



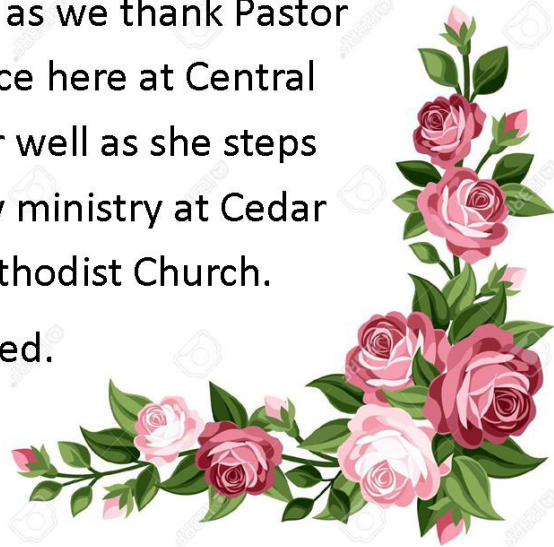
A Farewell Reception for

Rev. Karen Sorden

Saturday, May 20, 7pm

All Church Families are invited to join the Church Leadership as we thank Pastor Karen for her service here at Central UMC, and wish her well as she steps onward to her new ministry at Cedar Springs United Methodist Church.

Refreshments served.



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

May 14, 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP (congregation in bold)

There are times in our lives when following Christ seems almost too difficult.

Yet he has promised to be with us, guiding and supporting us.

Our fears and doubts crowd out his call.

Lord, come to us and lead us, for we are weak and fearful.

Lord, take our hands and walk with us.

Bring the brightness of your love to us.

Help us see your face, O Lord.

For we are ready to receive your healing love.

*OPENING HYMN

“Christ Is the World’s Light”

Hymnal 188

Ushers will collect Prayer Request Sheets.

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord of abiding love and infinite patience, be with us this day. We have come from times of stress, difficulties, as well as times of hope and joy. We bring to you our concerns and our fears, and you offer your healing mercies. We confess that we haven’t thought a whole lot about you this week. We have let events and demands crowd you out of our thoughts and our actions; yet when we come to this, your house, we again kneel in contrition, seeking your forgiveness for our blindness and apathy. Turn our lives around, Lord. Help us look again at the many ways in which you bless and care for us. Help us be people who will reach out to others in loving compassion. For we ask these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

ANTHEM

“Rock of Ages”
Toplady and Sorenson

Chancel Choir

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

“Walk This Way”
John 14:1-14

Rev. Karen Sorden

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

“I’ll Fly Away”

TFWS 2282

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

“Victory in Jesus”

Hymnal 370

*BENEDICTION

*RINGING OF THE BELLS

*POSTLUDE

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*



Graduation Sunday and Teacher Recognition will be celebrated next Sunday, May 21st, during worship by our Education Committee. A special coffee fellowship, sponsored by the United Methodist Women, will follow in Fellowship Hall to honor our graduates and our teachers.

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Baccalaureate will be held on Sunday, May 21, at 6 pm at the Lakewood High School auditorium. Baccalaureate is not just for graduating seniors and their families, but also the community. We would love to see the auditorium filled with support and a Spirit filled send-off for our seniors. Musicians and singers are lined up; Pastor Ben Ridder from Harvest Community Church will deliver the message. Everyone is welcome.

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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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This month's Prayer Calendar is available on the ushers' tables and in Fellowship Hall, along with our monthly newsletter if you missed it last week. Please pick one up and include in your daily prayer practice, along with the daily devotionals from The Daily Bread and The Upper Room.

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UMW NEWS Monday, May 15 - Ruth Circle Meeting
Church Lounge – 1:30 pm
Hostess: Ruth Circle
Program: Elaine Garlock, Circle Leader

Sunday, May 21 – Senior Graduation Coffee Hour
Fellowship Hall; some members will be asked to serve.

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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: Tony Barcroft / Shelly Reiser
Next Sunday: Same

Coffee Fellowship

Today: Open
Next Sunday: UMW - Senior Reception & Teacher Appreciation

Greeters

Today: Kay Goodemoot / John & Andrea Gentner
Next Sunday: Same

Nursery

Today: Andrea Gentner / Shelly Reiser
Next Sunday: Eunice Goodemoot / Penny Thelen

Ushers

Today: George Covington / Tim Goodemoot
Next Sunday: Same

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

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER CONCERNS

Family of Lake Odessa teen Ed Leak Clare, wife & daughter
Unspoken Mother of 9 children Rob Calkins
Gail Modrinski Linda Lockerman

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

CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations to:
Pastor Dominic & Comfort Tommy
following the birth of their first grandchild
Jethro Dominic Tommy, born April 30, 2017.

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OUR PARTNERS IN MINISTRY

Our Missionary, Paul Webster, Zambia, Africa
Lakewood UMC, Lake Odessa
Sebewa Church of God, Lake Odessa

Scheduling Notices:

- Over the next several weeks, our two parking lot areas are scheduled for maintenance. Due to the weather, it may be difficult to coordinate this with advance notice. Please be on the lookout for orange cones or tape blocking off the affected areas and take advantage of parking on 4th Avenue if possible.
- The Church Office will be closed on Thursdays, May 18 and May 25.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Mother's touch is warm, loving, and kind. Through the CWS Blankets+ program, you can provide that same feeling of safety and warmth to someone in need. Just \$10 provides invaluable warmth and comfort in the form of a blanket. Offering envelopes are in today's bulletin if you would like to make a gift. Special cards are on ushers' tables for you to send to mom and let her know of your gift.

EVENTS

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
Wed 5/17 *No choir rehearsal*
Thur 5/18 *Church Office Closed*
Respite Care – Lounge 1:30 pm
Souper Thursday Community Dinner– Fellowship Hall 4:30-6:00 pm
Fri 5/19 Pastor's Sabbath - *Church office closed*
Sat 5/20 **Pastor Karen's Farewell Reception**–Fellowship Hall (*see back page*) 7 pm
Sun 5/21 Worship Service – *Sanctuary* 10:30 am
Seniors Reception/Teacher Recognition – Fellowship Hall 11:45 am
Youth Group – Alpha Class (final)
Baccalaureate – Lakewood High School 6 pm
Mon 5/22 A.A. Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom 7 pm
Tue 5/23 **Education Committee – Front Room** 7 pm
Wed 5/24 **Friendship Group – Fellowship Hall** 9 am – 12 pm
Thur 5/25 *Church Office Closed*
Respite Care – Lounge 1:30 pm
Souper Thursday Community Dinner– Fellowship Hall 4:30-6:00 pm
Fri 5/26 *Church office closed*
Sun 5/28 Worship Service – Rev. Duane Walters preaching **9:30 am**

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Beginning Sunday, May 28 (Memorial Day weekend), and continuing through Sunday, September 3 (Labor Day weekend), our Sunday Worship Services will change to 9:30 a.m.