



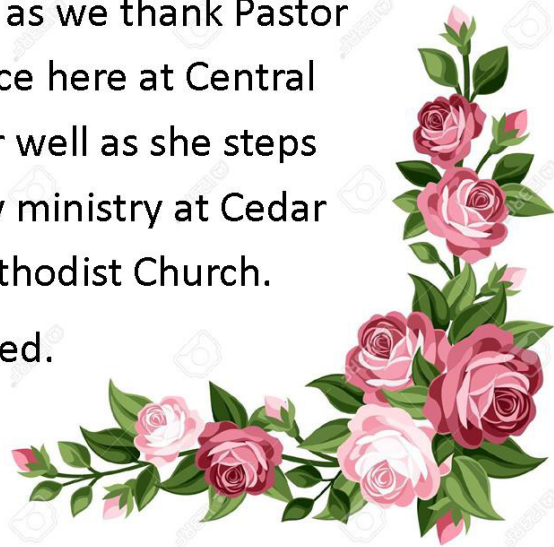
A Farewell Reception for

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 7, 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)

Can you hear the voice of God?

We hear God calling us by name.

Are you troubled or distressed?

We come here to find a place to rest for a while.

Come and find a guide who knows these lands.

We come to praise our Shepherding God, whose pathways and doors lead to life.

*OPENING HYMN

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Hymnal 381

Ushers will collect Prayer Request Sheets.

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Shepherding God, be with us in our need. Like sheep who have gone astray, we have not heeded your voice calling us to follow the right paths, beckoning us to lie down and be restored; we have acted as if our salvation lies in busyness and control. We do not want to be sheep - dependent on a shepherd for everything. We want to do it alone - to maintain our independence. Forgive us for rejecting your shepherding care and your love and guidance. Forgive us for our need to do it by ourselves, to be separate from the flock. Forgive us for doubting your presence in times of trouble. Forgive us our despair in the face of seemingly unrelenting evil and death. Lead us back to the path of life. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

SPECIAL MUSIC

"The Lord's Prayer"

Helen Good

Albert Hay Malotte

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

"The Good Shepherd"

Rev. Karen Sorden

Psalm 23; John 10:1-10

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

"He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought"

Hymnal 128

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Hymnal 9

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO GOD

***SONG AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Hymnal 95

***CLOSING HYMN**

"His Name Is Wonderful" 2x

Hymnal 174

***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).**

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

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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:

Worship Assistant:
Von Goodemoot

Communion Steward:
Char Kendregan

Homebound Communion Stewards:
Terri Catt / Elaine Garlock

Audio/Visual

Today: Tony Barcroft / Kay Barcroft
Next Sunday: Same

Coffee Fellowship

Today: Open
Next Sunday: Open

Greeters

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

Nursery

Today: Judy Freidhoff / Marcia Bytwerk
Next Sunday: Eunice Goodemoot / Shelly Reiser

Ushers

Today: George Covington / Tim Goodemoot
Next Sunday: Same

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*Altar flowers this morning are presented by
Kim & Dawn Deardorff
in memory of her parents, Dallas and Norene Braden.*

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THIS WEEK'S PRAYER CONCERNS

Family of Charleen Thompson Linda Corston Kerry Wilcox
Cheryl Seavolt Matt Singh Patsy
Unspokens Sonny Shuert Kathy Shelmat

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

5/8 Cadance Jackson
5/13 Helen Good
 Mark Corston

5/7 Bob & Marian Durkee - 49 years

***Congratulations to
Brandon & Jackie Spagnuolo
united in marriage April 29, 2017***

New address is 208 E. Main Street, Vermontville MI 49096

***Congratulations to Virginia Decker,
following the birth of her 21st great-grandchild!***

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OUR PARTNERS IN MINISTRY

Our Missionary, Paul Webster, Zambia, Africa
Quimby UMC, Hastings
St. Herman of Alaska Orthodox, Woodbury

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.

EVENTS

Mon 5/8 *Pastor Karen out-of-office*
 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 – *Sanctuary* 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 - Church office closed*

Sun 5/14 *Worship Service – Mother's Day* 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

Wed 5/17 *No choir rehearsal*

Thur 5/18 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
 Baccalaureate – Lakewood High School 6 pm

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