



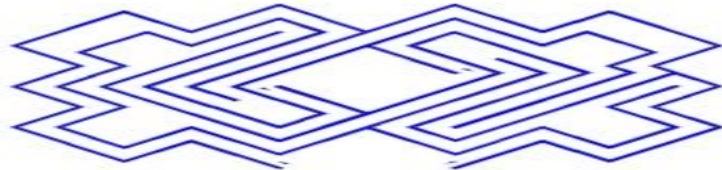
**2011
Lent**

Prayer Path Labyrinth with Prayer *Activity* Stations



**Saginaw Bay District
of the United Methodist Church**

**A Ministry for
all ages!
children, youth
and adults**



Listed below are the churches that experienced the Lent Labyrinth in 2010 and their experience:

Alpena, Mio, Good Shepherd, St. Luke's, Pinconning, Harrisville, Midland 1st, La Porte, Aldersgate, Faith, Mapleton, St. Charles, Caro

We discovered that this ministry was very meaningful to all who participated. Before we even concluded the event, several people urged me to make it part of our Lenten plans for 2011. This ministry brought people to a discipleship experience that usually would not have attended some of our other more traditional offerings. I heartily commend this resource to your church.

Pastor Marcel Allen Lamb—Pastor of Mio & Curran Sunnyside U.M.C.

The use of video, clips, candles, hammering of nails into a large cross, writing our personal burdens and placing them on a cross, etc. really engaged my students.

Allison Kyro—Director of Children's Ministries Midland 1st U.M.C.

Every person that completed the Prayer Labyrinth thought it was a wonderful experience. Half of the participants finished the Labyrinth with tears in their eyes. One couple commented that this should be mandatory for all members at Mapleton. Another member enjoyed the experience so much, that she asked to do it again, and immediately did.

Pastor Len Clevenger—Pastor of Mapleton U.M.C. in 2010

It was a moving experience that touched the minds, hearts, and souls of all who participated.

Kim Clauss—Pinconning U.M.C.

Our members found the walking of the labyrinth to be very meaningful. It is very well designed and each of the stations leads to significant experiences particularly during the season of Lent.

Pastor Jerry Smith—Pastor of Caro U.M.C.

These are some of the comments I heard. "Wow, that was quite an experience. Can we go again?" "I felt God walking with me all the way." "This is like a focused prayer walk. What a lovely way to pray." "I loved that I had fellow travelers along the way, coming and going. We are, after all, all on the same path." Those are just a few that come to mind. It was such a success we are bringing it back again this year!

Donna Clark—Faith U.M.C.



Lent



Prayer Labyrinth

For Children, Youth and Adults

Please note: children will need assistance

Here's what you will receive when you reserve the Prayer Labyrinth—To Go.

A labyrinth, prayer station instructions, station signs, all prayer station elements (candles, wooden crosses, nails, etc.) including d. v. d. players, mp3 players and 11 tablecloths, one tablecloth for each prayer station. However, communion elements, 9 t. v. trays (for 20ft. X 22ft. labyrinth) **OR** 9 card tables (for 30 ft. x 40 ft. labyrinth) and 2 piano benches (or similar table for station #1 & #6) are furnished by each church.

Stations of the Cross

1a. & 1b.— Jesus Carries the Cross

John 19:17

He willingly accepted His cross; will you accept your cross and His invitation to follow Him? .

2a. & 2b.— Jesus is Nailed to the Cross

Luke 23:33 (Matthew 27:35, Mark 15-24; John 19-23)

As Jesus forgave those who pierced His hands and feet, forgive those who have pierced Your heart.

3a. & 3b.- Jesus Dies on the Cross

Matthew 27:45-51(Mark 15:33-41, Luke 23:44-49)

Amazing love, how can it be that You, my King should die for me?

4a. & 4b.— Jesus is Taken Down from the Cross

Matthew 27:57-61 (Mark 15:42-47; Luke 23:50-56)

How did You persevere to the end?

5a. & 5b.— Jesus is Laid in the Tomb

Mark 15:42-47 (Matthew 27:57-66, Luke 23:50-56)

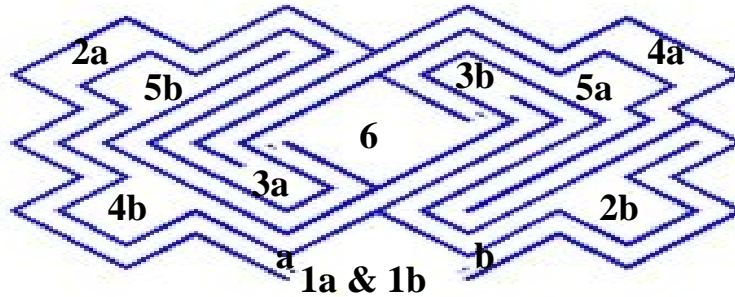
Even in despair, sorrow, fear, regret and anguish the light of the world—Jesus never fails.

6. Center— Holy Communion— Come to Jesus!



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Lent—Prayer Labyrinth



Instructions for participants -

Before you enter the labyrinth, please read of the following:

Please remove your shoes, prior to entering the labyrinth.

Exceptions: If you need shoes for balance or need additional support to avoid slipping on vinyl, please feel free to keep on your shoes. However, we encourage all others to take off their shoes, especially those with high heels, as this can put a hole or tear in the vinyl. Thank you for your assistance.

Please do not rush. This is your time with God in prayer and reflection. Most prayer stations will take about 3 to 4 minutes with an additional minute to slowly walk to the next prayer station. When leaving a prayer station reflect on that message, as you journey to the next station.

As soon as a participant leaves 1a. or 1b. you may enter the labyrinth by starting at 1a. or 1b. Once you start path a. or b. continue following that path toward the center—station #6. Please take the time to become familiar with the labyrinth map above. When you have finished with communion at station #6, simply leave the labyrinth from the center station.

May the message of Christ's love for you this Lenten Season fill you with His everlasting and abundant love, joy and peace!

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