



# OCTOBER 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

Email: cgumc@frontiernet.net  
Phone: 1-507-937-3177

## Faith UMC

617 Maple Lane  
Spring Valley, MN 55975

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

Pastors: Mark Rader & Beth Perez

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Phone: 1-507-346-2830  
Web: faithsv.net

## Fountain UMC

Cedar Street & County Road 8  
Fountain, MN 55935

Worship: 8:30 am Sunday

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Phone: 1-507-268-4456  
Web: www.fountainumc.com

## FROM THE PASTOR

My office has felt a bit darker than normal of late. Partly that's because we've already had some very "fall like" weather, with the sort of dark gray overcast skies that I generally associate with late November. But there's actually a more logical reason for the diminished light around me – and that is that a couple of the long, fluorescent bulbs in the ceiling light fixtures above me are either coming on more slowly or not at all!

Now, this ISN'T a plea to the Trustees to change the bulb. As some of you have likely figured out by now I'm accustomed to being "in the dark" quite a bit of the time anyway (pun intended). Rather, I've been thinking about the ways that, all too often, we can resemble those aging ceiling lights.

Fairly early in the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5, just after the Beatitudes, Jesus offers his listeners these words of encouragement.

*"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."*

Isn't that something? That Jesus looks to us, in all of our humanness, to be his emissaries, his hands, his feet, his arms and voice in this world?

And so I'm wondering, then, about your light. Do you have gifts, talents and abilities that you're not using right now, or that you've effectively hidden under a basket? When others watch you, and see the way you live and the decisions you make, is your life shining like a light that might lead others out of the darkness and into a relationship with Jesus Christ?



I've always been amazed by how many people seem to think that they have nothing to offer to God, or that they're just not "good enough" to serve. But Jesus wouldn't have asked his listeners (and by extension you and me) to "be light" if he hadn't believed in them, hadn't believed that they could do and be this. And so how about it? Will you let **your** "light" shine?

In Christ,

*Pastor Mark*

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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.  
Sunday School— all ages 10:00 a.m.  
Coffee & fellowship at 10:00 a.m.

**Office Hours:**

8:00 - 4:00 Tuesday through Friday

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**Secretary:**

Louise Winfield

**Custodian:**

Paul Eberle

**Organist:**

Suzanne Eberle

**Bell Choir Dir.**

Kathy Casady

**Choir Pianist:**

Kristie Shorter



## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The newsletter deadline for November will be Friday, October 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).

## 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.

## OCTOBER

*Nancy Clement	346-1013
Roland & Carolyn Davis	346-7495
Paul & Suzanne Eberle	346-7147
Larry & Mary Grems	346-2424
Tom & Dorle Kaase	unlisted
Ilene Kasten	346-2567
Larry & Jennifer Lee	346-9925
Melissa Messner	346-7426
Eleanor Parker	346-7974
Larry & Arlys Terbeest	346-2475
Norm & Jean Witt	346-2805



## EQUAL EXCHANGE COFFEE

The UMCOR Coffee Project is a partnership between the United Methodist Committee on Relief and Equal Exchange. Each year, Equal Exchange makes a 15 cent donation for each pound of product purchased through the Project to the UMCOR Small Farmer Fund. Last year they donated \$23,086.50. Thank you for partnering with us to create a more just and sustainable food system.



## CHERRY GROVE NEWS

The UMW held their September meeting in a different fashion. We started out at the Ostrander Care Center where we had fellowship with our UMW resident members. We visited with Ilene Stockdale and shared many stories of life as UMW in the Cherry Grove Church. Bernis Finke shared a devotional and we prayed together. Then we were on the road again to visit Stella Brusse at her home. There we shared wonderful conversation with her on the occasion of her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday. Everyone had an opportunity to share a memory of their experience in UMW through the years. I learned much from that conversation.

But, our “meeting” wasn’t over yet. From Stella’s house, we continued on to Corene Hamre’s house to have lunch together and have our required business meeting. (I don’t know if I’m supposed to share this, but Corene and Joe Hamre also celebrated birthdays on September 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.) Thank you to Corene for hosting us! It was lovely. We all brought a lunch from home and Corene served us the best cake ever.....for dessert. And during lunch, I heard more stories of the adventures of UMW in the Cherry Grove community.

After the meeting and lunch, we hit the road again and went to visit Mary Ness, who on Saturday, celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Can this day get any better!

Well, yes, it did. Next stop; Lucille Serfling’s. What a wonderful visit we had with all these ladies.

It was a joy to spend time together ministering to one another and to our homebound friends...well, all I can say is that it was a blessing. Our souls were fed and we smiled all the way home.

We hope that more will join us next time as we plan a day to visit our friends and share the love of Christ together.

Blessings to all the UMW units in our parish.

*Pastor Beth*

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Did you know that on Palm Sunday 1954, there were 8 children baptized in Cherry Grove? Can you imagine how beautiful that was! All those babies and parents standing up front! So here is a question for you. Do you know who they are? And where they are today?

I know, because I can look in the church history log book at the Cherry Grove Church.....but maybe you can help identify these babies. With a little help from those of you who have been around for a while, maybe next month we’ll identify them. Start thinking back to 1954. I could use your help.

*Pastor Beth*



## COWBOY CHURCH

Our next Cowboy Church service in Cherry Grove will be Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. Roger Svebakken, Jerry Balbach and Linda Ottman are working on a few numbers for this service, and we’re also expecting several of our other regular musicians anchored by Barb Mosher on her Steel Guitar!

## ADULT CHOIR

With summer now in the rear-view mirror, the Adult Choir is now singing again for Sunday worship, generally on the third weekend of each month but also on a few special Sundays. We practice a couple times each month before worship at 7:45 a.m., and we’re always looking for new voices. Our next practice is Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Come on out and give the choir a try!

## FALL CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

**Confirmation Sunday** at Faith UMC will be October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Brandon Hammersma and Hannah Ramaker will be confirmed this year!

# FUMC CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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## THANK YOU

The Education Committee and the Sunday School Students would like to express our appreciation to the crews from the Spring Valley Ambulance and the Fire Department who demonstrated the service they provide to us. You made the 2011 Rally Day extra special and we wanted to acknowledge how important the local heroes are in our own community. God bless you in your service to this community.

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## REGISTRATION FORMS

Don't forget to return the registration forms for each Sunday School student. It's important that we know who to contact in emergencies; and to be informed of any medical concerns you may have. Teachers would also like to know when children have birthdays so we too can make it extra special for all.

## PHOTO RELEASE FORMS



We'd like to place various photos/videos of our activities (singing during worship service, the Christmas program, etc.) on our newly revised website and some of those photos may include your children. In the near future we will be sending a photo release form home with one of your children; please consider completing this form and returning it to the office, giving us permission to use those photos. If names are placed on the website, it will be only the first name of each child. Be assured that we have and will continue to have your child's best interest in mind.

Ready.....Set.....Go

**Get Ready for the Sunday School's Fall Fest.** Plans continue at this writing for different activities during the Sunday School Hour on October 23<sup>rd</sup> to help the students illustrate that they can

**“Let the Light of Jesus Shine through Them”.**



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**There's a Sunday School class for everyone!**

Whether you're 3 or 93, there's a class for you on Sunday mornings at FUMC!

Listen to the Bible stories as a 3-year old; or learn more about Christ as written in the Gospel of Mark in the Adult Class!

We'd like to see you there!

**Coming Soon!**

- Ø Fall Fest.....October 23
- Ø Singing during Worship Service....  
October 23

**You are the Apple of His Eye!**



**Mini Market** - The Mini Market will require the help of all the groups. Perhaps you are unable to work or to furnish baked goods or salads, we would then encourage you to contribute money to help defray expenses such as meat, rolls, coffee, etc.

## **CONTACTS**

### **Support Committee**

Darlene Vrieze 346-2074  
Cindy Seabright 346-0063

### **Funerals**

Vivian Drinkall 346-2302  
Marion Lingenfelter 346-2026

### **Weddings, etc.**

Darlene Vrieze 346-2074  
Betty Bernard 346-2441

If there are any changes or suggestions or anyone who would like to be a part of the service support committee, please let any of the above know. Thank you!

Anyone interested in being included on the list of workers for funerals should contact Vivian Drinkall or Marion Lingenfelter.

## **MINI MARKET**

Keep in mind that the Mini Market is fast approaching on November 5. Someone will be calling you for help so please be ready and willing. Thanks so much for all of your help in the past.

Committee

## **FUMC UMW** **September 14, 2011** **9:00 a.m.**

Nine members of the United Methodist Women met at 9:00 a.m. for coffee before cleaning the kitchen.

At 11 a.m. members met in the Fellowship Room for our meeting. Darlene Vrieze, chairperson, brought the meeting to order with 9 members present.

**Secretary's Report** - Marie Dempewolf moved the Secretary's Report of June 8, 2011 be approved, Pam Soma-Mori seconded, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** - Huberta Fenstermacher moved the Treasurer's Report of July and August 2011 be approved, Dianne TerMaat seconded, motion carried

**Correspondence** - Darlene Vrieze announced that Myrtle Carson had passed away. 'Thank You' letter was read from the Henry Leutink family. Letters were received from McCurdy School and Good Earth Village.

The River Valley United Methodist Women Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, September 14, 2011, in Winona. Lois Beving moved we increase our pledge to missions \$5.00 raising it to \$2,085.00 for the coming year, Betty Bernard seconded, motion carried.

Circle chairpersons are asked to report to Darlene Vrieze, any changes in their Circle membership by the middle of November so they can get new books ready for next year.

A discussion was held on whether to have a United Methodist Women Sunday during church hour.

World Day of Prayer was held Friday, March 4, 2011, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Confirmation Sunday has not been held yet.

The Mini-Market will be held Saturday, November 5, 2011. A discussion was held on the Mini-Market.

The Annual Conference gathering will be held at White Bear Lake on October 8, 2011.

Meals-on-Wheels - Sarah Circle is delivering September 12-16, Rachel Circle October 10-14

Next UMW Meeting - October 12, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. Program - "Thank Offering" - Ruth Circle, hostess - Rachel Circle.

Betty Bernard will be sending Campbell Soup Labels in and will send labels collected by members also.

Dianne TerMaat moved to adjourn the meeting, Pam Soma-Mori seconded, meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m. with members holding hands and praying "The Lord's Prayer". Upon adjournment members had lunch at the Homestyle Pizza.

Shirley Hyland,  
Secretary



**REVISED MONTHLY**  
**SERVICE GROUPS**

**OCTOBER 2011 TO**  
**SEPTEMBER 2012**

**OCTOBER 2011**

\*Nancy Clement 346-2030  
Roland & Carolyn Davis 346-7495  
Paul & Suzanne Eberle 346-7147  
Larry & Mary Grems 346-2424  
Tom & Dorle Kaase unlisted  
Ilene Kasten 346-2567  
Larry & Jennifer Lee 346-9925  
Melissa Messner 346-7426  
Eleanor Parker 346-7974  
Larry & Arlys Terbeest 346-2475  
Norm & Jean Witt 346-2805

**NOVEMBER**

\*Gene and Jeanette Ramaker 346-2819  
\*Greg & Jill Douglas 346-7705  
Doug & Jan Brick 346-2461  
Deb Fetterly 346-7869  
Jeanette July 346-2947  
Jeff & Tammy Kappers 346-2007  
Ron & Kim Kappers 346-9941  
Kathy Lucas 346-9833  
Matt & Joleen Ramaker 346-2751  
Gene & Gayle Reiland 346-2996  
Richard Toews 346-2631

**DECEMBER**

\* John & Darlene Vrieze 346-2074  
Jon & Dana Kuehn 346-2181  
Marilyn Matson 346-2673  
Arlynn & Carla Ness 561-4962  
Dan & Susan Nodtvedt 346-7853  
Donald Reiland 346-7967  
Falene Rowe 352-4003  
Ron & Sheryl Stain 346-9800  
Lance & Diane Sikink 346-7709  
Garry & Diane Termaat 346-2907  
Geoffrey & Melissa Erdman 352-5678

**JANUARY 2012**

\*Twyla Hellickson 421-9179  
\*Rusty & Kelly Hellickson 346-2873  
Pauline Carson 346-7569  
Bryan & Jody Hagan 346-7253  
Jimmie & Roberta Heckerson 346-2242  
Rev. Burton & Sonja Hoag 378-2371  
Evan & Sandy Hulbert 346-2355  
Darly Lecy 346-2747  
Gail Rollie 272-6882  
Cyndy Sheldon 346-2860  
Iola Tompson 346-7518

**FEBRUARY**

\* Les & Shirley Hyland 346-7572  
\* Jon & Georgie Nolte 346-7567  
Jo Baker 346-2764  
Arlynn & Arlene Bestor 657-2290  
Jennifer Dessner 951-7434  
Darrell & Vivian Drinkall 346-2302  
Lorin & Janet Hammon 346-2187  
Don & Jan Lanning 346-2972  
Louis & Lenora Schmidt 346-9993  
Judy Tart 346-2469  
Marie Tart 346-2144

**MARCH**

\* Terry & Diane Howard 346-7829  
Jim & Kathy Casady 754-5089  
Delores Howard 346-2227  
Eric & Christina Howard 352-2944  
Joel & Jennifer Huebner 346-7199  
Leo & Bev Kimball 467-2031  
Sandy Merkel 346-2597  
Shawn & Megan Merkel 951-5756  
Dan & Denise Montgomery 352-4375  
Glenn Rassmusson 346-7626  
Todd & Vicky Shorter 937-3426  
David & Pat Warren 346-7490



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 CHURCH  
 617 Maple Lane  
 Spring Valley, Minnesota

**PLEASE KEEP THIS PAPER - Some changes have been made this year, please check to see where you are listed in the service groups.**

*\*\*\*When we joined our church, we promised to support its work with our prayers, gifts and service. We ask your prayerful understanding and cooperation as we continue this change in our church policy.\*\*\**

October 2011 - September 2012

Dear Friends in Christ of Faith United Methodist Church:

After another successful year, we will continue to ask each of you to help in some way with the churches' events. We have divided our total membership and constituents into twelve services groups. Enclosed is a copy of these groups. You will find your name on one of the monthly groups, and as a need arises, you will be contacted by one of the contact persons listed at the top of your group. We encourage involvement of the entire family. Any questions or concerns, please call Darlene Vrieze at 346-2074 or Cindy Seabright at 272-1682.

**The activities of the service groups, in general, will be to serve for funerals, receptions, coffee hours, etc. These are the things you may be asked to do:**

- \* **The setting up and taking down of tables and chairs.**
- \* **Prepare and serve the food.**
- \* **Furnish food: cookies, cake, pies, salads, etc.**
- \* **Washing dishes and cleaning up the kitchen and dining room.**
- \* **If unable to do any of the above, you may donate money for the purchase of food and supplies.**

**Sunday Morning Coffee Hour** - Your service group will be asked to furnish, help, or do both for Sunday morning coffee hours. Sunday morning instructions are on the refrigerator.

**Funerals** - The serving of the funeral lunch will continue to be rotated with each monthly service group. (This way, if there are several funerals within a month, a service group would not be burdened with more than one funeral a month.) Your chairperson will be contacted by Vivian Drinkall or Marion Lingenfelter when your turn comes. They will inform the chairpersons of how many cakes and workers are needed from that service group. The following people are willing to help work in the kitchen if the chairpersons cannot find enough workers from their service groups for the funeral:

Lois Beving	346-7960	Linda Lecy	346-2747
Gloria Blakeslee	937-3349	Marion Lingenfelter	346-2026
Cheryl Boyd	346-2813	Marilyn Matson	346-2673
Marie Dempewolf	346-2282	Norma Merkel	346-2569
Maggie Gragert	346-7163	Cindy Seabright	346-9962
Mary Grems	346-2424	Diane TerMaat	346-2907
Sonja Hoag	378-2371	Judy Thomas	346-9962
Sandy Hulbert	346-2355	Iola Thompson	346-7518
Janine Hyland	346-7822	Darlene Vrieze	346-2074
Jeanette July	346-2947	7 Marti Warren	346-2997

## FUMC SATURDAY WORSHIP

I would like very much to see the Saturday evening church service continue as it is very difficult for me to attend the 9:00 am Sunday Service. I love the informal atmosphere and the easy going camaraderie. We have a nice group to worship with. Come try it. You may find it suits you and the special music is great.

Judy Thomas

On October 15th special music will be provided by Country at Heart with Diane (Ramaker) Bicknese and Mary (Ramaker) Schultz.



## NEWSFLASH

It has been brought to my attention that maybe we should try to bring new life to our Mini Market.

One would be if anyone was interested in putting together an inexpensive filled basket or decorated box. The total cost should not exceed \$15.00

Does anyone have other ideas? Please talk to Nancy Cornell or Darlene Vrieze if you would be willing to fill a basket or box of if you have other ideas.

Dear Faith Family,

I want to thank you all so much for helping me raise the funds necessary for my internship in Portugal, South Africa, and Mozambique this October through December. You alone helped me raise almost TWO -THIRDS of what I needed! I cannot tell you how much I appreciate your generous hearts and your words of encouragement. You are all such a blessing to me and to my team.

Please pray that the Lord will continue to prepare me spiritually, emotionally, and physically to participate in this internship. Also pray that the Lord will stretch and challenge our team in a way that will make our ministry effective and fruitful. It is so important for the team to be supported and covered in prayer, and I know that I can count on my home church family to lift us up.

We will be leaving the United States on October 14 - and I can't wait to come back and tell you all about it!

"I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields. They are ripe for harvest." John 4:35b

In His Service,  
Chelsey Ramaker



## CHURCH WEBSITE

Our **Church Website** is now up and running on our new server. We now have unlimited disk space and unlimited download bandwidth for less than a fifth of what we were previously paying each month. We did lose all of our previously uploaded newsletters and bulletins in the transfer. We've now re-posted our older newsletters from 2011, but we do NOT plan to add any of our older bulletins. All of the 2011 sermons that we have (a few were either never saved or have been lost) are now on the site as well, and when we get the time we plan to go back and add all of the 2010 messages that we have available.

Because of the home page addressing system used by our old server you **might** not be able to access our site now if you had our address saved under your browser favorites. If this is the case simply type our URL into your address bar (<http://www.faithsv.net>) and then select "Bookmark This Page" after our site opens (and delete the old bookmark).

If you stumble across any broken hyperlinks on our site (they bring up a "404" page not found error) please let us know, though we believe that most have now been repaired.



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*Mini Market*

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*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, coffee or tea for \$2.00 from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

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

**Crafts**

**Used Books**

**Menu:** Beef/Pork Sandwiches  
 Assorted salads, Pie & Beverage

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

**Children under 5 free**

**Baked Goods**