

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Lake Odessa, Michigan

May 28, 2017

9:30 a.m.

GATHERING

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

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

*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 Ionia Area Hospice.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP (congregation in bold)

God has given us everything.

God has given us new life in Christ.

God has called us to be one in Christ

Jesus calls upon us to love one another as God loves us.

Jesus laid down his life for us

And so we are called to lay down our lives for one another.

Come, let us worship our God

Let us follow Jesus who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

*OPENING HYMN

"Majesty, Worship His Majesty"

Hymnal 176

Ushers will collect Prayer Request Sheets.

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess that we often insist on our own way. We make assumptions and judgments that harm some and exclude others. We turn away from our neighbor without knowing who our neighbor is. Forgive us for our selfish ways, and call us to love our neighbors as ourselves, to question our assumptions, to reserve judgment, and to err on the side of inclusion, as Jesus laid down his life for all of us. In Christ's name we pray seeking forgiveness. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

SERMON

"The Greatest Love"

Rev. Duane Walter

John 15: 9-13

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

Hymnal 396

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

"Blessed Assurance"

Hymnal 369

*BENEDICTION

*RINGING OF THE BELLS

*POSTLUDE

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Thank you for the wonderful farewell. I enjoyed the farewell reception and all the wonderful food! Thanks to SPRC for coordinating that. And thank you for all your cards, gifts, and kind words. When I remember you I thank God. God Bless,
~~Pastor Karen

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I just want to thank everyone who helped to make my 90th birthday a very happy occasion.
~~Peg Faulkner

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**Our next Fresh Food Distribution is:
Tuesday, June 6th at 2 PM
in our East parking lot.**

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

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**Blood
DRIVE** **Monday, June 12th**
12 to 5:45 pm.
Fellowship Hall.

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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 Thursdays, June 8th and June 15th.
- Mark your calendar: **Chicken BBQ will be Friday, July 7th**. Details in next week's bulletin and newsletter.

MINISTER: Every Member of This Church
SECRETARY: Kim Stoepker
ORGANIST: Marilyn Noffke
CHOIR DIRECTOR: Jackie Spagnuolo
CUSTODIANS: Mike McCartney / Rolando Varela
TODAY'S SERVICE: Rev. Duane Walter, Guest Preacher

Audio/Visual

Today: Chuck Rayner / Shelly Reiser
Next Sunday: Tony Barcroft / Kay Barcroft

Coffee Fellowship

Today: Open
Next Sunday: Open

Greeters

Today: Kay Goodemoot / John & Andrea Gentner
Next Sunday: Dan & Margie First / Jewel Eckstrom / Vergie Winkler

Nursery

Today: Terri Catt / Dawn Deardorff
Next Sunday: Brenda Steele / Judy Freidhoff

Ushers

Today: George Covington / Tim Goodemoot
Next Sunday: Dick Winkler / Bill Eckstrom

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**In case of a pastoral emergency, please call
Marian Durkee (374-7489) or George Carpenter (616-260-0758)**

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER CONCERNS

Family of Ed Leak
Family of Gary Bradley
Praise: Stacey Cole

Marty Snoop Unspokens
Families with strained relationships
Blessings to Pastor Karen and her family

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

5/31 Dale Brock
6/01 Christy Erickson
6/03 Mike McCartney
Kim Deardorff

CELEBRATIONS

6/1 Dick & Vergie Winkler – 40 years

Congratulations to Jamie Leigh Everett, recent graduate of Kellogg Community College, with her Associates in Nursing (RN).

OUR PARTNERS IN MINISTRY

Our Missionary, Paul Webster, Zambia, Africa
Lansing Central UMC, Lansing
Sunfield-Mulliken United Methodist Parish, Sunfield

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome Rev. Duane Walter to the pulpit this morning.
Today's Noisy Offering will be collected for the Ionia Area Hospice, providing care, comfort and support to patients and families for those nearing end of life. *Your spare change can change a life.*

EVENTS

Mon 5/29 *Memorial Day – Church Office Closed*
A.A. Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom 7 pm

6/1-6/4 *Annual Conference, Traverse City – Pastor Karen & John Gentner attending*

Thur 6/1 Respite Care – Lounge 1:30 pm
Souper Thursday Community Dinner– Fellowship Hall 4:30-6:00 pm

Fri 6/2 *Church office closed*

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

Thur 6/8 *Church Office Closed*
Respite Care – Lounge 1:30 pm
Souper Thursday Community Dinner– Fellowship Hall 4:30-6:00 pm
Lake Odessa Girls Night Out 5-9 pm

Fri 6/9 *Church office closed*

Sun 6/11 *Worship Service – Rev. Duane Walter preaching* 9:30 am
Peace with Justice Sunday

Mon 6/12 **Missions Committee Meeting** – Front Room 9 am
Blood Drive – Fellowship Hall 12-5:45 pm
A.A. Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom 7 pm

Wed 6/14 **Friendship Group** – Fellowship Hall 9 am – 12 pm

Thur 6/15 *Church Office Closed*
Respite Care – Lounge 1:30 pm
Souper Thursday Community Dinner– Fellowship Hall 4:30-6:00 pm

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