

January 5, 2025

Epiphany Sunday

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



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Maxwell Methodist Church
January 5, 2025, @ 10 a.m.
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Pastor: Robert Bacon; Lay Speaker: Carol Bacon
***Please stand if able**

Prelude. Deb Mitchell

Welcome/Announcements

Praise Team

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship. Psalm 39, Psalter Hymnal #773

***Congregational Song. . . . "God of the Ages". . . . Hymnal # 698**

Pastoral Prayer/ Lord's Prayer

Offering

*Doxology

Scripture. Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 & Luke 12:16-24

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:

- ² a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
- ³ a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,
- ⁴ a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
- ⁵ a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from
embracing,
- ⁶ a time to search and a time to give up,

a time to keep and a time to throw away,
7 a time to tear and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to speak,
8 a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace.

Luke 12:16-24

16 And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. 17 He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’

18 “Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. 19 And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”’

20 “But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’

21 “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

Do Not Worry

22 Then Jesus said to his disciples: “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. 23 For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. 24 Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds!

Sermon. “It’s About Time”. Carol Bacon

***Congregational Song. . . “Take Time to be Holy”. . . Hymnal #395**

Benediction

Postlude Deb Mitchell

Announcements

- **Pastor's Office Hours** : By appointment. Rob's number 515-460-8885; Carol's number 515-460-8969
- **Bulletin Announcements**: Please forward bulletin announcements to office@maxwellmc.org by Wednesday. The bulletin is posted on the church's website <https://www.maxwellmc.org> under the bulletins tab.
- **Fellowship Sign-up**: Please be sure to sign up to bring refreshments for fellowship time.
- **January 12 @ 5:15 – 7:00 pm**: Youth Group
- **January 20 @ 9 am**: Sewing Group
- **January 26 Time TBD**: Youth Group
- **Shut-in Birthday**: Barb Caple will celebrate her 90th birthday on January 19. Address: Story County Long Term Care, 630 6th Street, Nevada, IA 50201. Barb and Linden have been members of the Maxwell Methodist Church for 70 years. Barb and Linden joined on November 28, 1954.

Prayers for Kelsie (Phares) Fisher: Kelsie (Phares) Fisher, who was recently diagnosed with an aggressive malignant cancer in November of this year. She is just 35 years old. Since her diagnosis, Kelsie has unfortunately continued to be in/out of the hospital during the start of her treatment course. She will continue to have treatment at Mary Greeley but will also be traveling to Iowa City for appointments in the near future. Please pray for Kelsie & her family. Pray for strength & comfort. Pray for the doctors, nurses and her care team during this difficult journey. For additional information see:

<https://allevents.in/colo/kelsie-fisher-benefit/100001095867783039>