

Announcements

- **Pastor's Office Hours** : By appointment. Pastor's Cell: 641-590-5089. Pastor's address is: 1219 NW Boulder Drive, Ankeny, IA 50023. Email: pastor@maxwellmc.org or swanbergjw@hotmail.com
- **Bulletin Announcements**: Please forward bulletin announcements to office@maxwellmc.org by Wednesday.
- **October**: October is Clergy Appreciation Month.
- **October 29, 2023**: Retirement potluck for Pastor and Wanda following worship.
- **October 31, 2023**: Light the Night: The Maxwell City Council has declared Tuesday October 31, 2023, from 6 to 8 pm as Beggars Night. The church will observe 5:30 - 7:30 pm for our annual Light the Night. Boxes for donations of candy are placed by the doors. Donations will be greatly appreciated.

Daily Devotional: A new daily devotional "*Our Daily Bread*" is available on the sanctuary table and on the podium outside the pastor's office. We recently changed from The Upper Room to Our Daily Bread a 3 month devotional.



New Beginnings - Old Traditions

We believe in the virgin birth of Jesus Christ.
We believe in the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ.
We believe in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.
If you believe, come join us Sunday @ 10:00 am.
Faith Statement by Linden Caple, April 23, 2023

October 22, 2023
21st Sunday after Pentecost



**Mission Statement: To Bring People to Christ
And Nurture Them in the Faith**



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Maxwell Methodist Church
October 22, 2023 @ 10 a.m.
21st Sunday After Pentecost
Pastor Jerry Swanberg
Pianist Deb Mitchell
*Please stand if able

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Praise Team

Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn. . . “Precious Lord, Take My Hand. . . Hymnal #474

Pastoral Prayer / Lord’s Prayer

The Giving of our Tithes & Offering

Offering plates will be at both doors as you enter or leave and will not be passed.

***Doxology: Praise God the source of life and birth;
Praise God, the Word, who came to earth;
Praise God the Spirit, holy flame;
All glory, honor to God’s name!**

***Offertory Prayer**

Scripture 1 Kings 17:10-16 (NIV)

¹⁰ So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, “Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?” ¹¹ As she was going to get it, he called, “And bring me, please, a piece of bread.”

¹² “As surely as the LORD your God lives,” she replied, “I don’t have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die.”



¹³ Elijah said to her, “Don’t be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴ For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the LORD sends rain on the land.’”

¹⁵ She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. ¹⁶ For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the LORD spoken by Elijah.

Message. “Putting God First” Pastor Jerry Swanberg

*Hymn. “Jesus Is All the World to Me”. Hymnal #469

*Blessing

*Postlude



GMC Upper Midwest Provisional Conference

The Transitional Conference Advisory Team (TCAT) is pleased to announce that the Upper Midwest Conference has officially been accepted as a Provisional Conference in the Global Methodist Church. Monday, October 16, 2023, the Transitional Leadership Team led by the Rev. Keith Boyette welcomed the Upper Midwest into the Provisional Conferences of the Global Methodist Church. The official launch date of our Provisional Conference is November 1, 2023.

A convening conference will be held on November 2-4, 2023, at Cornerstone Church, Watertown, South Dakota. All are welcome to this historic and joyful event! Registration is found on The GMC events page. Registration is free.

<https://www.uppermidwestgmc.org/umwgmcevents>

The Upper Midwest Provisional Conference consists of 170 churches in the states of Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming. We thank the Lord for all the blessings, and we are grateful to all who made our acceptance as a Provisional Conference possible.
