



Maple Leaf Parish

“Put the Heart Into Someone

“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up...” 1 Thessalonians 5: 11

I’ll be the first to admit that I don’t watch a lot of sports, either in person or on TV. And I’m one of the least athletic people you’ll meet. As a child, I was usually the one picked last for every active game involving teams. Mark and I have watched sports most often when our kids—and now our grandkids—have been playing.

But one thing I have noticed, is that an important aspect of team sports is the encouragement teammates and spectators give—at least to their own team. After every run scored in softball, point in volleyball, goal in soccer or touchdown in football, there are high fives and cheers and pats on the back. At Lambeau Field in Green Bay (Sorry, Vikings fans, for using this example) when a touchdown is scored, the Packer football player does the “Lambeau leap” into the stands to receive hugs and pats from appreciative fans.

The word encourage literally means “to put the heart in” while to discourage is “to tear the heart out.” That’s why poor sportsmanship is hurtful, whether it’s directed at opposing teams, referees, coaches or the home team. Because words have power to help or to hurt.

It’s natural that we do better when given encouragement. From small children who are given a smile and a “good job” when a new milestone is reached, to the very old, urged to take “just a few more steps” behind the walker, we achieve greater things when others are cheering us on.

When Jesus was in a crowded place, he looked at the people around him and “he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.” (Matt. 9:36) Jesus didn’t ignore those around him, he really looked at them and often took steps to help them. Life is so hectic today that it’s pretty easy to look right past those around us. But if we really look, we’ll see people who are in need of basic necessities. We’ll also see many people who have plenty to eat, clothes to wear, beautiful houses to live in—but who are needy. They don’t need a meal or a place to stay. They need a smile and words of hope and encouragement.

The beauty of encouragement is that anyone can do it. It doesn’t take lots of money and there are no age restrictions. What’s the most encouraging thing someone has ever done for you or said to you? Can you think of ways to encourage someone else who needs it? It isn’t difficult or complicated. And let me add, by the simple act of attending Sunday worship, you encourage the faith of your pastors and other fellow Christians.

As St. Paul wrote to the Thessalonian Church, “Encourage the timid...always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else. Be joyful always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Jesus Christ.” 1 Thess. 5: 14-18

See you in church,

Pastor Deanna

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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/>

You can find Faith UMC at:
<https://www.facebook.com/Faith-United-Methodist-Church-229920383757905/>

You can find Preston UMC by searching for Preston MN United Methodist Church

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

OCTOBER

Nancy Clement	346-2030
Paul & Suzanne Eberle	346-7147
Larry & Mary Grems	346-2424
Julie Howard	346-2596
Larry & Jennifer Lee	346-9925
Larry & Arlys Terbeest	346-2475
Rick & Janelle Rowe	346-7132

Cherry Grove UMC Service Group

OCTOBER-DECEMBER

Chairperson: Mike & Brooke Carr

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

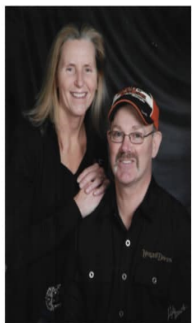
Deadlines

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.

PRESTON CHURCH TO BEGIN L.I.F.T. MINISTRY THIS FALL

Preston Church will begin its Wednesday after school ministry called: **LIVING IN FAITH TOGETHER** for a new session on **October 4th**. It is a tremendous way to reach out to the boys and girls in our communities. Additional volunteers are welcome as we begin to get ready for this new season. Please speak with Pastors Mark and Deanna as plans come together. Also, please reach out and invite boys and girls grades 1-6 and youth helpers to be involved! L.I.F.T meets after school from 3:15-5 p.m. Please stay tuned.. and help



Mosher Family Benefit

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023 AT NOON

Isle of Dreams Event Center

13029 Co Hwy 3 Spring Valley, MN

BAKE SALE (NOON) - SILENT AUCTION (NOON-2) - LIVE AUCTION (2:30)

CASH OR CHECK ONLY/ ATM ON SITE

Tom & Kim Mosher of Spring Valley, MN lost their home and most everything they have to a fire September 3, 2023.

Tom is the retired Police Chief of both Fountain, MN and Ostrander, MN and was also employed by the Fillmore County Sherriff's Office. He has served his community as a Police Officer for over 25 years. Both Tom & Kim previously served on the Spring Valley Ambulance service for a combined 17 years. They have given to the community for years, it's our turn to give back in their time of need.

All proceeds will go towards expenses not covered by insurance.

Monetary donations can be dropped off at Home Federal Savings Bank in Spring Valley under "Mosher Family Benefit"

Auction items may be dropped off at Isle of Dreams Event Center by 3pm Friday, Oct 13.

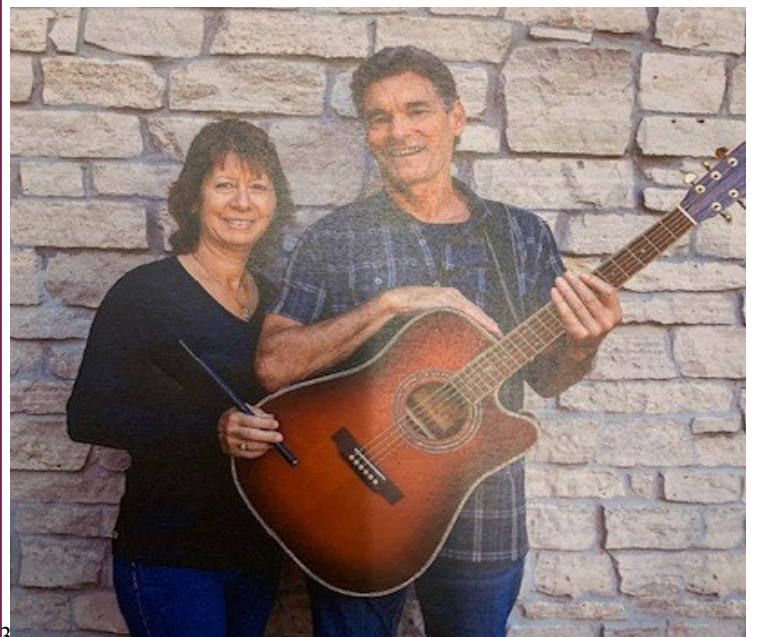
Questions contact: Sherry Vlasak (507) 421-5444 or Tyler Schiltz (712) 251-1159

PROFOUND APPRECIATION EXTENDED TO MATT AND BRENDA STIER....



Spring Valley: Faith Church expresses profound appreciation to Matt and Brenda Stier for the recent gift of an AED Defibrillator which has been installed in the Fellowship Hall

area. Sue Puffer from the Spring Valley Ambulance team provided a preliminary training session to 13 individuals on September 17th. Thank you Matt and Brenda for this very kind and generous gift. It is very possible that this



JOIN US ON
OCTOBER 1ST
AT 6 P.M.
IN CHERRY GROVE
FOR COWBOY CHURCH!



Worship gathering at Lenora Church on the third Sunday of the month, **October 15**, at 3p.m. Lenora Church is located at 38571 Dove Tail Road in Lenora.



**PLANS FOR ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
COMING FIRST SUNDAY
IN NOVEMBER...**

Faith Church will observe
Celebrating the Lives of Our Saints on
November 5th.

People may turn in photographs of
deceased loved ones or friends to be
honored, cherished and remembered
during the service.

Hello Faith Bell

Ringers!

Monday evening rehearsals

will resume

October 9

6:00 - 7:00pm

Performances at services are:

November 12

December 10


January 14

February 11

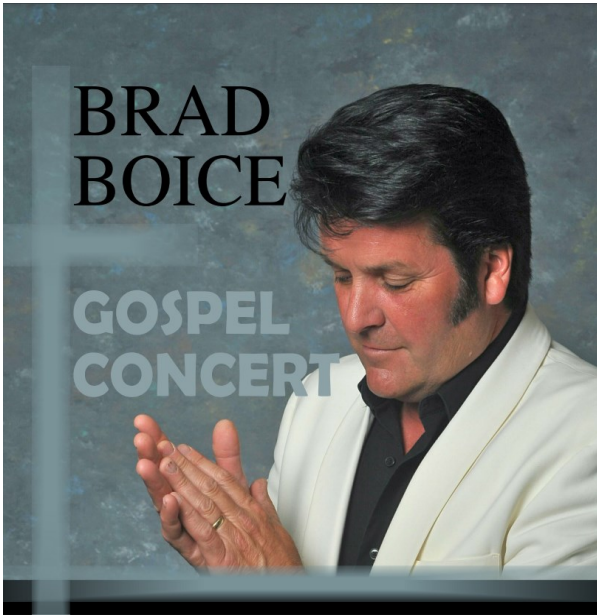
March 10

**This is the beginning of the 25th season of handbell
choir.**

**Ringers do not have to be members of our church but
they do need to be at rehearsals and play for service
for the dates listed above.**

Kathy Casady Ring a Joyful Noise 





October 22 in Preston:

Preston Church 2 p.m. This, too, will be a special time to celebrate!

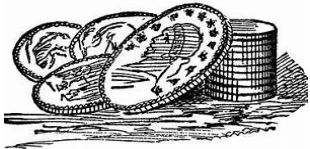
November 5 at Lenora Church

Beginning at 3:00 p.m. Brad really fills the old church with joyful music!

For all of these special events please help us in spreading the word and inviting people to come.



Noisy Offering at Faith



During the month of October, a "Noisy Offering" every Sunday for the Children of Ukraine. Faith Sunday School and Missions Committee are teaming up to make this happen. There are more than 100,000 Ukrainian children living in orphanages who need a tremendous amount of help. Bring your noisy and less noisy change for this worthwhile and much needed project.



COME AND JOIN US FOR TRUNK OR TREAT

Faith UMC- Sunday, October 29th at 10 am after worship service.

Plans for Preston to be announced

If you would like to decorate your trunk and pass out candy please do!!

Gather all your ghouls, princesses, superheroes, etc. and come join us!!

Faith United Methodist Church Fall Mini Market And Quilt Show

Come find baked goods, crafts, cards by Darlene,
produce, themed gift baskets and a quilt to be auctioned off.
617 Maple Lane, Spring Valley MN

November 4th, 2023

9:30 am - 1 pm

Coffee and Cinnamon Rolls - \$4.00

Lunch served 11 am - 1 pm

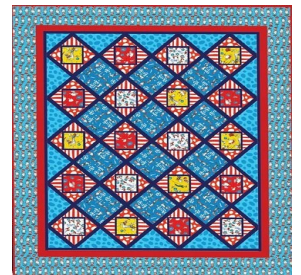
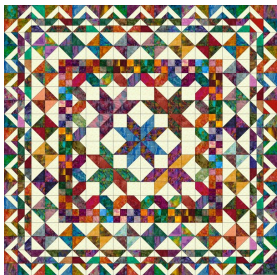
**Menu: Sloppy Joes, Macaroni Salad,
Baked Beans, Pie & Beverage**

Adults: \$9.00

Children 6 - 12: \$5.00

Children 5 and under: Free

(Proceeds support Mission Projects)



How Can You Help?

- Provide a themed gift basket (e.g. movie night, baking, gardening, kids games, etc.)
- Donate money to help purchase lunch items, craft, garden or baked goods to sell.
- Sign up to greet, serve, set, clean up or wait tables.





26th Annual
Fish Fry at
Camp Boland.
(Harry and
Elaine
Boland's
cabin)

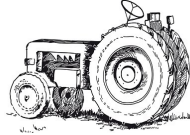


Thank you to the Boland Family and
thank you to all the people who
came!!





September 16 -17 Cherry Grove UMC participated in the tractor ride across some of Fillmore County. This event was put on by the Preston Historical Society and over 100 tractors participated. Included are pictures of the “Rest Stop” in Cherry Grove.



The party for my 90th birthday is over and it was great! Thanks to everyone that attended and for the card and gifts. I didn't want a party but thanks to my family for doing it and the others who helped. Thank you for a great day. *Darrell Drinkall*



Mission Statement of the United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith seeks to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship, and education so that they can inspire, influence, and impact local and global communities.



Some of our new youth ministry group gathered in Grand Meadow to assist with a food packing project to help hungry people in other parts of the world. Our new youth ministry group for grades, 5, 6, & 7 is just getting started, the next gathering is a hayride planned for October 8th

Kids Against Hunger



AUTUMN Market

hosted by Preston Pop Up Market

Saturday October 21, 2023

10 am - 3 pm

20+ vendors lunch available

PRESTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

212 ST. ANTHONY STREET N.

PRESTON, MN

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A Happy fun beginning to a new Ministry on September 10th at Faith. Although the group is yet to have a name, we are looking forward to a good year, sharing together in mission, fellowship, faith building and activities. Something our upper elementary and middle school youth will enjoy. Family and friends are welcome. We are looking forward to a great time with these kids!!

Blood Drive

Kingsland High School Gym
 Wednesday, October 11
 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
 Please call 1-800-733-2767 to
 schedule appointment



Kingsland School Parents Present
 SHARE THE WARMTH EVENT
 WE NEED YOUR HELP....



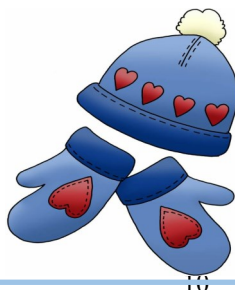
We have many Students/Families in the Community who are in need of Winter gear. We are collecting new and/or gently used winter jackets, snow pants, boots, gloves, hats and mittens.

Sizes 3-3XL

Please no damaged or broken items

Drop your items off at Faith UMC before October 26th.

Families can shop at no charge on Saturday, October 28th at the SV Community Center from 12-4 p.m. More info posted at your church



**Faith United Methodist Church
Administrative Council Minutes
September 14, 2023 6:30 p.m.**

Present: Pastors Deanna Woodward and Mark Woodward, Gene Halverson, Mary Grems, Diane Howard,
Harry Boland, Denis and Nancy Cornell, Stu Gross and Jane Baker

SPR-no items

Church Council- Diane Howard called the meeting to order, Pastor Mark opened with devotions, sharing a wooden cross given to church from Arlene Bestor and prayer.

Finance Committee- Jane gave Finance report, line of credit is available but has not been needed. We continue to need financial support.

Trustee- Gene report the Ash trees have been removed and cleanup is complete. Carpet in the Sunday School rooms and Music room cleaned on September 14th.

United Women in Faith- Nancy gave update on plans for the Mini-Market and quilt show on November 4th. A quilt will be auctioned off this year. Saturday, September 23 is the River Valley District Fall Gathering at Christ UMC in Rochester, Nancy will be attending.

Membership Committee- Mary reported the total membership is 251, with the withdrawal of Matt Howard.

Mission Committee- There will be a “noisy” offering for the month of October for Ukrainian children. Information will be included in church bulletin about UMCOR and option to give locally or internationally.

Education Committee- Deanna gave update on Sunday School which is starting September 17th, with Mark doing a Welcome Rally. Postcard invites were sent to all children. Several individuals have volunteered to assist with teaching. The 5, 6, 7 grade group had their first get together on September 10th, with a campfire. The group made the decision to meet twice a month on Sunday evenings. Bibles presentation to 3rd and 4th graders is tentatively set for October 8th.

Worship Committee- September 24th is Brad Boice concert followed by an Ice Cream Social in recognition of the 50th Anniversary of the Church building. Nancy suggested forming “Shepherding Groups”, who would be assigned to reach out and check on members of the church.

Pastor Report- Servers are needed to help serve ice cream on September 24. Brad Boice and Suz Eberle will be performing. The free will offering received during the concert will be given to Brad. Historical displays will be set up for viewing, along with the original plow that was used for the ground breaking. Mark suggested re-enacting the photo of the ground breaking with the plow. The Bell Choir will begin practicing on October 9th. Stu made a motion to adjourn, Gene seconded, motion approved. Meeting ended at 7:45.

Faith UMW

United Women in Faith met on September 13th with 7 women present for the regular meeting. Nancy opened with a reading from the program book.

Motion by Danette to accept minutes from the last meeting seconded by Vivian. Motion carried.

Motion to accept the Treasurer report by Nancy and second by Lois. Motion carried.

September 24th is the 50th Anniversary of the church building. Brad Boice will be singing with Ice Cream Social to follow. Motion by Nancy and second by Vivian to pay for the ice cream. Motion carried. The 23rd of September a gathering at the Christ Church in Rochester, Nancy is attending.

Old business-Mini Market is November 4th. The menu will be sloppy joes, macaroni salad, beans, pie and beverage. The price will be \$9 for adults, \$5 for children age 6-12 and under 5 are free. We will have a quilt display and silent auction as well as baked goods, crafts, cards by Darlene, themed baskets. Coffee and cinnamon rolls served at 9:30.

Norma is to contact Bonnie Grabau and Darlene Merkel about cards. She will ask Jane to print off new posters for Mini Market.

Next meeting is October 11th. Norma will host and Nancy will do the program. Meeting adjourned by saying the Lords Prayer

Respectfully Submitted Norma Merkel

**Cherry Grove United Methodist Church
Administrative Council
September 11, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.**

Members present: Denny & Peggy Brusse, Pixie Nielsen, Marlo & Janice Mensink, Corey Sanford, Steve Tammel, Phil Hebrink, Gene Kappers, Pastors Mark & Deanna Woodward

The Cherry Grove Administrative Council met at the church on September 11, 2023 at 7 p.m. Chairman Denny Brusse called the meeting to order. Rev. Deanna opened with prayer. The August secretary's report was available in the parish newsletter

The treasurer's report was prepared by Lori Scheevel. No apportionments have been paid to date. After review, the treasurer's report was approved on a motion by Marlo, second by Peggy. Motion carried.

Trustees' report: Thank you to Phil for staining the trim on the basement windows. Thank you to Harlan Lichty for a donation for lights for the ballfield. A technician is coming to service the church lift. Steve Tammel volunteered to hang up the donated quilt. Peggy will order the hardware needed. Rev. Mark reported that new church outdoor directional signs have been ordered and should arrive next week. Permission has been given to place another sign along County 5 at the Forrestville turn-off. After discussion, Pixie moved and Phil seconded the motion to place a 4'x 6' sign at that location. Motion carried.

Pastor-Parish Relations Committee: no report.

Pastors' Report: Rev. Deanna reported that the Preston Historical Society Fall Tractor Ride will stop at Cherry Grove Church for a morning break this Sat., Sept. 16 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Anyone is welcome to stop by to see the tractors and meet the drivers. Sunday School starts this Sunday, Sept. 17. Postcards have been sent to families of students. We need a list of any 3rd graders who should be receiving bibles this fall. Cherry Grove Church will host the Spring Valley Ministerial Assn. on Sept. 26 at 10 a.m.

A new fun and learning group has been formed for parish 5th, 6th and 7th graders. The first meeting was Sept. 10 for a campfire and the next meeting will be Sept. 20 for a food packing mission event. Plans are to meet twice per month, usually on Sunday afternoons.

Pork Dinner: There was discussion about the fall pork dinner date and how many workers would be available. After discussion, Peggy moved and Pixie seconded the motion to change the date to Oct. 29. Motion carried. (After feedback from the congregation, a special Council meeting was held after church on Sept. 17. Due to difficulty finding an open date and the shortage of workers, Cheryl Serfling moved and Peggy Brusse seconded the motion to cancel the proposed pork dinner in favor of a special harvest offering and potluck meal to be held on Nov. 12. Motion carried.)

Gene moved that the meeting be adjourned. Peggy seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned. Rev. Mark closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Deanna Woodward, acting secretary

Preston United Methodist Church
Council Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2023

Present: Pastor Mark Woodward, Pastor Deanna Woodward, Jenny Dornink, John Goutcher, Sue Hovey, Jerry Brink, Marlene Peterson, Dan Miller, Dollie Acton, Greg Dornink

Greg called the meeting to order on September 12, 2023 at 7:10 pm. Opening devotion and prayer was led by Pastor Mark.

Jenny moved to approve the agenda with additions. Seconded by Jerry. Motion passed. Pastor Mark moved to approve the Secretary's Report. Seconded by Marlene. Motion passed.

In the Treasurer's Report prepared by Kristi Anderson, the expenses in August were consistent with previous months. The Treehouse invoice was paid in full for the landscaping project. To date, \$120 has been received for UMCOR Hawaii Relief. All funds for Hawaii Relief will be submitted at the end of September. A gift was given to the church in memory of Bob Narveson, who grew up in the Preston area. This donation will be added to the Memorial Fund. Dollie moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Seconded by Sue. Motion passed.

From the Finance Committee, Dan reported the average weekly offering August was \$1105.50, which was slightly more than the weekly needed amount of \$1000.17. Apportionments received in August were \$210. Average attendance during August was 20.

From the Trustees Committee, Jerry reported he will be starting the fall maintenance routine of checking/replacing smoke alarm batteries, changing furnace filters, etc.

From the Worship Committee, Pastor Mark reported Brad Boice will be singing at PUMC on October 22 at 2pm.

From the Missions Committee, Sue reported donations are still being collected for UMCOR Hawaii Relief, the school milk fund, and the food shelf. Pastor Mark recommended making a donation from the Good Samaritan Fund of \$250 to the Preston FoodShelf and \$250 to the FC School milk fund. The Council accepted this recommendation.

No report from Staff/Parish Relations Committee.

No report from Evangelism and Outreach Committee.

From the Education Committee, Pastor Mark reported LIFT will start on October 4. The committee met on September 11 to plan for the next sessions. Registration forms are going out this week in the Friday folders.

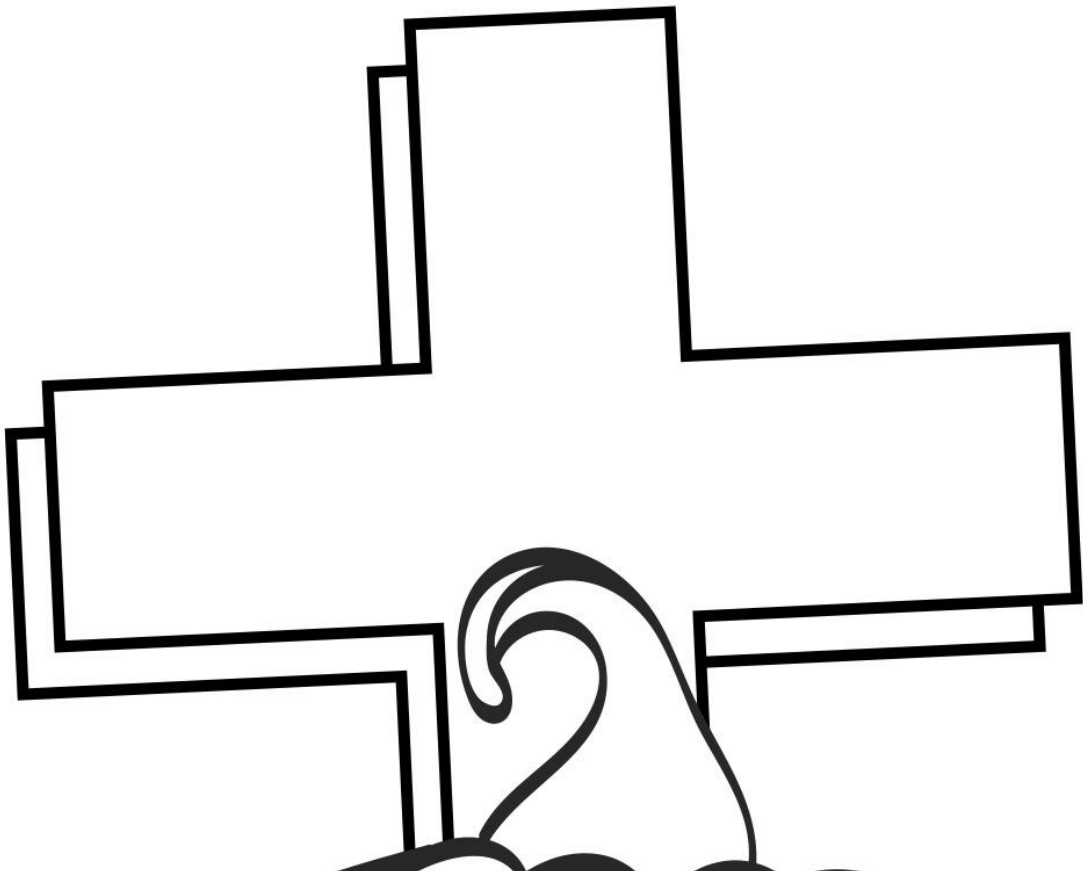
No report from the UMW.

In Business, Dan proposed having a Homecoming Kickoff on October 1 and inviting the fall high school sports teams and families to church and a lunch to follow. There was discussion on the mechanics of making this happen. Dan moved to invite the FC fall sports teams to church on October 1 for the service and lunch. Seconded by John. Motion passed. Dan will extend the invitation to the school teams and get an idea of interest.

During the Pastor's Report, Pastor Deanna reported they started a group for 5-7 graders. They will meet twice a month to do activities, learning, missions, etc. The Preston Pop-Up Market will be at PUMC on October 21.

John moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Jerry. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Jenny Dornink, PUMC Council Secretary



SHINE for JESUS



OCTOBER 2023



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1 World Communion Sunday 8:30 Fountain Worship 9 Faith Worship 10 CG Worship 11 Preston Worship 6pm Cowboy Church	2 LIFT planning meeting Preston UMC-9	3 Men's Breakfast in Preston- 8 am Faith Worship Committee—5:30 Faith Trustees— 6:30	4 LIFT in Preston— 3:15	5	6	7	Brusse Reunion Cherry Grove UMC
8 8:30 Fountain Worship 9 Faith Worship-Bible Sunday 10 CG Worship 11 Preston Worship 3:00 Youth Hayride	9 Bell Practice, Faith-6 Cherry Grove Council-7	10 Men's Breakfast in Preston - 8 am Preston Council— 7	11 Faith UMW- 9:30 LIFT in Preston-3:15	12	13	14	
15 8:30 Fountain Worship 9 Faith Worship 10 CG Worship 11 Preston Worship 3 Lenora	16 Bell Practice, Faith-6	17 Men's Breakfast in Preston- 8 am	18 LIFT in Preston— 3:15	19	20	21	Preston Craft Show & Lunch 10 a.m.— 3 p.m Newsletter Deadline
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