

2017
JULY/AUGUST CARILLON

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
322 SOUTH LINCOLN ROAD
ESCANABA, MI 49829
REV. ELISE LOW EDWARDSON/PASTOR

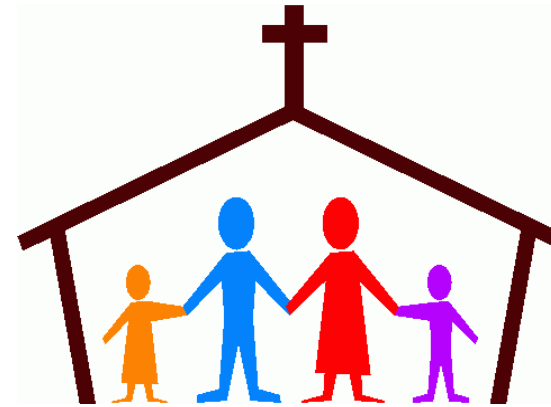
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OFFICE HOURS: M, W, Th, F - 9:00-Noon
Tuesday - Closed

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 A.M.
BEACH SERVICE 8:30 A.M.
(Ludington Park Beach House area)
COFFEE TIME: 10:00 A.M.
(no Coffee Social in June-July-August)
WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 A.M.



EDITOR: Bonnie Cowell

OR CURRENT RESIDENT



It's hard to believe that this July marks one year since my husband Ryan and I moved to Escanaba and began ministry here in the UP! The past year has been full of "firsts" and new beginnings; it has been a year marked by wonder, learning, challenges, and opportunities. I am so grateful for the gift of the Central UMC community, and am humbled by the gift of getting to be your pastor.

I have learned much about the UP and the community of Escanaba in the past year. I've kayaked, I've hiked, I've soaked up sunny days and – yes - shoveled a bit of snow. I've enjoyed the beauty and the sense of community in this place, and I'm grateful to be part of the church that sits right on the highway – right in the center of it all. We gather to worship, we gather to experience Christian community, and we go forth each week to love and serve the world. I am blessed by the ways this community walks through the life of faith together – in prayer, in worship, in friendship, and in service. **What do you see as our greatest strengths and gifts here at Central?**

As we give thanks for these gifts, we are also called to consider another question: **what are the needs of the greater Escanaba community?** These can be physical needs, social needs, emotional needs, spiritual needs – God cares about them all. When God looks at our community, what needs does God see?

As the Church, we seek to see the world with God's eyes, to listen to the world with God's ears, to help the world with God's hands. As we move into the next year of ministry, I invite you to consider how our strengths might help meet our community's needs. As we participate in the Vital Church Initiative, we will be continuing this conversation, considering who around us has yet to know the gift of God's grace and being part of a loving Christian community. Your voice is important. Your perspective is a gift. Be part of the conversation! May God continue to bless and guide us as we embark upon another year of ministry together!

With grace, peace, and hope,

Pastor Elise

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AUGUST FINANCE STEWARDS

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NURSERY CARE

Children ages 4 and younger are invited to join Joni Elliott on Sunday mornings during the 10:30 worship service.



We are all angels with only one wing. We can only fly while embracing each other.

—Luciano de Crescenzo

Music is the speech of angels.

—Thomas Carlyle

THE SENILITY PRAYER

God grant me the senility to forget the people I never cared about, the good fortune to run into the ones I like, and the eyesight to tell the difference.

Now that I am older (but refuse to grow up), here's what I have discovered:

I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.

I finally got my head together—now my body is falling apart!

Funny, I don't remember being absent-minded.

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It is easier to get older than it is to get wiser.

The only time the world beats a path to your door is when you're in the bathroom.

If God wanted me to touch my toes, He would have put them on my knees.

It's not hard to meet expenses. They're everywhere.

These days, I spend a lot of time thinking about the hereafter. I go somewhere to get

LOVING FINGERS QUILTERS

The Loving Fingers Quilters continue to meet in Room #9 Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. They make quilts for Escanaba & Marquette Hospice, members of our church or anyone we know who would find a little comfort in a quilt. Our group is made up of young and old, sewers and non-sewers. Please join us for a day, a morning, or an afternoon of good friendship.

PRAYER LIST

Remember the following in your prayers: Sue Allardyce, Diane DeGrave, Erla Flippin, Jennett Hamilton, Lola Ness, Tom & Sharon Neumann Hjalmar Olson, Jeanne Roberts, Sue Rice, Esther Rohde, and Glenn Williams. Please call the office if there is someone who should be on our list. God bless you and keep you in His loving care knowing our thoughts

AUGUST CAMP MICHIGAMME SCHEDULE

July 30 - August 5

Elementary Camp - Grades 4-6

Activities for 1st-time and returning campers include games, swimming, boating, crafts, hiking and more! Bring a friend!

August 10-13 Harmony Retreat - Adults Searching for Life Balance? Learn how to create, develop and nurture a healthy lifestyle that includes your spiritual, emotional, physical and mental well-being. Harmony Retreat focuses on YOU and how to be a healthier, happier you long into the future.

August 17 - 20 Quilt Retreat 1 - Adults Love to quilt? Come to Camp Michigamme to quilt with others in the camp's beautiful lakeside setting — a perfect place for refreshing your spirit!

August 21 - 24 Quilt Retreat 2 - Adults

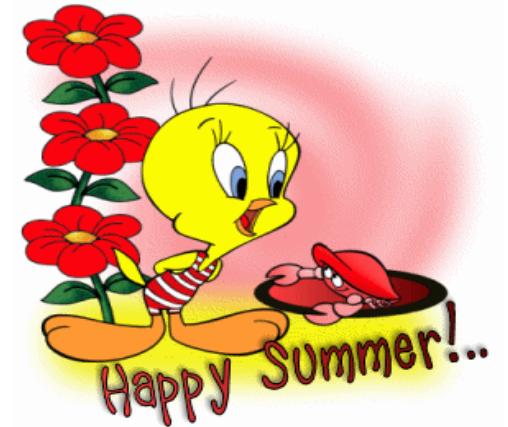
August 25 - 28 Quilt Retreat 3 - Adults
(limited availability)

August 25 - 27 Scrapbook Retreat - Women You are invited to join us for this women's scrapbooking weekend to retreat away at Camp Michigamme, and have time for yourself to share warm, wonderful Christian fellowship with experienced and beginner scrapbookers alike in our beautiful setting.

For more information pick up a flyer in the Gathering Space or contact Camp Michigamme at (906) 371-0019 or email: info@campmichigamme.org. Contact the church for more information at 786-0643.

A PRAYER FOR AN INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Lord, God Almighty, in whose name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant, we beseech thee, that we and all the people of this land may have the grace to maintain these liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



AUGUST USHER SCHEDULE

06 Lee/Verna Anderson
Bob Hamlin, Beth Peterson
13 Gregg/Mimi Bruff
Erik Barnhart, Harry Badge
20 Ed/Christine Oswald
Pat/Pat Rogers
27 Bev Ladin, Melissa Kressin
Anna Morse, Arleen Martin



WELCOME!

We rejoice in the presence of all who have come to worship the Lord. May God's grace rest upon us and prepare us for the week ahead. Welcome!

JULY LAWN MOWING SCHEDULE

There is a lawn mowing signup sheet in the Narthex area. We very much appreciate those who are willing to help. We have a nice riding lawn mower to assist you.

Please mow prior to date listed:

- 02
- 09 Gregg Bruff
- 16
- 23 Larry Martin
- 30 Kerry Madalinski

COFFEE HOUR NEWS

Thank you to the Robinette's, Larry/Arleen Martin, Verna Anderson, Marilyn Trudgeon, Viv Harrison, the Kressins and Gregg/Mimi Bruff for providing coffee and tasty treats in May & June. Please watch for the sign up sheet for a chance to serve your friends in the fall. Any questions call Barb Kubont at 789-0421.

JULY GREETERS

- 02 Jackie Johnson, Mike/Connie Duchaine
- 09 Anna Morse, Volunteer
- 16 Lois Nordin, Bob Hamlin
- 23 Volunteer, Volunteer
- 30 Volunteer, Volunteer

RELIGIOUS CHUCKLES

A Sunday school teacher asked her children to take some time on Sunday afternoon to write letters to God and bring them the next week.

One boy wrote, "Dear God - We had a good time at church today. Wish you could have been there."

Late on night, a preacher was driving on a country road and had a wreck. A farmer stopped and said, "Sir, are you OK?" The preacher said, "Yes, I'm fine. I had the Lord riding with me."

The farmer said, "Well, you better let Him ride with me, because you're gonna kill Him."

A young girl was watching her father, a pastor, write a sermon. "How do you know what to say?" she asked. "Why, God tells me," he replied.

"Then why do you keep crossing things out?"

FOOD PANTRY

The number of people needing the aid of food assistance programs is still high locally due to many factors. Prayerfully consider bringing food donations weekly to help supply the Salvation Army Food Bank. Monetary donations can be dropped in the Sunday collection or mailed/brought to the office.

RADIO BROADCAST

WDBC Radio 680 am airs our worship service each Sunday. Cost is \$100 per week.

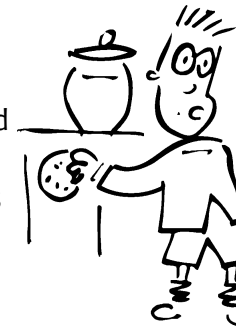
ROSES & THORNS

If you have a concern or compliment to pass along to the (SPRC), Staff Parish Relations Committee, please fill out a card and let us know your thoughts. Cards can be found in the church pews. Your opinions are important to us and we will address each concern and/or compliment.

TIME FOR THE TRUTH

A family had just returned from church one Sunday, when the father heard his young son doing something in the kitchen. The father had recently been teaching the lad how to tell time, and wanting the son to look at the kitchen clock, he called out, "Bobby, what is the little hand on?"

"A chocolate chip cookie," came the reply.



HELPING HANDS

Please remember our Helping Hands Fund during this difficult economic time. The funds are for Central members are facing urgent financial challenges and in need of assistance. All help is strictly confidential. See Pastor Elise for assistance.

THE JULY COMMITTEE MEETING NIGHT IS CANCELLED

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Arleen Martin, Melissa Kressin
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Bob Hamlin, Beth Peterson
- 30 Richard/Ethel Blixt
Kaylan Thorbahn, Janet Snowden

ALTAR FLOWERS

Anyone wishing to sponsor altar flowers for Sunday Worship should call the church at 786-0643 or sign the sheet in the Narthex. Cost is \$18 and gives our altar a fresh look.

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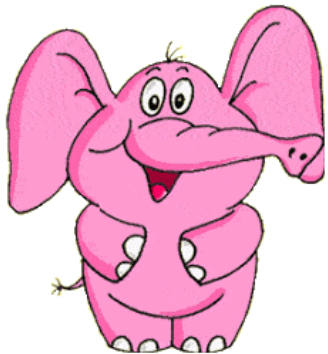


HUMOUR

I greeted my boss this morning, and he told me to have a nice day. Who am I to argue? I turned around and went home.

4TH OF JULY HISTORY & TRIVIA

- ◇ The 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence did not sign at the same time, nor did they sign on July 4, 1776. The official event occurred on August 2, 1776, when 50 men signed it.
- ◇ The names of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were withheld from the public for more than six months to protect the signers. If independence had not been achieved, the treasonable act of the signers would have, by law, resulted in their deaths.
- ◇ Both Thomas Jefferson and John Adams died on Independence Day, July 4, 1826.
- ◇ In 1941, Congress declared the 4th of July a federal legal holiday. It is one of the few federal holidays that have not been moved to the nearest Friday or Monday.



See this
HUG?
It's for
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JULY CAMP MICHIGAMME SCHEDULE

July 6 - 8

Michigamme Survivor - Grades 10-Adult
Spend three days immersed in the wilderness, hiking, paddling, cooking over a fire, and sleeping in a shelter you built. Each day involves an excursion by foot or by boat.

July 9 - 14

Mission Experience/Grades 6-Adult
Experience camp a whole new way! We will be partnering with local churches, and going into the surrounding community to work on a project for someone in need. Earn volunteer hours.

July 11 - 14

Mini Elementary Camp - Grades 3-6
Camp EDGE (Experience and Discover God Everywhere) is packed with fun and games, perfect for young, first-time campers.

July 15 - 22

Summer Games Leadership Development - 11th grade through college. Acquire the skills needed to lead, mentor & build team for small groups. Must be nominated by pastors.

July 16-21

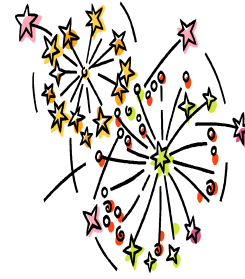
Summer Games/Grades 4-10
There are games to play, friends to meet and fun to do. "SG" is about having fun, building relationships, getting closer to God, mentoring and being accepted as God's creation.

July 23 - 29

Junior High Camp/Grades 7-9
Crafts, sports, hiking, music, swimming, and more! Lifelong friendships are formed at Junior High camp through cabin living and fun activities.

Scholarships are available.

Please contact the pastor before registering.



Family Camping!!

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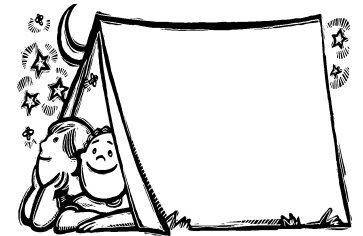
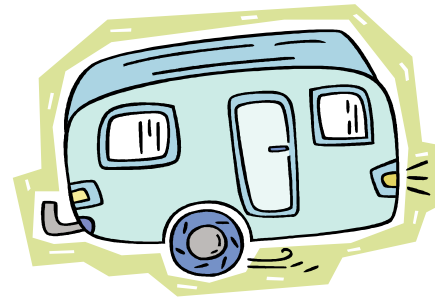


Van Riper State Park Champion, MI

July 20 - 23, 2017

Come for the weekend, day, or just for a campfire!
Call 906-339-4461 or midnrreservations.com to reserve your spot.
The Martins have reserved #73 and the Low Edwardsons #72.

Bring your own gear for hiking, fishing,
boating, swimming, and relaxing
activities.



Bring your tent or camper, meals, and a great attitude and join your friends from Central around the campsites. There will be campfires to sit around, games, biking, swimming, and walking opportunities.