

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR DALE



Friends,

Recently the Camp Central campers hosted a luncheon for the church staff. This was their way of saying “thank you” to the church for providing space for their summer activities. Fred, Lindsay and Emily Hoxie along with staff member Mary, organized the camp, now in its seventh year, for this wonderful group of developmentally disabled young adults. This year the campers gave us framed drawings of the church which they sketched while sitting across the Boardman River. As I looked at the drawing I noticed how each artist drew the church differently. And yet each was unmistakably a picture of our building with the dome proudly displayed on top.

On September 11th we’ll gather again under our dome for Open House Sunday and the start of a new season of ministry. Along with resuming our regular worship schedule which will include Sanctuary and Well services at 9 & 11 am, we’ll also host a Ministry Fair which will highlight the wide variety of ministries we have here at Central Church. Plan to spend some time walking among the display tables, munching on some food and considering new ways you might be a part of our ministry opportunities.

We used to call this time of the year “home coming.” In many ways it is about coming back together as a church family after the summer’s schedule. But this time of year is also about welcoming others to be a part of the family. We open our house because there are a lot of people looking for a church to call home. Maybe you know someone you could invite on September 11th. Like the pictures the campers drew, the community around us sees our church in different ways. Some know us to be welcoming and a central part of our community. Others draw us with suspicion, wondering who we are and if they would really be accepted here. While we have no control over how people imagine our church, we can show them who we really are when they arrive at our doors. And we can show them who God is by the way we reach out in love to our community and world.

It has been a great summer. We’ve averaged over 500 worshippers each week in the park and sanctuary services. Our sermon series, book reads and small group opportunities received good response. The children and youth have continued to meet through VBS, camping, mission trips and in other ways. The softball team had a winning season and the community garden project produced a harvest of good food for those in need. We’ve said good bye to old friends, welcomed new ones, baptized babies and celebrated birthdays. We’ve fed the homeless and hungry and raised money for missions. And we kicked off a new Building Renovation committee. In these ways and more God’s grace has touched our lives.

Along with Pastor Chris and the Church Staff, I look forward to this new season of ministry with you. Together we can create a beautiful picture of what the Church is meant to be.

On the Journey with You,

Pastor Dale

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

DISCOVERING GOD'S VISION FOR YOUR LIFE: YOU AND YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS

To whom are spiritual gifts given?

What is the purpose of spiritual gifts?

How can I be sure which spiritual gifts I have?

Are spiritual gifts permanent or temporary?

What does the Bible say about each of the spiritual gifts?

The above questions are just a few of the ones a new course to be offered in our congregation will answer. Beginning on Wednesday, October 5, the class will meet every Wednesday from 6:15 – 7:30 p.m. for 8 weeks. Karen Mars, retired pastor in our church family, will be leading.

If you have ever wondered what God's will might be for your life, or have wanted to become more involved in meaningful ministry, but weren't sure what you would excel at or enjoy. . . .this course is designed to help address these concerns and more.

If you have sought or are seeking greater personal and spiritual growth, Discovering God's Vision for Your Life may be an important discovery for you. Please call Alline (946-5191) with questions. Sign up in the church office.

SEPTEMBER-ALL CHURCH READ AND SERMON SERIES:

The Balancing Act by Robert Schnase

For the third year, we are kicking off our fall with an all church read and sermon series. The books are available for \$5 in the church office.

Please sign up NOW to participate in a discussion group.

The groups meet for 3 weeks and take place in a variety of locations and different days and times. For more info, please see the church website.

Watch your mailbox for our FALL Journey is Central program ministry guide.

We've got a great line-up of Sunday, Wednesday and other weekday opportunities waiting for you, no matter where you are on life's journey!



Fall Class Highlights:

Becoming a Love and Logic Parent

Beginning in October

Sunday Morning & Wednesday Evening Classes

Pre-registration required.

Sign-up in the church office.

Fall Women's Retreat

Igniting Your Passion: Living Your Life For God

Petoskey United Methodist Church

September 17 from 9:00-4:00

Leader: Laurie Stewart

Cost is \$22 for materials and lunch.

Pre-registration required.

Sign-up in the church office.

More info: www.lastewart.com

Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman by Beth Moore

A View Points Group

Leader: Lois Edson

Tuesday Mornings at 9 a.m. beginning 9/20

Just as it was tough being a woman in

Esther's day, it's tough today. This portion of

God's Word contains treasures to aid us in

our hurried, harried, and pressured lives.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

What if church werebelonging?

My family often jokes with me, saying that I can't remember anything. Realistically, it's my long term memory that is lacking in so many areas. I can't name one of my elementary school teachers, I have no idea who I walked to school with for 3 years in a row and just recently learned that I spent 4 years in the same school with 2 cousins that I have no recollection of!

One general memory from my youth that I do hang on to though, is that feeling of wanting to belong. I sought a group or a team that I felt comfortable with, where I felt part of something. I know I'm not alone in this, I see it in my own children now. This is why we encourage our children to join team activities. Statistics tell us that kids that belong to a constructive group (band, Boy Scouts, the track team) will choose not to join a gang or the "burn-outs". If we can direct our children to a positive environment to feel a part of, they won't need to seek out a less desirable community to join up with.

So what if a smaller community of Central Church was a place a student could belong?

What if we gave the children and youth of Central something they could identify with and call their own? The term "Sunday School" is ancient and doesn't say "I'm part of a group", it says "My mom is making me go again today". What image could we give a 7 year old so he could identify with his Sunday morning class? The 5th graders are looking forward to being part of the Middle school activities next year, are they on a "bridge" perhaps?; the space between elementary school and middle school, and not just in class. Could they be the "Crossovers" instead? Are you getting a picture forming in your mind?

I am challenging the congregation to develop a name and logo for each stage of fellowship and spiritual growth we offer; Nursery through High School.

We have loads of talented people among us that I know can create an identity for our 9 student offerings. I would like to meet with anyone that would like to share their talents and develop a sense of belonging for the student body of Central.

--Ann Porter, Children's Education Director
ann@tcCentralumc.org



Sunday School Update:

Sunday morning classes will be held in the following rooms. **Please don't forget to fill out a registration form at the Ministry Fair on Sept 11th.** Additional information on curriculum can be found at www.tccentralumc.org

Preschool	Room 103
Grades K-1*	Room 104
Grades 2-3*	Room 309
Grades 4-5*	Room 308
Middle School	Ocean Room
High School	Jungle Room

* Our very own talented Micha Bancroft will start off the Sunday school experience in room 304, helping the children worship together and get to know the month's scripture verse.

College students (and parents), we need your new addresses! You wouldn't want to miss out on any packages, would you? Email ann@tccentralumc.org with updates.

Don't Forget! This time of year, fall planning is in full swing and many smiling faces are needed to make the school year meaningful. Feeling the nudge to get involved with children or youth? Don't ignore God's call, the rewards are immeasurable. Please call or email me and we can talk over where your servant heart and talents would be best used.
ann@tcCentralumc.org, 944-4959, 946-5191 ext. 26

MUSIC AT CENTRAL



From the Director-

I hope everyone is enjoying the start of Fall. Though it's hard to think of summer ending, it's exciting to begin a "new year" – a time for change and newness. It has indeed been a summer of change for our music staff.

Some updates to share:

Congrats to Tom Bara on his recent promotion at Interlochen Arts Academy to Assistant Music Director. The new position is well-deserved and means more administrative duties and responsibilities for Tom. Also, congrats to Tom and his wife Anne – expecting little Baby-Boy-Bara in December!

We say good-bye and offer a thank-you to Peggy Johnson for her great work accompanying the Chancel Choir. Peggy has decided she needs to step down and focus on her private students and spending time with her family and grandchildren. We also offer a hearty welcome to Michael Coonrod who has graciously agreed to step into the role of accompanist. We have enjoyed Michael's music and we look forward to his work with our Chancel Choir.

There have been some changes in my life as well. I recently accepted the Director of Music Programs position at NMC. I'm thrilled to be a part of this great institution and excited for the wonderful things to come. In addition to administrative duties leading the program and supervising staff, I will be conducting the Grand Traverse Chorale, Chamber Singers and leading the NMC Children's Choirs program. Because of my new responsibilities at the college, I will need to step back a little from my duties here at the church. Every change means opportunity, and this opportunity means adding a new member to our music team. We are excited to have Micha (Thomas) Bancroft join us! Many of you may already know Micha – she grew up in the church and was a member of Choristers and Youth Handbells among others. Her leadership role at CUMC will include Sunday Morning music with our Sunday Schoolers and taking on the leadership of the Youth Handbells. Please join me in welcoming Michael and Micha to our staff!

Tom, Michael, Micha and I would all like to extend an invitation to YOU to join one of our music ensembles, everyone is welcome – and, as they say: "No Experience Necessary!" If you have any questions, please call me at 938-1591, or email me at jeffcobb@charter.net. More information about our ensembles is below. Thanks, and hope to see you at our first rehearsal!

*Jeff Cobb
Director of Music*

Chancel Choir

Rehearses Wednesdays at 7:45 pm
Sings every Sunday at the 11:00am service.
Contact: Tom Bara at baratg@interlochen.org

Adult Handbell Choir

Rehearses Wednesdays at 7:15pm (beginning 9/21)
Performances throughout the year
Contact: Jeff Cobb at jeffcobb@charter.net

Youth Handbell Choir (7th-12th grade)

Rehearses Wednesdays at 5:30 pm (beginning 9/14)
Performances throughout the year
Contact: Micha Bancroft at micha.bancroft@gmail.com

Choristers (3rd-6th grade)

Rehearses Sundays at 12 noon (beginning 9/18)
Musical Performance in May
Contact: Jeff Cobb at jeffcobb@charter.net

"The WELL" Music Ensemble

Singers and Instrumentalists WANTED
Plays weekly at 9 & 11 a.m. WELL worship
Contact: Jeff Cobb at jeffcobb@charter.net

MISSIONS MINISTRIES



Our Mission Ministry team hopes that by becoming aware of all that is being done to help others locally and globally, that opportunities to work together will strengthen our efforts in our local and global communities. *Please join us.*

SEPTEMBER MISSION PRAYERS

- **Henderson Settlement, Kentucky:** Fall is the time when seeds are donated to Henderson. Seeds are used on the farm and also sold to local gardeners for a small amount.
- **Rio Colorado School, Bolivia:** The \$2,000 has been raised for new computers. They will be purchased in Bolivia. **Thanks to all who donated to help buy computers for the Rio Colorado Agricultural and Technical High School in Bolivia.** Pray for a successful process of obtaining the computers and delivery to the school.
- **Soaring Unlimited, Haiti:** Soaring's truck is in the Dominican Republic for repairs. Pray for successful mechanical work.
- **Vietnam Initiative:** Pray for the United Methodist work with orphans.



CENTRAL MISSION PROJECT *Update*

SEPTEMBER COIN OFFERING - "PIGGY BANKS AND GRANDCHILDREN"

The September coin offering will support the Baby Fold in Zimbabwe. Due to deaths from AIDS there are many orphans. This is a United Methodist facility that has been visited by several members of Central.

Dave Maxson has had a large piggy bank into which he has placed coins since his retirement. July coin offering for Bed Nets led Dave to ceremoniously bring out the piggy bank for his grandchildren. Each guessed how much was in it. Then the piggy bank was cut open and the contents were dumped on the floor. The grandchildren had a great time separating and counting. The coins were divided and placed in three baggies of equal weight. Each of the grandchildren wrote their name on a baggie. The following Sunday each grandchild took great pride in dropping their coin-filled baggies into the collection pail. There was over \$78.

Thank you to Dave Maxson AND his grandchildren. Thank you to all of the congregation who have given regularly to the coin offering in recent years. Because of you thousands of dollars have gone to mission projects - locally and around the world.

HARVEST TABLE - GOOD SUMMER FOOD

Each Sunday produce and baked goods are available at the Harvest Table. Some have asked: "How much should I give?" The suggestion has always been "market price plus a bit extra". All donations go to support Central's mission projects.



RESPONSE TO DISASTERS - ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HELPING?

Disasters have devastated many U.S. communities in recent months. After the initial cleanup, reconstruction help is needed for many months. We have been reminded of this in the recent opening of schools in Joplin, but many are still without permanent homes. Floods have destroyed many communities and homes.

If you are interested in helping contact the chairperson of Central's Mission Ministry team, Chuck Ellinwood: chiela@aol.com, 264-8469.

UMCOR IS PRESENT

We have felt anguish at the plight of thousands of people in the Horn of Africa. Deaths from starvation are in the hundreds. UMCOR is present assisting these people. TO HELP: You may write a check to Central Church and mark it for UMCOR. 100% of your gift will go to help people in need.

Have you ever considered mentoring as a way to serve others and the community?

Family Partnership will be hosting a mentor exploration for people who want to learn more about mentoring individuals and families struggling with poverty. If you are interested in learning more, please call or email Roberta LaMont to sign up for our mentor exploration on Saturday, October 8th at Bayview Wesleyan Church from 9am - 1pm. Refreshments provided. 231-421-8411 or rlamont@familypartnershipmentoring.org

OUTREACH & NURSERY MINISTRIES

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Community Outreach at Central United Methodist Church is thriving. We have been surprised that even though we are serving only three days per week this summer instead of the normal five day schedule, we are serving the same amount (or more) of food. Our guests come hungry, tired and dirty. The hot weather kept our towel laundry humming with an increased need for showers. The number of individuals needing an official address increased as did the requests for storage space. With the reduction of "hands off" camping sites, the need for rest has increased.

The other facet of our Community Outreach program, offering financial assistance, also saw dramatic increases this summer. There are many agencies offering assistance and we are strongly connected to the local collaborative. We are in monthly connection with groups such as Father Fred, Goodwill Outreach, Jubilee House, Help Link, Love INC, Salvation Army, Community Mental Health, Northern Michigan Community Action Agency, and several others. As a large group, we all "pitch in", hoping to bridge the gap and enable the family unit to get back on track.

We thank all of you who tirelessly volunteer for our Outreach programs: Outreach Breakfast (serving 35-45 per day), Community Meals (serving 45-75 for Thursday lunch) and Safe Harbor (connecting with other churches to provide overnight shelter for from Nov –April to the homeless).

We are always searching for volunteers with a servant heart. If you feel a tug on your heart, please join us for our messy but rewarding work by calling Jacquie Thomas, Outreach Coordinator, at 946-5191.



NURSERY MINISTRIES

Thank You!

We've received many generous donations of toys and gifts for our new nursery rooms, and great suggestions for preschool programming. We're working hard to create a warm and welcoming environment for all of our Central Families and Friends!

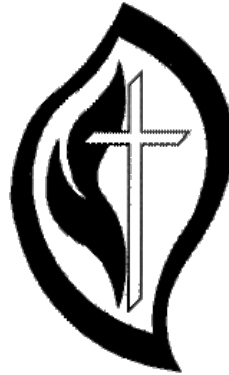
We are still in need of basic school/craft supplies such as crayons, WASHABLE markers, scissors (child and adult), pens, pencils, glue and paper. These items are on sale at stores now!

WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR SOMEONE WHO WOULD BE WILLING TO BUILD WOODEN SHELVES OR BOOKCASES FOR THESE ROOMS. Can you help? Please contact Brenda Ondrajka, nursery director, for details. She can be reached at 275-7012.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT:

- Our UMW General Meeting will be Sept. 13, 2011 at 6:00. This will be a potluck and all ladies of the Church are invited. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service. The program will be by Katy Ramsdell on our Kid's Hope program. Please join us for an evening of sharing and information.
- The UMW Annual District Meeting will be held Sept. 20, at the Ludington UMC. Registration begins at 8:30am with the meeting convening at 9:15. Our speaker will be Maggie Jackson from the General Board of Global Ministries. There will be an ingathering for the benefit of Grand Rapids Community House. You may donate \$5.00 for the new roof or provide socks or underwear. You will find a Brochure on the UMW Bulletin Board with registration forms.
- Let us help you clean out your closets and other storage areas. Gather all of your useable clean clothing, household items, books, and other treasures for the United Methodist Women's Fall Rummage Sale. It's a chance for those who don't have a lot to spend to be able to find a bargain. It's a chance for your UMW to raise funds for their many mission projects. Items may be brought to the Fellowship Hall beginning September 25th. Set-up day is September 28th and sale days are September 29th, and 30th. Call Jan Taylor with your questions. 938-3172 Thank you.



SEPTEMBER GATHERINGS

UMW Board Meeting
Sept. 7 at 9:45 in the Church Library

Lunch Bunch
Sept. 7 at Noon in the Church Lounge

Wesleyan Fellowship
Sept. 14 at 1:00 in the Church Lounge

Phoebe Fellowship
Sept. 15 at 12 noon in the Church Lounge

Service Fellowship
Sept. 19 at 1:30 in the Church Lounge

Rebekah Fellowship
Sept. 21 at 9:30 in the Church Lounge

**All women of the church
are invited to attend UMW
gatherings!**

QUESTIONS? WANT MORE INFO?

email: cplough@charter.net

call: Corinne at 922-4978

RECONCILING AND HEALTH MINISTRIES

RECONCILING MINISTRIES

"All this is from God, who reconciled us...through Christ, and who gives us the ministry of reconciliation." II Corinthians 5:18

The Reconciling Ministries Small Group of CUMC is pleased to announce that it has affiliated with the Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN) as a "Reconciling Community". RMN is a Christian and United Methodist organization that mobilizes UMC members of all sexual orientations and gender identities to transform our Church and world into the full expression of Christ's inclusive love. (For more information about RMN, go to www.RMNetwork.org.)

We have adopted the following welcoming statement:

"We, the Traverse City Central UMC Reconciling Ministries Community, believe Christ calls us to love all our neighbors. God's love and grace are given to all regardless of ethnicity, race, culture, gender, class, ability, sexual orientation, marital status, gender identity and age. We welcome all to join our faith journey."

We hope that a version of this statement will become a congregational welcoming statement of love and inclusion in the near future. **There is no intention to ask the congregation to affiliate with RMN at this time.**

We invite all CUMC folks who wish to help transform our Church and world into the full expression of Christ's inclusive love to join us as a member of our Reconciling Community. We also encourage you to place a rainbow sticker or rainbow cross on your nametag as a sign of welcome. Look for more information about Reconciling Ministries at our display at the CUMC Ministries Fair on Sept. 11.



FROM YOUR PARISH NURSE:

Coupons for the Congregation

If you have any health related coupons (Ensure for example) that you would not be using, please consider dropping them at the Parish Nurse office. I can distribute them to members of our congregation who may find them handy.

Back to School

It's time to start preparing our children and adolescents back to school. Mid August is a good time to ease into an earlier bedtime and establish some routine. Cuddle up with a good book at bedtime, review the multiplication tables, start to gather school supplies; but keep in mind many stores have sales after school starts. Be sure to check out the resale shops, many have an exchange program. And remember, this can be a stressful time for our youth. Please keep them and their care givers in your prayers.

ENJOY SUMMER'S LAST MONTH OF SWIMMING IN THE FRESH LAKES AND BAYS, FULL MOONS AND SUNSETS, CAMPFIRES AND CONSTELLATIONS!

Beth Whiting
Parish Nurse
eawhiting@charter.net

YOUTH AT CENTRAL

NEW STARTS HAPPENING FOR YOUTH AT CENTRAL

Don't miss out on great friendships this fall as youth begin meeting again on a regular basis. If you are between 6th and 12th grades, here are 3 places where good conversation and learning about God will be happening this fall:

- **CREDO Confirmation Class.** This class for 8th graders will give a great foundation for what it means to be Christian. Our kick-off session with youth & their parents will be Sunday, Sept 11th, 5:30PM in Fellowship Hall. A snack supper will be served as we give an overview for the 8-month class, which will include some retreats and field trips. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend this session.
- **MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP.** Join Mr. Dluge and Ms. Gerber for a great new year of games, discussions, and service projects. The Wednesday night youth group will start back up on September 14th, 6:30PM, following Wonderful Wednesday meal, in the Ocean Room. We are so glad to be welcoming our incoming 6th graders to our group!
- **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP.** After a long Summer of camps, working jobs, and vacation, join your friends and make some new ones. Our Sunday night youth group will start back up on September 11th, 6:30PM in our freshly painted room! Let's "claim the space" and put our mark on it (there will be opportunities for artistic expression!). You'll want to be present for our kick-off session as we'll be planning for the year. We are so glad to be welcoming our incoming 9th graders to our group!

Join Us for THE AMAZING RACE 2011

Saturday, September 17, Registration and Check In begins at 9:30 a.m. (in Fellowship Hall at Church)
Race starts at 10:00 a.m.

Cost: \$5.00 per person. Sign up form can be found on the website or in the church office.

Let the Adventure begin! All 6th -12th graders are invited to participate in this road rally type race consisting of 2-3 person teams. Spend the day solving clues, performing various fun and challenging tasks and racing around Traverse City in a "Central Taxi". Great Competition! Great Prizes! Great Fun! Lunch and snacks are provided for racers. PLEASE register early so we have enough supplies and drivers.

Prizes: 1st Place: \$50.00 Target gift certificate for each teammate.
2nd Place: \$25.00 Target gift certificate for each teammate.
3rd Place: \$10.00 Target gift certificate for each teammate.
Various Theme prizes will also be awarded.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

CAN YOU HELP US FIND ADDRESSES
OR OTHER GOOD CONTACT INFORMATION
FOR THE FOLLOWING CHURCH MEMBERS?

Email Kim Burch, membership secretary, at kim@tccentralumc.org if you can help!

Robert Britton	Jennifer Lawton
David Coonrod	Heather Marlatt
Julia Edson	Eric Maxson
Amy Edson	Dana Maxson
Anne (Ferguson) Mudgett	Andrea McIntosh
Elizabeth Holmes	Peter Neithercut
Erica Hornby	Rachel Neithercut
Ben Hoxie	Rodney Nyland
Colin Kauffman	Joseph Palmer
Eric Keyes	Warren Schaub
Nicholas Keyes	Cathy Tucker
Sarah Keyes	Elizabeth Walsh
Kay Klintworth	Erin Warner
Katelyn Klintworth	Kyle Williams
Brent Larowe	Tricia Williams

Greetings from the Finance Committee with an update on the first 7 months of 2011. Below is a chart with some information of revenues, expenses, and the resulting bottom line for this year, last year and the budget. **Our income is a bit behind our planned budget for the year.** We have made significant headway from where our deficit was at the beginning of the summer cutting the shortfall in half. So even though we are still running behind plan we are in a much better position than we were last year for the same period and from just a few months ago. **Our annual reflection on Stewardship is approaching with the coming of fall so we would ask that everyone think about how they can use all of their gifts to benefit the mission of the Church.** There are a lot of exciting things happening and it is wonderful to see the continued support of Central for all of its wonderful missions. Thanks so much!

	7/31/2011	7/31/2011	7/31/2010
	Budget	Actual	Actual
Total Income	\$ 569,000	\$ 543,000	\$ 511,000
Total Expenses	\$ 569,000	\$ 566,000	\$ 579,000
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ -	\$ (23,000)	\$ (68,000)

THANK YOU



Dear Methodist Friends,

Thank you for all your support and enthusiasm for the past four and a half years. Your cheerful smiles and gusty singing certainly have made a difficult job worthwhile! Golly gee, I think we bent the walls outward many times on some of those glorious hymns!! I feel blessed to have been able to make music with you on so many occasions. While I am now moving on to other pursuits, the 'people part' of CUMC will stay with me as memories waft through my heart of kind gestures, gentle touches and positive words whispered in my ear or written on a card and slipped in my box. I have been so proud to have been part of a church that opens it's doors to all people from all walks of life. I felt your silent 'permission' to include as many people as I could in the music program and feel that that was something significant I could contribute in the music ministry at CUMC. Thank you, too, for your patience while I played my viola, cello, conga drum or the lovely hammer dulcimer so none of us would get too bored or complacent with the same music all the time!!

Thank you again and again for accepting my family members whether musicians or aging mother... your "living the word" made a more powerful statement than anything else you could have said or done. Dear Friends, I will miss sharing a hymn arrangement with you in a nearly silent, prayerful church for a Prelude, playing a meaningful phrase in sync with the choir and hearing your exhalation of understanding and satisfaction or collaborating with a soloist until we are ALL in agreement! - such wonderful, profound thoughts from such simple sounds. A mystery, but, at the same time, thrilling to experience without trying to explain.....just share. And you got it. Thank you for listening and hearing. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

*Peace and Blessings,
Peggy Johnson*

Dear Church Family,

I send my love and my thanks to all for the plaque which included some heart warming words and an amazing picture of Central. To the Staff Pastor Parish Committee, Pastors Dale and Chris, and all the Central staff - my thanks for your support and encouragement.

Most of all, to those of you who shared your stories and allowed me into your lives, rooms, and homes....Bless you!

Muriel Peavler, Parish Nurse- retired!

Thank You Summer Volunteers

Church In The Park is coming to a close, but the blessings and pleasant memories linger due to the diligent work of so many volunteers.

On behalf of the entire Central family we would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to : Ferris Steinhauer who served as chairperson for set-up; drivers of the equipment trailer, the many people who arrived early and stayed late to install and take down equipment; Dave Flees and Steve Terry who cared for the public address system; our song leaders Phil Knapp, B.J. Harmon, Larry Winegar and Sally Warner; Jeff Cobb and the variety of talented and much appreciated musicians including Bob Doerr on keyboard and the Well band; coordinators George and Bev Crisman, Gary Horn, Suzanne McAtee, Pat Hippensteel, and Marie Morrison and all the other ushers/greeters who welcomed us with a smile and moved smoothly among the maze of lawn chairs to receive and process our offerings; those who ran the beverage and literature tables and to Kim Burch who prepared the bulletins. Our congregation and many visitors were truly blessed by your gift of time and talents.

We are also grateful to Traverse City for allowing us once again to worship at beautiful Sunset Park on Grand Traverse Bay.

Our thanks also to coordinator, Alta Cameron and the greeters as well as Bill Ramsdell and the ushers who served at the 11:00 AM service under the Dome, and to Tom Bara for beautiful summer organ music.

The Worship Team

I would like to *thank you* for granting me a scholarship so that I could go to camp this summer. Camp Lake Louise is a wonderful place and I will never forget my time spent there this summer. You gave me the opportunity to meet new friends and to most importantly, grow in my faith.

Thank you, Veronica Cozad

The Lane family wants to *thank the church* for the campership funds that enabled all of us to attend Lake Louise Bear camp in August.

Joe, Marnie, Claire and Becky

Dear Friends,

Bob and I have been reminded again just how important our church family is in our lives. You have sent cards and food and prayers and flowers and telephone calls to help me to recover. . .and they work!

Barb Montgomery

Central Friends,

I want to thank you for the pretty card wishing me well during my recent hospital stay.

Georgia Young

Goodbye and Thank You for your prayers and best wishes as we leave for our retirement home in Florida.

Ken and Dorothy Hoekwater

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

Meetings and Events

Thursday, September 1

1:00 PM Archive Workshop
6:00 PM Journey Group
6:30 PM Boys of OZ
6:30 PM DRA Group
7:00 PM NA Meeting
8:00 PM AA Meeting

Monday, September 5

Labor Day
Church Office closed

Tuesday, September 6

10:30 AM Bridge
1:00 PM Cookie Team
5:00 PM Health Ministries Team

Wednesday, September 7

8:00 AM Men's Breakfast
9:45 AM UMW Executive Board
12:00 PM Lunch Bunch

Thursday, September 8

10:00 AM Central Comforters

Sunday, September 11

Open House Sunday
5:30 PM Confirmation Class
7:00 PM The Balancing Act

Monday, September 12

2:00 PM Study Group

Tuesday, September 13

9:30 AM Disciple III
12:00 PM The Balancing Act
12:00 PM Wills and Memorials
4:00 PM Staff Pastor Parish
5:00 PM Stephen Ministry Supervisory
6:00 PM UMW General Meeting
6:30 PM Garden Club

Wednesday, September 14

9:00 AM Kid's Hope
9:30 AM Writing Group
1:30 PM Wesleyan Fellowship
4:00 PM Finance Meeting
5:30 PM Wonderful Wednesday

Thursday, September 15

12:00 PM Phoebe Fellowship
1:00 PM Archive Workshop
1:00 PM Stephen Minister Leaders

Sunday, September 18

12:00 PM Blood Pressures
5:30 PM Cofirmation Class
7:00 PM The Balancing Act

Monday, September 19

10:00 AM Women Who Wonder
1:30 PM Service Fellowship
2:00 PM Study Group
5:00 PM Board of Trustees
5:30 PM Mission Team
7:00 PM Admin. Council

Tuesday, September 20

9:00 AM Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman
9:30 AM Disciple III
12:00 PM The Balancing Act
5:30 PM Connection Team
7:00 PM Book Women Group

Wednesday, September 21

9:30 AM Rebekah Fellowship
10:00 AM Painting Group
12:00 PM Family Partnership Mentor Meeting
4:00 PM Memory Keepers
5:30 PM Wonderful Wednesday

Sunday, September 25

Food Pantry Sunday
5:30 PM Confirmation Class
7:00 PM The Balancing Act

Monday, September 26

2:00 PM Study Group

Tuesday, September 27

9:00 AM Esther: It's Tough Being a Women
9:30 AM Disciple III
12:00 PM The Balancing Act
5:00 PM Stephen Ministry Supervisory

Wednesday, September 28

9:00 AM UMW Rummage Sale
5:30 PM Wonderful Wednesday

Thursday, September 29

9:00 AM UMW Rummage Sale

Friday, September 30

9:00 AM UMW Rummage Sale

Every Week* at Central

Sunday

9:00 AM Traditional Worship
Worship at The WELL
11:00 AM Traditional Worship
Worship at The WELL

Monday

9:00 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

9:00 AM Community Outreach
4:30 PM Pilates

Wednesday

10:00 AM Painting Group
12:00 PM AA Meeting

Thursday

9:00 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
Boy Scout Troop 36
8:00 PM AA Meeting

Friday

No Regularly Scheduled Events

Saturday

No Regularly Scheduled Events

***All Events Subject to Change**

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

John Bales-*home recovery*

Karl & Kim Schneider -
bereavement for the passing of Karl's mother

Robin Dowdy-
home recovery

Bob McCutcheon-
home recovery

Jacque Thomas-
home recovery

Evie Kline-*bereavement on the passing of her husband, Norm.*

Betty Gonyo-*hospital*

Leilani Lemerom-*hospital*

Mariano, *infant son of Melissa Koinis-home recovery*

CONGRATULATIONS!

Kendra Kearney and C.M. (Cheryl Meredith) Hall, were married on August 6 in Portland, Oregon.

(Kendra is the daughter of Sandy O'Neil.)

Men's Breakfast Fellowship
Sept. 7
8 a.m.
TC Elks Club
(Bay Street at Division)

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

SEPTEMBER 1
Renee Mittelstaedt
Chris Rogers

SEPTEMBER 2
Gordy Forsyth
Corinne Plough

SEPTEMBER 3
Carol Murdock
Autumn Norkowski

SEPTEMBER 4
Sara Brubaker
Steve Denoyer
Carol Lorenz
Sandy O'Niel
Dave Spala
Helen Wilson

SEPTEMBER 5
Mary Norris

SEPTEMBER 6
Elena Wentz

SEPTEMBER 7
Scott Ayers
Madelyn Coleman
Mia Harrigan
Sherwin Lutz

SEPTEMBER 8
Robert Coonrod
Clancey Hawke
Georgina Hosmer
Kay Klintworth

SEPTEMBER 9
Harlow Gembis
Caleb Williams

SEPTEMBER 10
Amy Colombo
Bob Miller
Tuuli Qin-Terrill
Beth Stepke
Larry Winegar

SEPTEMBER 12
Gretchen Dueweke
Ken Engle
B. J. Harmon
Sharon McGarry
Ashleigh Shea

SEPTEMBER 13
Arlene Beall
Richard Krupka
Lorna Lombard

SEPTEMBER 14
Ruth Hagaman
Andy Purvis
Jeremy Williams

SEPTEMBER 15
Arden Atkinson
Cheryl Follette
Carol Goff
Alaina Korreck
Brian Lirones

SEPTEMBER 16
Michael Farkas
Ruth Jones
Emma Sheldon

SEPTEMBER 17
Michael Conlan

SEPTEMBER 18
Erik Falconer
Roger Storch

SEPTEMBER 19
Samantha Denoyer
Dot Urban
Tynan Wheeler

SEPTEMBER 20
Hjarsti Coonrod
David Holzworth
Stevie Mast
Rob Palmer
Sandy Sleder

SEPTEMBER 21
Marla Gerber
Kitty Mast
Chloe Ostema
Marv Rosa
John Stepke
Erin Wolff

SEPTEMBER 22
Karen Vannette

SEPTEMBER 23
Brandon Ayers
Karen Foley
Liza Hollenbeck
Arlene Morton
Katie Zachritz

SEPTEMBER 24
Noah Batcha
Dale Blum
Beverly Crisman
Valerie Duensing
Lou Fay
Benjamin Grams
Gary Joslin
Ann Kalat

SEPTEMBER 25
Joanna Dueweke
Marcus Grewe
Maren Leahy
Chris Merten
John Shephard
Connie Walendowski
Caitlin Warner

SEPTEMBER 26
Paul Fair

SEPTEMBER 27
Gary Brown
Gerard Mahoney
Lynne Mixer
Clarine Olson
Sven Sawin

SEPTEMBER 28
Jean Bensley
Shirley Bowen
Ruth Claggett
Judy Kropf
Esther Lloyd
Harv Schroeder

SEPTEMBER 29
Al Bush
Helen Cook
Debra Edson
Jeremy Farkas
Mark Jordan
Matthew Jordan
Donna Kozisek
Wendy Schopieray

SEPTEMBER 30
Grant Durga
Clark Penzien
Keith Wright

RADIO MINISTRY

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