

September 21, 2025
15th Sunday After Pentecost



Today's Theme: The Harvest in the Kingdom of God

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



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Maxwell Methodist Church
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Pastor: Robert Bacon; Lay Speaker: Carol Bacon
Pianist: Deb Mitchell

*Please stand if able

Prelude Deb Mitchell

Welcome/Announcements

Opening Prayer

We Worship as We Gather

***Call to Worship**

Leader: May the people praise you, O God.

People: May all the people praise you.

Leader: The land yields its harvest.

People: God, our God, blesses us.

Leader: May God bless us still,

People: so that all the ends of the earth will fear Him.

We Worship as We Rejoice

Praise Team

We Worship Together in Belief

***The Apostles Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day, He rose again,
He ascended into heaven,
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The Holy Catholic Church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

We Worship in Song

*Hymn: “I Sing the Almighty Power of God” Hymnal #4

We Worship by Hearing the Word

*Scriptures John 4:35 (NIV)

³⁵ Don’t you have a saying, ‘It’s still four months until harvest’? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.

*Gloria Patri Hymnal #33

Video “God Made a Farmer” Paul Harvey

We Worship in Prayer

Praises and Requests

Prayer Chorus “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” Hymnal #670

Silent Prayer/ Pastoral Prayer / The Lord’s Prayer

We Are Ministered to by Special Music

Special Music. “Little is Much When God Is In It” Rob Bacon

We Worship With Our Gifts

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

*Offertory Prayer

We Worship in Learning the Word

Sermon. “The Harvest in the Kingdom of God” Pastor Rob Bacon

We Worship in Song

*Hymn. “Sing to the Lord of Harvest” Hymnal #86

*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.
- **September 22 Monday @ 9 am**: Volunteer Sewing
- **September 23, Tuesday @ 6:30 – 8:30 pm**. Bishop Webb will lead a worship service at the First Methodist Church, 200 W. Main Street, Marshalltown, IA for a gathering of members, lay people and pastors from Minnesota and Iowa. All are welcome.
- **October 5 10:00 am**: Mission Sunday Guest Speaker Rev. Tony Valant.
5:30 to 6 pm: Fellowship time prior to a potluck at 6:00 pm. Pulled pork and table service will be provided with attendees providing a side dish to share. A sign-up sheet will be in the Wesley Café.
7:00 pm: Guest Speaker Rev. Tony Valant
- **October 5**: World Wide Communion Sunday
- **October 5**: SSNOW will sing during morning worship.
- **October is Clergy Appreciation Month**: Pastor/Clergy Appreciation Month is one specific day to nationally pay tribute to our clergy. Also referred to as Clergy Appreciation Day, this day of showing national gratitude for clergy members is celebrated on the second Sunday in October or anytime during October.

SSNOW 2025-2026

We are pleased to have Danielle Frank as the new SSNOW leader assisted by Jalane Vaughn. Mary Fullerton assists with check-in along with part-time helpers Sheri Sharp, Kennedi Hosteller, and Lisa Meade. On September 17, 27 children attended SSNOW. With the increasing attendance numbers, additional volunteers (full-time or part-time) are needed ASAP. Contact Danielle Frank at (515) 290-7397. Share your talents even if for half an hour; come read to the children, help with the meal, assist with music, etc.