1, 2020 - June 27 (Sat.), 2020

	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>MISSIONS</u>
Budgeted Income	\$ 196,165	\$ 55,750
Actual Income	172,801	60,678
Total Expenses	154,874	66,370
Net	\$ 17,926	\$ (5,692)

MISSIONS GIVING

Budget	\$111,500
Cash Rec'd	60,678
Remaining	50,822

REFRESH #3

Refresh Goal:	95,000
2019 Balance	\$46,752
2020 Gifts	23,961
Goal Remaining:	-24,288
Donations Received:	70,713
Payments Made:	38,954
Cash Remaining:	31,759

Funds raised in June:	\$ 23,961
Total with Matching Grant	\$ 47,922

See update below.

MAPLE PLAIN COMMUNITY CHURCH Online Giving

You may visit www.mpcommunitychurch.org and click on Giving tab located on the homepage to give or to create an account or scan the following QR Code:



UPDATE: Refresh #3



Funds raised in June:	\$ 23,961
Total with Matching Grant	\$ 47,922

The Trustees are pleased announce that we have met the funding goal of the Refresh Challenge Match. God is good!

Any future contributions will be used for other Refresh expenses.

On behalf of the Refresh Committee and the Trustees, thank you for your generous support.

Dwight Affeldt

Chairman of the Trustee Board

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If you have questions or comments on MPCC's ministry, please pass them on directly to the staff or the Elder board.