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Tuesday - Closed**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 A.M.  
COFFEE TIME: 10:00 A.M.  
WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 A.M.**

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### September 2016

A little over six weeks ago, my husband and I loaded up our car in Durham and prepared for our big move to our new home: Escanaba, Michigan. Our vehicle made the trip, jam-packed with boxes and suitcases. Yet, as we embarked on this journey, we weren't loaded just with material things; we were loaded with excitement, with jitters, with questions, and with wonder. What waits for us in Escanaba? Who are these people that we get to join? What are their stories? What will our story be? And, of course, some other important questions: How long until we get to go hike to a waterfall? And will my winter coat be warm enough?

As this pastoral transition approached, I know I haven't been the only one carrying questions, wonder, and perhaps a little anxiousness too. As you've said goodbye to one pastor and hello to a new one, this church community has carried its own load of questions and wonder: Who is this new pastor? What's her story? What will this change mean for our church? And, of course other types of important questions: will our new pastor arriving from North Carolina bring a southern accent with her? Did she bring a good pair of snow boots with her?

These questions reveal all the challenge and excitement that change can bring. In the midst of so much that is new to me, it has been powerful to experience God in a new community, a new place, a new beginning. I am reminded of the words from Psalm 139:

Where can I go from your Spirit?  
Where can I flee from your presence?  
If I go up to the heavens, you are there;  
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.  
-Psalm 139: 7-8

The last couple of months have involved a whole lot of miles, changes, and transitions, and I have yet to be able to outrun the love and grace of God. In act, I have run right into an incredible community that has offered me a chance to see God in new ways in a new place. What a gift it has been to experience God in you, the people of Central United Methodist Church.

In the warm smiles, kind words, and gestures of care and hospitality, I give thanks for the ways that our faith brings us into a family, making us sisters and brothers in Christ. In the abundance of Croatian chicken, French fries, and pot-luck delights, I give thanks for the joy of celebration and the ways that God celebrates this community of faith. As we give thanks for our roots and grow into the future, we give thanks that God is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

What a gift and a privilege to be your pastor. I am grateful for the ways that this community has given me the opportunity to see God at work in new places, in new people, in new and exciting ways. I am thrilled to walk with you on the journey ahead. Best of all, brothers and sisters: God is with us.

Grace and Peace,  
*Pastor Elise*

## RADIO BROADCAST

WDBC Radio 680 am airs the 10:30 worship service each Sunday. If you're interested in sponsoring a radio broadcast, there is a clipboard to sign in on the date you prefer in the Narthex. Cost for this service is \$100 per week. You can donate the full \$100 or any portion of the broadcast.

## SEPTEMBER LAWN MOWING SCHEDULE

- 04 Gregg Bruff
- 11 Gabe Kluka
- 18 Volunteer
- 25 Volunteer



## COFFEE HOUR NEWS

Please watch for the sign up sheet for a chance to serve your friends in the upcoming fall/winter months. If you have any questions call Barb Kubont at 789-0421.

## SEPTEMBER COFFEE HOSTS

- 04
- 11 Sunday School Kickoff
- 18
- 25



## SEPTEMBER MINISTRY NIGHT

Committee meetings are at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, **September 15, 2016**.  
Council meeting to follow at 7:15 p.m.

## FOOD PANTRY

The number of people who need the aid of the food assistance programs is still up 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.

## 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.

## MICHIGAMME YOUTH FALL RETREAT - Grades 7-12

**September 30 - October 2** - Recharge your spiritual batteries with a weekend of camp fun! The fall colors are outstanding. This is a great chance to reconnect with your summer camp friends before the winter snows kick in for real.

For more info phone (920) 897-4416 and ask for Jen or Jeremy.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday night bible study begins on **September 7th** at 6:30 p.m. in the Lounge. We will be studying the **Book of Psalms**. We welcome anyone who would like to join us.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

We welcome Wendy DeRouin and Holly Hamilton as the new co-chairs of the education committee. A big thank you to Cat Lindberg who has coordinated this the last few years!

Sunday School kicks off on **September 11th** with a delicious breakfast prepared by the Women's Class. *Regular classes will begin on Sunday, September 18th.*

**We are in need of an elementary Sunday school teacher for grades K through five.**

The average attendance is about five. There would be an opportunity to co-teach if interested. Please contact Cat at 280-4608 (lindberg@chartermi.net) or Wendy at 241-0438 (tortise@hughes.net).

## THANK YOU

On behalf of the Camp Michigamme Board of Trustees we express our deepest appreciation and gratitude for the generous financial donation we received from one of your members for our Mission of the Year project, the Health Cabin. That donation allowed us to purchase supplies this spring while we had a wonderful volunteer willing to do the work needed. On behalf of our nurses and the children they serve:

THANK YOU!

## JOIN CENTRAL UMC ON FACEBOOK

Web: [EscanabaCentralUMC.org](http://EscanabaCentralUMC.org)



## SEPTEMBER GREETERS

- 04 Jacqueline Johnson, Volunteer
- 11 Bev Ladin, Barb Kubont
- 18 Harry Badge, Volunteer
- 25 Tom/Jean Gafner

## SEPTEMBER FINANCE STEWARDS

- 04 Lois Lavelle, Arleen Martin
- 11 Janet Snowden, Bev Ladin
- 18 Laura Kluka, Christine Oswald
- 25 Lois Lavelle, Arleen Martin

## SEPTEMBER USHERS

- 04 Ed/Christine Oswald  
Fred/Nora Rice
- 11 Wendy DeRouin, Laura Kluka  
Melissa Kressin, Arleen Martin
- 18 Lee/Verna Anderson  
Bob Hamlin, Bev Ladin
- 25 Harry Badge, Erik Barnhart  
Kaylan Thorbahn, Janet Snowden



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.



## SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

- 9:00 a.m. Kick Off Breakfast**  
Beginning Sunday, September 11th
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School**
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour**
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service**
- 10:45 a.m. Children's Church**

## NURSERY CARE

Children ages 4 and younger are invited to join Joni Elliott any time on Sunday mornings from 9:00 thru the 10:30 worship service.

## ELEMENTARY

(Readiness Kindergarten - 5th grade)  
Sunday School teacher (**volunteer needed**) will lead students in Bible Study along with playing games, creating crafts, or making a treat. Students will meet in Room 7.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL GROUP

Wendy DeRouin and Lee Anderson will guide these students through their transition from child to teen with games, discussions and mission projects. This class meets in Room 8 at 9:15 every Sunday morning and is for students in grades 6 - 8.

## HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

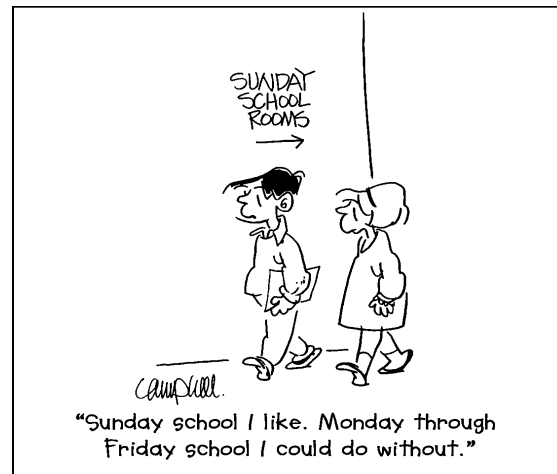
Holly Hamilton invites those of you in grades 9 thru 12 for a fun morning of Christian education and an open discussion about teen topics every Sunday morning at 9:15 in Room 8.

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Attention children ages 4 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade: After the children's message, you will be guided to the chapel where an adult leader will lead you in praying, singing and learning Bible stories. You will return to the Sanctuary during the closing hymn (or before communion on Communion Sundays). We look forward to seeing you there. Watch the bulletin for the starting date.

## HELPING HANDS

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



## 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 and Marquette Hospice and 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.

## BACKPACK BLESSING SUNDAY 2016

Ready or not, a new school year is swiftly approaching – and bringing chaos and excitement along with it! Students (and teachers!) of all ages are invited to **bring their backpacks** to church on **Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>** for Backpack Blessing Sunday. This is a time to surround those going back to school with prayer and the love of their church family.

Mark your calendars and get those backpacks ready!

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Do you want to experience life in extraordinary ways? Then join the Women's Group in Room #9 on Sunday mornings at 9:15AM beginning **September 18th**. We will be continuing the study on the book "Movements of Grace for a Woman's Heart" by Elizabeth George. Check it out!



## CALLING ALL THIRD GRADERS!

Bibles will be presented on **September 25<sup>th</sup>**. If you have a third grader contact Cat Lindberg at [lindberg@chartermi.net](mailto:lindberg@chartermi.net) or call the church office at 786-0643. **Please let us know by September 9th so Bibles can be ordered.**

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers are needed for the following areas to help enhance our worship life:

*Scripture Readers* – if you would like to read scripture during worship, please sign up in the narthex, including your e-mail address (if you have one) so that the text can be sent to you in advance.

*Radio Room/Sound Ministry* – volunteers are needed each Sunday to be sure our worship service is heard both here in the sanctuary and on our radio broadcast. Excellent training will be provided, and you get the best seat in the house!

*Visual Ministry* – Central is blessed with a great projection system that can add pictures to our words of worship. Pastor Elise would like to resume the tradition of showing slides of our ministries in action before worship and would also like to explore adding visuals throughout worship.

If interested in any of these ministries, sign up in the narthex, call the office, or e-mail to [churchoffice@escanabacentral.org](mailto:churchoffice@escanabacentral.org) or to [pastor@escanabacentral.org](mailto:pastor@escanabacentral.org).



## SATISFACTION OF THE SOUL

Dr. Laura Schlesinger, a popular radio host who offers advice regarding personal problems, is a strong advocate of getting one's spiritual needs met first.

The psychologist insists that trying to find happiness through acquisition of things and seeking immediate gratification of one's wants will not satisfy one's soul. She writes:

"If we don't nourish our spiritual needs, no amount of material success or public recognition will fill us up. If we don't believe our life and work serve some higher purpose, no amount of activity or acquisitions will bring us peace of mind.

"Religion, I believe, is probably the most important component of a well-lived life, because it points out the meaning of life and — by teaching the values of cooperation, sacrifice, compassion and love — provides a road to God".

-Parade

## PRAYER LIST

Please remember the following in need of prayers for healing, strength, and courage during an illness or challenging time: Erla Flippin, Jennett Hamilton, Lola Ness, Hjalmar Olson, Jeanne Roberts, Sue Rice and all Central's shut-ins and those in nursing homes. God bless you and keep you in His loving care knowing our thoughts and prayers are with each of you.

## FALL BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Tuesday Morning Bible Study resumes Tuesday, **September 20<sup>th</sup>** at 9:30AM in the lounge. Be on the lookout for further information in the bulletins. This study is open to all, and study materials will be available the Sunday prior to the class on the table in the narthex. See you there!



## 2016 DISTRICT LEARNING FAIR

Put **October 1, 2016** on your calendars and come to Gladstone for the 2016 District Learning Fair. Dr. Marcia McFee is an author, worship designer and leader, professor, preacher and artist. Her engaging and interactive style has been called "refreshing," "inspiring," and unforgettable." Her main purpose is "to support ministry professionals and volunteers in such a way that you can have MORE EASE, MORE JOY AND MORE TIME for creativity and depth in everything you do." You won't want to miss this opportunity.

Central United Methodist Church

# Sunday School Kickoff

September 11<sup>th</sup>

9:00 - 10 a.m.

