



# Maple Leaf Parish

As I write this article, it is a drippy, cloudy, chilly day across Southeastern, Minnesota.... After a summer of drought and parched earth, the rain is most welcome as it soaks into the water starved soil. The harvest has begun as combines, tractors, wagons and trucks rumble across the fields... dry corn rattles in the wind and already some fields are harvested as the promise of another spring awaits.

I must admit I get a bit melancholy and reflective as I come to November and the season of Thanksgiving. I think about the Thanksgivings of my youth on the family farm near Sioux City, Iowa. Often biting cold wind would blow across those Iowa hills and open fields as the delicious aromas and gentle, happy voices would fill the old, warm, cozy farmhouse. Those were blessed days. Many of the people who sat at that Thanksgiving table have passed on now into God's loving care, but the goodness of God's blessings continues to this very day...

As we approach Thanksgiving, 2023, we realize that our world experiences expressions of war, hatred and violence. None of this is God's plan. There are hungry people living in the cold and there are people lonely, sick and discouraged... In all of this, we become increasingly aware of the blessings we share together and we become more and more aware of the importance of the mission and ministry we share as Disciples of Jesus. Each of our four churches in the Maple Leaf Parish has the important work to do of living and sharing the Good News of Jesus. Jesus is our Savior and Lord and it is essential to walk with him each day.

In some of my sermons, I have mentioned my Uncles Evie and Vinton. They were "characters" to be sure and they were a lot of fun to be around. One Thanksgiving Evie was called on to say the prayer for dinner. I remember in the prayer he thanked God for the food, for the turkey and for the blessings we shared together, but in the prayer he also said, "help us Jesus to share your love in every way we can..."

...And so, this Thanksgiving in a world with so many problems, let us find ways to be truly thankful and let us find those special ways to live and share the love of Jesus in every way we can... I am thankful for the ministry we share together! I am thankful for the churches of the Maple Leaf Parish.... I am thankful for you.

That old Iowa farmhouse is a blessed place in my memory, but there are other houses today filled with laughter, gentle, happy voices, the aromas coming from within. The cold wind still blows across Minnesota fields, but through it all the blessings of God's love in Jesus leads us forward into a new day. In all things rejoice in the goodness of God and be thankful for the blessings we share...

I am thankful for you.

God's blessings be with us always...

Your pastor and friend, Mark Woodward

P.S. My Uncle Evie had a tractor like this.



November 2023 Newsletter

## -Contact Information-

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## The more you know...

### Did you know we're on Facebook?

You can find Cherry Grove UMC at:

[https://www.facebook.com/  
cherrygrovechurch/](https://www.facebook.com/cherrygrovechurch/)

You can find Faith UMC at:

[https://www.facebook.com/Faith-  
United-Methodist-Church-  
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### YouTube Too!!

Just search for- Maple Leaf Parish  
UMC- Minnesota

## Faith Online Giving Instructions

1. Visit the church website at  
<http://faithsv.net/home/donations/>

2. Click on the **GIVE NOW** button,  
3. Click on the Create Profile

Follow the onscreen instructions to  
create an online profile and to  
schedule your contributions.

## -Service Groups-

The Service Group handles the Sunday Coffee/Fellowship  
Hour for the entire month of Sundays.

## Faith UMC Service Group

### NOVEMBER

*Greg & Jill Douglas	346-7705
Ashlee Falck	696-8722
Deb Fetterly	259-4663
Ron & Kim Kappers	951-0197
Todd & Kathy Moore	612-670-9556
Doug & Jan Brick	346-1461
Ryan & Jennifer Wolfgram	458-8970

## Cherry Grove UMC Service Group

### OCTOBER-DECEMBER

#### Chairperson: Mike & Brooke Carr

Joe & Bonnie Austin  
Karly Irish  
Roger & Luann Jones  
Gary Michener & Roxie N.  
Lois & Chanda Nagel  
Roger & Carol Sanford  
Lynn & Roxie Tienter  
John & Sharon Grass

## Deadlines

**Newsletter:** The newsletter deadline is the 21st of every month at 4:00 pm.

**Bulletin:** Please submit announcements for the Sunday bulletin by noon on Thursday.

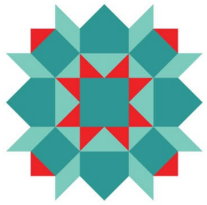
Occasionally these deadlines may need to be adjusted. Please submit your articles as soon as possible.

Thank you for understanding.

# Faith United Methodist Church



## Fall Mini Market and Quilt Show



November 4th, 2023  
9:30 am - 1 pm



### BUILDING UP THE MINISTRY WE SHARE

Hey! This is a great time to get involved! This is a wonderful time to give of our Prayers, Attendance, Gifts, Service and Witness as we work to build up the Body of Christ here in our communities. The world has changed in ways that really require the ministry of our churches. There are hurting people and people who need to know the saving grace and love of Jesus. Now is definitely the time to build up our churches in our communities. There is important work to do. Together let's share the Good News of Jesus in every way we can.



### PRESTON CHURCH TO SHARE IN SHOEBOX PROJECT



Preston Church members and friends are invited to pack or contribute gifts for shoeboxes for children in need through the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Project. The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Since 1993, more than 209 million children in 170 countries have received OCC shoeboxes packed with gifts.

For many children, this may be their first gift ever. Each one, packed with toys, hygiene items and school supplies by a family or individual, is sent with prayer that the child who receives it will experience God's love through their simple gifts. From now through November 12, those interested may pack a plastic or cardboard shoebox with gifts, or bring one or more gifts to church to contribute to a shoebox. Choose gifts for a boy or girl, ages 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Cash donations are also welcome to help pay for shipping costs. For more information on what to pack, check at Preston U.M. Church or online at [samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://samaritanspurse.org/occ). Shoeboxes and gifts must be brought to Preston Church no later than November 12.

## FOUNTAIN MUSIC AND THANK OFFERING SERVICE NOVEMBER 12TH

On Sunday, November 12th, all are invited to Fountain United Methodist Church for a service of music led by the Arnold-Bradley Band. Steve Arnold, Walter Bradley and Arnold family members always uplift and inspire audiences with their music. Following the music service at 8:30 a.m.,



attendees are invited to a special coffee hour featuring Bloedow's Bakery treats, and fellowship time. The music and treats are being held in conjunction with Fountain's annual "thank offering," expressing thanksgiving to God for the harvest and other blessings.

## CHERRY GROVE HARVEST OFFERING ON NOVEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>

Cherry Grove Church members and friends are encouraged to contribute to a special harvest offering during worship on November 12. Since the pork dinner is not being held this fall, folks are being asked to prayerfully consider making a special gift to keep the church financially strong through the winter months, and as a grateful response to God's many blessings. After worship, we will share in a potluck dinner (please bring a dish to share) and fellowship time in the downstairs social hall.

## Thanksgiving Service

Each Maple Leaf Parish Church will be celebrating Thanksgiving this year on a Sunday morning. We have so much for which to be thankful, we look forward to seeing you in church on Sunday mornings giving praise and thanksgiving to God for the many blessings we share together. We want to reach out to invite and welcome people to come together on Sunday mornings in worship and fellowship all to the glory of God.



*Dear Friends,*

*Thank you all for making my 90th birthday such a special one. After celebrating with my Family at the Lake in late August, I thought my birthday had arrived and was over. So the celebration with my church Family was totally unexpected. But thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated.*

*Sincerely,  
Marilyn Matson*

### **United Committee on Relief (UMCOR)**

With the recent outbreak of war between Hamas and Israel and the continued war against Ukraine and other conflicts around the world, relief is needed more than ever. UMCOR is our conduit to give support in times of crisis. to provide specific resources to assist in providing shelter, food, and other necessities to those who have been left homeless, helpless and afraid.

Our other conduit for support to people experiencing war and disaster is prayer. Take heed of the words of Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton. President of the Council of Bishops of the UMC.

"The power of and belief in our intercession can not be underestimated.

Pray for those who are providing support and care for those directly affected. More than that, pray that God's peace will permeate throughout the land and in the hearts of all those who are initiating this conflict."

Make checks payable to your church and write UMCOR in the memo.



### **JESUS CALLING**

by Sarah Young

Go gently through this day, keeping your eyes on Me. I will open up the way before you as you take steps of trust along your path. Sometimes the way before you appears blocked. If you focus on the obstacle or search for a way around it, you will probably go off course. Instead, focus on Me, the Shepherd who is leading you along your life-journey. Before you know it, the "obstacle" will be behind you and you will hardly know how you passed through it.

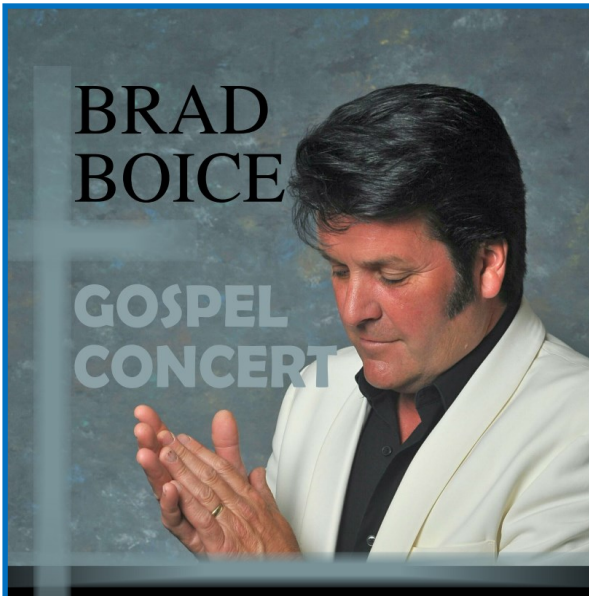
That is the secret of success in My Kingdom.

Although you remain aware of the visible world around you, your primary awareness is of Me. When the road before you looks rocky, you can trust Me to get you through that rough patch. My Presence enables you to face each day with confidence.

Based on John 10:14-15; Isaiah 26:7; Proverbs 3: 25-26

JESUS CALLING written by Sarah Young is an inspiring and uplifting devotional book. I read it often....I find it encouraging and a great source of peace and hope.

Pastor Mark



## LENORA IN NOVEMBER....

Brad Boice will be singing at the historic church on November 5th at 3p.m..

Everyone is invited and help us to get the word out....It will be a festive day at the old Lenora Church. We will gather in the spirit of Thanksgiving as we worship in music and song....

Christmas services at Lenora will be held....

December 10th at 3:00 and 5:00 p.m.

December 17th at 5:00 and 7:30 p.m.



## Cherry Grove Cowboy Church 16th Anniversary Service

**WHEN:** Sunday, November 5, 6:00 p.m.; music begins at 5:45 p.m.

**WHERE:** Cherry Grove United Methodist Church, 18183 160th Street, Cherry Grove, MN

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Retired Pastor Mark Rader

The Cherry Grove Cowboy Church was started 16 years ago by **Pastor Mark Rader**. It is still an ongoing, active, nondenominational service spreading God's message through music to many.

**Barb Mosher** from Spring Valley, MN, was in the original lineup of musicians when the first service began. Barb touched the lives of many as she played her steel guitar beautifully until her health no longer allowed it. Sadly, she passed away in 2018. On this 16<sup>th</sup> Cowboy Church anniversary, the November offering will be taken in honor of Barb to be donated to her son and family following a devastating fire.

We sincerely appreciate all the musicians who give of their time and talents to Cowboy Church and to everyone who helps make this monthly service possible.

Musicians are welcome and we would ask that you contact Cindy Seabright at 507-272-1682 or [seabright.cindy@gmail.com](mailto:seabright.cindy@gmail.com) one week prior to the first Sunday-of-the-month service. The Cherry Grove United Methodist Church is located at 18183 160th Street, in the small community of Cherry Grove, rural Spring Valley, Minnesota. Cherry Grove Church is handicap accessible.

***Everyone welcome! Come as you are!***

***You are invited to stay for fellowship following the service!***

# 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration



## IT WAS A FESTIVE DAY CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FAITH CHURCH BUILDING

On September 22, 2023 we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Faith Church building constructed in 1972 at 617 Maple Lane in Spring Valley.

Groundbreaking was held on May 21, 1972 and the old plow pictured here was used in the ground breaking ceremony. On November 19, 1972 the cornerstone was set and in the spring of 1973 the service of consecration was held.

We celebrated the anniversary with a special concert put on by Brad Boice and Suz Eberle followed by ice cream for everyone! It was a happy and festive day and everyone had a good time. Thank you to everyone for making this anniversary celebration such a joyful day! We are looking forward to the centennial





Thank you to Marlo Mensink and Phil Hebrink for their professional help in putting up the new signs for the Cherry Grove Church

There is now an additional sign near Forestville State Park. Thank you to our awesome crew, Gene Kappers and Corey Mensink for putting up the new sign. We are grateful to Linda Carr and her crew making the signs.



A very happy Addie Kaster had a great time at our recent Hayride. Thank you to Harry and Elaine Boland for all you did. We are trying to build a new ministry for older elementary and middle school kids.



We're hoping to see more involvement with this new group and make it a great experience for our kids.



**OUR NEXT EVENT FOR OUR NEW YOUTH GROUP IS**

**NOVEMBER 12 AT 3:00 P.M.**

Will be a time to play some board games and Bible study at Spring Valley Faith Church.....we have a bunch of games to play and munchies, ice cream, etc. Please meet at Spring Valley Faith Church for a relaxed, fun time together.... board games and some Bible study.... We hope you can come and bring a friend....





## Food Collection

All throughout November, our Maple Leaf Parish churches will be collecting donations of non-perishable food, cleaning and paper products for our area food shelves. Donated items may be placed in the designated boxes or cart at church. Monetary donations may be placed in the church offerings with checks written to the church and "food shelf" on the memo line. Visits to food shelves have increased everywhere, so during this time of thanks and giving, please remember persons in need in our area.



Celebrating the Lives of Our Saints on the  
Sunday, November 5th



November 7th is election day!  
Maple Leaf Parish will have no meetings on this day. Be sure to exercise your civic duty.. be sure to vote!

## Let's Celebrate!

Faith UMC just celebrated the 50th anniversary of our church building. Several members in our congregation recently celebrated their 90th birthdays. What do you have to celebrate? An anniversary, birthday, getting your driver's license, passing a test, scoring a goal, a gorgeous sunset, a wonderful friendship....You get the idea. Take a post-it-note and add what you have to celebrate. Then, take a moment, while you are in line for coffee, to see what others have to Celebrate. Feel free to add more than one post-it-note. Youth are encouraged to participate



## LIVING in FAITH TOGETHER

Living in Faith Together—LIFT---is an after school program for elementary school children that meets on Wednesdays at Preston United Methodist Church. The theme for the fall session of LIFT has been "Wonder World Fun Fest: Amazed by Our Extraordinary Savior." Fifteen children signed up for the 6-week fall session and each week the group enjoys snacks, a bible lesson, craft and music time. November 8<sup>th</sup> is the last day of LIFT for this fall. Classes resume for the winter session beginning January 3<sup>rd</sup>. For more information, contact Nancy Dahly at 507- 951-2705



Owen



Mamie



Zanon



### IT WAS A HAPPY DAY PRESENTING BIBLES

It was a happy day on October 8th when we presented Bibles to some of our third and fourth graders. We hope they enjoy having their very own Bible!!!

Bibles were presented in Spring Valley to the following: Jayden Grafe, Addilyn Kaster, Madison Hinze, Mamie Baker, Owen Montgomery, Andrew Wolfgram, Zanon Leslie, Bryce Montgomer, Siler Falck, and Evan Merkel.

In Cherry Grove ,Aizlyn Carr and Spencer Merkel received their Bibles.

We have photos of some of the kids, but not all of them....We are very thankful for these young people...we cherish them and we'll keep them in our prayers.

### *You Are A Piece of God's Plan!*



The theme of the bulletin board in the Faith Church Fellowship Hall is "You Are A Piece Of God's Plan". All of us fit into God's plan." For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11.

Let's fill the bulletin board with puzzle pieces; orange for adults and green for children, Sunday school students, babies, and youth. Many have already participated. For

those who haven't, take a puzzle piece from the baggie on the bulletin board and print your first name on it, and place it in the second baggie. Someone will stable your puzzle piece to the bulletin board. Or call the church office and tell Jane that you would like to participate. Deanna Capelle or Nancy Cornell will see that your puzzle piece is added.

**Cherry Grove United Methodist Church  
Administrative Council  
October 9, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Mark Woodward, Deanna Woodward, Corey Sanford, Holly Sanford, Marlo Mensink, Janice Mensink, Gene Kappers, Steve Tammell, Denny Bruse, and Peggy Bruse The October Administrative Council Meeting was called to order by Denny Bruse.

Opening Prayer was given by Pastor Mark.

There was no secretary's report to review.

**Financial Report:** The financial report was reviewed. A thank you was sent in regards to the donation for upgrades to the ballfield. A motion was made by Marlo Mensink and seconded by Peggy Bruse to approve the report.

**Trustees Report:**

The road signs have been replaced and a new sign will be put up by the entrance to Forestville State Park.

The front door lock has been acting up. Marlo got an estimate on a replacement lock. It will be approximately \$50.

Ballfield Updates – Randy Hockenson Electric was contacted regarding putting in new posts and lights.

**Pastor's Report**

It is the time of year the pastor evaluations need to be completed.

The District Superintendent would like to meet with Parish Relations Committee.

Pastor compensation reports needs to be completed by December 1.

A motion was made by Peggy Bruse and seconded by Corey Sanford to have Church Conference meeting in conjunction with the Ad Council meeting on January 8.

Mark Rader will be the special guest at Cowboy Church in November.

November 12 – The church will have their Harvest Potluck.

There was discussion regarding having church service on Thanksgiving. It was decided to have the Thanksgiving service on Sunday morning.

Thank you to Harry and Elaine Boland for providing the tractor and wagon for the hayride.

A motion was made by Marlo Mensink and seconded by Gene Kappers to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. and the next meeting is scheduled for November 13 at 7:00 p.m.

**Faith UMW**

United Women in Faith met on October 11<sup>th</sup> with 6 members and 2 pastors present. Nancy opened with a "Morning with Jesus" daily devotion. Motion by Danette and second by Vivian to accept minutes from September meeting, motion carried. Motion by Nancy and second by Marilyn to accept Treasurer report, motion carried.

Nancy attended the River Valley District rally on September 23, about 40 people were in attendance. Michelle Hargrave, District Superintendent, mentioned about composting and what God can do in our lives related to composting. Also, mentioned about Lending Library, Emma Norton has a new building and will be moving in April.

Nancy would like us to participate in some of the projects for the Mission Today 2023. Each person was asked to complete a form and return to Nancy.

We discussed the upcoming Mini Market on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Poster was revised and is ready to be posted. Flyers for sign-up were passed out on Sunday and many slots were filled for volunteering and the pie sheet was completely filled.

Submitted by Norma Merkel

Do you have a desire to help people but don't know where to begin? United Women in Faith at Faith UMC welcomes you to join us on the second Wednesday of the month at 9:30 in the morning in the Fellowship Hall. Learn how your hands and ideas can strengthen our out reach in the community and beyond. Enjoy fellowship, food, and coffee at 9:30, followed by a short program and business meeting. We are finished at 11:00 feeling connected and inspired.

Come and check us out. See Nancy Cornell or Norma Merkel with any questions

Faith United Methodist Church  
Administrative Council October 12th Meeting Cancelled

Preston Church Council Meeting Minutes  
*Church Council Meeting Minutes – October 10, 2023*

Present: Pastor Mark Woodward, Pastor Deanna Woodward, Jenny Dornink, John Goutcher, Sue Hovey, Marlene Peterson, Dan Miller, Greg Dornink.

Greg called the meeting to order on October 10, 2023 at 7:03 pm. Opening devotion and prayer was led by Pastor Mark.

Jenny moved to approve the agenda with additions. Seconded by Dan. Motion passed.

Pastor Mark moved to approve the Secretary's Report. Seconded by John. Motion passed.

In the Treasurer's Report prepared by Kristi Anderson, the expenses in September were consistent with previous months. A total of \$300 was sent in for UMCOR for Hawaii Relief. The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of apportionment contributions of \$600 was sent in at the end of September. Total apportionment still owed is \$4747. The Codfish CD was renewed from an interest rate of 0.20% to 4.0%. Sue moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by John. Motion passed.

From the Finance Committee, Dan reported the average weekly offering for September was \$870, which was less the weekly needed amount of \$1000.17. Apportionment received in September was \$200. At the end of September, 93% of the budget had been spent. Average attendance during September was 21.

From the Trustees Committee, Pastor Mark reported the paper towel dispensers in the restrooms have been filled, the furnace filters changed, and batteries in fire alarms have been checked/replaced by Jerry Brink. The Trustees have noticed the west upstairs entrance needs some painting. It was requested the Trustees make a list of the projects that need to be completed for the fall for parishioners to work on as they are able.

From the Worship Committee, Pastor Mark proposed having a special Thanksgiving service on the Sunday prior to Thanksgiving during the normal worship time instead of having a service Sunday night. This idea was accepted by the council. There was discussion about having some sort of treat/ice cream after the Brad Boice performance, but there might not be enough people to help serve.

No report from the Missions Committee.

From Staff/Parish Relations Committee, Marlene passed out forms for year-end Conference reports.

No report from Evangelism and Outreach Committee.

From the Education Committee, Pastor Mark reported the October session of LIFT started off tremendously with about 15 kids participating.

No report from the UMW.

There was no additional business to discuss.

During the Pastor's Report, Pastor Mark reported there will not be a Trunk-or-Treat in the parking lot. Pastor Mark may get some candy to hand out at the church or downtown. Pastor Deanna confirmed with Sue that there will be a Mitten Tree again this year so it can go in the next newsletters. Pastors Mark and Deanna will be conducting the Charge Conference, either after church or as part of a regular monthly meeting. Jenny moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Pastor Mark. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.

*Respectfully submitted, Jenny Dornink, PUMC Council Secretary*

**Finance report for Preston UMC-prepared by Dan Miller September**

Date	Offering	Attendance
Sept. 4	1235.00	28 people
Sept. 11	826.00	20 people
Sept. 17 4	52.00	18 people
Sept. 25 2	257.00	20 people

Average 21 people per Sunday

Amount needed each week-\$1,000.15

Average weekly offering- \$(870.00)

Under budget \$(130.16)

**October**

Date	Offering	Attendance
Oct. 1	\$1911.00	32 people
Oct. 8	\$967	21 people

## Fountain Administrative Council

Wednesday, October 4th, 6:30 p.m.

The Fountain UMC Admin. Council met at the church on October 4, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. with Steve and Sheila Arnold, Loni Wingert, Sheila Walbridge, Mitchell Walbridge, Jerry and Shirley Wingert and Revs. Deanna and Mark Woodward attending. Chairman Steve Arnold called the meeting to order. Rev. Deanna opened with prayer. Minutes from the May Council meeting were read and approved on a motion by Loni, seconded by Jerry.

Treasurer Loni Wingert gave the financial report. The current checkbook balance includes monies received from the United Methodist Women. About \$2000 per month in offerings are needed to support the church budget. No conference apportionments had been paid to date. Sheila A moved that one half of the apportionments be paid this month. Sheila W. seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mitchell asked about investing church savings in accounts that pay higher interest rates. Steve A. will check on interest rates with Thrivent and Loni will check with the Fountain bank. Jerry moved and Sheila A. seconded the motion to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Trustee chairman Jerry W. reported on the replacing of galvanized pipes. The church will need to pay to replace pipes on our property. Mitchell will check with the city on the deadline for replacement. Grant funds may be available from the state or the Annual Conference.

UMW report: The Fountain United Methodist Women met on Sept. 9 and voted to disband the group. They also voted to give their remaining funds totaling \$925 to the Fountain U. M. Church's general fund. They will not be available to serve at funerals and other events. We are thankful for their many past years of service.

Pastor Parish Relations Committee: Pastoral evaluation forms were given to committee members. The parish PPRC will meet with our district superintendent at a date yet to be scheduled. The committee will be deciding on clergy compensation for 2024 with forms to be submitted to the conference by December 1.

Old business: Rev. Mark commented that the July 23<sup>rd</sup> outdoor service and potluck picnic at the park went well with good weather, good music and people attending from all four parish churches as well as some Lutheran neighbors.

Pastor's Report: Rev. Mark asked about ideas for outreach to the Fountain community. There was discussion but no conclusions reached. Rev. Deanna reported that a special statewide Annual Conference session will be held online on Nov. 13. Our yearly local church conference will be scheduled for early January. She also mentioned the need for Christian education for young children in our church. There is a new parish group for 5-7<sup>th</sup> graders and an after school program for students in grades 1-5 based in Preston.

New business: After discussion, the consensus of the Council was to have the yearly Thank Offering Service on November 12 at 8:30 a.m. with music by Steve Arnold and Walter Bradley and possibly some other Arnold family members. There will be coffee, juice and donuts served after worship—no potluck this year. Sheila W. offered to donate treats from the famous Bloedow's Bakery. Loni is donating juice. Food will be served on the main level. No stairs to climb.

The meeting was adjourned.



**THANK YOU  
GOD**

# NOVEMBER 2023



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<p>5 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY                  8:30 Fountain Worship                  9 Faith Worship                  10 CG Worship                  11 Preston Worship                  6pm Cowboy Church                  3-Lenora - Brad Boice                  Communion</p>	<p>6 Bell Choir                  Practice-Faith -                  6 p.m.</p>	<p>7 U.S. Election Day                  Men's Breakfast in                  Preston- 8 am</p>	<p>1 LIFT in Preston-                  3:15</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 Faith UMC                  Mini Market                  9:30-1                  Set Clocks Back 1                  Hour!!</p>
<p>12 8:30 Fountain Wor-                  ship- Thank Offering                  9 Faith Worship                  10 CG Worship-Harvest                  Offering/Potluck                  11 Preston Worship                  3 Grades 5, 6, 7 meet SV</p>	<p>13 Bell Choir                  Practice-Faith -                  6 p.m.                  7-Cherry Grove                  Council</p>	<p>14 Men's Breakfast in                  Preston - 8 am                  Preston UMW-1pm                  Preston Council-                  7 p.m.</p>	<p>8 LIFT in Preston-                  3:15                  United Women In                  Faith 9:30</p>	<p>9 Faith SPRC-6                  Faith Finance-6:30                  Faith Council-7</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11                   VETERANS                  DAY</p>
<p>19 Thanksgiving                  Sunday                  8:30 Fountain Worship                  9 Faith Worship                  10 CG Worship                  11 Preston Worship</p>	<p>20 Bell Choir                  Practice-Faith -                  6 p.m.</p>	<p>21 Men's Breakfast in                  Preston- 8 am                  Newsletter                  Deadline</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 </p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 8:30 Fountain Worship                  9 Faith Worship                  10 CG Worship                  11 Preston Worship                  NO FAITH SUNDAY                  SCHOOL</p>	<p>27 Bell Choir                  Practice-Faith-                  6 p.m.</p>	<p>28 Men's Breakfast in                  Preston- 8 am</p>	<p>29</p>			

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