# Maple Leaf Parish

It is good to greet you in the name of Jesus as we come into November. The seasons are changing and it won't be long until the trees are bare and signs of winter gradually appear. We live in a world that is ever difficult to understand and many things happen that we flat out "don't comprehend." A few days ago I was sitting out in the yard as the warm sun brought the colorful leaves to life. Against the vividly blue sky, the yellows, golds, reds and greens shown with vibrancy and sheer beauty. It was a glorious afternoon. In my own spiritual renewal, I like to spend some time thinking, praying and reading my Bible and on occasion, looking at a collection of Peanuts cartoons.

As I sat there on the front porch watching the colorful leaves as they danced in the breeze, I got to thinking about all the things I experience as a pastor and in my own Christian life. I find it deeply meaningful to relate to people and to share with folks in the midst of their experiences, adventures, journeys and their relationships with God in Jesus. We have all known pain, heartbreak and sorrow; things that bring tears to our eyes. It is in sharing human emotions and relationships that I find great joy and happiness. Ministry is personal. Ministry brings us ever closer to God and to one another. Ministry relates to life's journeys as we grow in Christian compassion and love.

As I sat there on the front porch on that sunny, Autumn day, I got to thinking about all of the things and people that bring joy and happiness into my life. I sat there for a while looking at the maple tree in front of me. Every once in the while the breeze would cause a red leaf to flutter to the ground below. The afternoon was quiet except for the sound of the wind and an occasional bird song. Several leaves fluttered to the ground and I sat there and watched. It was a holy moment and I realized how much joy and happiness God brings into my life.

There are days when I feel sad and melancholy. There are days when I feel alone. There are other days when I feel inadequate and discouraged. But, through it all I sense a deep, inner feeling of joy and happiness as I think about God's awesome grace, forgiveness and love shown so freely in Jesus Christ. I sat and watched as a few more leaves drifted toward the ground, just watching the leaves fall on that radiant afternoon made me realize again the joy of the Holy Spirit moving in my life. I got to thinking about an old song dating back to 1904 written by Will Thompson: "Jesus is all the world to me, my life, my joy, my all; he is my strength from day to day, without him I would fall. When I am sad, to him I go, no other one can cheer me so; when I am sad, he makes me glad, he's my friend." ("Jesus Is All the World to Me" by Will Thompson, 1904 p. 469 UMC Hymnal)

My friend, Snoopy likes to sit and watch the leaves fall, too. Lucy doesn't understand and she gets critical of Snoopy. Snoopy sits there for a little while after being chastised by Lucy. Then Snoopy realizes that he is happy!!! So, even in our crazy, mixed-up, broken and hurting world, let's take some time this fall to stop and think about the happiness that God brings into our lives through the joy of the Holy Spirit, through the joy of our relationship with Jesus! Take some time to watch the leaves fall and take some time to be thankful for the happiness which is ours in Jesus Christ.




I am happy to share in mission and ministry with you! It is a blessing to be your pastor and friend.

God's blessings always...

Mark Woodard

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www.faithsv.net

# 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/

**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 | 507-346-7705 |
| Ashlee Falck | 507-696-8722 |
| Deb Fetterly | 507-259-4663 |
| Ron & Kim Kappers | 507-951-0197 |
| Todd & Kathy Moore | 612-670-9556 |
| Doug & Jan Brick | 507-346-1461 |
| Ryan & Jennifer Wolfgram | 507-458-8970 |
| John & Jane Baker | 507-273-6470 |

### Cherry Grove UMC Service Group

**SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER**

**Chairperson:**

| | |
|---|---|
| Debi Kappers | 507-251-4463 |

**Co-Chairs:**

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| Steve & Andrea Atwood | 507-254-4023 (S) |
| | 507-517-0574 (A) |
| Joe & Bonnie Austin | 507-352-4441 |
| Karly Irish | 507-272-6367 |
| Brooke Carr | 507-272-6365 |
| Roger & Luann Jones | 507-951-9671 |
| Lois & Chanda Nagel | 507-937-3485 |
| Kaylin Thomson | 507-676-5213 |
| John & Sharon Grass | 507-324-5805(H) |
| | 507-440-9095(C) |
| Dave & Kim Runde | 507-324-5923 |
| Darrol & Judy King | 507-937-3619 (H) |
| | 507-990-3194(D) |
| | 507-696-7459 (J) |

## 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.

## CHERRY GROVE HARVEST OFFERING ON NOVEMBER 15th



Cherry Grove Church members and friends are encouraged to contribute to a special harvest offering during worship on November 15th at 10:00 a.m. We will be having a potluck dinner (please bring a dish to share) and fellowship time in the downstairs social hall following the service

## FOUNTAIN THANK OFFERING SERVICE NOVEMBER 22nd

On Sunday, November 22 at 8:30 a.m., all are invited to Fountain United Methodist Church for annual "thank offering," expressing thanksgiving to God for the harvest and other blessings. Attendees are invited to a coffee hour and fellowship time following the service.






## LENORA CHURCH IN NOVEMBER

Brad Boice will perform a Gospel concert at the historic church on November 1st at 3:00 p.m. This will be an inspiring and uplifting concert, everyone is invited to come and enjoy.

**Thanksgiving Service**

On November 15th at 3 p.m. Please bring some non perishable food for the local food shelf.

**DECEMBER Christmas Season schedule**

December 19th at 3:00 and 5:00 p.m.

December 20th at 5:00 and 7:00 p.m.

## Maple Leaf Parish Thanksgiving Service




**November 18th at 7:00 P.M. at the Preston United Methodist Church.**

This will be a festive evening in the church sanctuary decorated by the Dornink-Ray family. A free will offering will be received for the work of our local food shelves. Please plan to come and help us by inviting others to come, we have so much for which to be thankful. We want to reach out and invite everyone to come share in giving thanks for the blessings we share together.

HOPE YOU CAN COME, INVITE SOMEONE TO COME WITH YOU!!!

NOVEMBER 3, 2026 IS ELECTION DAY!!! BE SURE TO GET OUT AND VOTE!!!!

Every once in the while I hear someone say, "My vote doesn't count, voting is not important, it doesn't really matter!" Well I don't support that idea!!! I believe that as American people, it is essential for us to get out and vote whether in person or by mail. I once received a phone call from an elderly woman who needed help in getting to the courthouse to be able to cast her ballot. I was happy to help her!



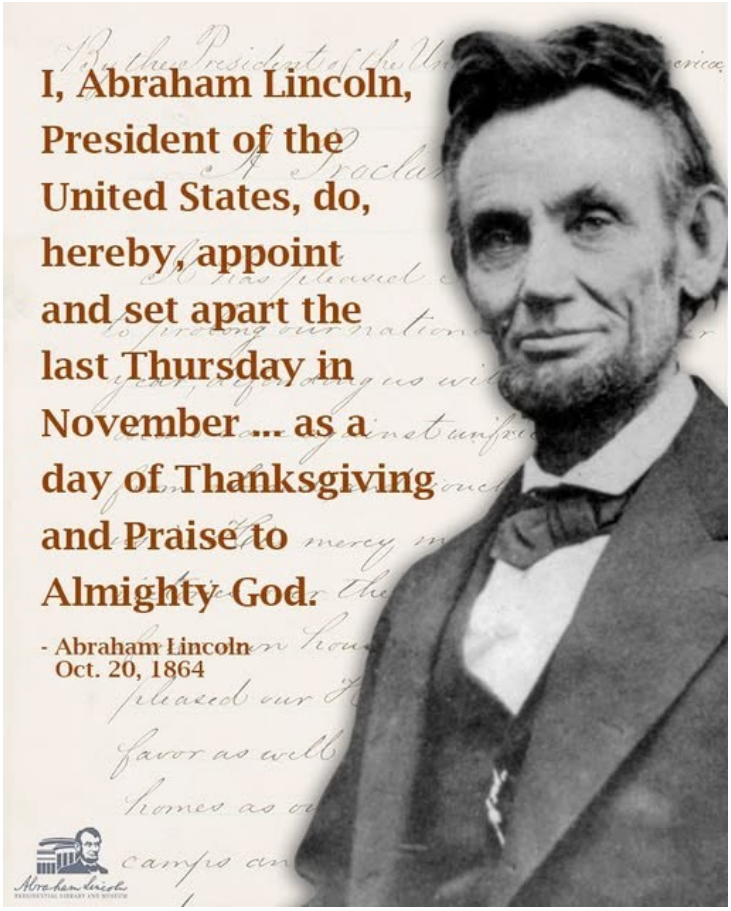

Blood Drive at Faith UMC
Wednesday, November 17th
1 p.m. -7 p.m.
Make an Appointment by calling
1-800-RED-CROSS
or visit RedCrossBlood.org




# Cherry Grove Cowboy Church
# 19th Anniversary Service

**WHEN: Sunday, November 1, 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 19 years ago by Pastor Mark Rader. It is still an ongoing, active nondenominational service spreading God's message through music to many. 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 one week prior to the first Sunday-of-the-month service.



# HOLIDAY MARKET

## FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7 • 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM**
**617 MAPLE LANE**

## ★ VENDORS ★

HOMEMADE BAKED GOODS & PRODUCE
THEME BASKET RAFFLE
QUILT SHOW & SALE
ANTIQUE DOLL DISPLAY

## MORNING SPECIAL -

CINNAMON ROLLS & COFFEE • $5
8:30 AM–10:30 AM

## DINNER 11 AM – 2 PM

Swedish Meatballs • Mashed Potatoes • Carrots
• Roll • Cranberries • Pie • Beverages

**ADULTS $17**
**CHILDREN 10 & UNDER $10**

## SIMPLE EXPRESSIONS OF KINDNESS AND ENCOURAGEMENT




There have been numerous things kind of weighing heavily upon me lately. Maybe you have had difficult and challenging days too. In all of life, it is the love of Jesus that has the power and ability to renew our hope and to fill our lives with happiness and joy. One particular day when I was dealing with a variety of discouraging things, I had the opportunity to have supper with some of my grandchildren. In our time together, my granddaughter, Molly who is 10 years old gave me a picture she had colored for me. I'm sharing it with you here, now, “To Grandpa, from Molly”. Then she said, "Grandpa, I love you." I was obviously deeply touched by Molly’s expression of kindness and love. What she did really lifted my soul. I think it is really important to take those special opportunities to reach out to one another to share expressions of love and kindness with one other. Let's find those beautiful ways to be encouragers and "builder uppers" as we live and share the Good News of Jesus. There is plenty of negativism and pessimism in the world today. Instead, let's be that bringer of hope and joy as we share God's love in Jesus Christ! I think Snoopy and Woodstock would agree!

Your friend, Pastor Mark

## Meatball Monday at Faith UMC



Denis Cornell, Nancy Cornell, Deanna Capelle, LuAnn Hare, Jan Lanning, Don Lanning and Norma Merkel were busy preparing meatballs early October 19 & 20 in preparation for the Holiday Market! The Church smelled wonderful!

Thanks everyone.



## BEING SAVED.... PEOPLE AND BELLS

As Christian people, we believe in the saving grace and love of God. The Bible says, "we are saved by grace through faith." Jesus experienced rejection and was cast out and was ultimately crucified on a cross, but from his death and resurrection we are saved by grace through the power of faith in believing.



Recently I visited the Fillmore County Recycling Center and on the iron pile was a bell with a broken yoke cradle. It was broken, cast off, rejected and forgotten.

When I saw it lying there, I asked the attendant if I could take it and have it repaired and have it ringing again. He said, “Sure, take it.” The bell was repaired by Kurt Langeslag of rural Wykoff and securely mounted on a new 5x5 post in my yard. The bell is saved and is ringing once again. People are saved by God's grace and redeeming love in Jesus Christ. We, too, can be broken, rejected, cast off and forgotten, but not by God! There is nothing that can ever separate us from God's love in Jesus Christ. I thought about that as I stood in the yard ringing the once broken bell, now fixed and ringing once again!

Just think, even in the midst of brokenness, God's love reaches out to us and brings us the gift of salvation and new life... in relation to our Savior Jesus!

--Pastor Mark

Donations for the Preston Veterans Home would be much appreciated. They are now accepting donations of the following items:

***Military Branch Shirts and Hats**
***Disposable Party Supplies (all occasions)**
***Mini cans of Root Beer and Ginger Ale**
***Sugar-free and regular Hard Candy**
***Comfy Shorts (L, XL, XXL)**
***Large Print Word Search**

You may give any of these items to Dan Miller or Sue Hovey, or you can deliver these items directly to the Veterans Home.

The Fillmore County Food Shelf in Preston is in great need of food given the increased demand. Any nonperishable food is needed, with a need for protein items, such as canned tuna, canned chicken, as well as other canned goods. It has also come to our attention that there is a great need for peanut butter. (creamy or crunchy). **Let's fill our grocery cart to overflowing!** Thank you all so much!!

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*People Are Our Business*

PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE FOUNTAIN CHURCH



Leaders of the Fountain United Methodist Church have expressed that the time has come to bring a conclusion to the ministry of the church. This is sad news and reflects some of the current trends in society. The Fountain Church has been in mission and ministry since the early days of the 1900's when the current church building was purchased.

More news will be forthcoming in the near future as various decisions are made and protocols followed. District Superintendent Rev. Gordon Deuel and the Cabinet of the United Methodist Church are offering guidance during this difficult time. Let us be in prayer as we mourn the closing of the Fountain Church, but also give thanks for the many years of faithful and love-filled ministry of this small town church.

HOW MANY PUMPKIN SEEDS?

It is pumpkin carving season! It is fun carving pumpkins. Have you ever stopped to count the seeds in a pumpkin? Recently in devotions at the Harmony Care Center, the residents counted the seeds in a pumpkin. They came up with 410.

It is fairly easy to count the seeds in a pumpkin. But, here's something to think about, ONLY GOD CAN COUNT THE NUMBER OF PUMPKINS IN A SEED. So during this pumpkin caring season, let's stop and think about just how amazing God is. Only God knows the number of pumpkins in a seed! Our God is an awesome God!



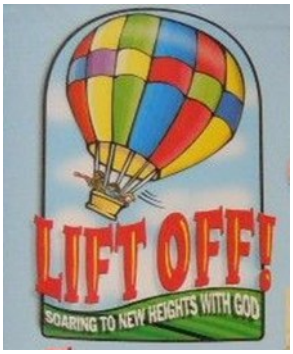
ALL FOUR CHURCHES.....
THANK YOU FOR ALL THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE WORKED THIS SUMMER TO KEEP THE MAPLE LEAF PARISH CHURCHES LOOKING GREAT!

Spring Valley: Faith, Preston, Cherry Grove and Fountain Churches are kept in good order with bush trimming, weed pulling, lawn mowing, various projects, and in general being good stewards of our church property and buildings.

THANK YOU EVERYONE! BECAUSE OF YOU OUR MAPLE LEAF PARISH CHURCH BUILDINGS ARE LOOKING GOOD!

# 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. It is a 6-week fall session and each week the group enjoys snacks, a bible lesson, craft and music time. November 11th is the last day of LIFT for this fall. Winter session will begin January 6th. For more information, contact Nancy Dahly at 507– 951-2705






Section Avenue in Spring Valley
Homecoming 2026
The Maple Leaf Parish Churches are proud of all our young people and we want to be supportive of them in every way possible all to the glory of God!

YOUTH MINISTRY







New Maple Leaf Parish Youth Ministry blending of Upper Elementary and Middle School Youth. It began on October 21st the next meeting is November 4th at 6p.m. at Faith Church. Please help spread the word... Questions...please call Pastor Mark.

A BOOK BY STEVE HARPER....
"FIVE MARKS OF A METHODIST" (United Methodist)
2015 by Abingdon Press

In these turbulent, divisive, conflicted, polarized days, a book by Steve Harper offers some insight into who we are as Christian people. Our church represents many, different and diverse approaches to faith and theology. All the different branches of Methodism represent a worldwide church with millions of people. In the midst of these difficult days, I would like to present the insights I found in this book. As disciples of Jesus here we are:

1. A Methodist Loves God.
2. A Methodist Rejoices in God.
3. A Methodist Gives Thanks.
4. A Methodist Prays Constantly.
5. A Methodist Loves Others.

I think there is a possibility that I will embark on a sermon series based on Mr. Harper's book and the Scriptural foundation for Wesleyan theology, Stay tuned... God's blessings always and have a beautiful day today....

PRESTON CHURCH LIFT MINISTRY STUDIES

# Fruit of the Spirit

Based on Paul's letter to the early church in Galatia, we are called to live by the "Fruit of the Spirit." In living by the "Fruit of the Spirit," we do not live by the standards of the world around us, instead we live according to the example and teaching of Jesus. Currently, our world needs a refresher course in how to live by the Fruit of the Spirit.

PLEASE TAKE PART OF THIS NEWSLETTER AND CUT OUT THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT AND PUT THEM ON YOUR REFRIGERATOR DOOR AS A DAILY REMINDER.....

- Love: A selfless commitment to serving and caring for others.
- Joy: A deep, spiritual delight and gladness that does not depend on outward circumstances.
- Peace: An inner calm, rest, and reconciliation with God and others.
- Patience: Endurance and steadfastness under trails or provocation.
- Kindness: Compassionate, gentle- hearted action toward people.
- Goodness: Moral excellence and integrity lived out in practical deeds.
- Faithfulness: Loyalty, trustworthiness, and reliability toward God and others.
- Gentleness: Humility, mildness, and a lack of harshness or ego (sometime translated as meekness)
- Self-Control: The discipline to choose what is right and resist temptation or ungodly impulses.

# Galatians 5: 22-23



The kids had a great time at the Faith UMC Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 25th. Awesome costumes and fantastic kids!

**Fountain United Methodist Church Meeting Minutes**

**August 25, 2026**

Pastor Mark opened the meeting with a prayer. Those in attendance were Jerry Wingert, Loni Wingert, Mark Woodward, Rick Lamon, Steve & Sheila Arnold, Jim Earley, Phil Hebrink, Debbie Elliott, and Mike Hovey.

Previous meeting minutes were read. Jerry made a motion to accept the meeting minutes as read, Debbie seconded. Treasurers report was approved by Jerry, seconded by Jim.

New Business ~ Steve reported there was an offer on the lot with a request for first right of refusal on the church lot if that came up for sale. The Conference would not allow this as first right of refusal of the church lot goes to the Conference. Thank Offering Sunday will be held November 22, 2026 at 8:30 am. Steve will provide special music. There will be refreshments served after church. Debbie will provide the treats, Loni will provide juice and Jerry will make coffee. Loni made motion for Thank Offering, Jerry second. Loni asked about moving the meeting time to 5pm. Jerry motioned, Debbie Second. Discussion was had about ways to get the church service time to the Fountain residents. Steve will ask the city about putting a note on the water bill. Mark brought up a meeting with the Conference to see what suggestions they had for attracting new members. It was agreed to have a meeting with the conference. Mark is going to reach out and set up a time to meet.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Loni Wingert

***More recent minutes to be printed in the December newsletter.***

United Women in Faith of Spring Valley
9:30 a.m. October 14

UMW met on October 14th with seven members present. Nancy opened with a reading.
Motion to accept the Secretary report by Marilyn second by Nancy. Motion carried. Treasurer report by Jan second by Marilyn, motion carried. We went over the Holiday Market check list. Meatballs will be made October 19&20 at the church. The Spring Valley Butchery will freeze until November 6th. Sunday, November 1st, tables will be set up for the Market following coffee hour. We are in need of muscles to assist in moving things. Discussion of bake sale, vendors along with Quilt and Doll show. Signs have been posted throughout SV and surrounding towns. Time to start Christmas shopping. Nancy made a motion to give $200 to Christmas in Fillmore County for gifts for children, second by Jan. Motion carried. Norma will send check.
Next meeting October 28th to prepare for Holiday Market. Motion to adjourn by Nancy, second by Mary, motion carried. Submitted by Norma Merkel

**Cherry Grove United Methodist Church**
**Administrative Council Meeting**
**October 12, 2026**

**Members Present:** Mark Woodward, Phil Hebrink, Mary Ann Schultz, Corey Sanford, Holly Sanford, Beth Mulhern, John Grass, Sharon Grass

**Administrative Council Meeting**

The August Administrative Council Meeting was called to order by Mark Woodward.
**Meeting Minutes:** There were no meeting minutes to review but Old Business from the August meeting was discussed. Parade Signs were made for the Cowboy Musicians to use. They will be stored in the closet upstairs. Thank you to Mary Ann Schultz for facilitating this. The address list is complete and will be available for review soon.
**Financial Report:** There was no financial report to review.
**Trustees Report:**
Denny Brusse has requested to step back from being the Administrative Council Leader and also as one of the Trustees. His effective date will be January 1, 2027.
There has been no water in the basement. The paneling and paint will be updated now.
The grab bar needs to be put in the Women's Bathroom yet.
**Parish Relations Committee:**
The Cowboy Musician Appreciation meal will be held on October 25.
The AED has been purchased using the funds from the 4th of July luncheon. Sue Puffer will do an in-service on Sunday, November 8 following church. This will also be the next Administrative Council Meeting.
Harvest Potluck will be held on Sunday, November 15 following church. Please bring a dish to pass.
Beth Mulhern and Mary Ann Schultz are taking donations to get flowers and flower pots to put out front of the church. If you are interested in making a donation, reach out to either of them.
**Pastors Report:**
Wednesday, October 21 is the first date for the new Children's Ministry. Approximate ages for the group are 4th – 12th grade.
Wednesday, November 18 – Thanksgiving Service at Preston Methodist Church.
Saturday, November 21 – Annual Conference will be held at Faith Church with Superintendent Gordon Deuel.
Fountain Methodist Church - Discussion was held relating to the future of the Fountain UMC. They are currently in discussions with Conference Superintendent Gordon Deuel regarding their future. Financial arrangements for 2027 will remain the same for the time being.
A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.
**Next Meeting:**
The next meeting will be held SUNDAY, November 8 following church. Sue Puffer will also be doing an in-service with the AED.

**Faith United Methodist Church**
**Administrative Council Minutes**
**October 8, 2026**

Present: Stu Gross, Denis Cornell & Nancy Cornell, Mary Grems, Gail Rollie Diane Howard, Pastor Mark Woodward and Jane Baker

**Finance**-Jane gave finance report. Stu recommended paying the remaining apportionment amount of $2,901.00.

Diane called Administrative Council to order and Mark opened with prayer. Jane reviewed the Finance report. Stu made a motion to approve the secretary report Nancy seconded. Discussion was held relating to the future of the Fountain UMC. They are currently in discussions with Conference Superintendent Gordon Deuel regarding their future. Financial arrangements for 2027 will remain the same for the time being.

**Women of Faith**- Meeting scheduled for October 14th at 9:30 a.m. Holiday Market is November 7th, this is a church wide event and volunteers are needed to make it successful. More vendors have been added this year and an antique doll display.

**Missions-**Nancy is determining where the Christmas offering will go this year.

**Membership**-Total membership is 242. Inactive Unresponsive membership reviewed by Mary and will be included the in the Charge Conference report.

**Trustee**- Nothing new to report

**Sunday School**- Diane reported Sunday School is doing well. Trunk or Treat will be on October 25. Pam and Diane are starting to prepare for the Sunday School program.

**Pastor report**- October 11th service will be held in the Fellowship Hall to rededicate the Jesus Light. New youth ministry starts on October 21 at 6:00 p.m. with an orientation meeting. Maple Leaf Charge Conference is November 21st at 9:00 a.m. Faith UMC is hosting the event. Mark asked for suggestions regarding date for the Thanksgiving service. Lindsi Poppi is making "Welcome" paintings for each of the Maple Leaf Parish churches. Many of the committee leadership positions remain open, Mark is looking for volunteers.

**New business-** No new business

Gail made a motion to adjourn, Denis seconded.

**SPRING VALLEY: FAITH CHURCH CAPITAL MAINTENANCE FUND**

As we come toward the end of 2026, it is time for people to consider gifts to the Spring Valley Faith Capital Maintenance. This is a fund dedicated to major repairs and improvements in the church building and church property. A good example is the parking lot, furnaces and other ongoing improvements and repairs. The Faith Church Capital Maintenance fund plays a vital role in providing proper maintenance and upkeep in some of the church's ongoing maintenance issues. Questions can be addressed to Tom Ramaker on the Board of Trustees.

**Preston United Methodist Church**
**Administrative Council Minutes**
**October 13, 2026**

Present: Pastor Mark Woodward, Greg Dornink, Jenny Dornink, Marlene Peterson, Dan Miller, John Goutcher, with a cameo appearance by Amy Cahill.
Pastor Mark called the meeting to order on October 13, 2026 at 7:05 pm. Opening devotion and prayer was led by Pastor Mark.
John moved to approve the agenda with one addition. Seconded by Jenny. Motion passed.
Marlene moved to approve the Secretary's Report. Seconded by Paster Mark. Motion passed.
In the Treasurer's Report prepared by Kristi Anderson, income in September was slightly less than expenses. Routine expenses in September were consistent with previous months. Third quarter designated funds for apportionments were sent in to the Conference. Remaining apportionment balance for 2026 is $891. Pastor Mark moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Seconded by Dan. Motion passed.
From the Finance Committee, Dan reported the average weekly offering for September was above the needed amount to meet budgeted expenses. Other income also included use of church donations and memorial donations from Cheryl Petsch's family. Average attendance during September was 22.
From the Trustees Committee, Pastor Mark reported Wayne Frank was in the building last week and replaced burned out fluorescent bulbs with LED bulbs. They are getting a quote on sweeping the sand from the parking lot before it snows.
From the Worship Committee, Pastor Mark reported the Parish Thanksgiving Service be held on November 18 at 7pm at PUMC. There will be an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at Lenora on November 15 at 3pm. Brad Boice will be performing at the Lenora Church on November 1.
From the Missions Committee, there has been a list in the bulletin regarding items to donate to local groups, including the Veterans Home.
No report from Staff/Parish Relations Committee.
From the Evangelism & Outreach Committee, Pastor Mark has engaged the services of Lindsi Poppe has been painting welcome signs for the Parish churches.
From the Education Committee, Pastor Mark reported the fall session of LIFT has started. They are learning about the Fruits of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22.
In Business, John presented a form template to be filled out for funerals by families or funeral homes to ensure all pertinent information is collected. There was additional discussion about the proposed church use forms and suggested donations for use of the church. No action was taken at this time.
During the Pastor's Report, Pastor Mark reported Deb K is working on the medical supply donation room. November 21 is the church charge conference at 9am at Faith UMC. Council meeting time will change in November to 6pm.
Jenny moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Marlene. Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.
*Respectfully submitted, Jenny Dornink, PUMC Council Secretary*

# November 2026

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 **Communion**<br>**8:30 Fountain Worship**<br>**9 Faith Worship**<br>**10 CG Worship**<br>**11 Preston Worship**<br>**6 Cowboy Church** | 2 | 3<br>Men's Breakfast @ B&B in Preston- 8 a.m | 4 LIFT in Preston 3:15<br>Maple Leaf Parish Youth Ministry 6:00 p.m. | 5 | 6 | 7<br>Faith Holiday Market 8:30 a.m.– 2:30 p.m. |
| 8<br>**8:30 Fountain *Worship***<br>**9 Faith Worship**<br>**10 CG Worship-Council Following**<br>**11 Preston Worship** | 9 | 10<br>Men's Breakfast @ B&B in Preston- 8 a.m<br>Preston Council- 6 p.m. | 11 **Veteran's Day**<br>United Women In Faith 9:30<br><br>LIFT in Preston 3:15 | 12<br>Faith Finance-6:30 p.m.<br>Faith Council-7 | 13 | 14 |
| 15<br>8:30 Fountain Worship<br>9 Faith Worship-<br>10 CG Worship-Harvest Offering/Potluck Dinner<br>11 Preston Worship<br>**3 Lenora Worship** | 16 | 17<br>Men's Breakfast in Preston - 8 am | 18 Blood Drive Faith UMC 12-7 p.m<br>7:00 p.m. Thanks-giving Service @ Preston UMC | 19 | 20 | 21 **Newsletter Deadline**<br>Maple Leaf Parish Charge Conf. in SV @ Faith 9:00 a.m. |
| 22<br>**Thank Offering @**<br>**8:30 Fountain Worship**<br>**9 Faith Worship**<br>10 CG Worship<br>**11 Preston Worship** | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26<br> | 27 | 28 |
| 29<br>**8:30 Fountain Worship**<br>**9 Faith Worship-No Sun-day School**<br>**10 CG Worship**<br>**11 Preston Worship** | 30 | | | | | |

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