

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 30, 2017

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

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

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

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.

NOISY OFFERING *Today's Noisy Offering is designated to Manna's Market*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP (congregation in bold)

As you walk with us, as we journey together,

Lord, your word fills our hearts!

As you speak with us, as your love is revealed,

Lord, your fire burns in our hearts!

As we proclaim what we have seen and heard,

may all people be drawn to you, the risen Lord!

*OPENING HYMN

"Christ Is Alive"

Hymnal 318

Ushers will collect Prayer Request Sheets.

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you are so patient with us. You brought us through Easter when we rejoiced at the news of the Resurrection of your Son, our Savior. You were with us in the Upper Room when we remained hidden out of our fears, sharing with Thomas our doubts and anxieties. Now you come to us on the road. You come to us in our everyday lives, moving out of this pristine setting of worship into the secular world. But we aren't always ready for you and don't always see you or feel your presence. We let so many things crowd in on our lives and these intrusions blot out our awareness of your presence. Forgive our blindness and our stubbornness. Help us keep our hearts open to you; to see and tell the good things you have done in our lives. For we ask this in Jesus' name. AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

SPECIAL MUSIC "Jesus is the Friend Who's Always There" Marilyn Noffke
by Don Besig

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON "The Stranger on Your Road" Rev. Karen Sorden
Luke 24:13-35

*HYMN OF RESPONSE "Open My Eyes, That I May See" Hymnal 454

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 "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" Hymnal 133

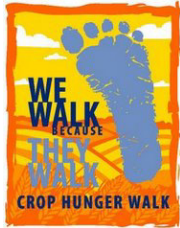
*BENEDICTION

*RINGING OF THE BELLS

*POSTLUDE

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

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



Today 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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Our next Fresh Food Distribution is:

Tuesday, May 2nd at 2 PM

In our East parking lot.

Volunteers are always welcome and asked to arrive at 1:30.

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A big ‘THANK YOU’ to all of the volunteers who participated in last Sunday’s spring clean-up at the church and at the parsonage.

We had a great turn-out and appreciate your dedication!

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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: Tony Barcroft / Kay Barcroft

Coffee Fellowship

Today: Open
Next Sunday: Open

Greeters

Today: Del & Jane Kostanko / Jane Lawther
Next Sunday: Kay Goodemoot / John & Andrea Gentner

Nursery

Today: Rita Bigelow / Penny Thelen
Next Sunday: Judy Freidhoff / Marcia Bytwerk

Ushers

Today: Kim & Dawn Deardorff
Next Sunday: George Covington / Tim Goodemoot

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Altar flowers this morning are in celebration of the marriage of Brandon & Jackie (Cunningham) Spagnuolo on April 29.

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THIS WEEK'S PRAYER CONCERNS

Brian Rayner	Stacey	Kathy Shelmat
Susan McDaniels	Joanne McDaniels	Vicki
Family of Rev. David & Kathrin Crawford		Unspokens
Prayers for America being a united nation		
Praise: Patty Anderson		

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

4/30	Marti Lind
5/4	Jackie Spagnuolo
	Brandon Spagnuolo
	Heather Fruchey
	Don Landon
	Joanne McDaniels
5/6	Russ Fruchey
	Brenda Steele
5/6	Randy & Judy Freidhoff - 17 years

OUR PARTNERS IN MINISTRY

Our Missionary, Paul Webster, Zambia, Africa
Kalamo UMC, Vermontville
St. Edward's Catholic Church, Lake Odessa

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Noisy Offering will be going to Manna's Market. Their mission is to provide food and clothing to people in the Lakewood School District community during a time of need. All we ask for is your spare change, because your spare change could change a life.

EVENTS

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
	Education Committee – Lounge	7 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
Mon 5/8	A.A. Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom	7 pm
Tue 5/9	Fellowship & Caring Committee – Front Room	7 pm
Wed 5/10	Friendship Group – Fellowship Hall	9 am – 12 pm
	Choir Rehearsal – <i>Sanctuary</i>	7 pm
Thur 5/11	Respite Care – Lounge	1:30 pm
	Souper Thursday Community Dinner– Fellowship Hall	4:30-6:00 pm
Fri 5/12	Pastor's Sabbath - <i>Church office closed</i>	
Sun 5/14	Worship Service – <i>Mother's Day</i>	10:30 am
Mon 5/15	UMW Ruth Circle Meeting – Lounge	1:30 pm
	Finance Committee Meeting – Front Room	6 pm
	A.A. Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom	7 pm
Tue 5/16	Pastor-Parish Committee Meeting – Lounge	7 pm

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