

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
MAPLE LEAF PARISH
OCTOBER 16, 2011
9:00 A.M.**

Observed on the third Sunday in October, this day calls the Church to celebrate the ministry of Christians of all ages in the home, workplace, congregation, community and world.

The asterisk () indicates those times in the worship when those who are able are invited to stand, if you choose to do so.*

PRELUDE

INTROIT Choir

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS Arlynn Ness

(Please pass the attendance registration pads. We ask all members, as well as our guests, to fill out the information.)

***CALL to WORSHIP** Arlynn Ness

L: From the beginning, God entered into covenant with the human family: with Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham and Sarah, Moses, Deborah, Ruth and Jeremiah.

P: Through baptism, Jesus Christ calls us into the covenant and makes us ministers of Christ's righteousness.

L. All Christian ministry is Christ's work of outreaching love. It demonstrates a common life of gratitude and devotion, witness and service, celebration and discipleship.

P: All Christians are called to Christ's servant hood in the world, to the glory of God and for human fulfillment.

L: The church, as the community of the new covenant, participates in Christ's ministry of grace.

P: It stretches out to human needs wherever service may convey God's love and ours.

L. In our ministry of servant hood is this ultimate concern:

P: That all may be renewed in the image of their Creator, and that all Christians are called to minister in deeds and words that heal and free. Amen

***HYMN** "Freely, Freely" UMH #389

OPENING PRAYER Arlynn Ness

O God, our Guide and Guardian, you have led us apart from the busy world into the quiet of your house. Grant us grace to worship you in Spirit and in truth, to the comfort of our souls and the upbuilding of every good purpose and

hold desire. Enable us to do more perfectly the work to which you have called us, that we may not fear the coming of the night, when we shall resign into your hands the tasks which you have committed to us. So we may worship you not with our lips at this hour, but in word and deed all the days of our lives through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

1st SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 12: 4-1 Stu Gross
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Laura Perez
SPECIAL MUSIC Choir

2nd SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25:14-18 Gloria Blakeslee
THE MESSAGE "The Ripple Affect – Doubling Your Talents"

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS Jill Douglas

PASTORAL PRAYER

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE RECEIVING of our TITHES and OFFERING Barb Paul

Offertory Music

Presentation of our Offering

**Doxology (No. 95 UMH)*

**Prayer (Unison)*

God of Wisdom, we rejoice that you have provided us with numerous examples of generous giving. We obediently share this offering in full knowledge that all of our resources and assets are ultimately a gift from you. Help us to use them wisely and to share them generously. We pray in the name of your son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life, so we may live abundantly. Amen

***THE BENEDICTION** Barb Paul
God be in your head, and in your understanding. God be in your eyes, and in your looking. God be in your mouth, and in your speaking. God be in your heart, and in your thinking. God be at your end, and at your departing. Amen

***CLOSING HYMN** "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again"

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*POSTLUDE

NEXT SUNDAY

8:30 A.M. Worship at Fountain UMC
9:00 A.M. Worship at Faith Church
10:00 A.M. Church School at Faith Church.
10:00 A.M. Worship at Cherry Grove

CHERRY GROVE ROAST PORK DINNER

A roast pork dinner, mashed potatoes, gravy, applesauce, beans, rolls, pies and beverage will be served family style on Sunday, October 30th from 11:00 – 1:30 pm at the Cherry Grove UMC. The cost is \$9.00 for adults, children 5-11 \$5.00 and preschool free.

YOUTH PROJECT

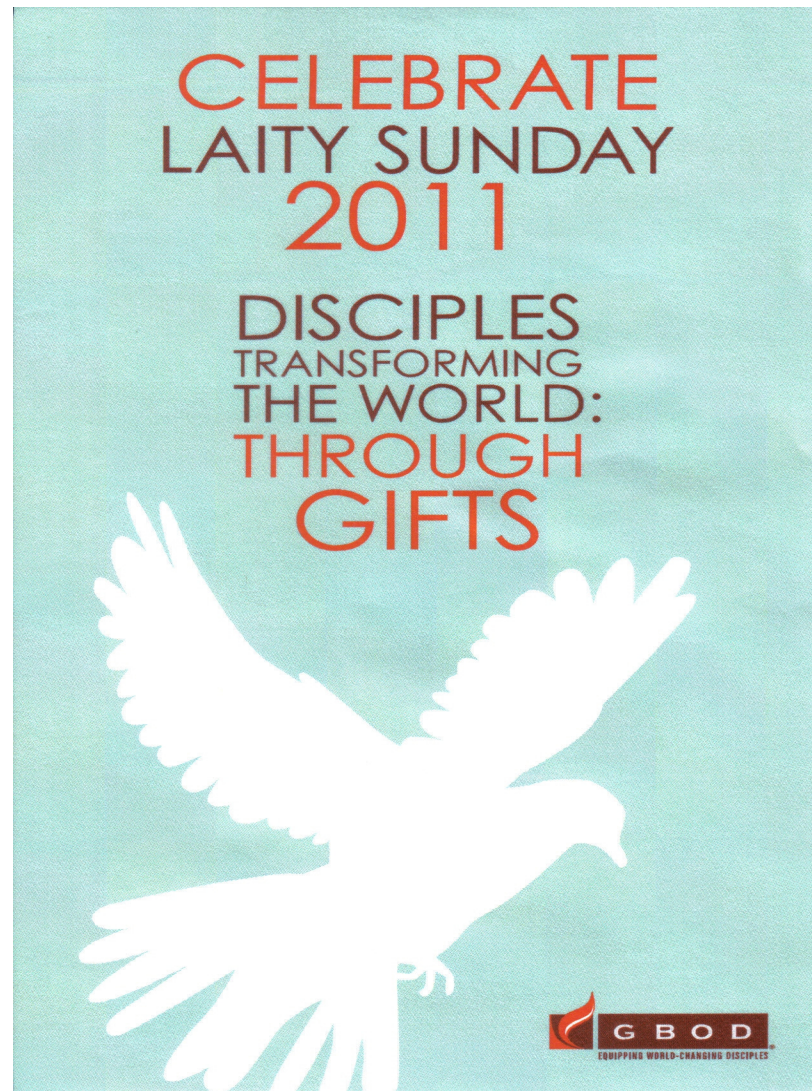


The Youth group of FUMC has decided to team up with Project Linus to “provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade blankets and afghans. On October 29th the youth will hold a lock-in in which they will spend time making handmade fleece blankets to distribute to children in hospitals, shelters, social service agencies, or anywhere that a child might be in need of a big hug. Your help is needed to donate fleece fabric, donations to purchase supplies, volunteers to chaperone or help with this project, or make blankets at home. Contact Laura Perez at lauraeperez3@gmail.com or 507-352-9255 for more information.

COOPERATIVE PARISH MISSION PROJECT!

With the slowing of the economy we’re constantly being reminded of the struggle that many families have providing for their children. With that in mind the Cooperative Parish Council would like to host a winter clothing giveaway for the community early in November (probably on the 12th) as a local mission project. We’re specifically looking for donations of new or “gently used” children’s coats, mittens, hats, snowsuits and boots. Clean items can be dropped off at any one of our three churches and we’ll see that they reach their destination. NEW children’s underwear and socks would also be welcome. While our focus is on items for children you can also bring winter coats for adults (again they must be new or gently used. Finally, if you’d like to help with this project either by sorting through the donated clothing or helping the day of the giveaway please let us know.

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE –October 21 at 3:00 pm



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MINI MARKET

Let's make the Mini Market exciting! Get your Imagination Stations working – check your nooks and crannies for the makings of a Basket or Box to charm our shoppers. The local stores have reasonable items to add to home treasures to keep the cost to around \$15. Happy Hunting.

Try the new “Rest and Be Thankful FUMC Coffee Shop” with a choice of pastries and coffee or tea during the Mini Market. Three waitresses are needed to work from 9-11 on November 5th. Please contact Judy Thomas.



Fall

Mini Market

Saturday, November 5, 2011

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Try the NEW

“Rest and Be Thankful FUMC Coffee Shop”

with choice of pastries and coffee or tea.

9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Lunch: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Menu: Beef/Pork Sandwiches

Assorted salads, Pie & Beverage

Adults: \$7.00; Children 5-8: \$3.50

Children under 5 free

Baskets-Boxes, Baked Goods, Crafts

And Much More

Proceeds Support Mission Projects