

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Lake Odessa, Michigan

Rev. Karen Sorden

May 29, 2016

9:30 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

NOISY OFFERING

Today's Noisy offering is designated for Ionia County Hospice.

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP (congregation in bold)

It's time to sing the new song of our God, to surround the planet with songs of joy.

We will sing to you, loving God, and bless your name. Day by day we will celebrate your salvation.

Declare God's glory among the nations; tell what God has done for you among all peoples.

For great are you, loving God, and greatly be to be praised. Honor and majesty surround you, energy and beauty fill your sanctuary.

*OPENING HYMN

"Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know"

Hymnal 163

Ushers will collect Prayer Request Sheets.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we pretend much more than is good for us. We disguise aspects of our real selves from public scrutiny. We hide ugly things from our friends and dearest loved ones. We even deceive ourselves. Those among us who pride themselves on being up-front and frank, still have dark aspects of character which are hidden. But not here in your presence, O God. With gratitude we say: "Thank God we don't have to hide from you." You know us thoroughly. With 100% accuracy you read our thoughts and our feelings. You discern our strength and our weakness, our anxiety and our hunger, our goodness and our evil. You can distinguish between our healthy pride

and our sick arrogance, between honest intentions and excuses, true repentance and empty apologies. Wise and loving God, it is a relief to bow before you. It is so good to be able to let go and let you take over, to allow your saving grace to work quiet miracles within us: the miracle of your judgment and mercy, the miracle of your cleansing and healing, the miracle of your new life, the promise of a new start, and the rebirth of sincerity and truth. God our Savior, thank you for encouraging us to come clean. Through Christ Jesus our Lord we pray. Amen!

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

"Faith of the Outsider"

Rev. Karen Sorden

Luke 7:1-10

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Let Us Plead for Faith Alone"

Hymnal 385

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

*CLOSING HYMN

"Spirit of Faith, Come Down"

Hymnal 332

*BENEDICTION

*RINGING OF THE BELLS

*POSTLUDE

** Please rise in body or in spirit.*



Sam McNeill and his family would like to invite the church family to an Open House on Friday, June 3, from 6 to 9 pm at the Harold Classic Memorial Park in Woodland.

John Jackson's Open House is planned for Saturday, June 18th, from 1 to 5 pm., to be held at 3425 W. Durkee Road, Lake Odessa.

Allison Thelen would like you to join her for an Open House on Saturday, June 25th, from 5 to 8 pm, at 765 Goodmoot Road, Portland.

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Piano recitals for Julie Klynstra's students will be held Monday, June 6, beginning at 5:00 p.m. The church family is welcome to attend.

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Dear Luncheon Volunteers,

Thank you very much for the wonderful lunch you served after Norma Stowell's funeral. It was very welcome and the food was delicious.

Thank you also for packaging leftovers for family members to take home. Mom's sister was hosting several members of the family and that food was the evening meal. You saved her a lot of work after a difficult day. Sincerely, The family of Norma Stowell

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The Depot Museum will be open today, May 29th, from 2 – 5 and Monday, 12 to 5, for an exhibit of military uniforms and more.

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On Sunday, June 12th, the Worship Committee will be hosting a Special Coffee Hour in celebration of all who serve in various ways to help make our worship services flow smoothly and bring glory to God. Please join us!

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Alethians: *The picnic scheduled for June 14th at noon has been moved to Ed and Bonnie Leak's house this year.*

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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 / Kay Barcroft
Next Sunday: Tony Barcroft / Shelly Reiser

Children's Church

No Children's Church for the summer.

Coffee Fellowship

Today: **Open**
Next Sunday: **Open**

Greeters

Today: Patsy Cole / Jane Lawther / Pat Wilson
Next Sunday: Dick & Vergie Winkler/John & Terri Catt/Dale Mossburg

Nursery

Today: Terri Catt / Shelly Reiser
Next Sunday: Char Kendregan / Judy Freidhoff

Ushers

Today: Allen Decker / Brian Decker
Next Sunday: George Covington / Tim Goodmoot

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

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER CONCERNS

Cindy Kirby Good
Troubled young man
Dan

Willie Hakala
Unspokens
Melinda Gomez

Linda Tower
Mrs. Don Eckman
Alexander Ponce

Continued in Prayer

Sgt. Branden Curtis
Sr. Airman Lloyd C. Corston
PFC Steven Wakley, Jr
SFC Nicholas Ludema
PFC Jason Hilley
Becky Wareing
Elizabeth Brock
Dale Patterson
Jackie Denman Latimore
Susanna
Norma Smith
Rayner, McMaster, & Brock families
Gary Smith
Bruce Benson
Darrel Barnum
Steve Wakley, Jr.

Sharon Brink
Willy Hakala
Randy Armstrong
Brian
John Jackson
Joel Smith
Jeremiah Kruger
Kylie Jo
Ed
Carl Simmet Family
Kay Wilson
Deb Christiansen
Joyce Rutz
Judy Count
Susan McDaniels
Marilyn Courtney

Gage Beland
Dave O'Mara
Tracy
Joe Pastor
Ginny Kruisenga
Carol Morgan
Ross McDowell
Bob Huyck
Carl
Judy Mackenzie
Sam Whiteman
Wes Friend
Al Corey
Bonnie Donaldson
Marilyn Noffke

Our Special Friends

Leah Abbott
Theron King
Marian Klein

Phyllis Decker
Joan King
Ruth Shanks

Lois Goodemoot
Karen King

CELEBRATIONS – BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

5/31 Dale Brock
6/3 Mike McCartney
Kim Deardorff
6/4 Allen Decker
Dale Patterson

6/1 Dick & Vergie Winkler – 39 years

OUR PARTNERS IN MINISTRY

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Noisy Offering will go to Ionia County Hospice, bringing kindness, respect and quality end-of-life care for our community.

EVENTS

Mon 5/30 Memorial Day – Church office closed
A.A. Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom 7 pm
Thur 6/2 Respite Care – Lounge 1:30 pm
Souper Thursday Dinner – Fellowship Hall 4:30 pm
Fri 6/3 Pastor's Sabbath - Church Office Closed
Sun 6/5 Worship Service – Sanctuary 9:30 am
Mon 6/6 Julie Klynstra's Student Recitals - Sanctuary 5 pm
A.A. Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom 7 pm
Tues 6/7 **Fresh Food Distribution** – Parking Lot 2 pm
Wed 6/8 Friendship Group – Sr. High Classroom 9 am
Thur 6/9 Annual Conference Begins
Respite Care – Lounge 1:30 pm
No Souper Thursday Dinner
Lake Odessa Girls Night Out
Fri 6/10 Church office closed
Sun 6/12 Worship Service – Sanctuary 9:30 am
Rental – Fellowship Hall 2 pm
Mon 6/13 A.A. Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom 7 pm
Tues 6/14 Alethians Picnic – George Carpenter's 12 pm
Thur 6/16 Respite Care – Lounge 1:30 pm
No Souper Thursday Dinner
Fri 6/17 Pastor's Sabbath - Church office closed

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Chicken BBQ

Friday, July 8th

More details to follow.