

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
MAPLE LEAF PARISH
OCTOBER 23, 2011
9:00 A.M.**

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

**PRELUDE
WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

***CALL to WORSHIP**

God welcomes us this day with steadfast love to satisfy our deepest longings.

Praise God who has been our dwelling place in every generation. Before the mountains were formed and we were still dust, God loved us into being.

Praise God who created us and renews us still. May God's favor and grace guide us on paths of love and peace. **We rejoice in gladness for this day.**

*HYMN "Pass It On" UMH # 572

OPENING PRAYER

Lord of light and hope, be with us at this time as we gather to hear your Word proclaimed. Help us open our hearts to the commandment to love, even when loving is difficult. Give us the courage to be people who will commit their whole lives in your service. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. **AMEN**

**THE READING OF THE SCRIPTURE
1 Thessalonians 2: 1 - 8**

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Love God with all your heart, love your neighbor as yourself; simple words, profound challenge. Let us begin by sharing signs of love and peace with one another.....and that will be a good start.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

HYMN "El Shaddai"
(Please refer to the words on the screen. Our hymnal does not include all the verses)

**SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS
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

Offertory Music
Presentation of our Offering
*Offertory Prayer

God of love, multiply these gifts to become gifts of abundant love for a world in need. **In the name of Christ who first loved us, we pray.
Amen**

THE SCRIPTURE Matthew 22: 34 - 46
HYMN OF PREPARATION "Let It Breathe on Me" UMH#503
THE MESSAGE "Love's Expectation"
CLOSING HYMN "Jesu, Jesu" UMH#432

*THE BENEDICTION (responsive)
Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength. Go forth into this hurting world with God's love, offering healing, hope, and peace to all. **We go in God's peace trusting that God's love surrounds us. AMEN.**

*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.



**“You shall
love
your neighbor
as yourself.”**

Matthew 22:39



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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

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 23, 2011

9:00 am Worship

10:00 am Fall Fest – Sunday School

10:00 am Coffee & Fellowship

4:30 pm Youth meet to go to Rochester for supplies for Linus

Monday, October 24, 2011

6:00 pm Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, October 29, 2011

5:00 pm Worship with special music by Melissa Messner & Co.

6:30 pm Youth Lock-in

Sunday, October 30, 2011

9:00 am Worship – Blessing of Blankets

10:00 am Sunday School for all ages

10:00 am Coffee & Fellowship

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.

Used books in good condition are also needed for the Mini Market.