

SPRING BREAKFAST
All Ladies of Central & Guests
are Invited

Saturday, May 6, 2017
9:00 a.m.

Program will be by Christy Erickson
on her trip to Hawaii.

Invite a friend to come and enjoy
our breakfast and program.

Donation \$7.00

Reservations to Andrea Gentner
(616-374-7126)
by April 30 please.

Welcome to



Central Church

Our Mission

***Central United Methodist Church Glorifies God through the
Work of Ministry and the Making of Disciples of Jesus Christ.***

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Rev. Karen Sorden, Pastor

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Lake Odessa, Michigan

Rev. Karen Sorden

April 23, 2017

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

Large print hymnals and bulletins are available. Please ask an usher.

WELCOME

Rev. Karen Sorden

Please sign, pass, and return red friendship pads in each pew at this time.

Also prepare Prayer Request Sheets during this time.

UNISON OPENING PRAYER

Jesus, Savior, Resurrected Messiah, we come before you from different paths: some of us certain of your joyful presence in our lives, some of us not so certain of the hope of being touched by your joy. Yet we are all here, reaching out to you: for understanding, for hope, for joy, for all that is imperishable. Meet us here, today, in all your power and consolation. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*OPENING HYMN

"Easter People, Raise Your Voices"

Hymnal 304

Ushers will collect Prayer Request Sheets.

EASTER LITANY (congregation in bold; M=Men, W=Women)

We've been in hiding for too long.

M: Perhaps we should open the doors of our lives to welcome whatever comes.

But suppose that destruction, fear, and death arrive at our door?

W: Jesus always said to us "Do not be afraid, I am with you."

All: Lord, help us to believe.

Why is it so difficult to believe?

M: We have been disappointed so many times.

Do we dare trust that this time will be different?

W: Everything is different when we trust in Jesus Christ.

All: Lord, help us to believe.

What will we do if we actually see the risen Lord?

M: Our fears will be banished and we will live in the truth of Jesus Christ.

What is the truth of Jesus Christ?

W: Christ has overcome the bonds of death. He is risen and goes before us.

All: Lord, we believe; help our unbelief. Amen

ANTHEM

"Our Victorious King"

Chancel Choir

Keith Wilkerson

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

"Resurrection Reality"

Rev. Karen Sorden

John 20:19-31

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Because He Lives"

Hymnal 364

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER CONCERNS AND PRAISES

A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO GOD

*SONG AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Hymnal 95

*CLOSING HYMN

"Thine Be the Glory"

Hymnal 308

* BENEDECTION (congregation in bold)

Go from this place in peace and joy to serve the Lord.

We rejoice in the good news we have heard and go to serve God in all that we do.

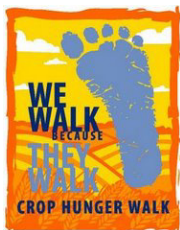
May God's blessing continue in and through you to others

May God's love also pour into your heart this day and always. Amen

*RINGING OF THE BELLS

*POSTLUDE

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*



Next Sunday is the **Lakewood Area CROP Hunger Walk**. Please consider contributing to one or more of our walkers to help “End Hunger, One Step at a Time.” We walk for one day in support of those who **MUST** walk every day to provide their most basic needs. There is a table in Fellowship Hall this morning to support our Central team.

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Come One, Come All to the **Bells ‘n Brass Spring Concert** on Sunday, May 21st, at 7 p.m. at Pleasant Valley United Brethren Church (13120 Bell Road, Lake Odessa). Enjoy a Christ-centered evening of music with reception. Your donations go to the Community Council for Christmas Food Baskets. Wheelchair accessible.

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*If you unlock a door on your way in,
you are responsible for locking it on your way out.*

Thank you!

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**In case of a pastoral emergency, please call
Pastor Karen at the parsonage (374-8294).**

MINISTER: Every Member of This Church
PASTOR: The Rev. Karen Sorden
SECRETARY: Kim Stoepker
ORGANIST: Marilyn Noffke
CHOIR DIRECTOR: Jackie Cunningham
CUSTODIANS: Mike McCartney / Rolando Varela
TODAY'S SERVICE:

Audio/Visual

Today: Chuck Rayner / Shelly Reiser
Next Sunday: Same

Coffee Fellowship

Today: Kostanko / Reiser
Next Sunday: Open

Greeters

Today: Del & Jane Kostanko / Jane Lawther
Next Sunday: Same

Nursery

Today: Mary Dykhouse / Karen Avery
Next Sunday: Char Kendregan / Penny Thelen

Ushers

Today: Kim & Dawn Deardorff
Next Sunday: Same

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*Altar flowers this morning are presented by
Ed & Bonnie Leak
in memory of our loved ones.*

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THIS WEEK'S PRAYER CONCERNS

Family of Noreta Nagelkirk	Jim Wackerlin	Cindy Good
Susan McDaniels	Kendrick Fruchey	Toni Robinson
Patty Anderson	Stacey	Unspokens
World peace	A friend	
For our government	Praise for good test results	

Continued in Prayer

Sgt. Branden Curtis	Karl Klynstra	Gary Smith
Sr. Airman Lloyd C. Corston	Ginny Kruisenga	Ed Hilliker
PFC Steven Wakley, Jr	Dale Patterson	Dave & Sue Steeby
1SG Nicholas Ludema	Toni Robinson	Hank Minenna
PFC Jason Hilley	Phylis Armstrong	Susan Steele
Sgt. Nathan Sparrow	Pam Coleman	Sharon Brink
Ross McDowell	Susan McDaniels	Terena Galaviz
Nadine Speas	Karie Hilley	Jim Decker
Family of Dean Watrous	Brian Rayner	Cindy Good

Our Special Friends

Leah Abbott	Margot Bailey	Ada Dennie
Lois Goodemoot	Marian Klein	Joanne McDaniels
Phil Shetterly		

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

04/25 John Gentner
 04/26 Ed Leak
 04/27 Peg Faulkner
 04/29 Warren Courtney

 04/25 Tom & Shelly Reiser – 25 years

OUR PARTNERS IN MINISTRY

Our Missionary, Paul Webster, Zambia, Africa
Holt UMC, Holt
Pleasant Valley United Brethren in Christ Church, Lake Odessa

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board of Trustees and other volunteers will be doing Spring Clean-up of the church property today after coffee fellowship. Your help is greatly appreciated.

EVENTS

<i>Today</i>	Board of Trustees Spring Clean-up	<i>following coffee fellowship</i>
Mon 4/24	Staff-Parish Relations Committee – Lounge	7 pm
	A.A. Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom	7 pm
Wed 4/26	Friendship Group – Fellowship Hall	9 am – 12 pm
	Choir Rehearsal – <i>Sanctuary</i>	7 pm
Thur 4/27	Respite Care – Lounge	1:30 pm
	Souper Thursday Community Dinner– Fellowship Hall	4:30-6:00 pm
Fri 4/28	Pastor's Sabbath - <i>Church office closed</i>	
	<i>Rental</i> – <i>Sanctuary</i>	6:00 pm
Sat 4/29	<i>Rental</i> – <i>Sanctuary/F.H.</i>	3:00 pm
Sun 4/30	Worship Service– <i>Noisy Offering</i>	10:30 am
	CROP Walk – Fellowship Hall	<i>Registration begins at 1:00 pm</i>
Mon 5/1	A.A. Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom	7 pm
Tue 5/2	Fresh Food Distribution – Back parking lot	2 pm
	Worship Committee – Front Room	7 pm
Wed 5/3	<i>No choir rehearsal</i>	
Thur 5/4	Respite Care – Lounge	1:30 pm
	Souper Thursday Community Dinner– Fellowship Hall	4:30-6:00 pm
Fri 5/5	Pastor's Sabbath - <i>Church office closed</i>	
Sat 5/6	Spring Breakfast – Fellowship Hall	<i>(see back page)</i> 9 am
Sun 5/7	Worship Service – <i>Sanctuary</i>	10:30 am

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