

**Welcome to
Maple Avenue Ministries!**

At Maple Ave., we believe that we are called to be "together, always together," meaning that we are with each other and for each other. We call ourselves the MAMily- Maple Avenue Ministries + family- and anyone who desires to be is welcome in the MAMily (you don't have to be a member or even a frequent attender). We're glad you're here, and we hope you feel welcome.



Notes of hospitality: We practice an extended time of mutual greeting during the service. Feel free to stay in the pew or meander about, as you feel comfortable. We also welcome children to be themselves (which means they sometimes wander about or make noise- which we gladly embrace).

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GIVING

August Giving to Date	\$5,152.00
August Budget	\$20,564.00
August Budget Less Giving	-\$15,412.00
Church Spending to Date*	\$131,930.70
Church Giving to Date	\$145,076.07
Capital Campaign funds used to Date	\$17,422.50
Income Less Expenses to Date	\$30,567.87

Church spending figures are updated the second week of every month. You can see detailed spending reports and other church financial information at www.mapleave.org/church-finances.

**MAPLE
AVENUE
MINISTRIES**

CENTERED. CALLED. COMMITTED.

**AUGUST 15,
2021**

**"THE BELOVED
COMMUNITY"**
 Colossians 3:12-15
 Rev. Matthew J. Warfield

WORSHIP ORDER

Call to Worship
Worship in Song
Prayer of Confession
Assurance of Pardon
Passing of the Peace
Announcements
Congregational Prayer
Prayer of Illumination
Scripture
Sermon
Benediction

Upcoming MAMily Preachers

August 22 - Rev. Jeremy Simpson
August 29 - Minister Mariana Thomas
September 5 - Dr. Michelle Loyd-Paige
September 12 - Minister Winfred Burns
September 19 - Minister Josh Banner
September 26 - Pastor, Rev. Emily Holehan

Here at MAM we believe that all people are called & equipped by the Spirit to a ministry of loving God & neighbors and worshipping Christ. If you would like to participate & serve in that calling through leading on Sunday mornings (through singing, playing, dancing, ushering, Tech Team, nursery, etc.), please contact Pastor Emily, any member of the Council or email the office!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF TRANSITION

The Consistory met this past Tuesday (8/10) to review the submitted results of the Next Steps Survey and to continue the conversation about initial next steps during this time of transition.

In reviewing the surveys and in our conversations with you, we have heard a consistent desire for more people of color and/or representation in our leadership. We, as the Council, deeply share this desire, and we are so thankful that our surveys and conversations have revealed a large number of people of color who have volunteered to lead by serving with our **Visioning Team** (a team that will soon be assembled to help guide the congregation through this time of transition and in the search for our next lead pastor).

The Council also voted to proceed with pursuing interim consulting services (as opposed to hiring an interim pastor), and continuing to be blessed by the diverse and gifted group of MAMily guest preachers.

We have been in dialogue with the Classes of the RCA & CRC in Holland and intend to engage our church partners to gather support (both financial and otherwise) during this season.

Immediate Next Steps:

1. Contact and engage in conversation with MAMily members who have yet to fill out the survey.
2. Research interim consulting options, develop job description, begin interviews.
3. Write grant proposal for Classis funding and approach church partners for support.

Midweek Prayers

Tuesdays @ 8:30pm, Wednesdays @ 8:30am, Thursdays @ 12:30pm; in person at the church and on Zoom.

Join the MAM Tech Team!

Whether you're experienced or just interested in learning, we'll train you to operate the MAM systems. Contact MAMTechTeam@gmail.com.

Harvest Festival at Black Sheep Shelter

Sunday, August 29. For more info and to RSVP, email Jeff & Melissa at theroessings@gmail.com.

SERVING TODAY AND NEXT WEEK

TODAY

in song: Christopher
in liturgy: Pastor Emily
in preaching: Rev. Matthew Warfield
audio: Oscar
streaming: Gus
projection: PJ
ushers:
nursery: Emily B.

NEXT WEEK

in song: Pastor Jeremy & team
in liturgy: Elder Dawn
in preaching: Pastor Jeremy
audio: Gus
streaming: Sam
projection: Shandra
ushers: Eva & Javier
nursery: Blystra family