



All women of the Lakewood community are invited to participate in the upcoming Women's Conference to be held at Lakewood United Methodist Church. The speaker will be Sara Krieg, Women's Ministry Director at Ada Bible Church.

This is a free event, donations are appreciated. Lunch will be provided. You can register online at: <https://tinyurl.com/LakewoodWomen> or call 269-367-4800.

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Outline for Rev. Walter's sermon:

Look at _____

Listen to the _____

Consider His _____

Humbly take up the _____ of His _____

Joyfully _____ Him.

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

11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 5, 2018

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.*

*PRAISING THE LORD “Thy Word is a Lamp” Hymnal 601

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Colossians 3:1-4, 12, 15-16)
You have been raised with Christ, so seek the things that are above.
Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.
You have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.
When Christ is revealed, we will be revealed with him in glory.
You are God’s chosen ones, clothed in compassion, kindness, humility,
meekness, and patience.
**Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. Let the word of Christ dwell in
you richly. Let us sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.**

*OPENING HYMN “How Firm a Foundation” Hymnal 529
Ushers will collect Prayer Request Sheets

INVOCATION PRAYER (in unison) (be seated)

**Loving God, You call us to turn away from our own selfish interests.
Gracious God, we give you thanks for all the blessings that come from your
hand, especially for the invitation to live as your holy people, the body of
Christ. We lift in prayer today your church as it struggles to proclaim your
gracious reign in a world dedicated to wealth and possessions.
Strengthen your people and all who lead them. For the nations beset by
war, violence, and injustice, grant your vision of peace and righteousness.
For the sick and those facing death, send your Spirit and your people to
bring comfort and hope. For this congregation, as we endeavor to let Christ
rule our hearts, open our hearts that we may give and serve gladly. We ask
that the saints who have gone before us might give to us their strong
witness to guide. These and all other things you know we need, we ask in
the name of Jesus, the only name that matters. Amen.**

CHOIR CALL-DOWN “We Are the Church” vs 1,2,4 Hymnal 558

SHARING PEACE

The Peace of our Lord Jesus be with You!

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*.

INVITATION FOR OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO GOD

*DOXOLOGY “We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise” TFWS 2031

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Holy and mighty God, you have showered gifts upon your people
with a gracious hand. Accept these gifts as tokens of our thanksgiving,
signs of our lives returned to you, and reminders that what we have
cannot save us. Grant that this simple offering may set our hearts,
minds, and all we have upon you, and may free us from being possessed
by our possessions. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord,
who gave everything that we might live. Amen.**

PRAYER CONCERNS, PRAISES, PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD’S PRAYER

*SCRIPTURE Psalm 8
**Please stand, as you are able, for the reading of God’s Word*

SERMON “Consider the Heavens” Rev. Duane Walter

*CLOSING HYMN “Precious Name” Hymnal 536

*BENEDICTION

RESPONSE “Through Christ You are a Child of God”
(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.”**

POSTLUDE

**Please stand as you are able*

Next Sunday – August 12 – the group “**Sentimental Journey**” will be performing during the service. Denny Crum and Michelle Kowalski of Caledonia, along with Paul Carmichael from Ionia, will be performing a medley of hymns and songs with their band. Invite your family and friends to attend with you – public is welcome! See the bulletin board for a Press Release.

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Items for our upcoming fall **Rummage Sale** are being accepted at the church. Members of the UMW will be here at the church on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am to 11am if you would like to drop off clothes and small items. Please contact Terri Catt if you have any questions (480-231-7785).

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The next Fresh Food Distribution is:
Tuesday, August 7th at 2 PM in the east parking lot.
Volunteers are always welcome and asked to arrive at 1:30.

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**HELP
WANTED**

PART-TIME CUSTODIAN: *Central Church is looking for a part-time custodian for general cleaning responsibilities. The position is for 10-15 hours/week on a rotation schedule: two weeks on / two weeks off. Hours can be somewhat flexible but will include some weekend hours. Some lifting required. Applications are available from the Church Office or you can call 616-374-8861.*

VACATION SCHEDULES

Pastor Dominic is on vacation until August 11. In case of a pastoral emergency after hours, please contact Marian Durkee (616-374-7489) or George Carpenter (616-260-0758). Rev. Kathy Smith of Woodland UMC is “on call” for emergencies.

Kim Stoepker will be out of the office from Wednesday, August 15, to Wednesday, August 22. Please contact her ahead of time if you will need assistance.

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

Worship Assistant
Tom Reiser

Audio/Visual

Today: Chuck Rayner / Kay Barcroft
Next Sunday: Same

Coffee Fellowship

Today: Open
Next Sunday: Worship Committee

Greeters

Today: Thelma Curtis / Betty Shetterly / Christine Cunningham
Next Sunday: Shar Goodemoot / Betty Shetterly / Christine Cunningham

Nursery

Today: Leona Rayner / Terri Catt
Next Sunday: Andrea Gentner / Penny Thelen

Ushers

Today: John & Andrea Gentner
Next Sunday: Del, Sam & Lily Kostanko

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THIS WEEK'S PRAYER CONCERNS

Robin Luckadoo
Praise: Susie Steele, Mary Rose Sutton

Continued in Prayer

Sgt. Branden Curtis	Karl Klynstra	Mary Shoemaker
Sgt. Lloyd C. Corston	Phylis Armstrong	Susan Steele
PFC Steven Wakley, Jr	Dale Patterson	Hank Minenna
1SG Nicholas Ludema	Terena Galaviz	Sharon Brink
PFC Jason Hilley	Pam Coleman	Ross McDowell
Sgt. Nathan Sparrow	Travis Tucker and family	Kim Seese
Brian Rayner	Judi Brandon	George Speas
Patti Coorman	Armrose LaBine	Peg Cusack
Bob Durkee	Randy Armstrong	Brian Harper
Emmett Kadwell	Arlene Lee	Warren Courtney
Darrin Winkler	Marti Lind	

Our Special Friends

Leah Abbott	Margot Bailey	Ada Dennie
Lois Goodemoot	Joanne McDaniels	Phil Shetterly
Ed Reiser	Peg Faulkner	Virginia Decker

Our Partners In Ministry

Our Missionary, Paul Webster, Zambia, Africa
Our new Missionaries, Brendan and Mary Webb, serving in Arabian Peninsula
Mulliken United Methodist Church, Mulliken
Kilpatrick United Brethren in Christ Church, Woodland

CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

8/6 Dave Faulkner
8/8 Comfort Tommy

Anniversaries

8/10 Ken & Brenda Steele – 43 years

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Prayer calendars for daily devotions are available on the ushers' tables.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today we are pleased to welcome back Rev. Duane Walter as our guest preacher.

EVENTS

Mon 8/6	AA Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom	7 pm
Tues 8/7	Fresh Food Distribution – Back parking lot	2 pm
Wed 8/8	Friendship Group – Fellowship Hall	9 am
Thur 8/9	Respite Care – Lounge	1:30 pm
	Souper Thursday Community Dinner – Fellowship Hall	4:30 pm
Fri 8/10	Church Office closed	
	Rental – Sanctuary	5 pm
Sat 8/11	Rental– Sanctuary	11 am
Sun 8/12	Summer Worship Service – Sanctuary	9:30 am
Mon 8/13	Missions Committee Meeting – Front Room	9:00 am
	Blood Drive – Fellowship Hall	12–5:45 pm
	Worship Committee Meeting - Lounge (Note change of date)	7 pm
	AA Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom	7 pm
Tues 8/14	Nominations/Lay Leadership Committee – Front Room	10 am
Wed 8/15-22	<i>Kim on vacation</i>	
Thur 8/16	Respite Care – Lounge	1:30 pm
	Souper Thursday Community Dinner – Fellowship Hall	4:30 pm
Sat 8/18	Rental – Fellowship Hall	12 pm
Sun 8/19	Summer Worship Service – Sanctuary	9:30 am
	Rental – Fellowship Hall	1 pm
Mon 8/20	UMW Salad Luncheon – Fellowship Hall	12 pm
	Finance Committee – Front Room	6 pm
	Staff-Parish Relations Committee Meeting - Lounge	7 pm
	AA Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom	7 pm

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- ❖ Blood Drive – Monday, August 13
- ❖ UMW Salad Luncheon – Monday, August 20
- ❖ Rummage and Bake Sale – THURSDAY thru Saturday, September 27-29. * * * * *