



THE FLAME

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A Message From Pastor Dale

Dear Friends,

Is it Revelations or Revelation? You know the last book of the Bible. Over the years I have heard both titles used by persons referring to John's apocalyptic vision of the end time. Actually the singular, *Revelation*, is correct. Its message is intended to be a unified vision of the ultimate triumph of good over evil. While there are many images in the story, they are all a part of the singular movement of God to make all things new.

I mention this because we are a part of that singular movement of God today. **Recently, a representative group of church leaders gathered for a weekend planning retreat.** During that time goals were discussed and written into a strategic planning document which expresses the focus of our ministry for the next several years. In March the Administrative Council will look over the goals to see if we have captured the heart of where we need to be headed.

Whenever you do planning work you realize that there are **"visions" and "vision."** Visions speak of the variety of gifts and goals that individual groups want to see happen. For example, what our Worship, Mission and Education Teams are working on. Vision speaks of the big picture which all of it together is helping us complete. This is where our Vision and Values statement (see pg. 2) is so helpful. **The hope is that all those "visions" will help us fulfill this "vision" of who our church is called to be.**

We also spent a good deal of time discussing what kind of **facility improvements** would help us achieve our goals. Many familiar concerns emerged, including: a safer, more open and usable chancel area, new space for our growing number of classes and groups, a more accessible rear entryway, parking and giving much of our current useable space a facelift. This was a very practical discussion, trying to make the best use of what we have and changing what we must.

You may also be aware that we are reclaiming the space now occupied by Central Day Care. This will happen in September of this year. The Center has been looking for an alternative sight for their business for about a year now. This has been a challenge, but we are hopeful they will find a location that will allow them the growth they desire.

For us this will free up some much needed meeting space for our Christian Education groups and allow us greater flexibility with the church nursery. We are currently limited in how we can use that area. Once we have full access we will be able to offer more usable space for all ages. **The Trustees, along with our Christian Education Staff, are working on a specific plan for how they will "freshen up" and utilize the area.**

Because this is a big step for us and the Day Care Center, I hope you will be sensitive to the variety of challenges and feelings that accompany it. If you encounter conversations about us reclaiming the space, I'd ask you to share the truth of the matter: **we really need the space to do the work we are called to do.** Also, be prayerful that a new location will emerge for the Day Care business. If you have thoughts on this, the Trustees would be open to hearing them.

I also invite you to share your visions for who Central Church is called to be in the coming years. I'd love to hear your thoughts. May the dreams we share together helps us bring about God's big dream for the world.

Growing with You,
Pastor Dale

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Central United Methodist Church Core Values and Vision Statement

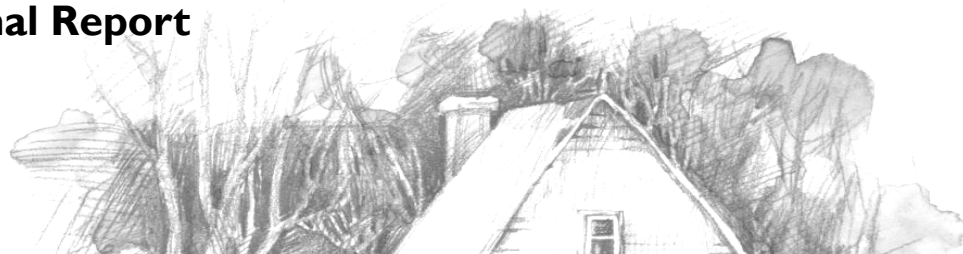
As a Christ-centered congregation, we strive to:

- Be shaped by the historical Wesleyan emphasis of a vital personal faith, social justice, ecumenism and a global concern.
- Provide excellence in worship, education, local service and worldwide missions.
- Nurture an inter-generational community.
- Welcome all people to an open and friendly downtown church.
- Respect diverse perspectives, while uniting in Christian essentials and resolving to love.

Standing upon these core values, we step into the future with the hope of becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

(Adopted by the Vision Action Team 1/10/08)

Safe Harbor Final Report



Central hosted the Safe Harbor homeless shelter from the evening of Saturday, January 29 through the morning of Saturday, February 12. An average of 37 guests were provided dinner, shelter, breakfast and Christian fellowship over the 14 nights.

Thanks to the 126 Central volunteers who worked over 1000 hours and served at least 1400 meals during the period. Sixteen of the volunteers were working for the first time at the shelter.

Thanks also to those who supported the effort with your gifts of food, supplies and money and your prayers. A special thanks to our partner church, St. Joseph's Catholic, who provided 22 additional volunteers staffing two of the nights and mornings. Special thanks as well to Mike Hornby, who served as evening supervisor seven of the nights, Diana Huckle, who coordinated the breakfasts and Clare and Karen Burns who managed purchasing and delivery of our food and supplies

We could not have done this without the help of all of you.

—Mike and Sandra McDonald - Safe Harbor co-chairs



Reconciling Ministries

But I Don't Understand....Of course everyone is welcome at Central Church. We already have gay and lesbian people in our congregation, and members are fine with that. Isn't that enough? Why do we need to have an inclusive welcoming statement?

Imagine being afraid to visit a church, having to wonder whether you would be ostracized or condemned on your first visit. This is exactly what many lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people (LGBT) fear when they contemplate attending church, and the fear only grows if they risk becoming active in a church community. "They accept me now, but what if they find out? Will they reject me and all I've given to the congregation?"

Unfortunately, many Christian churches have excluded LGBT people. LGBT people have to assume that our church is not welcoming, unless we go out of our way to say otherwise.

A learning opportunity: If you would like to learn more about the issue of the church and homosexuality, come to a screening of the award winning movie "for the Bible tells me so" on Sunday, March 20 at 6:30 pm in the Chapel. Due to adult subject matter, this film is not recommended for pre teens. Childcare will be provided.

The film explores the experiences of five very normal, Christian, American families, including those of former House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt and Episcopal Bishop Gene Robinson. You will discover how people of faith handle the realization of having a gay child or family member and how faith communities helped or hurt their families.

Cabin Fever Fun Night



If you came last year, you'll remember the fun.
If this event is new to you, come FOR the fun!

Wednesday, March 2nd 6:15 to 7:45 p.m.



This is an all-age, all-ability evening of activities planned by the Health Ministry Team for the sole purpose of.....FUN! We'll start with the Hokey-Pokey as we finish our Wonderful Wednesday meal, move on to crafts at our tables, then games and exercise (some for those in chairs, some more active).

We'll end with a campfire and singing—a great way to chase away any winter blues that you might be feeling. **See you on the 2nd!**

Adult Christian Education



Turning Points Groups

Over the next few issues of the Flame, enjoy these testimonies from people who's lives have been impacted by their experience in turning points groups. As we move into spring, we plan to start more of these fellowship groups. Please allow your heart to be opened to the possibility of being a part of this important ministry. Watch for more information coming soon. If you have thoughts or questions, please contact Alline (alline@tccentralumc.org) or Nan (nhorstman@charter.net).

Our first visit to Central coincided with an after-service introduction to the church run by the two pastors. In the early Methodist church, we learned, John Wesley's followers always met in small cell or house groups—a prospect especially appealing to a couple seeking not just a new church but a new church “home.”

We asked if something like that was available here and soon found ourselves volunteering (being volunteered?) to start a new fellowship group. The first night was admittedly a bit awkward. We fielded calls from potential group members lost somewhere in the midst of a Leelanau County blizzard, fighting the nagging voice insisting no one would come, that we were anything but qualified to be launching a group. That was at least countered by the knowledge that Wesley's early groups were led not by experts, but fellow seekers.

We also saw quickly that we weren't the only ones who could benefit from a more intimate gathering. The initial awkwardness was short lived as people who'd been attending for years, who'd even served at various committees together, were for the first time learning each others' names.

I've also learned this about relationships. Moving from friendly to friend takes an investment of time, something like the way the “Little Prince” in the Antoine St. Exupery's famed children's book tamed the fox.

“I am looking for friends,” said the Little Prince. “What does that mean – tame?”

“It is an act too often neglected,” said the fox. “It means to establish ties.”

One goal is certain to establish ties with each other, one gathering at a time, in someone's home, maybe over a bowl of soup. Our first topic study topic is even “Attentiveness,” with a plan to work on being more attentive to others in the group and the broader community, and also to God.

We'll be studying ancient prayer practices like Lectio Divina, a means of praying through scripture. In that first meeting, none of us experts and many a bit uncomfortable with prayer, we just stepped out in faith to practice and see what God might do with that.

As one member read the passage aloud, slowly, the rest concentrated on what God might be saying through a given word or phrase, later, how we might apply that to our day, even life mission.

The green pasture image was in the familiar 23rd Psalm was of particular comfort on this snowy day, but interpretation went well beyond that. The verse comforted some, bothered others who couldn't stop thinking about those not so protected enemies. Somehow we moved on to the lonely, how those of us comforted can perhaps be a comfort to others, and a pledge to reach out more consciously in coming weeks to those we don't know.

We'll meet every other week, hoping that's often enough to establish ties, share important life milestones, hold each other accountable. So far, we've just shared a meal together, some common struggles with children and faith, a bit of wisdom, some prayer. Did I say “just?”

Look at the list of classes coming up in March! What are you planning to attend?



Faithlink



Live Bigger



Yoga for the rest of us



This We Believe



What's in the Bible about the Holy Spirit?



Heart-Linking Stories



Understanding How Words Shaper our Lives



Run for God



Sunday Morning Lenten Study

Please check out our website: www.tccentralumc.org/adult for a full description and listing of classes.

Children's Christian Programming

How can you make Lent a whole family experience?

God has given us a great gift by sending us His son. Jesus brings us closer to God. Jesus' death and resurrection tore the veil that hid God from us. Jesus is God's gift to us, our personal counselor, forgiver, friend and our way to God. This gift needs to be re-opened again and again to experience the fullness our lives can have by entering into a relationship with Jesus.

Here's where Lent comes in. It is easy to forget what God has done for us; this gift that he has given. **Lent is a time where we concentrate on making more room for God.** Our days, weeks and months can be filled up with things that separate us from God, and then cause us to forget about working on our relationship with Him.

So, the concept of giving something up during lent is based on denying yourself a short term pleasure and replacing it with something long lasting, so we are constantly reminded of our enduring relationship with Jesus. It's two fold, but we often forget the second, and most important, part.

For example, if you stop filling up on Diet Coke during Lent, each time we

reach for a can we can instead fill up on God with a prayer for a friend. If you decide to give up your nightly bowl of ice cream, replace that time of indulgence with grabbing your bible and reading up on the last days before Easter (Matthew 26, John 18, John 19 1-30). Instead of saying yes to another volun-



teer position, committing to go to a Tupperware party (I love Tupperware, just using it as an example!) or even sitting down to a TV show, say yes to reading the Word instead. Double up on Central's reading of the New Testament in 90 days (find the schedule on the website) and you'll have it completed just about in time for Easter.

So lent is not just a time to give something up, but also a time to focus on our nearness to God, thru Jesus. A time to replace something of this world, with something of God's Kingdom.

These ideas are can easily be done as a family. **Start with the fill up.** Pick a time where you can sit and read Proverbs together. This doesn't even have to be a done as a family; divide it up however it works in your household. Having a "fill up goal in mind" may make it easier to pick the "give up" goal. If you know you are taking 15 minutes a day to discuss a few lines in the Bible, or pray together, they may lead you to figure out what you are going to cut out to find that 15 minutes.

For another example, maybe your "fill up" is to give more financially to the Church; upholding God's truths by supporting Sunday school materials or something else that speaks to your family. To accomplish this, maybe your "give up" is not buying (you fill in the blank) during Lent, so the money you would have spent, can then go to the offering. And when the idea of purchasing (blank) comes up, you talk about why no is the answer, and say a prayer of gratitude.

Lent can be a powerful time of spiritual growth, and an experience you can share with the younger persons you are close to. Seize the opportunity!

**Questions?
Comments?
Ann@tcCentralumc.org**

Youth At Central Activities for all youth all week long!

Middle School Activities

**For all interested Youth in
grades 6-8**

(unless otherwise noted)

Youth Group

Wednesday Nights 6:30-8:00

Youth Group meets during the school year following our church family meal. A mix of discussion, fun and field trips.

Sunday School Class (grades 6-7)

Sunday Mornings 9:45-10:45

Taught by a rotating group of leaders, using the Live BIG curriculum, this young middle school group will experience hands-on activities paired with a discussion time as well as a DVD series that brings the month's Live BIG ideas into each student's life.



Sunday School Class (8th grade only)

Sunday Mornings 9:45-10:45

BL4Y (Bible Lessons for Youth) applies the Bible to real life issues that teens encounter in the secular world. Through discussion, self-examination and team building activities, students will learn to navigate current life events with Biblical principles as a foundation.



High School Activities

**For all interested Youth in
grades 9-12**

Youth Group

Sunday Nights 6:30-8:00

Youth Group meets during the school year. A mix of discussion, fun, service others and off-site experiences.

Wednesday Evening Class

Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Following our church-family meal, join Pastor Chris and others for the exciting "MVL-Music Video Loop" class. This class looks at life and faith through Christian artist's music and videos.



Generation Change

Sunday Mornings 9:45-10:45

NEW!

Dave Ramsey's fun and entertaining 8-week study on personal finance, **Generation Change**, empowers youth with the skills to spend and live wisely."

This class will be taught by Zach Wessels and Aaron Edick, both graduates of FPU, and will be held in the "Jungle Room", Sunday, February 27 thru Sunday, April 10. **Registration Fees apply. To sign up please email Ann Porter ann@tccentralumc.org.**

Stay Tuned to the

Youth Facebook Page

for the latest and greatest updates on youth events.



Can You Hear Jesus' Words of Comfort?

In Matthew 11:28 - 30, Jesus tells his followers, *"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."*

- ♥ Do you feel weary?
- ♥ Does the yoke of life seem too difficult for you to carry alone?
- ♥ Are your burdens too much to bear?

God has called some persons within our midst to Stephen Ministry. These persons are trained and supported in walking with others through difficult times in their lives.

Could YOU benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister?

Contact: Karen Mars - 929-0800
 Carol Winegar - 271-2372
 Marlene Steider - 922-2183
 Will Poland - 922-0836



Health Ministries

We're well on our way with the WALK TO JERUSALEM!

This imaginary trip to the Holy Land was designed to increase physical, emotional, and spiritual health by having participants record their exercise mileage, then add all our miles together. The numbers have increased each week so far! We now have 79 participants and a 3 week total of 2,943 miles. If we increase the number of participants we could actually make it a round trip, so join us if you haven't already.

One participant shared that she didn't consider joining at first, since she already walked everyday. However, after picking up a Walk packets she read the weekly devotion and is now walking with renewed purpose and thoughtfulness. (Brown packets are for adults- blue for kids.)

The newest handout is the "Culturally Fit" packet; it's on the tables close to the 3 bulletin boards, the same area where you can turn in your mileage slips. You'll find it full of interesting information about all the North African countries through which we'll be "traveling". Considering the current turmoil in Tunisia, Egypt, Libya and other areas, this is a timely focus. Let's hold these countries and their peoples in our prayers as we journey.

REMEMBER—you can also participate via the Web. We're hearing from folks in Gaylord, Indiana, and the beaches down south!

Coins Offering for Missions

YOUTH AND THE COIN OFFERING

Central's own youth will receive the income from the coin offering in March.

This will support their work mission trip June 17-24 to Washington D.C.

The youth and leaders will be working through Youth Service Opportunities Project (YSOP), a Quaker-founded non-profit organization, established in 1983 to give middle school, high school, and college students the opportunity to learn about hunger and homelessness through volunteering at non-profits that are working on those issues.



Central Missions Ministries

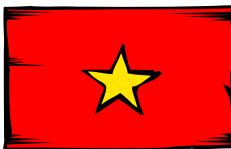
MARCH MISSION PRAYERS

Henderson Settlement, Kentucky: Pray for the staff of Henderson Settlement and their spiritual strength in ministering to people in need in Appalachia.

Rio Colorado Agricultural and Technical High School, Bolivia: Pray for guidance for those persons designing a web site for Rio Colorado School.

Soaring Unlimited Health Clinic, Haiti: Pray for Central members Linda Poindexter and Jim Huckle who are currently at Soaring Unlimited. Linda will stay for several weeks.

Vietnam Initiative: Pray that the power of the Holy Spirit will continue to work in the hearts of those who received the gospel message during the Christmas season.



\$10,000 FOR MISSION PROJECTS

Central Church has received \$10,000 for mission projects from the Charitable Trust of one of the church's members. This excellent gift will be divided in these ways:

UMCOR \$5,000

(The Mission Ministry Team will designate specific UMCOR projects for receive these funds.)

Community Meals \$1,000

Soaring Unlimited Health Clinic, Haiti \$3,000

Africa University Scholarships \$1,000

March 16
WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY
DINNER FOR
SONNEMANN SCHOLARSHIP FUND
This annual event since Kyle's death helps raise funds to support youth to participate in work mission projects and trips. Think BLINTZ.

*We are very thankful
for this generous gift as Central
continues to help people in need both
near at hand and around the world.*



Many of you are aware of our long-standing connection with and support for the Rio Colorado Agricultural and Technical School. Although positive steps have been made to make electric transmission to the area possible, the school still relies on generators to provide power. Unfortunately, power surges connected with generated electricity and the humid climate have mostly destroyed all but three computers.

The good news is that laptops that may be considered "obsolete" by our standards are perfect for the situation in Rio Colorado. Not only do the laptops use less electricity, but they also withstand the climate better, and they can operate on battery power during the day when the generators are not running due to rising fuel costs.

Have you recently upgraded your laptop and need to find a home for your old one? Your laptop donation qualifies as tax-deductible, and the Missions Ministry team will have your laptop professionally "cleaned" before adding it to the bulk shipment to Rio Colorado. Questions? Please contact Staton Lorenz at ntpockets@aol.com or 231-492-2121.



UMW Notes

At our recent UMW meeting we were honored and privileged to have Sue Hornby speak to us about our Central Outreach Program and Safe Harbor. She gave us and interesting history of how Outreach started some years back. Needless to say, we all learned a great deal about both programs. Thanks so much for your presentation, Sue!



Afterwards refreshments were served by the Phoebe Fellowship. We welcome all women of the Church to attend our meetings and were so happy to see some new faces.

If YOU would like to learn more about UMW and what we do, please contact Corinne Plough at 922-4978 or cplough@charter.net

An informational meeting could be set up if there is interest. A new Fellowship could be started at time and place adaptable to new interested persons. New opportunities to serve the needs of women, children and youth are always available.

Please give this some thought and feel free to contact Corinne at any time.

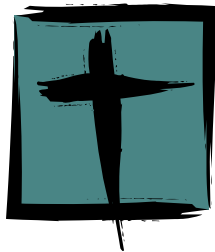
LUNCH BUNCH TO MEET

The Lunch Bunch (a group of United Methodist Women) will meet on **Wednesday, March 2, from noon to 1:00 p.m.** in the church lounge for a salad lunch! Salad greens, bread and beverages are provided. Bring a topping for the salad - anything good, exotic, crunchy or plain! We'll have lunch together, devotions, discuss what's up in the world and with UMW and have a good time! **New folks are ALWAYS WELCOME!** Any questions? Call Carolyn Grigereit at 946-8551.

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

The snow is melting fast (as of this writing) and it's time to clean those garages, basements, and closets. The United Methodist Women's Spring Rummage Sale is fast approaching. Because of Easter we are a little later than usual. Please mark your calendar for May 4th (set up day) and May 5th and 6th (sale days).

Thank you for your support!



Church Women United Announces Community Lenten Luncheons

All men and women are invited to our 41st Annual Lenten Luncheon Series presented in the Fellowship Hall of the Presbyterian Church at 701 Westminster. Suggested donation is \$3 per person, to be given to local mission projects. The Luncheons will begin each week at 11:30 a.m., followed at 12 noon by Special Music and the program will begin at 12:30.

March 10—Pastor Becky Chamberlain, Presbyterian Church with Special Music by Jim Siedel

March 17—Pastor Jane Lippert, Traverse Bay United Methodist Church

March 24—Pastor Tom John, Indian Missions

March 31—Pastor Mary Brown, Grawn United Methodist Church

April 7—Pastor Robert Zagore, Trinity Lutheran Church

April 14—Pastor Marshall and Mary Collins, Northport

Welcome New Members

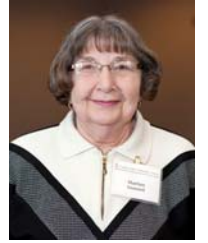
Nancy Townsend

Nancy comes to Central United Methodist Church from the Sault Ste Marie area. She has a daughter, Cheryl Brautigam in Lake Ann, and son, Mike Townsend who lives in Grawn. She has three grandchildren. Nancy is currently employed at the Huntington bank in the bookkeeping department, and also does insurance billing at Pearl Vision. Nancy enjoys bowling, reading, doing aquatic exercise and working out with circuit training.



Marian Second

After her retirement as a nurse at Munson Hospital in 1989, Marian worked as coordinator of Elk Rapids Senior Center for several years, and for the last seven years, she has been a volunteer at Father Fred's. Marian was born in the Upper Peninsula and raised her children in the Detroit area. She has three daughters, twelve grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Living in Elk Rapids for thirty-three years, Marian now makes her home in Traverse City.



June Musser

Even though June has traveled extensively, and moved often, she did move to Traverse City in 1970 and always has considered this home. June worked for an airline company for 36 years, and due to that, has lived in Boston, Memphis, the Carolinas, Mississippi, Florida, Connecticut, and New Hampshire. She came "back home" in 1984 and, since 1996, has made Michigan her home. Her hobbies include baking and cooking, fishing, golfing, watercolor, kayaking, and appreciating nature, especially our bay. June also enjoys pruning trees and landscaping.



Betsy Sortor

When Betsy is not babysitting her granddaughter, Lizzy, she likes to sew, work on her house, listen to music, and garden. She also states she has worked in every aspect of the restaurant business since she was twelve, and has also spent some time as an electrician and a computer programmer. Betsy comes from a family of four siblings, and was born and raised in the Detroit area. Her mother passed away six years ago, but, as Betsy says, is proudly looking down on her eight grandchildren. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Detroit. She worked as a programmer for IBM for ten years, and has lived in Texas and Maryland, where she married and raised her daughter Ellen. Ellen is now 21, and Lizzy will be three in March.



Karl and Kim Schneider

Karl and Kim have made their home in Sutton's Bay after moving there from St. Paul, Minnesota in 1999. They have two college-aged children. Chris, 20, studies business and tourism management at Grand Valley State University, and Kayleigh, 18, studies chemistry and music at Hope College in Holland. Kim works as a travel writer with expertise in travel around Michigan and the Midwest, with a special interest in adventure, international and socially-responsible travel. She also likes photography, kayaking, reading and getting together with friends for cooking, cards, and games. She is interested in becoming involved in small group and social outreach opportunities here at Central. Employed as a computer programmer/analyst for the Harland/Clarke Corporation, Karl telecommutes to the headquarters in San Antonio, Texas. His hobbies include pottery, electronics, coffee roasting, sailing, and he has high hopes of actually getting out on the water this summer.



Kurt Pellegrino

Kurt is a Respiratory Therapist with 30 years experience particularly in Neonatology and Intensive Care. For the last twelve years he has worked at Munson Medical Center in the Respiratory Care Department. He received his education at the University of Kansas and at Kansas University Medical Center. Kurt has also held office with the state Respiratory Care Society.

Kurt is divorced, but has a very caring and supportive extended family located in the region around Pittsburg, Kansas and Joplin, Missouri. His interests include bicycling, swimming (a former swimming instructor), kayaking and cross country skiing. He has a private aircraft pilot's license. He has skills in basic carpentry, gardening, music, and investing. And good knowledge of computers and digital photography.



Brenda Coglianese

Brenda and her husband, Ric, live in Traverse City. Brenda grew up in Michigan, but her work took her to Atlanta. Last year, Brenda moved back to the area to care for her ailing mother who died in June of 2010. Brenda enjoys reading, taking walks and tried snowshoeing this winter. She works as a copy editor for the Record-Eagle Newspaper.



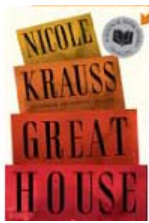
CUMC Announcements—Pass It On



Quarters for Kids!

Burn off those M&M calories by bringing your container filled with quarters to the church office and put it in the Kids Hope bag OR put the container in the offering plate by March 1st. Thank you for your generosity! *You are changing the lives of children!*

Library Corner—A new fiction addition to the library, *Great House*, by Nicole Krauss, interweaves four stories divided into eight, at times perplexing, chapters. Familiar themes of loss and recovery are anchored by a massive writing desk that resurfaces in a variety of homes and hearts. The intrigue of the well-documented lootings of private homes, galleries and museums by the Nazis during WW II, is a central part of the narratives as an antiques dealer attempts to reassemble lost rooms and remembrances. Krauss' lush writing, packed with sensory detail, makes up for the frustration. Multiple narrators, rarely identified until the reader is all but out of patience, relate somewhat dark events. However, if you read Krauss' wildly popular *History of Love*, give *Great House* a try. *Great House* was on the New York Times best-seller list for 11 weeks. —JM



GATHERING FOR FAMILIES WITH INFANTS AND TODDLERS

Are you a family with infants or toddlers? Or are you expecting? Join Central's new group, just for you. Parents AND their children are invited to a Potluck and Fellowship Gathering on Sunday, March 6 in Room 301 at the church. The group will gather at 4:45 and plan to eat at about 5:00, ending no later than 6:30. So, bring a dish to pass, your own dishes and flatware, and, of course, your family. This room is large and will have space for the kids, as well as their parents. For more information and to express your interest, contact Sarah Jane Bye, 421-3500, sjbye@bycandlelightllc.com.

MARCH BOOK DISCUSSION—CUTTING FOR STONE by Abraham Verghese will be discussed on March 21 by the Sunday Evening Book Discussion Group. They will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the home of Will Poland, 3731 Creekside Dr. For more information contact Will Poland, 922-0836.



From the Central Archives—Dinners are a great part of Central's Ministry. You can see photos of past meals in the Archives Case in the Rotundra passageway. Try to identify some of the people having such a good time in the archived photos there (and here—this one is an easy warm-up)!



Church Attendance

January 30

9:00 a.m.	84
The Well	76
11:00 a.m.	314
The Well	<u>53</u>
Total	527

February 6

9:00 a.m.	90
The Well	44
11:00 a.m.	279
The Well	<u>62</u>
Total	475

February 13

9:00 a.m.	85
The Well	70
11:00 a.m.	273
The Well	<u>58</u>
Total	486

February 20

9:00 a.m.	85
The Well	73
11:00 a.m.	294
The Well	<u>78</u>
Total	530

**Men's
Breakfast
Fellowship
March 2
8 a.m.
TC Elks Club
(Bay Street at Division)**



Thought for today from Central's Creation Stewards—

"In wilderness is the preservation of the world." —Thoreau

Thank You!

Dear Central Friends—

A heartfelt thank-you to those who sent me cards, and for the care card. It was an entirely new experience for me, to lose someone very close, to a sudden death from a fall. Your gestures of caring have been a tremendous help. —Jean Brittain

Dear Central Family,

Love continues to surround me in prayer, visits phone calls, notes and cards as I recover from surgery. What an immense blessing to be a member of this caring and faithful family. I am truly blessed.

My recovery is coming along. I have high hopes of doing so much in the future and having full mobility. With your loving support, I know I can do it. God bless, Sandy O'Niel

Remember these Persons in Your Prayers

Recently Hospitalized

Boots Bergklint
Tom Sabin
Evie Kline
Millie Goodman
Mary Helen Williams

Bereavement

Charlie & Karlyn Blue on the passing of Charlie's mother.
Barb and Pat Kessel on the passing of Barb's father.
Jean Brittain, on the death of her sister-in-law.
Pastor Chris and family on the death of his father.
Carol and Staton Lorenz on the passing of Carol's mother.

Home Recovery

Jan Hoxie
Bernie Finn
Sandy O'Niel
Mary Lou Schneider



March Birthdays

March 1

Eliza Beutler
 Robyn Bowden
 Mackenna DeVries
 Mike Flynn
 Todd Nienhouse
 Jennifer Simmons

March 2

John Meyers
 Ben Schramski
 Heidi Schramski
 Rae Anne Slone

March 3

Judy Jones
 Jim Ondrajka
 Erin Warner

March 4

Amy Auclair
 Charles Ellinwood
 Aaron Kelly
 Richard Purvis
 Richard Rizzio

March 5

Andy Colombo
 Carol Hosler
 Callie Kostrzewa
 Roger Samonek

March 6

Jeremiah Edson

March 7

Elizabeth-Charity Craig
 Janice Linsell
 Patrick McGarry
 Susan Steadman
 David Weeks
March 8
 Michael Fewins
 Kevin Travis
 Kate Williams

March 9

Lois Allen
 David Follette
 Steven Joslin
 Patti Williams
 Carole Yerrick

March 10

Kathy Crawford
 Deb Eifler
 Karen Paakola
 Dick Strong
 Muriel Travis

March 11

Nancy Deneen
 Barbara Dotterrer
 Tom Mead

March 12

Bonnie Sonnemann
March 12
 John Chisholm
 Lois Edson
 Jordan Pellerito
 Taylor Pellerito

March 13

Cecil Burch
 Emmaley Burch
 Katelyn Klintworth
 Mike McDonald
 Joel Pier-Fitzgerald
 Simon Steinorth
 Laura Stepke

Joshua Tabbert
 Olivia Wingfield

March 14

Jo McClellan
 Dave Parrish
 Renee Rosa
 Gregg U'ren

March 15

Kathy Bartnik
 Cheryl Bebee
 Don Dierkes
 Libby Neithercut

March 16

Carol Evans
 Courtney Fountain
 Mildred Goodman
 Garry Holland

March 17

Dan Ahrens
 Chuck Johnston
 Peter Neithercut
 Nancy Perry
 May Purvis

March 18

Spencer Trowbridge

March 19

Bill Colombo
 Georgia Durga
 Bev Fitzgerald
 Chris Lane
 Shirley Martinek
 Karen Mast

March 20

Ben Schroeder
 Henry Veith
March 20
 Karlyn Blue
 Mari Mast
 Kristin Sonnemann-Grams

March 21

Dave Harrington
 Barbara Larson
 Sutton Southby
 David Walker

March 22

Marc Bartnik
 Emily Osborn
 Pat Teichman
 Linda Wolgast

March 23

Carly Batcha
 Andrew Eustice
 Allison Larimer

March 24

Kristin Hunt
 Maddie Poindexter
 Tina Poindexter
 Niki Stamatakis

March 25

Lee Batcha
 Curtis Force

March 26

Ryan Ayers
 Jack Cooney
 Jana Lindberg
 Jim Nurnberger
 Ryan Rosa
 Becca Stagman

March 27

Sandra Martin
 Jon Schmidtke
 Elizabeth Walsh



March 28

Gay Correll
 Ed Larkin
 Doris Thibedeau

March 29

Tyler Dohm
 Gail Drayton
 Emily Lundmark
 Jacqueline Southby
 David Warren

March 30

John Whiting

March 31

Alline Beutler
 Pete Deneen
 Larry Fay
 Davis Hack
 Phoebe Jackson
 Maddi Miller
 Mary Helen Williams
 Trevor Williams
March 31
 Kristen Harrigan
 Abbey Hawke
 Madison Whipp

RADIO MINISTRY

Our broadcast of the Sunday worship service on WCCW-AM 1310 at 11:00 a.m. and one-half hour again at on WTCM-AM 580 at 6:30 p.m. is an important part of our church's ministry. It allows us to reach our own members who because of age, health, or other reasons cannot be with us. It is also an important part of our outreach to the community.

Perhaps you or your business would like to dedicate a Sunday to a loved one. Please call the church office at 946-5191. (\$60.00 per Sunday) We will publish your memorial or honorarium in the bulletin for that Sunday.

The 6:30 p.m. rebroadcast is sponsored by Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home.

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March Meetings and Events

March 1

10:30 AM Bridge
1:00 PM Cookie Team
5:00 PM Health Ministry Team
6:30 PM Stephen Minister Training

March 2

8:00 AM Men's Breakfast
9:45 AM UMW Executive Board
12 Noon Lunch Bunch
4:00 PM Walk to Jerusalem

March 3

9:30 AM Women of Grace
1:00 PM Archive Workshop
6:15 PM Reading Scriptures
as Wesleyans

March 4

12 Noon The Way of Prayer

March 6

12:15 PM Welcome Session

March 8

4:00 PM Staff/Pastor/Parish Meeting
5:00 PM Stephen Ministry Supervisory
6:30 PM Stephen Minister Training
7:00 PM Worship Team

March 9—ASH WEDNESDAY

7, 8 & 9:00 AM Services in the Chapel
12:15 PM Service in the Sanctuary
1:30 PM Wesleyan Fellowship
4:00 PM Finance Team Meeting

4:00 PM Walk to Jerusalem
7:00 PM Service in the Sanctuary

March 10

10:00 AM Central Comforters
6:15 PM Reading Scriptures
as Wesleyans

6:30 PM Safe Harbor Steering Team

March 11

12 Noon The Way of Prayer

March 14

7:00 PM Cribbage and Euchre

March 15

10:30 AM Bridge
6:30 PM Stephen Minister Training
7:00 PM Book Women Group

March 16

9:30 AM Rebekah Fellowship
4:00 PM Memory Keepers
4:00 PM Reconciling Ministry Team
4:00 PM Wak to Jerusalem

March 17

9:30 AM Women of Grace
12 Noon Phoebe Fellowship
1:00 PM Archive Workshop
1:00 PM Stephen Minister Leaders
6:00 PM Cookie Team
6:15 PM Reading Scriptures
as Wesleyans

March 18

12 Noon The Way of Prayer
6:00 PM Parent's Night Out

March 20

9:30, 12 Noon Blood Pressure Checks
6:30 PM Film Screening-
For The Bible Tells me So

March 21

11:30 AM Trustees/Daycare Meeting
1:30 PM Service Fellowship
5:00 PM Board of Trustees
5:30 PM Mission Team
7:00 PM Ad Council

March 22

5:00 PM Stephen Ministry Supervisory
6:30 PM Stephen Minister Training

March 23

4:00 PM Walk to Jerusalem

March 24

1:00 PM Bridge

March 25

12 Noon The Way of Prayer

March 27

Baptism Sunday

March 29

6:30 Pm Stephen Minster Training

March 30

4:00 PM Walk to Jerusalem

Every Week at Central

Sunday

8:30 AM Disciple I
9:00 AM Traditional Worship
Worship at The WELL
9:45 AM Sunday School-All Ages
11:00 AM Traditional Worship
Worship at The WELL
12:00 PM Choristers
5:30 PM Youth Handbells
6:30 PM Adult Handbells
6:30 PM High School Youth Group

Monday

8:30 AM Community Outreach
1:00 PM Study Group
6:00 PM GT Pipes & Drums
6:00 PM Trillium Singers
6:30 PM Dual Recovery Anonymous

Tuesday

8:30 AM Community Outreach
9:30 AM Disciple II
4:30 PM Pilates
5:15 PM Yoga

Wednesday

8:30 AM Community Outreach
10:00 AM Painting Group
12:00 PM AA Meeting
5:30 PM Wonderful Wednesday Dinner
6:15 PM Wednesday Class-All Ages
6:30 PM High School Gathering
6:30 PM Middle School Youth Group
7:45 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

8:30 AM Community Outreach
12:00 PM Community Meal
4:30 PM Pilates
6:30 PM Boys of OZ
6:30 PM Dual Recovery Anonymous
7:00 PM NA Meeting
7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 36
7:00 PM Getting Real-Men in Conversation
8:00 PM AA Meeting

Friday

8:30 AM Community Outreach
9:30 AM Sparrows Reading Group
12:00 PM Open Prayer Time

Saturday

No Regularly Scheduled Events

Worship Notes

The WELL

“Upbeat, Casual Worship”

Services at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. in The Chapel

Lenten Sermon Series

*“Game Face—The Message of Jesus
on the Way to the Cross”*

- 3/6 What to do While We Wait
Conclusion of the “Without a Doubt” Sermon Series
- 3/13 Facing the Tempter
- 3/20 Facing Nicodemus
- 3/27 Facing the Woman at the Well

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.
(nursery provided)

The Sanctuary

“Traditional Worship at its Best”

Services at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. in The Sanctuary

Lenten Sermon Series

*“Game Face—The Message of Jesus
on the Way to the Cross”*

- 3/6 Finding Peace—*Conclusion of the
“5 Things Jesus wants you to Know ” Sermon Series*
- 3/13 Facing the Tempter
- 3/20 Facing Nicodemus
- 3/27 Facing the Woman at the Well

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.
(nursery provided)



You are invited to join us
for any of the following services
as we prepare ourselves for the Season of Lent

Ash Wednesday

Services at Central—March 9

Brief Services of Prayer and Imposition of Ashes

7, 8, and 9 a.m. in the Chapel

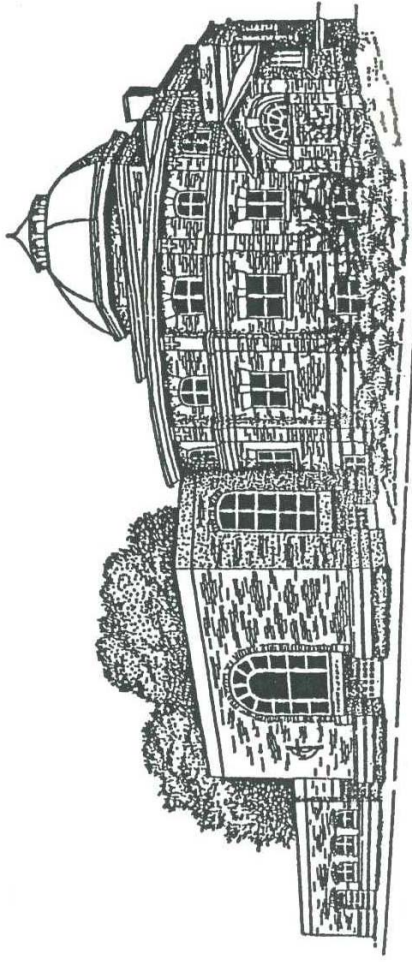
Worship Services with Holy Communion

12:15 and 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary

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