



Maple Leaf Parish

A Holy Moment Retro Style....

I think it is fair to say that our country and world are dealing with a multitude of complicated, hurtful and difficult problems and issues right now. Shortly after the recent tragic event in Minneapolis involving the death of Renee Good, I found myself in my study one evening on the Ponderosa -- thinking, pondering, reading, praying and listening. The house was quiet and I wanted something to listen to, so I dug out an old CD recording of Simon and Garfunkel. (Deanna and I always enjoyed their music)

Going retro provided a holy moment for me that night as the words and melody of "Bridge Over Troubled Waters" began to play in the quiet of the evening. "Bridge Over Troubled Waters" was written by Paul Simon and it was released on January 26, 1970. I was in junior high school at the time. I enjoyed the song, but never really thought much about the words and melody. It was written during the era of the Vietnam War, another time of unrest, division, and conflict in our country and world.

I sat in the quiet of my study and listened several times to the inspiring words and melody of "Bridge Over Troubled Water." (I invite you to listen to and consider this powerful song from 1970, a time when our country and world were facing many heart-breaking and challenging issues.)

In my opinion, I think Paul Simon's song sung by Art Garfunkel is in some way expressing a spiritual message of hope and encouragement. In the message of the song, could the "the bridge over troubled water" in some way refer to Jesus??? I don't know, but it sure got me thinking, "When you're weary, feeling small When tears are in your eyes I will dry them all I'm on your side. When times get rough and friends just can't be found. Like a bridge over troubled water I will lay me down, Like a Like a bridge over troubled water I will lay me down."

These words are part of this moving and thought-provoking song and they really gave me something to think about. We are living in another "troubled time" in our country and world and I believe this song speaks to us and possibly reveals the promise that God is with us in Jesus Christ. Here are the words to this song from the era of the 1970s, a song that won six Grammy Awards and sold over 25 million copies. How does this song speak to you? What message does it convey? I sat there in my Ponderosa study with tears in my eyes as the words and melody of this song from my youth spoke to my heart and filled the room with beautiful music. A song from 1970 really speaks to me in 2026. Maybe it speaks to you too! Please pray for one another and pray for "the troubled water" of our day and may Jesus guide us each and every day. It is a blessing to be in mission and ministry with you. I am thankful for you.



Please know how much you are loved.
Your pastor and friend, Mark Woodward

When you're weary, feeling small,
When tears are in your eyes
I will dry them all
I'm on your side
When times get rough
And friends just can't be found
Like a bridge over troubled water
I will lay me down
Like a bridge over troubled water
I will lay me down

When you're down and out
When you're on the street
When evening falls so hard
I will comfort you
I'll take your part
When darkness comes
And pain is all around
Like a bridge over troubled water
I will lay me down
Like a bridge over troubled water
I will lay me down

Sail on, silvergirl
Sail on by
Your time has come to shine
All your dreams are on their way
See how they shine
If you need a friend
I'm sailing right behind
Like a bridge over troubled water
I will ease your mind
Like a bridge over troubled water
I will ease your mind

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You can find Faith UMC at:

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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.

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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.



Christmas Eve 2026

Amy Cahill, Pastor Mark's youngest daughter shared this devotional piece written by Helen Steiner Rice on Christmas Eve, 2025. Amy shared this message in honor of her mother, Pastor Deanna Woodward. It is very inspiring and meaningful.

The Story of the Christmas Guest

It happened one day at the year's white end,
Two neighbors called on an old-time friend.
And they found his shop so meager and mean,
Made merry with a thousand boughs of green.
And Conrad was sitting with face a-shine
when he suddenly stopped as he stitched a twine.
And said, "Old friends, at dawn today,
When the cock was crowing the night away,
The Lord appeared in a dream to me
And said, 'I am coming your guest to be.'
So I've been busy with feet astir,
Strewing my shop with branches of fir.
The table is spread and the kettle is shined
and over the rafters the holly is twined.
Now I will wait for my Lord to appear
and listen closely so I will hear
His step as He nears my humble place,
And I open the door and look in His face.
"So his friends went home and left Conrad alone,
for this was the happiest day he had known.
For, long since, his family had passed away
and Conrad has spent a sad Christmas Day.
But he knew with the Lord as his Christmas guest
this Christmas would be the dearest and best.
He listened with only joy in his heart.
and with every sound he would rise with a start
and look for the Lord to be standing there
In answer to his earnest prayer.
So he ran to the window after hearing a sound,
but all that he saw on the snow-covered ground
was a shabby beggar whose shoes were torn
and all of his clothes were ragged and worn.
So Conrad was touched and went to the door
and he said, "Your feet must be frozen and sore,
I have some shoes in my shop for you
And a coat that will keep you warmer, too.
" So with grateful heart the man went away,
But as Conrad noticed the time of day,
He wondered what made the dear Lord so late
And how much longer he'd have to wait.

When he heard a knock and ran to the door,
but it was only a stranger once more.
A bent, old crone with a shawl of black,
A bundle of kindling piled on her back.
She asked for only a place to rest,
But that was reserved for Conrad's Great Guest.
But her voice seemed to plead, "Don't send me away
Let me rest awhile on Christmas day.
" So Conrad brewed her a steaming cup
And told her to sit at the table and sip.
But after she left he was filled with dismay
The Lord had not come as He said He would,
And Conrad felt sure he had misunderstood.
When out of the stillness he heard a cry,
"Please help me and tell me where am I."
So again he opened his friendly door
and stood disappointed as twice before.
It was only a child who had wandered away
and was lost from her family on Christmas Day.
Again Conrad's heart was heavy and sad,
but he knew he should make this little child glad,
So he called her in and wiped her tears
And quieted her childish fears.
Then he led her back to her home once more
but as he entered his own darkened door,
he knew that the Lord was not coming today
For the hours of Christmas had passed away.
So he went to his room and knelt down to pray
And he said, "Dear Lord, why did you delay?
What kept You from coming to call on me,
for I wanted so much Your face to see.
" When soft in the silence a voice he heard,
"Lift up your head, for I kept My word –
Three times My shadow crossed your floor –
Three times I came to your lonely door –
For I was the beggar with bruised, cold feet,
I was the woman you gave to eat,
And I was the child on the homeless street.
Three times I knocked and three times I came in,
And each time I found the warmth of a friend.
Of all the gifts, love is the best,
And I was honored to be your Christmas Guest."

~ *Helen Steiner Rice*

A while back Pastor Mark preached a sermon asking if there was room in the inn for Jesus? Was there room in our hearts for Jesus? How do we make room for Jesus in our lives? In response, Claire Rowen of the Spring Valley Faith Church provided this beautiful, inspiring hymn which means a lot to her. It is reprinted here and perhaps some day it will be sung on a Sunday morning. Please consider the message of this hymn and how it speaks to each one of us, "Have You Any Room for Jesus?" I hope we can enthusiastically say, "YES!!!"

INVITATION

477 Have You Any Room for Jesus?

To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts. Hebrews 3:15




1. Have you an - y room for Je - sus, He who bore your load of sin?
 2. Room for pleas-ure, room for busi-ness- But for Christ the cru-ci - fied,
 3. Have you an - y room for Je - sus, As in grace He calls a - gain?
 4. Room and time now give to Je - sus; Soon will pass God's day of grace,



As He knocks and asks ad - mis - sion, Sin - ner, will you let Him in?
 Not a place that He can en - ter In the heart for which He died?
 Oh, to - day is time ac - cept - ed; Lat - er you may call in vain.
 Soon your heart left cold and si - lent And your Sav - ior's plead - ing cease.

Refrain



Room for Je - sus, King of glo - ry! Has - ten now, His Word o - bey.



Swing your heart's door wide - ly o - pen; Bid Him en - ter while you may.

WORDS: Source unknown; adapt. by Daniel W. Whittle, 1840-1901
 MUSIC: C. C. Williams, ? - 1882

ANY ROOM
 8.7.8.7. with Refrain

Thank Offering

Thank you to those who contributed to a special November Thank Offering at Fountain UMC.



Harvest Offering

Thank you, also, to those who contributed to Cherry Grove's special November Harvest Offering.

Everyone's generosity at both churches ended 2025 with all bills paid in full!

Pastor Beth Perez who served the Maple Leaf Parish from 2009-2014 is in our prayers following a recent surgery.

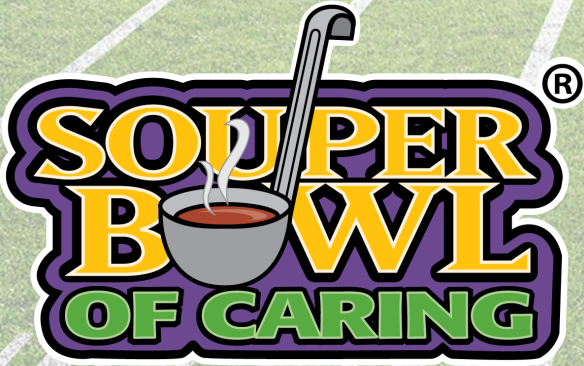
We pray for Beth and her entire family. If you desire to send a greeting, please contact the church office for her mailing address.



A VERY HAPPY MARILYN MATSON STANDING NEXT TO A BEAUTIFUL QUILT

As part of the 2025 Spring Valley Faith Church Holiday Market, Jan Lanning created a beautiful Christmas quilt depicting themes of the season. Jan is truly a talented artist in creating such an inspiring quilt. As part of the Holiday Market, Marilyn's name was drawn as the recipient for this inspiring quilt. Here she is pictured standing next to this impressive piece of art! Congratulations Marilyn!

What has a bigger impact than a trio of 300 lb linebackers bearing down on a quarterback? **YOU!!** The Souper Bowl Of Caring is a national movement working to fight hunger in our communities around the time of the Super Bowl football game.



At our Churches from now until February 8th, we will be collecting donations of canned soups and crackers, and monetary donations for our local food shelves. Let's team up to tackle hunger in our communities!!

"Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat."

UMCOR Sunday February 22nd, 2026

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is a lifesaver for many around the world. The number of needs increases every day with natural disasters, conflicts, diseases, famine... and the list goes on.

UMCOR is ready to help with your support.

The UMCOR Sunday offering underwrites UMCOR's administrative costs. The offering allows UMCOR to use 100% of all funds given to humanitarian response and recovery efforts directly to communities in need. These gifts ensure UMCOR can respond swiftly to disasters in the US and around the world and as a source of hope and healing for those left most vulnerable.

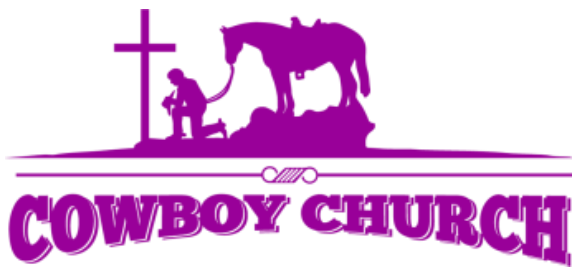
Through your generous gifts, you share the goodness of life with those who hurt. Please make checks payable to your church and write "UMCOR" in the memo line. Thank You.



MARK SANDER AND ELLIE THE CELLO PLAY FOR CANCER TELETHON

Mark Sander "The Cello Man" and his faithful friend Ellie provided inspiring music at the recent Eagles' Cancer telethon. Elliott Grandall was at the piano. Mark, "Ellie the Cello" and Elliott provided beautiful music for the telethon in raising money for the ongoing fight to find a cure for cancer. Well Done!!!





Join us on
February 1st
at 6 p.m.
In Cherry Grove



During the month of March, we will be participating in MN FoodShare. This is a great opportunity to help stock our area food shelves by donating food or cash. Your help will be greatly appreciated. More info in the March Newsletter.

UPDATE

Faith Members

Most of us do not have phones like this anymore!
(Except Mark!)



Have you recently eliminated your land line?
Please remember to contact the church office so
we can update our records.

THE HISTORIC LENORA CHURCH
Is closed now for the winter season,
but it will re-open in May, 2026.
Would you like to be a part of the team
that guides the ministry at Lenora?
Please let Pastor Mark know.

\$1,855.00

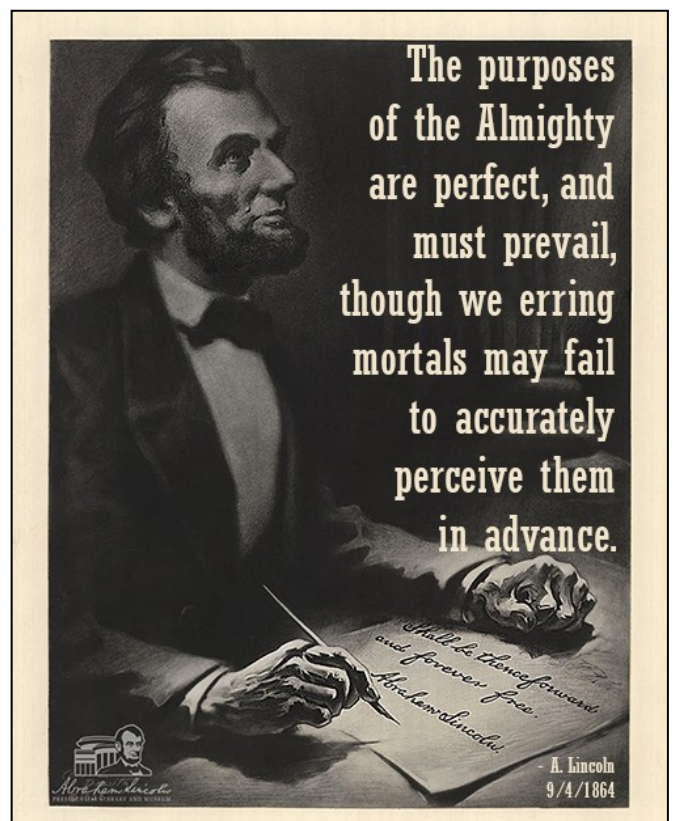


The Kingsland kids are so thankful for your generous donations which will help keep them nourished on the weekends through the Back Pack program.

\$1,855!!,

was donated through the Faith UMC Christmas offering. We are overjoyed with the awesome response from all of you.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!



HERE'S SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT.....

Kind of an interesting illustration as to how we react to life's experiences.....

What's in our cup?

(author unknown)

You are holding a cup of coffee when someone comes along and bumps into you, making you spill your coffee everywhere. Why did you spill the coffee? You spilled the coffee because there was coffee in your cup. Had there been tea in the cup, you would have spilled tea. The point is whatever is inside the cup is what will spill out. Therefore, when life comes along and shakes you (which will happen), whatever is inside you will come out. It's easy to fake it, until you get rattled. So we have to ask ourselves, "What's in my cup?" When life get tough, what spills out? Joy, gratefulness, peace and humility? Or does anger, bitterness, harsh words and reactions come out? You choose! Today let's work towards filling our cups with gratitude, forgiveness, joy, words of affirmation, kindness, gentleness and love for others.



MAPLE LEAF PARISH DURING LENT, 2026
A CREATIVE, INNOVATIVE APPROACH TO A HOLY SEASON OF THE YEAR

People are busy. People have complicated schedules. People have many different needs, wants and desires....the Maple Leaf Parish reaches out to invite people to participate in some way in this Holy time of year known as Lent.

LENT BEGINS ON FEBRUARY 18 WITH THE
OBSERVATION OF ASH WEDNESDAY. A TIME FOR
REPENTANCE AND RENEWAL

Ash Wednesday, February 18th 7:00 p.m. the
Sacrament of Holy Communion will be served at
Fountain United Methodist Church to mark the
beginning of the Lenten season. Everyone is
invited to come.



FEBRUARY 25TH Beginning about 6p.m. Soup Supper at Spring Valley Faith Church followed by a short worship service. A time for renewal.

..as we move into March our Lenten journey will continue to unfold.... Please stay tuned as new opportunities are announced..

Maple Leaf Parish 2026
WHAT IS LENT?



I was visiting with someone at a grocery store the other day and I was telling them about getting ready for the Season of Lent, coming up with ideas to observe and experience Lent. The person looked at me with a puzzled look on their face and asked, "Pastor Mark, what is Lent?"

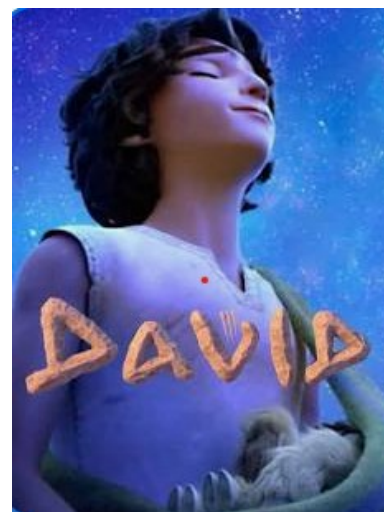
I got to thinking about their question the remainder of the day. Lent is the season of the year leading up to Easter, a time of Spiritual reflection and renewal. Also, a time for repentance, change and thinking about all Jesus does for us in his suffering, death and resurrection. Advent, as the season leading up to Christmas gets a lot of joyful attention as we think about God's greatest gift of the birth of Jesus. But Lent is a more somber, reflective time and for us in the northland it comes in the midst of a long dreary winter, thinking about suffering and death is certainly not very joyful. However, from a spiritual point of view it is imperative to realize the power of God's love revealed in the suffering and death of Jesus. Sometimes there is reference to Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness being tempted by Satan which is described in the Gospels. Through it all, Jesus did not waver and he maintained a close relationship with his Heavenly Father and totally rejected the influence of Satan. Jesus said, "Get behind me Satan!" So, without the joyful mood of Advent and Christmas, Lent is that spiritually deep season calling us to grow in an ever deeper relationship with God in Jesus Christ. Lent is often somber, reflective, prayerful, introspective and deeply personal. I invite everyone to join us in observing and experiencing the Season of Lent which is the season of 40 days and 40 nights leading up to Easter. (Technically, the Sundays during this time are not included in the Season of Lent. Rev. Martin Luther referred to them as "mini Easters.")

Lent doesn't get the glamor and expectation of Advent, but nevertheless, it is a holy time of year as we grow in our relationship with Jesus realizing the depth of his amazing love for you and me. Your Friend and Pastor, Mark Woodward

"DAVID" Showing FEBRUARY 22nd at the JEM Theatre in Harmony

As part of the Maple Leaf Parish Lenten experience, we're trying some new ideas this year. One new idea is on Sunday, February 22nd beginning at 12:30 p.m. the movie "DAVID" will be shown at the JEM Movie Theatre in Harmony. This is a special showing for the Maple Leaf Parish, friends, neighbors and families, a way to reach out to share in ministry with the community. (There is no cost for this special event as it has been underwritten by an anonymous person.)

So please share this information and invitation.



"Dream it! Believe it! Do it!"

This is the theme of the United Women in Faith Assembly which will be held May 15-17, in Indianapolis. Assembly 2026 is a once-every-four years gathering of women committed to faith, empowerment, and making a difference. Picture a weekend that uplifts your soul, strengthens your faith, and brings you together with an unstoppable sisterhood. For more information see Nancy Cornell or visit



"I will give you rest: Come"

This is the theme for World Day of Prayer which will be celebrated on Friday, March 6th at St. Ignatius Catholic Church. More details later.

The program has been written by the women of Nigeria. World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and actions for peace and justice. Come and bring a friend or two. Men are welcome.

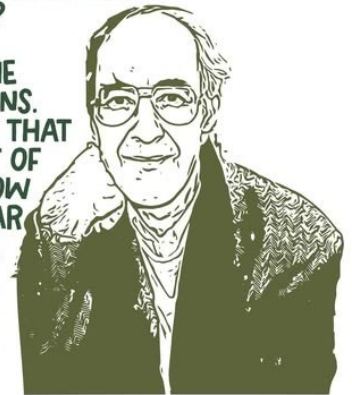


United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith at Faith UMC will meet Wednesday, February 11th at 9:30 in the "pie room". Please bring a signed Valentine's card with envelope. We will discuss World Day of Prayer, Call to Prayer and Self-Denial, the raffle quilt, Emma Norton visit, and more. The organized unit of United Women in Faith shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive, fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church. United Women in Faith is at our heart and soul, a faith-driven organization. All Christian faiths are welcome. Our beliefs bring us together. Our spirituality pushes us to do more. Come and join us.



DID I OFFER PEACE TODAY?
DID I BRING A SMILE TO SOMEONE'S FACE?
DID I SAY WORDS OF HEALING?
DID I LET GO OF MY
ANGER AND RESENTMENT?
DID I FORGIVE?
DID I LOVE?
THESE ARE THE
REAL QUESTIONS.
I MUST TRUST THAT
THE LITTLE BIT OF
LOVE THAT I SOW
NOW WILL BEAR
MANY FRUITS,
HERE IN THIS
WORLD & THE
LIFE TO COME.
HENRI NOUWEN



**Preston United Methodist Church
Administrative Council Meeting
January 13, 2026**

Present: Pastor Mark Woodward, Jenny Dornink, Greg Dornink, Marlene Peterson, John Goutcher, Dan Miller, Steve Knoepke, Nancy Dahly, Sue Hovey.

Greg called the meeting to order on January 13, 2026 at 6:05 pm. Opening devotion and prayer was led by Pastor Mark.

Jenny moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Marlene. Motion passed.

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

In the Treasurer's Report prepared by Kristi Anderson, November expenses remained consistent with previous months. The final payment for 2025 apportionments was sent to the Conference. The Maple Leaf Parish Thanksgiving offering was given to the Fillmore County Food Shelf. December expenses were also routine but heating costs went up with the colder temps. At the end of the year, we were about 8% over budget. The overage was mainly due to expenses that were not budgeted for at the beginning of the year, the parking lot project and updating computers and a printer. Sue moved to approve the November and December reports. Seconded by Marlene.

Motion passed.

From the Finance Committee, Dan reported the average weekly offering for November and December were over the necessary amount to meet budgeted expenses. Average attendance in November was 23, and average in December was 36. This included the Christmas Eve Service. Preston Chamber of Commerce expressed thanks for their use of the church for their Christmas Mistletoe Market and gave a \$300 gift. From the Trustees Committee, Pastor Mark reported he has been in contact with Wayne Frank about repairing burned out lights in the sanctuary. Using a rebate program, Wayne has been replacing the ballasts as needed and converting to LEDs.

Furnace #3 was repaired recently, assuming it was minor as the repairman was in and out quickly. Pastor Mark has also been putting the trash can on the sidewalk for the trash removal crew, much to the delight of the trash pickup crew. Pastor Mark said the redwood on the north side of the church roof probably needs to be sealed again. No one could remember the last time it was done.

Steve raised the question if the church would be looking to hire someone to clean the church. With her recent retirement, Deb might be interested if the church wanted to hire someone.

Marlene will find the job description used previously for cleaning the church. She will work with the rest of the SPRC and Trustees to come up with a workable position and pay scale.

From the Worship Committee, Pastor Mark is looking for some input for the Lenten season services. He is trying to come up with ideas to accommodate different preferences.

From the Missions Committee, Sue picked up the donations from the Mitten Tree and Wayne delivered them to the Food Shelf. She noted the Souper Bowl Sunday is coming up on February 8.

No report from Staff/Parish Relations Committee.

From Evangelism and Outreach Committee, Pastor Mark reported we are continuing to reach out to the community, communicating a compassionate image for others.

From the Education Committee, the January session of LIFT started on January 7.

In Business, Suz & Paul Eberle worked after church last Sunday to try to get the new electric piano hooked into the amplifier but it sounded tinny. The new electric piano might need its own amplifier. She is going reach out to her contacts about improving the sound.

During the Pastor's Report, Pastor Mark proposed working with the Jem Theater on doing some movie events during the Lent season, perhaps Sunday afternoons, showing biblical or historic movies, such as David, King of Kings, etc.

Jenny moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Marlene. Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

Respectfully submitted, Jenny Dornink, PUMC Council Secretary

Fountain United Methodist Church Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2026

Pastor Mark opened the meeting with a prayer. Those in attendance were Jerry & Shirley Wingert, Loni Wingert, Mark Woodward, Steve & Sheila Arnold, Jim & Jan Earley and Phil Hebrink. Treasurers report was approved by Jerry, seconded by Shelia.

Old Business ~ The Deanna Woodward Memorial Bench arrived and is currently sitting in the church. The bench turned out really nice and will be set up in the Fountain City Park in the spring. Jerry will follow up with the city on what needs to be done to move forward with putting it in the park.

New Business ~ Sheila presented a 2026 expense projection. Monthly expenses for 2026 is expected to increase monthly by roughly \$435.00 from 2025. There was discussion on how to increase income. One option was to sell part of the church lot. The church currently sits on three lots The idea is to keep 1.5 lots and sell the other 1.5 lots. Steve spoke with a realtor about selling the lots and was told they are roughly going for \$10,000 in the Fountain area. Mark stated the sale would have to be reviewed and approved by the Conference Land and Building Committee. All members of the church would have to vote to agree to sell the property. This discussion has been tabled till the spring meeting. There was also discussion on how to increase attendance and membership. Steve mentioned putting church information on the Fountain City website. Mark asked everyone to work on coming up with ideas to be discussed at the next meeting.

Loni mentioned we have not given any money to Ron Reisner for his work on mowing the church lawn and snow removal. Jerry motioned to pay Ron Reisner \$500, Sheila seconded. Motion passed. Shirley asked if any thing has been given to LouAnn for playing piano. Loni stated she does not want to be paid a wage for playing and we have not given her any type of gift for playing in 2025. Jerry made a motion to give LouAnn a \$100 gift card as a thank you for playing piano, Sheila seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Loni Wingert

Faith United Methodist Church Administrative Council Meeting January 9, 2026 Canceled



This is a picture of Linus reading a Bible story to Charlie Brown and Snoopy. During the Lenten Season, let's take time to read a Bible story or two each day and remember that Jesus suffered and died out of sheer love for you and me. May this be a blessed Lenten Season which begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18th, 2026.



FEBRUARY 2025



Sun

Mon

Tue

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Fri

Sat

<p>1 Communion</p> <p>8:30 Fountain Worship</p> <p>9 Faith Worship</p> <p>10 CG Worship</p> <p>11 Preston Worship</p> <p>6p.m. Cowboy Church</p>	<p>2 Faith Handbell</p> <p>Choir practice</p> <p>6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>3 Men's Breakfast @ B&B in Preston- 8 a.m.</p> <p>Faith Trustees-- 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>4 3:15 LIFT @ Preston UMC</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	
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