

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
MAPLE LEAF PARISH
OCTOBER 9, 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.)

*CENTERING MUSIC *“It’s Me, It’s Me, O Lord”* UMH# 352
(Refrain only, sing twice)

***CALL to WORSHIP**

Leader: Praise be to God, who has brought us here this day.

People: **Praise and thanks to God for all the blessings we have received.**

Leader: What joy we have in God’s presence!

People: **What peace is brought to us in God’s house!**

Leader: The Lord calls us to come in gratitude. Humility needs to be our attitude; humility and gratitude.

People: **Help us, O Lord, be grateful for the many ways in which you love us and care for us.**

Leader: Help us return that love by the way in which we care for others.

All: **This is truly the day that the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it! AMEN.**

***OPENING PRAYER**

Open our hearts and our spirits to hear your healing words of peace and love, O God. Help us be the people of service and justice that you have called us to be. Make us ready to heal rather than harm; to serve rather than sever. Give us hearts of joy and justice, for we offer this prayer in Jesus’ Name. AMEN.

*HYMN *“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”* UMH #526

THE PASSING of the PEACE

The amazing peace of God be with you all. **And also with you.**
Let us show one another signs of God’s peace, the peace that is beyond all understanding.

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

“Sweet Hour of Prayer” UMH# 496

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.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

It Is Well with My Soul UMH#377 VS 1

THE RECEIVING of our TITHES and OFFERING

Offertory Music

Presentation of our Offering

**Doxology (No. 95 UMH)*

**Prayer (Responsive)*

God of steadfast love, we thank you for the abundant gifts in our lives: love and grace, clothing and belongings, friends and family. We thank you for your presence in our world; for your wondrous works and awesome deeds. **Today we come before you with our offerings, rejoicing in this opportunity to be in ministry and mission with you and your people. Amen**

THE SCRIPTURE

Philippians 4: 1 -9

HYMN OF PREPARATION

“Through It All”

UMH#507

THE MESSAGE

“It Doesn’t Make Sense”

LITANY

Looking in the Mirror

***CLOSING HYMN**

“It’s Me, It’s Me O Lord”

UMH#352

THE BLESSING

Beloved of the Lord, you are healed and forgiven. You are called to go forth in compassionate ministry to help others in need. Know that God always goes with you on your journey. Claim peace in your life.

*THE BENEDICTION (Responsive)

We have received blessing upon blessing from the Lord. Now, let's go into the world offering hope and peace to all people you meet. Be involved. Be involved in justice and healing in the name of the Lord. Go in peace. **AMEN.**

*POSTLUDE

YOUTH PROJECT



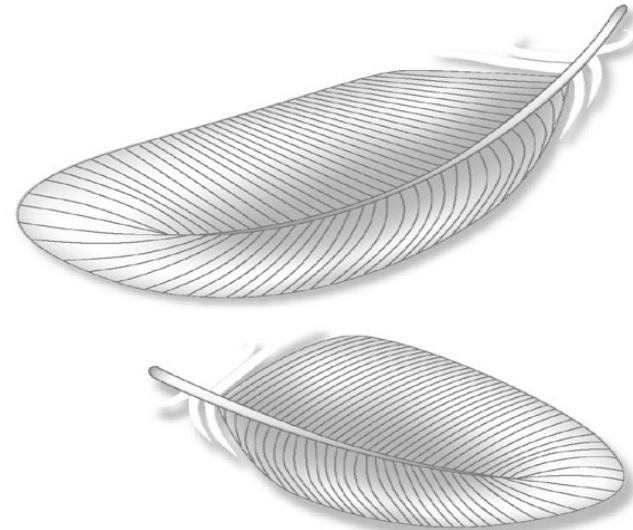
The Youth group of FUMC has decided to team up with Project Linus to "provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade blankets and afghans. On October 29th the youth will hold a lock-in in which 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.

Let your gentleness be known to everyone.

Philippians 4:5



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Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 8:00 – 4:00 PM

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

ROAST BEEF DINNER

Lanesboro United Methodist Church Roast Beef Dinner & Country Store, October 9, 11:30 - 1:30. Join us for a hot roast beef sandwich, mashed potatoes, gravy, coleslaw and homemade apple crisp. Then pickup something, apples to jewelry to at the country store. Carry outs available.

FLU SHOT CLINIC

A flu shot clinic for kids 4 and older, adults and senior citizens will be held at the Kingsland Café on Tuesday, October 11th from 2:00-5:30 pm. The cost is \$25 and Medicare Part B cards are accepted.

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING – 7:00 pm on Tuesday, October 11th.

THANK OFFERING

The United Methodist Women will meet on October 12th at 1:30 pm for the Thank Offering Program. Program by Ruth Circle and Hostess is Rachel.

MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS

Reservations are required by **October 14th** by calling 346-7795 to reserve your spot at the Volunteer Recognition Dinner to be held at the Spring Valley Community Center on October 27th starting at 5:00 pm. This event will include entertainment, program and door prizes along with a meal of roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, beans and coleslaw, dinner roll and pumpkin bar. Guests are welcome and the suggested donation if under 60 is \$6.00 and over 60 is \$3.50.

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.



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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