

The PURPOSE of United Methodist Women

The Purpose is adopted by the General Conference of The United Methodist Church as the official mission statement of United Methodist Women.

United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

Out of the Purpose are four mission foci that relate to the mission initiatives and priorities of United Methodist Women.

To be a community of women

To know God

To develop a creative and supportive fellowship

To expand concepts of mission.

If you have any questions about the United Methodist Women’s group here at Central, or would like to join, please see Helen Miller or Terri Catt.

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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CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Worship Celebration Service – United Methodist Women Day
September 17, 2017 **9:30 a.m.**

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please sign, pass, and return red friendship pads in each pew at this time.
Also prepare Prayer Request Sheets during this time.*

Program for United Methodist Women, Presentations, and Awards

INTROIT "O Church of God United" vs. 1,2,4 Hymnal 547

***CALL TO WORSHIP – Canticle of Hope (congregation in bold)**

We shall see a new heaven and earth, for the old will pass away.

We shall see a New Jerusalem, the holy city descending from heaven.

The city shall need no sun or moon, for God's glory will be its light,

For God's Lamb will be its lamp, and by its light the nations shall walk.

We shall hear a loud voice from the throne:

**"Behold, God's dwelling is with mortals. Indeed, God will dwell with them
and they will be God's people."**

God shall wipe away all our tears, and there shall be no more death.

Mourning, crying, and pain shall cease, for all former things will pass away.

**We shall hear One speak from the throne: "Behold, I make all things new,
I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end"**

***OPENING HYMN:** "The Servant Song" TFWS 2222
Ushers will collect Prayer Request Sheets

INVOCATION PRAYER (in unison)

**Eternal God, we gather here in this sanctuary as members of your family
to worship in praise of your faithfulness to Central United Methodist
Church. We are grateful for the leadership of United Methodist Women,
past and present here at Central and around the globe. Enable us to
center ourselves for renewal of our faith, commitment to the ministries
and focus on the missions of the Church. As the disciples of old, empower
us through the Holy Spirit to witness the saving grace of Christ, His love
and power, his healing grace and reconciliation, nurturance, and new life
through faith. Let us not be ashamed to be tellers of the old, old story
of our Lord Jesus. With one accord, grant us grace and strength for
the service of your Church and this community of faith.
Through Christ and in Christ's Holy name we pray. Amen.**

ANTHEM "To God Be the Glory" Chancel Choir
by Doane, Crosby, Berry

SHARING PEACE

Leader: The Peace of our Lord Jesus be with You!

Congregation: And Also with You!

(Please take this time to greet one another in the Name of Christ by saying,
"Peace be with you" and your neighbor says "And also with you")

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Children age 4 & under are dismissed to the Nursery
downstairs immediately following the *Children's Moment*.

VIDEO "Community House" On screen

INVITATION FOR OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY** "We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise" TFWS 2031

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF GIFTS

**Victorious Lord, we offer these gifts to be used in celebration of
your steadfast love. We give joyfully so others may join our unending
common voice of praise. Let all people sing a new song of thanksgiving
that is not merely noise but is a faithful celebration of your love and grace.
Thanks be to God! Amen!**

**PRAYER CONCERNS, PRAISES, SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER,
THE LORD'S PRAYER**

PRAYER HYMN "We Are Called" On Screen

Please Stand for the Reading of God's Word.

***SCRIPTURE:** Acts 2:42-47 Pew Bible NT#112

SERMON: The Church on the Rock Rev. Dominic Tommy
The Church—"United We Stand"

***CLOSING HYMN:** "Pass It On" Hymnal 572

***BENEDICTION** Choral Response (in the tune of Amazing Grace)
**"Through Christ You Are a Child of God
Who dearly loves us all
Go forth in peace to share God's love;
Rise up to hear Christ call."**

***RINGING OF THE BELLS**

POSTLUDE **Please stand as you are able*

Lakewood Community Fall Festival
 Saturday, September 23, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Organizers have been hard at work making plans for Lake Odessa's seventh annual Fall Festival, a family-friendly community event slated for Saturday, September 23rd. The Festival will be held in downtown Lake Odessa for a great day of fun. The daylong event will be jam-packed with loads of fun activities for kids, adults, and families. The festivities will kick off at 9 a.m. and go to 3 p.m. including bouncy tents (on our south lawn) and kids' games, a kids' fun run, kids' art contest, silent auction, dunk tank, musical entertainment, tatoos, and more! Our Fellowship and Caring Committee is organizing a booth with free coffee and water to visitors.

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The United Methodist Women are collecting items for baby boxes for Haiti: newborn to six months' sizes in sleep sacks, hats, pants, shirts, socks, bibs, small toys, etc. (new items only please.) There is a box at the main entrance of Fellowship Hall. Please drop off your items by **Sunday, September 17**. Also, anyone collecting pop can tab or box tops can drop those off before the 17th.

UMW are accepting items for the annual fall rummage sale from church members only. No books please. Please contact Terri Catt to schedule your drop-off (480-231-7785). The UMW will also be hosting Christmas 'round the Town in our Fellowship Hall for vendors and their wares. Booths are available; see Terri.

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Our next Fresh Food Distribution is:
Tuesday, October 3rd at 2 PM in our East parking lot.
 Volunteers are always welcome and asked to arrive at 1:30.

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MINISTER: Every Member of This Church
PASTOR: Rev. Dominic Tommy
SECRETARY: Kim Stoepker
ORGANIST: Marilyn Noffke
CHOIR DIRECTOR: Jackie Spagnuolo
CUSTODIANS: Mike McCartney / Rolando Varela
TODAY'S SERVICE:

Worship Assistant
 Betty Shetterly

Audio/Visual

Today: Tony Barcroft / Shelly Reiser
Next Sunday: Same

Coffee Fellowship

Today: Andrea Gentner / Karen Avery
Next Sunday: Open

Greeters

Today: Pat Wilson / Virginia Rayner / Jean Cook / Bev Corston
Next Sunday: Brenda Steele / All & Kathy Decker

Nursery

Today: Penny Thelen /
Next Sunday: Mary Dykhouse / Marcia Bytwerk

Ushers

Today: Barb Hall / Karen Avery
Next Sunday: Del Kostanko

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Mark the Dates:
 Annual Rummage Sale
 Friday, October 6 and Saturday, October 7
 Christmas 'Round the Town
 Friday, November 24 and Saturday, November 25

**In case of a pastoral emergency, please call
 Pastor Dominic at the parsonage (374-8294) or on his cell
 (269-941-3787) or the Church Office during office hours.**

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER CONCERNS

Devin Kidder	Toni Robinson	Gerry Seese
John Catt	Granddaughter	A friend
Patti Cooreman	Randy	Unspokens
Mercy for the people in Florida	Strength and support for people in Texas	
Families who need mending	Government and law enforcement persons	
Praise: Gentner's friend and daughter; Paul Webster visit		

The many expressions of kindness: the flowers, the cards, the hugs, the kind words, and the memorial donations were sincerely appreciated at the passing of my beloved mother. Thank you. ~~Thelma Curtis

Continued in Prayer

Sgt. Branden Curtis	Karl Klynstra	Gary Smith
Sr. Airman Lloyd C. Corston	Toni Robinson	Ed Hilliker
PFC Steven Wakley, Jr	Dale Patterson	Hank Minenna
1SG Nicholas Ludema	Phylis Armstrong	Susan Steele
PFC Jason Hilley	Pam Coleman	Sharon Brink
Sgt. Nathan Sparrow	Terena Galaviz	Ross McDowell
Brian Rayner	Travis Tucker and family	Judi Brandon
Bonnie Leak	Kim Seese	Patti Coorman

Our Special Friends

Leah Abbott	Margot Bailey	Ada Dennie
Lois Goodemoot	Marian Klein	Joanne McDaniels
Phil Shetterly	Ed Reiser	

Our Partners In Ministry

Our Missionary, Paul Webster, Zambia, Africa
 Potterville Lake United Methodist Church, Potterville
 Living Gospel Church, Lake Odessa

CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

09/20	Chuck Rayner	9/21	Cole Jackson
09/21	Bill Wilson	9/21	Leland Bursley
	Toni Robinson	9/21	Lili Harms

Anniversaries

9/18 John & Terri Catt – 52 years

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

As part of our United Methodist Women Sunday celebration, everyone is invited to fellowship hall following today's service for a special coffee hour.

EVENTS

Mon 9/18	UMW Ruth Circle – Pat Wilson's home Finance Committee – Front Room	1:30 pm 6 pm
Tue 9/19	Endowment/Memorial Committee – Front Room	7 pm
Wed 9/20	UMW District Celebration – Portland UMC Choir Rehearsal– Sanctuary	7 pm
Thu 9/21	Respite Care – Lounge Souper Thursday Community Dinner– Fellowship Hall	1:30 pm 4:30-6 pm
Fri 9/22	<i>Office closed – For an emergency, Pastor can be reached at 269-941-3787</i> Rental - Kitchen	
Sat 9/23	<i>Lake Odessa Fall Festival – downtown Lake Odessa</i>	9 am to 3 pm
Sun 9/24	Sunday School – classrooms Worship Service – <i>Noisy Offering</i>	9:30-10:15 am 10:30 am
Mon 9/25	A.A. Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom	7 pm
Tue 9/26	Pastor One-on-One with D.S. Education Committee – Front Room	4 pm 7 pm
Wed 9/27	Friendship Group – Fellowship Hall Choir Rehearsal– Sanctuary	9 am–12 pm 7 pm
Thu 9/28	Respite Care – Lounge Souper Thursday Community Dinner– Fellowship Hall	1:30 pm 4:30-6 pm
Fri 9/29	<i>Office closed – For an emergency, Pastor can be reached at 269-941-3787</i>	
Sun 10/1	Sunday School – classrooms Worship Service – <i>Communion</i>	9:30-10:15 am 10:30 am

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Our Annual Church Conference is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 17, from 6 to 8:15 pm.** It will be held at Lakewood United Methodist Church. Mark the date on your calendar; *we encourage all of our members to attend.*

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