

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
MAPLE LEAF PARISH
OCTOBER 30, 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
BELL CHOIR 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 will lead us out of our wilderness.

P: And provide a safe haven for us.

L: Place your trust in God's loving kindness.

P: For God has heard our cries and offers us hope.

L: Thanks be to God who brings us to life.

P: Thanks be to God who nurtures and sustains us. AMEN.

***HYMN** "Because He Lives" UMH 364

***UNISON PRAYER of CONFESSION**

Almighty God, we confess that we have turned away from Your ways and followed instead the ways of the world. We want others to like us, to look up to us, and so we pretend to be one thing when we are really another. We erect barriers to keep those whom You might use to help us move towards wholeness at arm's length away, even while we slowly die on the inside. Give us the courage to be real, to so open ourselves before Your Presence that, as we turn to You, we might be made new and find real life. In the name of Christ, who calls us to crucify our old self and find real life we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE of PARDON**

STEWARDSHIP PRESENTATION

THE SCRIPTURE 1 Thessalonians 2:9-20

PRESENTATION of the PROJECT LINUS BLANKETS

***HYMN** "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love" #2223 (vs 2,3)

SPECIAL MUSIC Bell Choir

THE SCRIPTURE Matthew 23:1-12

THE MESSAGE "Behind the Mask!"

***HYMN** "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" UMH 474

**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)*

Loving Father, we humbly dedicate these tithes and offerings to your use knowing that you are able to multiply these gifts. Allow this money to become a resource that lifts the shadows of despair from the recesses of people's lives. We know that only you can restore faith to the faithless, hope to the hopeless, and love to the loveless. May your will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven! Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" UMH 430

***THE BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

The Media Team is looking for 2 or 3 more volunteers to learn to run the computer and record the service. If you have an interest in learning how this amazing technology works and helping the Media Team to make our worship experience more meaningful, please talk to Jeff Kappers or Pastor Mark.

Sunday, October 30th, 11:00 – 1:00 PM Pork Roast Dinner in Cherry Grove.

Saturday, November 6th, 5:00 PM worship service at Faith (with Communion)

Next Sunday - World Communion Sunday (Special Offering)

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

6:00 P.M. Cowboy Church in Cherry Grove.

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. Please bring your items by November 6th. Thank you.

BENEFIT

There will be a "Thanksgiving" Celebration and Benefit for Lora Vrieze Spencer, daughter of Allan and Jean Vrieze, on Saturday, November 12 at Evangel United Methodist Church at 2645 North Broadway in Rochester. (Allan Vrieze was a former pastor at the Chatfield United Methodist Church)

6:00 pm Desserts, activities, and silent auction.

7:00 pm Concert by several talented Rochester Community Theatre friends.

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



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