

Well, dear friends, the time has come. As you know, Bishop David Bard has appointed me to serve as Pastor to Cedar Springs United Methodist Church effective July 1. Today is my last Sunday with you.

One of the most difficult ministry challenges of all is saying goodbye to a church family you have loved and been loved by. I want to thank all of you for the many ways you allowed me to be your pastor. As the years go by I will look back fondly on our time together; I trust the same will be true for you. I am amazed at the ways God brought us together to share in many of life's events. With some of you I shared great joys and celebrations. With some I shared great sorrow and grief. What an honor it has been to share in these events along with many other moments we have shared as the Body of Christ!

While I am leaving you, there is one who remains constant: Jesus Christ. Jesus has been here from the beginning and will be here for the rest of time. If, through the power of the Holy Spirit, you allow Jesus to guide you, Central United Methodist Church will always have a mission. It may not look like the church you have today and there may be difficult decisions which need to be made, but a passion for our Lord and Savior will see you through.

I am confident of the love you have for our Lord and for one another. And I am even more confident of the love He has for you. My prayer is that you will continue to hold a deep and abiding awareness of the power of that love to change lives and to change the world.

I pray you have a wonderful future. I pray that under Pastor Dominic's pastoral leadership you find a way to connect with the neighborhood and invite more people to join you Sunday morning. You will always remain in my heart and in my prayers. Now remain in Christ, knowing that He will remain in you.

~~Pastor Karen

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 21, 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)

This is a beautiful day the Lord has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Every day is beautiful where God is.

And every fellowship is warm.

Every wound is healed.

Every soul is healthy.

God is with us in our celebration.

Let us sing and worship God with all our hearts!

*OPENING HYMN

“He Has Made Me Glad” 2x

TFWS 2270

Ushers will collect Prayer Request Sheets.

HONORING OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

See Insert

Sam Kostanko, George McNeill, Kendra Stoepker

PRAISING OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS/LEADERS/HELPERS

Rita Bigelow, Marcia Bytwerk, Lydia Cobb, Mary Dykhouse, Judy Freidhoff,

Andrea Gentner, Kay Goodemoot, Von Goodemoot, Julie Klynstra,

Jane Kostanko, Lori McNeill, Penny Thelen

ANTHEM

“The Great I Am!”

Chancel Choir

Travis Boyd

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

“Every Time I Remember You”

Rev. Karen Sorden

Phil. 1:3-11

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

TFWS 2257

*COMMUNION HYMN

“I Come with Joy”

Hymnal 617

(Please place your offering in the offering plate as you come forward to receive communion.)

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.

A LITANY OF FAREWELL TO PASTOR KAREN

See Insert

*CLOSING HYMN

“Bind Us Together”

TFWS 2226

*BENEDICTION

*RINGING OF THE BELLS

*POSTLUDE

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*



This morning we celebrate the graduation of three Lakewood High School students:

- **Sam Kostanko** - planning to attend Grand Valley State University and pursue a Physician Assistant degree.
- **George McNeill** - will be attending MSU Lyman Briggs and intends to major in Computer Science.
- **Kendra Stoepker** - enrolled in Ferris State University's Bachelor of Science program for Dental Hygiene.

Congratulations on all of your achievements to date, and good luck as you begin the next journey in your lives.

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Baccalaureate will be held today, 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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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 Spagnuolo
CUSTODIANS: Mike McCartney / Rolando Varela
TODAY'S SERVICE:

Communion Stewart
Char Kendregan

Audio/Visual
 Today: Chuck Rayner / Shelly Reiser
 Next Sunday: Same

Coffee Fellowship
 Today: UMW – Graduate Reception & Teacher Appreciation
 Next Sunday: Open

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

Nursery
 Today: Eunice Goodemoot / Penny Thelen
 Next Sunday: Terri Catt / Dawn Deardorff

Ushers
 Today: George Covington / Tim Goodemoot
 Next Sunday: Same

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Altar flowers this morning are presented by Phylis Armstrong in memory of her husband and children.

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THIS WEEK'S PRAYER CONCERNS

Family of Ed Leak Barb Dye Stacey Cole
Family of Rose Marie Johnson For healing those who are ill
Unspokens Praise: Susie McDaniels

*Our love and prayers to Bonnie Leak and family
for the loss of her husband, Ed.*

*Our prayers and condolences to Delos Johnson
following the death of his sister, Rose Marie Johnson.*

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		

ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

05/16 Karl & Julie Klynstra – 25 years

05/21 Helen Miller	05/26 Heather England
Alan Goodemoot	05/27 Jean Faulkner

05/25 Sharlene Goodemoot
Leona Rayner

OUR PARTNERS IN MINISTRY

Our Missionary, Paul Webster, Zambia, Africa
Lansing Asbury UMC, Lansing
Sunfield United Brethren in Christ Church, Sunfield



*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.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated in worship this morning.
(Gluten-free and additive-free elements are available.) All are welcome at the
Table.*

*Please join us after worship this morning for a special coffee hour as part of our
Teacher Appreciation and Graduate Recognition Sunday. All are welcome!*

EVENTS

Today	Baccalaureate – Lakewood High School	6 pm
Mon 5/22	A.A. Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom	7 pm
Tue 5/23	Board of Trustees Meeting – Front Room	7 pm
Wed 5/24	Friendship Group – Fellowship Hall	9 am – 12 pm
Thur 5/25	<i>Church Office Closed</i> Respite Care – Lounge	1:30 pm
	Souper Thursday Community Dinner– Fellowship Hall	4:30-6:00 pm
Fri 5/26	<i>Church office closed</i>	
Sun 5/28	Worship Service – Rev. Duane Walters preaching	9:30 am
Mon 5/29	<i>Memorial Day – Church Office Closed</i> A.A. Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom	7 pm
6/1-6/4	<i>Annual Conference, Traverse City</i> – Pastor Karen & John Gentner attending	
Thur 6/1	Respite Care – Lounge Souper Thursday Community Dinner– Fellowship Hall	1:30 pm 4:30-6:00 pm
Fri 6/2	<i>Church office closed</i>	
Sun 6/4	Worship Service – Jackie Spagnuolo leading	9:30 am
Mon 6/5	A.A. Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom	7 pm
Tues 6/6	Fresh Food Distribution – Back parking lot	2 pm

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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 Thursday, May 25.