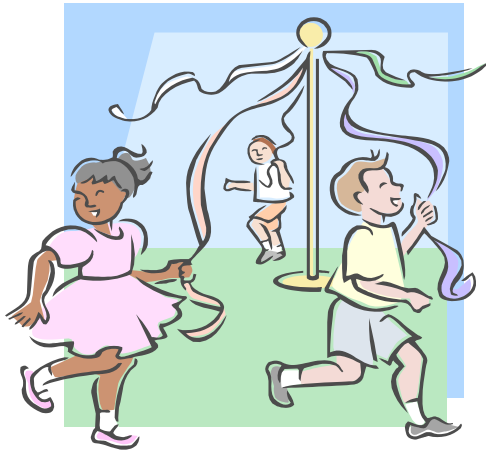


**2022
MAY/JUNE CARILLON**

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY (5/8)
HAPPY FATHER'S DAY (6/19)**



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

**SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 A.M.
COFFEE TIME: 10:00 A.M.
(no Coffee Social in May/June)
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WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 A.M.

EDITOR: Bonnie Cowell

**THE CENTRAL SINGERS IN CONCERT
SUNDAY - JUNE 5TH**

As Pastor Elise prepares to move to her new appointment, we want to celebrate the music we've made together over the last six years. Join us on Sunday, **June 5th** at 7 pm for an evening of music, memories, and refreshments! It will be a memorable celebration of music and ministry.

**FAREWELL POTLUCK
SUNDAY, JUNE 12TH**

Sunday, **June 12th** will be the Low Edwardson's final Sunday in Escanaba. Join us and our friends from First and Bark River UMCs at Ludington Park Pavillion at 12:30 for a potluck celebration! All are invited to share good food, stories, and memories as we send the Low Edwardsons off to their next chapter.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

"I woke before dawn with this thought. Joy, happiness, are what we take and do not question. They are beyond question, maybe. A matter of being. But pain forces us to think, and to make connections, to sort out what is what, to discover what has been happening to cause it. And, curiously enough, pain draws us to other human beings in a significant way, whereas joy or happiness to some extent, isolates."

- May Sarton, in *Recovering, a Journal*

BULLETIN BLOOPERS

*Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

*Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00PM - prayer and medication to follow.

*Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine
by his power at work within us.*

-Ephesians 3:20

Dear Central Friends,

If you're reading this, you've probably already heard that Bishop Bard has appointed me to serve Stevensville United Methodist Church in Stevensville, Michigan, just south of St. Joseph, effective July 1. My husband Ryan has been appointed to Coloma UMC, about 20 minutes east. Our last Sunday in Escanaba will be June 12th.

Before moving to Escanaba, I had only been to the UP once in my life, to see the Soo Locks when I was 12! I didn't know quite what to expect, and to be honest, I had my fair share of trepidation. Escanaba seemed so foreign, and so far from home. And yet, God has a way of blessing us in ways that defy our expectations, going beyond what we could ask for or imagine. Our time in Escanaba has been just that. This is the place where Ryan and I first made a home together, where we welcomed our son, and where we've received so much love and grace. I've been blessed by you, the congregation of Central UMC. You have given me love, support, and partnership in ministry. You have given me lots of grace and room to grow. Together, we have done meaningful ministry within and beyond the walls of this church.

The beauty of the church is that it's far more than just its pastor. The church is the *people*. For as long as Methodism has been around, its preachers and pastors have been travelers. As itinerant pastors, we go where we are sent, serve where we are needed, and trust that God's grace holds it all together. Soon, I will pass the baton to the next pastor of Central UMC, and they will be blessed to be your pastor. And I am confident that your new pastor will be a blessing to you! They will bring their own gifts and graces, a new perspective, a fresh spark for ministry in this community. Even hard changes can be good changes. I am excited about the future of ministry in Escanaba, and you should be too!

In the meantime, this season has reminded me that God is in the business of going beyond what we could ask for or imagine. God has a way of providing us with more than what we want; God provides what we truly *need*. In the midst of goodbyes, hellos, and seasons of change, God is with us. What a gift, what a blessing. I am grateful for the people of Central, and excited for the future God has for you!

Keep on being the Church,

Pastor Elise





SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

10:00 a.m. No Coffee Social
 8:30 a.m. Sunrise Service
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
 10:30 a.m. Radio Broadcast

NURSERY CARE

Nursery care is available for children four and under during the Sunday morning worship services with our caregiver, Valerie Rose. Coloring pages, books, and stuffed animals are available in the gathering space for children worshipping with their families.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

The Tuesday Bible Study group will have their final gathering before summer break on Tuesday, May 24th. We'll be going out to breakfast together—stay tuned for more details.

FOOD PANTRY

The number of people who need the aid of the food assistance programs has increased locally due to rising food costs, fuel costs, loss of jobs, and home heating prices. 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.

MINISTRY MEETINGS

May meetings are set for Thursday, **May 19th** with Committees at 6:00PM and the Council at 7:15PM.

HELPING HANDS

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

MAY FINANCE STEWARDS

01 Lois Lavelle, Arleen Martin
 08 Janet Snowden, Bev Ladin
 15 Laura Kluka, Sue Gaudette
 22 Cheryl Swanson, Arleen Martin
 29 Lois Lavelle, Jackie Johnson

JUNE FINANCE STEWARDS

05 Laura Kluka, Bev Ladin
 12 Janet Snowden, Sue Gaudette
 19 Cheryl Swanson, Arleen Martin
 26 Laura Kluka, Bev Ladin

COFFEE TIME

Each Sunday Central members serve coffee and provide a treat from 10:00-10:30am. It's a time to talk and share with friends. **There are NO socials in June, July or August.** We are in need of someone to take over this ministry. Please call the office if interested.

PRAYER LIST

Please remember those in need of your prayers for healing, gaining strength, and courage during an illness or injury and all Central's shut-ins and those in nursing homes. May God bless you and keep you in His loving care during this time of illness and concern and know that our thoughts and prayers are with each of you.

RADIO BROADCAST

WDBC Radio 680 am airs the 10:30 worship service each Sunday. If you are interested in sponsoring a broadcast, call the office for an open date. Cost for this is \$100 per week. You can donate all or part of it.

CAMP MICHIGAMME

A week at Camp Michigamme is a week full of fun, friendship, and growing in faith! Check out all the opportunities available for ages 4 through adult. Camperships are available through the church office.

Book Retreat (June 17-19) 18 and up/\$200

Craft Retreat (June 17-19) 18 and up/\$200

Senior High (June 19-25) 10th - 12th Grade.

Science Camp (June 26-July 2) 6th-12th Grade.

Music Camp (June 26-July 2) 6th - 12th Grade.

Elementary Camp (July 6-9) 3rd - 6th Grade.

Junior High Camp (July 10-16) 6th - 9th Grade.

God, Grace and Games (July 16-23) Grades 3-9.

Disneyverse (July 31-August 6) 3rd- 9th Grade.

Water Games (August 7-13) 3rd - 9th Grade.

All above camps are \$350.00 for the week.

Teddy Bear Camp (July 24-25) Age 4 to 2nd Grade. Cost is \$125.00 for Child and Adult Pair.

See poster or brochures in Gathering area or visit campmichigamme.org. Popular activities include Archery, Low Ropes, Boating, Shelter Building, Hiking, Slip-n-Slide Kickball, Gaga Ball, 9 Square, and Capture the Flag. Scholarships are available.



CONGRATULATION GRADUATES!

We will be honoring our graduates in our worship service on **Sunday, May 29th!** If you or someone in your family is graduating this year, please get their name, photo, and future plans to Pastor Elise by Wednesday, May 18th.

MEETINGS NIGHTS

There are no Committee or Council meetings in June or July.

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.

SPRING CLEAN-UP

Sprucing up our building and grounds is set for Saturday, **May 14th** from 9:00am until 12:00pm. Please bring brooms, rakes, mops, pails, etc. Many hands make for light work! Refreshments provided.

IMPORTANT DATES

May 14 - CUMC's Spring Clean-up
 May 14 - Michigamme Work Bee
 May 21 - Hope at the Inn Brat Sale/Elmer's
 May 29 - Graduation Sunday
 June 5 - Central Singers in Concert
 June 12 - Farewell Potluck at the park