

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
MAPLE LEAF PARISH
JANUARY 15, 2012
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
CHORAL INTROIT
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**

L: God's call is to all who can hear.

P: We hear your call, O God.

L: God's call is to all who can witness.

P: We hear your call, O God.

L: God's call is to all, regardless of age.

P: We hear your call, O God.

L: God's call is to those who are in need.

P: We hear your call, O God.

L: God calls us into community together.

P: We are the body of Christ and each members of it. Amen.

***HYMN** "To God Be the Glory" UMH 98

***UNISON PRAYER of CONFESSION**

We confess, O Lord, that when it comes to sharing our faith that we always want someone else to "do the work." It is hard for us to believe that you might be calling each one of us to bear witness to your healing and redeeming love. We feel unworthy, and so we turn our backs on your call. We expect someone else to follow, to offer peace, to act in ways of justice and hope, and to reach out. Yet in the midst of all the activity, you call to us. You ask us to believe and, in believing, to work for ministries of hope. Forgive us, O Lord, when we find it so easy to "pass the buck." Heal our hearts and our souls and give us courage and determination to work together as brothers and sisters, bringing your good news of love and mercy to your aching world. It is in Jesus' Name that we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE of PARDON**

THE SCRIPTURE 1 Samuel 3:1-10

CHORAL ANTHEM

THE SCRIPTURE John 1:43-51

THE MESSAGE "The Simplest Invitation!"

***HYMN** "The Summons" TFWS 2130

**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

**Doxology (No. 95 UMH)*

**Prayer (Unison)*

Merciful God, you provide us with so many opportunities to follow Jesus' teaching and to live as modern-day disciples. We sometimes respond to your call with enumerable excuses or unfounded worries. We confuse our spiritual longing with the need for worldly objects. Yet these things provide only a false sense of security. As we offer these financial resources, transform us so that we are stirred to hear your call on our lives. We pray in the name of the Redeeming One, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "Living for Jesus" TFWS 2149

***THE BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

SOUP LUNCHEON

The Ostrander Family Council Soup Luncheon will be held at the Ostrander Care Center on Saturday, January 28th from 11:00-2:00 PM.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – Friday, January 20th at 4:00 PM.

Sunday, January 15, Youth Group will meet from 5:00 – 7:00.
Monday, January 16th, 1:30 PM Sarah Circle at church
Tuesday, January 17th, 6:00 PM Education Committee
Tuesday, January 17th, 6:30 PM Finance Committee, 7:00 PM Church Council.
Wednesday, January 18th, 9:30 AM Rachel Circle at Hillside
Wednesday, January 18th, 7:00 PM Pre-confirmation class
Thursday, January 19th, 1:30 PM Ruth Circle at church
Friday, January 20th, 4:00 PM February Newsletter Deadline
Saturday, January 21st, 5:00 PM worship service at Faith (special music by Country at Heart).

Next Sunday

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

VFW Men's Auxiliary Cancer Telethon Breakfast will be held today from 7-1 pm. It is all you can eat for \$8 at the VFW Hall.

Relay for Life of Fillmore County will be hosting a Table Setting Event on January 22nd from 12-2:30 PM at Christ Lutheran Church of Preston. For more information call 480-202-3027.

The 4th annual **Project Community Connect**, hosted by the Homeless Community Network of Olmsted County, will be taking place on Friday, January 27th from 11 am to 3 pm. This year it will take place at Mayo High School. This event will feature services and resources for people who are homeless or struggling to make ends meet. Individuals and families can get help with legal, medical (free HIV testing and flu shots), and veterans' services, housing, employment, and photo identification. Free haircuts and lunch will be provided at the event as well.

Kingsland After Prom Pancake Breakfast – Sun, Jan. 29, 2012 - 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Spring Valley Community Center. \$6 for Adults; \$3 for kids age 12 and under.



JOHN 1:45

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