



# JULY 2011 MAPLE LEAF PARISH NEWS

## Cherry Grove UMC

18183 160th Street  
Spring Valley, MN 55975

Worship: 10:00 am Sunday  
Cowboy: 6:00 pm First Sunday

Pastors: Beth Perez & Mark Rader

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## Faith UMC

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Spring Valley, MN 55975

Worship: 9:00 am Sunday  
Worship: 5:00 pm Saturday

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Worship: 8:30 am Sunday

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## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Maple Leaf Parish Friends,

This is our second edition of the parish newsletter. In June we had very few, 2 or 3 households, who did not get the newsletter due to our not having addresses in the system. I believe that at this point we have correct names and addressed for all the members and friends of Cherry Grove Church, Faith Church and Fountain Church. If you know of anyone who wishes to receive our parish newsletter, please call the office. We are happy to share news of the ministries and all that is happening in our churches.

Let me share a couple of things with you.

Pastor Mark, Kathy Lucas and I attended the MN Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church on June 2 – 4 in St. Cloud. This was Kathy's first time attending as Lay Member representing our Parish. I think, if you ask her, she will say that it was an interesting experience. I hope you will ask her about it.

I always enjoy conference; the time spent in worship (that I am not leading) is a very meaningful time for me. Yes, we deal with business issue and legislation, we get up early and in the evening, we fall into our beds exhausted, only to do it again the next morning. But, our worship time feeds my soul and strengthens me for another day of holy conferencing. I would encourage others to consider attending with us at some point. I think you will learn much about the church. See my Conference Report in a separate article in this newsletter.

On June 11<sup>th</sup>, several of us attended the **Imagine No Malaria** training for the River Valley District. The training was held at the Stewartville United Methodist Church, with Leia Williams, the field coordinator facilitating the session. Leia is dedicated to helping congregations learn about malaria and how to raise the funds needed to prevent deaths from this disease. The MN Annual Conference is launching a campaign to raise \$1.2 million by 2015....to save 180,000 lives.....lives who would otherwise die of malaria in the near future.

You've heard of *Nothing But Nets*.....*Imagine No Malaria* is much more. It includes: Prevention, Treatment, Communication and Education. Stay tuned for more information and how, we as a parish, as a congregation, as the people of God together can commit to help save lives. We continue to serve the parish with several worship opportunities. We worship on Saturday evening at 5:00 P.M. at Faith Church. Almost every Saturday night service has had volunteers providing special music or someone leading special music. Attendance can range from 12 – 40. It's a small group, but the Spirit of God visits us just like we are visited on Sunday morning. If this is a convenient time for you to worship, we hope to see you there. Then, of course, we worship in Fountain at 8:30 A.M., we worship at Faith in Spring Valley at 9:00 A.M. and we worship in Cherry Grove at 10:00 A.M. on Sunday mornings. You are welcome at any of our services and you should be aware that your gifts and offerings will be routed to the church that you indicate on your offering envelope.

From the Book of the Acts of the Apostles 2: 42-47 *They devoted themselves to the apostles' teachings and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and their goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.*

My hope, my prayer is that we devote ourselves to the things of God, seeing to the needs of God's people and meeting together often, in joy! Join us!!

*In Christ's  
Love,*

*Pastor Beth*

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**Faith United Methodist Church**  
617 Maple Lane  
Spring Valley, MN 55975

Web Page: [faithsv.net](http://faithsv.net)  
Saturday evening worship 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday morning worship 9:00 a.m.  
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Louise Winfield

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Suzanne Eberle

**Bell Choir Dir.**

Kathy Casady

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Kristie Shorter



**NEWSLETTER  
DEADLINE**

The newsletter deadline for August will be Thursday, July 21st at 3:00 pm.

If you would like to email your announcements or articles the address is [faithunited@centurytel.net](mailto:faithunited@centurytel.net). Thank you.

**FUMC - SERVICE GROUP**

The Service Group handles the Sunday Coffee Hour the first three Sundays of the month. The 4th Sunday will be served by the Sunday School and Youth. The 5th Sunday will be served by Cursillo participants.

**JULY**

* Rhienhart & Arlene Oeltjen	346-2470
Eileen Churchill	346-2444
Ranae Clouse	346-2979
Carol Langdon	657-2326
Marilyn Majors	346-2782
Joe & Louise Marquardt	346-2796
Tom & Kim Mosher	346-7233
Laurel Norman	346-2353
Roger & Paula Ruesink	346-7189
Naomi Stuckey	754-5919
Emery & Heather Swartzentruber	951-6376



**FAITH UNITED METHODIST  
OUTDOOR SUMMER  
CONCERT  
JULY 16 - 5:00 PM**

Beth Crosby was a lead vocalist for a Christian rock band, as well as performing with a praise and worship band.

She serves as an on-air announcer for Christian Radio in Blue Earth and Mason City.

Bring a lawn chair (weather permitting) and join in the fun and fellowship.

**FUMC UMW**  
Spring Valley, MN  
Wednesday, June 8, 2011  
9:00 a.m.

Nine members of the United Methodist Women met at 9 a.m. for coffee and fellowship served by Sarah Circle.

Darlene Vrieze, chairperson, brought the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. and introduced Chelsi Hammon, guest speaker. Chelsi Hammon traveled with other members of Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, to Mississippi to help with the clean-up following the floods and Chelsi told of their experiences.

**Secretary's Report** - Nancy Cornell moved to approve the Secretary's Report of April 13, 2011 as read, Marie Dempewolf seconded, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** - Huberta Fenstermacher moved to approve the Treasurer's Report of April and May, Sonja Hoag seconded, motion carried.

**Correspondence** - 'Thank You' letters were read from Eileen Churchill, Marlin Rathbun family and Habitat for Humanity.

Sympathy letters were sent to Bridget Kern, Terry Fetterly and Falene Rowe. Get Well cards were sent to Louise Winfield and Huberta Fenstermacher.

UMW members voted for 2 people to receive Mission Recognition pins.

Our church has the program and birthday party Thursday, July 7th, and we will be serving root beer floats.

The program will be at 2 p.m. with lunch served following the program.

**Upcoming Events** - July 12-15 School of Missions - St. John's University

Meals-on-Wheels - June 20-24 Sarah Circle

July 18-22 Rachel Circle

The Annual gathering of UMW has been changed to October 8th at White Bear Lake. The River Valley Association will meet September 17th. Emma Norton no longer needs quilts and our UMW has 3 quilts finished.

It was announced Myrtle Carson has been receiving hospice care.

Nancy Cornell suggested we should have our next UMW Meeting, Wednesday, September 14th at 9 a.m. We no longer will be working on quilts and we can decide at the meeting our next project.

Emma Norton has a new Executive Director. The main floor of the residence is being renovated and they are always in need of infrastructure help. Supplies could be donated and Lucille Prinsen would deliver them.

**Graduation Reception** - Darlene Vrieze reported on working at the reception with 4 graduates attending. Also it was our church's turn to serve the Baccalaureate Reception and about 100 were served. John and Darlene Vrieze and Arlene Johnson provided the beverage and paper products and other churches provided the

bars. Darlene Vrieze also purchased black table cloths to be put on the tables.

Nancy Cornell, on behalf of the Mission Committee, thanked everyone for donating for the school kits and 14 school kits were made.

Darlene Vrieze thanked Rachel Circle for the Program and Sarah Circle for the lunch.

Darlene Vrieze read "God Promises You" by Max Lucado.

Marie Dempewolf moved to adjourn the meeting, Betty Bernard seconded, motion carried.

Shirley Hyland,  
Secretary



**FUMC RACHEL  
CIRCLE**

Rachel Circle met June 15 with Vivian as hostess. Our lesson chapter was titled **Hell's Supreme Surprise**, read by Darlene. Response report was titled **Haiti: Healing Trough Pain** was given by Huberta. We will host the July birthday party at the Ostrander Care Center July 7. We also discussed a change in what we will do with funds from the bakeless bake sale.

Respectfully Huberta

## FAITH UMC Ad Council Minutes Continued

A new way to open the church for the Alcoholics Anonymous group that meets Tuesday evenings may need to be figured out. (Editor's Note: Kathy Lucas has volunteered to do this)

Attendance at the Saturday Service has been low this spring. An eye will be kept on it as they want to give it a little longer to see if attendance picks up. It DOES appear that many (including some church members) are unaware of the Saturday evening service, even though the service is listed in the bulletins, newsletters and on the website. Thoughts on how to get the word out would be welcome.

Website traffic remains fairly strong (though we are unable to track which pages are being viewed the most). One of our projects for when time permits is to switch hosts to one that allows unlimited content.

Imagine No Malaria: In 2008, the General Conference of the United Methodist Church embraced an initiative to raise \$75 million dollars in a partnership to save lives from malaria-related deaths in Africa. Each annual conference has been assessed a goal and our goal is 180,000 lives at \$1.8 million. A generous donor kicked off the campaign with a \$600,000 gift. Two trainings are being held locally (one in Rochester and a second in Stewartville), and we are looking for church leaders to attend one of the trainings (we are leaning towards the training on Sunday

afternoon, June 12<sup>th</sup>, in Stewartville.

Sim's Sound is offering a new Maintenance & Extended Warranty Plan, they're calling the Priority Service Plan, that would cover anything they have sold us and installed (primarily our DLP projector but also some, though not all, of our sound equipment). In particular it would offer:

- Priority on-site service calls
  - Phone consultation
  - Free loaner equipment
  - An annual on-site preventive maintenance visit
- Equipment replacement

The cost for the plan for Faith for one year would be \$827.98.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Pastor Mark said that FUMC had been contacted by a group of bicyclists from a UMC in Marshalltown IA, asking if they could stay overnight at FUMC before last weekend's "Almanzo 100" bicycle race (the group was able to find a hotel room instead). Pastor Mark asked the Ad Council to consider making a policy regarding this type of request for the future. Following discussion a consensus emerged that we really do not have the facilities for this (no showers, etc.) and did not wish to do this.

Suz & Kristie have asked if they could use the church to put on a concert in August (08-07-11) at 7:00 pm as a cancer fundraiser. They'd like to hold it in the Fellowship Hall and roll our Baby Grand out and ALSO rent a second Baby Grand (or perhaps a digital piano) from Petits in Eyota. Cost for a piano rental would be approximately \$500, and Suz wondered if they could use some money that is set aside in the Music fund for choir and piano every year **or** their choir direc-

tor wages which they have previously been donating back to the church.

A motion was made to host the concert. m/s/c. It was also agreed that the Ad Council ask Suz & Kristie for more details regarding funding for the second piano.

Jeff mentioned that our microphone stands are falling apart and that new ones are badly needed.

Jill asked for a volunteer to do devotions for the 06-21-11 Ad Council Meeting. Carol volunteered.

Motion was made to adjourn at 8:25 pm. m/s/c

Respectfully submitted,  
Arlynn Ness  
Co-Ad Council Secretary

## THANK YOU

We are most grateful for your visit, Rev. Hoag, along with all the prayer and concerns, for Sam during his brief stay in the hospital in March. It is wonderful to have the love and support from our Faith Family.

Sam & Gloria Blakeslee

## FUMC LAWNMOWING

There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for mowing and trimming. Please check the sheet before you mow as someone may be signed up. There were some frustrations with this last year. Thank you. The Trustees.

## CHERRY GROVE UMW

Cherry Grove UMW will meet on July 12th and will plan on going together to Berwood Bed & Breakfast to tour the Gardens and then will go to Lanesboro to Pedal Pushers for lunch.

## COWBOY CHURCH SERVERS NEEDED

With the crowds at our Cowboy Church growing we could use some help providing, and serving refreshments, following these services. For the most part this has been falling on the shoulders of a small group who have been helping in the kitchen nearly every month.

Recognizing that this service not only provides a great deal of vitality for our congregation but also help with the finances, we'd like to encourage others to help from time to time. Right now our Cowboy Church services are held on the first Sunday night of each month at 6 pm, and we generally offer bars or cookies, along with coffee, milk and/or punch during the fellowship time that follows.

If you could serve from time to time please contact Bernis Finke at 937-3242 or Janice Mensink at 937-3438.



## COWBOY CHURCH

Cowboy Worship will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 5th, 2011, at the Cherry Grove United Methodist Church.

## ATTENTION CHERRY GROVE LADIES

This call is out for anyone who can sew, knit or crochet, cut material pieces, serve coffee and cookies, provide a short devotion and prayer or help out in any way that is needed.

Some of the ladies are interested in organizing a "Sewing, etc." group. We will think of a name and we hope many of you will be interested. We plan on making "disaster diapers", school uniforms, prayer shawls and anything we are able to do for Mission Projects.

We would like to meet at least every other month or monthly if it works out. We need to find out a day and time that is the most convenient for everyone. We would like to meet at Cherry Grove church in the Church Fellowship Room. To make this possible there is information we will need. We need names, phone numbers or email addresses and the best day and time to meet.

Hopefully most of the seamstress' will have portable sewing machines. We will be asking for donations of used t-shirts, yarn and whatever is needed for projects we may be making. We are waiting to hear from you. Please contact Beth Perez, cell phone 507-259-4553 or [bethperez@myclearwave.net](mailto:bethperez@myclearwave.net), or Bernis Finke, 937-3242 or [cgbernie@frontiernet.net](mailto:cgbernie@frontiernet.net). Come one, come all, it will be "SEW" much fun!

## CHERRY GROVE INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

This year the Community Center is in charge of planning the parade for the Fourth of July celebrations in Cherry Grove. For several years now the church has offered a lunch as a fundraiser following the parade, and we will do so again this year **IF** we can find adequate help. A signup sheet to express interest is in the foyer of the church, or you can call Janice Mensink at 937-3438 to express your willingness to help.



## SPRING VALLEY AREA FOOD SHELF

May 8, 2011

Thank you for your donation to the Spring Valley Area Food Shelf. The continued and faithful support of generous people like you enables us to provide a much needed service to the greater Spring Valley area. Your gift is received with much appreciation.

Sincerely,  
Spring Valley Area Food Shelf  
Board of Directors

The Spring Valley Area Food Shelf appreciates the donation from Faith United Methodist Women in the amount of \$275 in 2010.

## **FOUNTAIN UMW SCHEDULE FOR 2011**

All meetings are held at 7:30  
P.M.

May 25: Bridal Shower for Al-  
lysa Arnold (Jerry Arnold's  
daughter)  
Place: Fountain Church  
Note: Emma Norton Auction is  
postponed until the June meeting

June 22: Emma Norton Auction,  
Lesson #16,  
Word: Heart  
Leader: Shirley Traff  
Hostess: Char Goldsmith

July 27: Trip to Berwood Inn,  
Garden Tour and Dessert

August 24: Lesson #17,  
Word: Grace  
Leader: Sheila Arnold,  
Hostesses: Beverly and Tracy

Sept. 28: Lesson # 18,  
Word: Worldliness  
Leader: Tracy, Hostess: Jenny  
and Shirley

October 26: Lesson #19,  
Word: Judge  
Leader: Jan, Hostesses: Shirley  
Traff and Sandy Manion

November 16: Thank Offering  
Box  
Lesson: # 20,  
Word: Thanks  
Leader: Luann, Hostesses: Cyn-  
thia and Dorle

December 14: Secret Pal Potluck  
Program Focus: Christmas,  
Word: Joy  
Leader: Joann, Hostesses: Beezie  
and Sarah

The Fountain UMC will be look-  
ing for a custodian effective im-  
mediately. If you are interested in  
doing this work for the church,  
please contact Pastor Beth Perez  
at 507-346-2830 (Faith Church,  
Spring Valley) or 507-259-4553  
(cell phone).

## **FUMC RACHEL CIRCLE**

Rachel Circle met at Hillside  
with Diane as hostess. Darlene  
gave the Magazine Report from  
the **March Response**. It was ti-  
tled "Community Gardens". It  
told about the popularity of these  
gardens and how some churches  
have them on their property. Hu-  
berta gave the lesson. The chap-  
ter was titled "God's Gracious  
Grip".

The Secretary's Report was  
given and the Sunshine Report  
also. Bills for cards and postage  
were paid. Darlene will also be  
paid for her expenses for gradua-  
tion recognition.

Diane told about the donation  
Salvation Army gave to the  
Foodshelf. There was a few un-  
claimed. They were given to the  
Sheriff's Department to be dis-  
tributed.

We were read a letter from  
Marge Hamlin. Our next meeting  
is June 15th. Vivian will be host-  
ess. Darlene will do the lesson  
and Huberta the Magazine Re-  
port.

Huberta Fenstermacher

## **FUMC FLOWER SIGN UP SHEET**

If you would like to furnish flowers  
for the worship services, please sign  
up on the bulletin board. Thank you.

## **FUMC SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE**

Our tentative list of musicians for  
our 5:00 p.m. services on Satur-  
day for the month of June are as  
follows:

06/04 Norma Merkel  
06/11 Rosalie Hagan  
06/18 Outdoor Concert  
06/25 Bill Johnson

## **YOU ARE INVITED...**

...to Faith UMW on June 8, 2011  
Chelsi Hammon will be speaking  
on her mission trip to Mississip-  
pi. We have coffee at 9:00a.m.  
and then she will speak at ap-  
proximately 9:30a.m., so come  
and enjoy coffee, fellowship and  
the program.

## **FUMC WAFFLE BRUNCH**

Monetary donations for the milk and  
juice for the Waffle Brunch on June  
5th may be given to Louise in the  
church office by Friday, June 3rd.

## **FUMC LIGHTING**

The lighting project mentioned in  
our May newsletter has been  
completed, and new energy effi-  
cient lights and fixtures have  
been installed in the kitchen and  
Fellowship Hall. If you would  
like to make a special gift to help  
defray the costs of this project  
(approximately \$5700) it would  
be most appreciated.



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COST \$6.50 (Children under 5 eat free)

**WAFFLES  
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