



Fall 2011

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Worship Sundays at 10 a.m.

*The Newsletter of the Maple Shade Congregational Church of the United Church of Christ*

### Ham Buffet Dinner

**Saturday, November 12th**

**4 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

**Eat In or Take Out**

**Adults \$8**

**Children under 12 \$4**

**Children under 5 free**

**Call to order tickets 856-779-7739**

**(limited number of tickets at door)**

*Our second monthly Community Brunch will be held on Sunday, November 13th after worship. This event is free and open to the public. Please join us and bring a friend to church and then enjoy good food and good fellowship.*

### Baptisms



*On June 26th we shared in the joy of the Holy Baptism of Rylee Lentsch. Proud parents are Jessica and Geoffrey Lentsch*

*On September 18th Zachary James Marchetti received the sacrament of Holy Baptism. His proud parents are Tara and Troy Marchetti. Congratulations!*

### Mission 1 Participation Nov 1-11

*"For I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me something to drink . . ." - Matthew 25: 35*

*For 11 days the UCC will be gathering collections of money and food for Neighbors In Need that will be shared for hunger-action purposes with agencies of justice and compassion throughout the United States.*

*Our church will have a special food pantry collection during these 11 days that will directly help those in our community who are in need. Canned foods, such as tuna and chicken, peanut butter and jelly, pasta meals and vegetables are always needed. Don't forget the pets, too. Some folks are having difficulty feeding their pets in this time of need and are making tough choices. Having a few cans of dog food on hand will help us serve them too.*

*If you can help, please bring your non perishable donations to the church on Sundays or during our THRIFT Shop hours: Thursday and Saturday 10-2p.m.*


### **The Apple Seeds Contribution Tree**



We now have a new Appleseeds envelope tree in the sanctuary. The purpose of these envelope offerings is to cover normal and unexpected expenses. During Hurricane Irene we experienced flooding of the social hall and as a result we have floor damage that must be repaired. We also have an ongoing issue with the flat roof and that will need repair. In addition we recently experienced problems with our sewer line and the cost of that repair, too, was unexpected. As a result of these problems and our ongoing financial difficulties, we are asking people to give above and beyond normal giving by making a special offering in the appleseeds envelope. Please consider sending a special offering to help. You may indicate a specific area to which to apply your contribution or simply indicate general fund.

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*Spirit in the Shade*

*Bible Study* 

Wednesday, November 9th 11 a.m.

Wednesday, November 23rd 11 a.m.

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**Hoagie Sale**  
Wednesday, November 16th

**Still just \$4 each On sale 11 a.m—1 p.m**

Please support this important fundraiser for our Womens Fellowship. They work hard, in all weather for the financial support the church.

Can you volunteer to help or buy some hoagies?

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**The Maple Syrup Players**

Our puppet ministry provides simple messages to young and old alike, with monthly plays during worship. Join us on November 20th for the next show.



Weddings



On September 16th:  
Dana Eley and Ryan Harris

On November 5th :  
Jennifer Salgado and John Kaminski  
Congratulations to all!

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**Thrift Shop Open**

Thursdays 10 a.m. -1 p.m.  
and Saturdays 10 a.m. -2 p.m.  
Café open for lunch on Saturdays  
We have new and gently used items, holiday decorations, crafts and more!

Get a jump on the shopping season and support the church too. Proceeds from the Thrift Shop and Cafe help to keep our programs going. We need volunteers to work one Saturday per month, please sign up or call if you can help out.

**Annual Aids Commemoration Service**  
**Sunday, December 6th**

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Brunch With Santa and Community Brunch

Sunday December 11th

Join us for Our Annual Brunch with Santa  
Bring a friend and enjoy the community brunch.  
The children will have visits and photo ops with Santa. There will be music and intergenerational games for all to enjoy.

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**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

December 24th at 7:30 p.m.



We are open for Christmas!

Christmas Day Service at 10 a.m.

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**"SAVE OUR CHURCH TASK FORCE"**

You are welcome to join this task force!  
The task force finds ways to do outreach, plans social events and come up with fundraising ideas. New ideas are always welcome. Be a part of renewal! Be a part of the future! Be there!  
Check our website for next meeting date.

Our Student In Care, Christina Fidanza, is enjoying her first semester at Lancaster Theological Seminary. Christina would like to thank members of the congregation and all who have contributed to make this dream a reality. We wish Christina the very best and look forward to her next visit

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