



# THE FLAME

## Monthly Newsletter

for

### Central and Algonquin United Methodist Churches

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## OCTOBER 2019

### The Pastor's Perspective



*"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."*

*Jeremiah 29:11 (NRSV)*

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Two Bible Study classes have just begun using the same book. The 12-session study is entitled, "The Gospel of John—Finding Identity and Purpose" by Matt Williams. The times are 9:45 am Sunday morning at Central in the Lounge and 4:15 pm on Wednesday at Central in the Library. Everyone is invited to participate. If this interests you, get in touch with either Raymond Bell, [bellraymond@msn.com](mailto:bellraymond@msn.com) (Sunday morning) or myself, [Vickie.31.hadaway@gmail.com](mailto:Vickie.31.hadaway@gmail.com) (Wednesday). Finding identity and purpose are crucial to what we are doing as congregations right now.

For Central UMC, our Vision Framing process has finally started. We had our orientation meeting on September 15th after worship, with 20 persons attending. Rev. Jim Noggle will be leading us through this process. He is a retired UM Elder in the MI Area Conference with many years of experience in this area. Sessions will take place twice a month on Sunday after worship, beginning in October with breaks for the holidays. This is approximately a ten-session process that we will complete in the Spring of next year (yes, 2020!).

You might be asking, "What can I do to help?" We need prayer partners! Will you pray for our process? Pray that God will provide the vision and leadership necessary at this time in the life of our church. If you are willing to do this, please get in touch with me as I have a resource that we will use together.

Another way you can support the process is to be positive. You will see charts and other information around in the coming months. You may be asked questions or asked for feedback. Be honest and thoughtful. This is an opportunity for us to grow and to respond to the changing community and world in which we live.

God has a vision for both Algonquin UMC and Central UMC. Whether we go through a set process or continue to seek God's invitation through other means, let us respond with boldness and faithfulness to the invitation to be disciples of Jesus in a changing world! Please join me as we "labor, love, and live for Jesus Christ!"

Striving to follow in His footsteps, *Pastor Vickie*

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## NOTES AND NOTEWORTHY

### COMING DATES

**REMEMBER, OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH!! WHEN YOU SEE PASTOR VICKIE, PLEASE THANK HER FOR HER CARING AND HER SERVICE**

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**October 5th** at 10:30 a.m. is the Blessing of the Animals.

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**October 6th** is World Wide Communion Sunday. Come and join your church family at morning services as we celebrate the Lord's Supper with Christians worldwide. At Central there will be a Soup Luncheon following the service.

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**October 12th** is Algonquin's Hamburger Supper and Bake Sale, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

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**October 31st** is Reformation Day. This commemorates Martin Luther placing his 95 Theses on the church doors in Wittenberg, Germany in 1517. He wrote the hymn, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" in 1529. It is on page 110 of our United Methodist hymnal.

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**November 3rd** is Stewardship Sunday at Central. **"Generous Saints Share Time - Talent - Treasure"** The campaign kicks off on October 20<sup>th</sup> and concludes with a Harvest Celebration Sunday and soup luncheon on Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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On the signboard of Algonquin UMC:

***WE DON'T CHANGE THE MESSAGE, THE MESSAGE CHANGES US.***

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**THINKING AHEAD:** Daylight Savings Time will end on Sunday, November 3rd, 2019. Be ready to move your clocks **back** one hour before bedtime Saturday night. (Spring Ahead, Fall Back!)



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**PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THIS: THE NURSERY LOCATION WILL CHANGE BEGINNING OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup>. IT WILL BE MOVED TO THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSROOM NEXT TO THE PASTOR'S OFFICE.**

## CUMC INFORMATION

Central United Methodist Church is a busy place. We have many groups using the church and our life together continues to grow. With this in mind, and to help communications, we are asking for the following:

1. If you have something for **Sunday's bulletin**, it needs to be to Corrine by Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. The bulletins are printed on Thursday morning, so we need time to proof and lay them out.
2. **All meetings, events, and practices** held at Central need to be written on the calendar outside of the church office. When doing the weekly calendar on the back of the bulletin, we will be using this to go by.
3. You may have noticed on the exterior doors a **weekly listing of events** happening each week at Central. Again, everything for the weekly announcements will be taken from the calendar. Also, please include the room you will be using.
4. The **church email has recently changed**. It is now: [centralumc632@gmail.com](mailto:centralumc632@gmail.com). Please make a note of this. There are many moving parts, and we appreciate your help in keeping our communications as accurate as possible.
5. Our **Annual Charge Conference** will be Wednesday, **November 6, 2019**, in Central's Fellowship Hall. Please come and bring a dish to pass. We will still have Family Night that evening so our young parents can participate in the meeting and so others can get a taste of what is happening. The children will have a lesson at their regular time while the Charge Conference is taking place. The schedule: **4:30 p.m. is SPRC in the Library, 5:30 p.m. is a Pot luck for everyone and 6:15 p.m. is CC in the Fellowship Hall and children in the Lounge.**
6. By the time you read this, a group from both congregations will have gone on a one day mission trip to **God's Country Cooperative Parish** in the Newberry area. Randy Hildebrandt (Aletha) was very persuasive in worship in September and additional people signed up to go! I am encouraged that people from both congregations were able and willing to go! We will share our experience with you so the next time we plan a mission trip, you'll be anxious and available to participate

Thank you, Pastor Vickie

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**A REMINDER FOR OUR SNOWBIRDS:** Have you given Corrine, at the church office, your winter address and the period of time you will be away? You won't want to miss any issues of "The Flame" or our other church mailings.



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**Flame Mailings:** It has been mentioned that there might be some of our church family who are now away at college or perhaps temporary job assignments and would appreciate receiving "The Flame." If you would like to add someone to our newsletter mailing list, please let Corrine know at the church office. It comes out on the first of the month, 10 times a year (December/January and July/August are combined issues), so let Corrine know just which months should be included in the mailings, as well as the address.

## Young Christian Worship

A NEW PROGRAM AT CENTRAL FOR PRE-SCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY AGE CHILDREN

**YOUNG  
CHRISTIAN  
WORSHIP**



We are excited to offer Young Christian Worship during the Sunday morning worship service at Central. Children will participate in scripture-based music, lessons, and activities. This new program will begin on **Sunday, October 6, 2019**. The location of the nursery will be moved to the Sunday School room next to the Pastor's office.

Babies and toddlers, age 0-3, may be brought to this room before the worship service.

Children 4 years old through elementary school will come with their families to Sunday morning worship and participate in the first part of the service, including the children's message.

After the children's message, they will leave with Kay Miller to join the nursery children in the upstairs Sunday School room, where a fun lesson with music and activities will be awaiting them. Children four and older will return to the sanctuary before communion on communion Sundays. On all other Sundays, children may be picked up in the classroom after worship.

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO.....

**Christopher Larson** who completed a 12 week Officer Recruit Training Academy given by the State of Michigan Department of Corrections.. This class of 40 had its graduation ceremony at Lake Superior State University on September 6, 2019. Chris is in the Michigan National Guard, so he was one of six in the class who were also given military service recognition medals. Chris began his employment on September 9, 2019 at the Marquette Branch Prison. He is the son of Kevin and Kathy Larson and the grandson of Barbara Larson and the late Bob Larson.



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## THANK YOU TO OUR GREEN THUMB GARDENERS

It was a curious start to summer for the landscape crew who were wondering when the snowflakes were going to melt, and as it turned out, June seemed to be a good time to start planting!

A big thank you to Gwen Worley, Kris Donarski, Evelyn Bush, Larry Rogers, Tom and Sue Brown, Barb Carlisle, and Emily and Seth Baker as they tended to the grounds around the church. In addition to the crew, a thank you to our custodian, Mark, for making sure the grass was trimmed this summer.

Anyone wishing to be a part of the summer fun, please contact anyone mentioned here.

Submitted by Jan Rogers



**STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY AT CENTRAL - NOVEMBER 3, 2019**

*Plan to stay for the luncheon following church*

**"Generous Saints Share Time - Talent - Treasure"**

## ALGONQUIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1604 W Fourth Avenue  
Sault Ste Marie, MI  
Sunday Service at 9:00 a.m.

Our annual United Methodist Women Hamburger Supper & Bake Sale will be held on **Saturday, October 12** from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m, and it is by donation. Everyone welcome!

Algonquin UMW collected wish list items for Hospice of the EUP during the month of August. (Items shown in the picture to the right) Money collected in the Change Jar in August also went to Hospice.

Submitted by Bernita Sibbald



### WE EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES.....

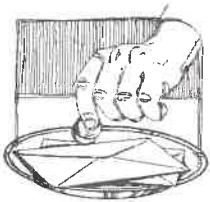
.....to **Fred Smith and his family** on the passing of his mother, **Violet Smith**, on September 4, 2019 at Ball Hospice House in Sault Ste. Marie. Violet was born on June 11, 1921 in Pickford, Michigan. She was a life long Pickford resident and married Forrest Smith on August 10, 1940 and they operated a dairy farm west of Pickford until 1971. She was a charter member of Pickford's Church of the Nazarene, but had recently been attending Central United Methodist with her son, Fred. She was very active in her church, in the Gideons International and the Farm Bureau. She is survived by three sons: James (Mary) of Lansing, Fred (Christine) of Sault Ste. Marie, and Robert (Marie) of Sault Ste. Marie. She had seven grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Her husband preceded her in death as well as another grandson.

*And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes....Revelation 7:17b*

**Welcome, welcome, welcome back to our Chancel Choir at Central.** They had a well deserved summer break. They add SO much to our worship service!

*Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come into His presence with singing. Psalm 100:1-2.*





## "GENEROUS SAINTS SHARE TIME - TALENT- TREASURE"

### A TIME FOR GIVING

Our Annual Stewardship campaign for Central UMC will be three weeks this year, beginning on October 20th and ending on All Saints Day, November 3rd. This will be a shortened, but meaningful campaign. You will only receive one letter with information and a pledge card. The letter will go out near the middle of October so please look for it. It will culminate with our normal first Sunday soup luncheon with ice cream and cake.

Your finance team is grateful for your faithful giving to the ministries of Central UMC. We look forward to 2020 with renewed hope for God's continued blessings on this community of faith and our continued generous stewardship of these blessings.

Submitted by The Stewardship Committee



United Methodist Women

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

This year the **UMW Church Bazaar** will be held on November 9<sup>th</sup>. The theme is, "An Old Fashioned Christmas Tea and Gift Sale." More information on times and how you can help will be forthcoming. The workshop has been busy since May creating wonderful and unique gift items to make your shopping easy! Most of the people have accepted their usual responsibility for the Bazaar this year, but we always need extra help. One area is selling tickets the day of the Bazaar. If you have an interest in doing that, please let me or Diana Morgan know. Also, if you enjoy decorating, we need one or two creative people to decorate the Court Street entrance and the Fellowship Hall. The day of the Bazaar gives us an opportunity to welcome the community into our beautiful church and offer them food, fellowship and gift items. Come join us!

The **Rebecca Circle** had its first meeting of the season on Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. There was much to discuss, including the annual pie sale, families for Christmas, the October general meeting and inviting our Canadian friends for dinner and a program in May (date not yet set). If any women have an interest in seeing if they would like to be a part of the Circle, meetings are held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. for dinner. Meetings are not held in June, July or August. Please accept this heartfelt invitation.

The **General meeting of the UMW** will be held October 19, 2019 in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m. All women of the church are encouraged to attend. Dinner will be provided by the Rebecca Circle (main dish, salad and rolls) and Hannah Circle (dessert and beverage). A program discussion and business meeting will follow.

Submitted by Jackie Willey

**Pies - Pies - Pies - Pies - Pies - Pies - Pies - Pies - Pies - Pies - Pies - Pies - Pies**

Rebecca Circle will be hosting their annual pie sale on October 6<sup>th</sup> along with the soup luncheon following church. You can buy whole pies or a piece for your dessert. The proceeds are used to buy groceries and gifts for two to three families at Christmas and Easter.



Submitted by Rebecca Circle Members



## PRAYER WHEEL FOR OUR SOLDIERS

*Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.*

**Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Christopher VerHaagh**, the son of Loretta and Mike VerHaagh, is an aviation electrician in the U.S. Navy. He is assigned to Strike Fighter Squadron VFA-83 and works on F-18 Super Hornets. He lives in Virginia Beach with his wife Alexis.

**Gavin Povey**, the grandson of Diana and Ron Morgan, is in his 2<sup>nd</sup> enlistment in the U.S. Air Force and is stationed at Vandenberg Air Base in California. He is in the conservation section and tends to the Air Force horses.

**Samantha Huhtala** is a Lance Corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps and is a crew chief on a UH-1Y Venom Light Attack Helicopter, currently stationed at Camp Pendleton, California. She is the daughter of Sheila and John Huhtala, Jr., the granddaughter of Rev. John and Karen Huhtala and the niece of Kara LaLonde.

**Brent N. Johnson** is a pilot stationed at Dover, Delaware with the U.S. Air Force. He is married to Catherine, and she is also in the Air Force, in Intelligence. His grandparents are Gayle and Bob Johnson.

**Sawyer Ball**, the son of Marcia Jenkins-Ball and Carl Ball, is serving in Texas at Fort Hood with the U.S. Army. He and his wife, Sherry and family, will be moving to Fort Stewart in Georgia in November.

**Command Sgt. Major John Todd Lutz** is stationed at Fort Bragg in Fayette, N.C. He is the son of John Lutz and the late Carol Lutz and the nephew of Tom and Harriette Robinson.

**CWS Sam Morgan** is stationed in Savannah, Georgia and is the commander of a Black Hawk helicopter. His parents are Virginia and Terry Morgan and he is the nephew of Tom and Harriette Robinson.

**The First Battalion, IV Marines**, was deployed to the Mid-East on June 2019 for a minimum of 6 months. This is the former service unit of Mike Worley.

We would like to extend prayers and recognition beyond our church family to anyone who would like their loved ones, friends or acquaintances mentioned for special prayers in this space, to please make your editors or the church office aware of them

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## COMMUNITY BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

The Community Blessing of the Animals will be held on Saturday, **October 5, 2019** at 10:30 a.m. on the front lawn of the Chippewa County Courthouse. This event is hosted by Central United Methodist Church and Pastor Vickie will officiate.

Please note that all animals must be leashed or crated. If you feel you cannot bring your pet, come yourself, and your pet can be blessed "in absentia." If you wish, you can bring a picture of your pet.

Monetary donations will be welcome, and will benefit the Chippewa County Animal Shelter.  
Submitted by Julie Hill.







Births in the Church Family

## WELCOME NEWCOMERS

**Cole Hesselink** was born on August 18, 2019 in Sault Ste. Marie. He weighed 8 lbs 10 oz and was 21 3/4" long. His parents are Kelsie and Wayne Hesselink, his grandparents are Kim (Kaunisto) and Tom Harris and his great aunt is Patti Kaunisto.



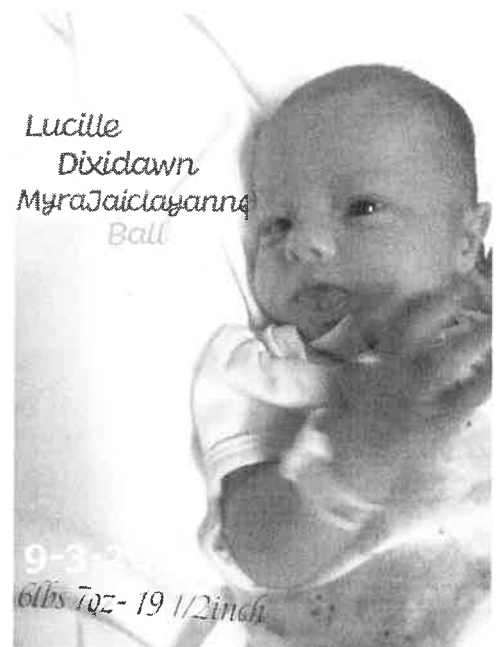
**Cole Hesselink**



**Nola Mussatto**

**Nola Mussatto** was born on September 13, 2019 in Kansas City, Missouri. She weighed 7 lbs 5.5 oz. Her parents are Tara and Ted Mussatto and her grandparents are Mary Beth and Paul Aikens. She joins big brother Maddox and big sister Talia in the family.

**Lucy Ball** was born on September 3, 2019 at Fort Hood, Texas. She weighed 6 lbs 7oz. She joins big sister, Dede, in the family. Lucy's parents are Sawyer and Sherry Ball, and her grandparents are Carl Ball and Marcia Jenkins Ball. The family will be moving in November to Fort Stewart, Georgia as Sawyer is in the U.S. Army.



**Lucy Ball**



## OFFERING ENVELOPES

When filling out your offering envelope, make sure to specify how you want your pledge divided. There are two lines - one specifically for the General Budget, and the other, entitled "Special," which is for other funds, such as: Building/Maintenance, Apportionments, Initial Offering, Backpack Program, etc.

The counters do not know what your pledge is or how you want it divided, so if it isn't specified on the envelope, it will be deposited into the General Budget Fund.

Always check your giving statement to ensure your pledge is being recorded properly. If there are any errors, they can be corrected by calling Corinne at the church office.

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## MISSIONS/OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Our "**Talent**" project worked out very well and we are pleased with it, and we send our thanks to all who participated. As of this printing we don't have a final count as we know more dollars are due to come in, but we will have more news in the near future.

Our **Love Offering** will continue to be the first Sunday of each month. The September one collected \$104 toward the Backpack program. In October it will be for "Peace With Justice" UMCOR. November's will be for Great Lakes Women's Recovery Center.

On September 22<sup>nd</sup>, Central United Methodist Church provided food and volunteer workers for the **Soup Kitchen** at the First United Presbyterian Church. Diana Morgan chaired this event.

Submitted by Marge Huff, Chair and Brenda Coullard, Secretary

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## RECIPE ROUNDUP CORNER

*(We know we have many wonderful cooks in Algonquin and Central Churches. We invite the sharing of your favorite recipes. Just write them out, include your name, and turn them into the box marked for "The Flame" outside of our secretary's office, or email them to Barb Larson at [blarson1517@charter.net](mailto:blarson1517@charter.net) It can be desserts, entrees, beverages, appetizers, etc.)*

### BLUEBERRY TORTE

Ingredients:            graham crackers    ½ cup sugar    16 oz. Cool Whip  
                                 8 oz. Cream cheese    milk    1 can blueberry pie filling    Walnuts

Place graham crackers on the bottom of a 9x13 pan.

In a bowl, mix cream cheese, sugar and 2-3 tablespoons milk until smooth. Spread mixture over graham crackers. Place a thin layer of Cool Whip on top. Chill.

Spread blueberry filling on top of Cool Whip. Spread with remaining Cool Whip and sprinkle with chopped nuts.

Submitted by Sue Brown (Sue received this recipe from Vivian Riordan, her and Tom's aunt, which makes it extra special.)



# BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS AND WISHES

## CENTRAL BIRTHDAYS

October 1 - Myles Moran (1 Year Old)

October 3 - Diane Bell

October 9 - Russ Hoornstra (99<sup>th</sup>!!)

October 10 - Chris Larson (21<sup>st</sup>)

October 19 - Ben Jones

October 19 - Sarah Shadnaw

October 20 - Mark LaRoue

October 20 - Matthew Shadnaw

## CENTRAL ANNIVERSARIES

October 3 - Irene and Paul Monson (65<sup>th</sup>)

October 5 - Barb and Jerry Cook (56<sup>th</sup>)



## ALGONQUIN BIRTHDAYS

October 5 - Marcia White

October 9 - Jeannie O'Connor

October 9 - Randy Bennett

October 17 - Brad Crabb

October 19 - Mackenzie Anderson (15<sup>th</sup>)

October 21 - Michele Pratt

October 24 - Laura Anderson

October 25 - Abby Atkins

## ALGONQUIN ANNIVERSARIES

October 24 - Sharon and Randy Bennett

A REMINDER: THE DEADLINE FOR MATERIAL TO BE SUBMITTED FOR OUR NEXT *FLAME*,  
THE NOVEMBER 2019 ISSUE, IS OCTOBER 15 AT NOON.

# October

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**LITURGIST**

C- Bob Arfstrom  
A- Bev Atkins

**GREETERS**

C- Mary Beth Aikens  
C- Mary Arfstrom

A- Sandy Gaus  
A-

**USHERS**

C- Kelly Bunker  
C- Art Smart  
C- Bob LeCureux

A-

**INFANT NURSERY**

Mallory Baier

**COMMUNION STWDS.**

C- Mary Beth Aikens  
C- Diane Bell

C- Sharon Bennett

A- Sharon Bennett

**SOUP LUNCHEON**

**COFFEE HOUR**

A- Sue Belleau  
Sharon Bennett

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**LITURGIST**

C- Robin Myers  
A- Jim Atkins

**GREETERS**

C- Mary Beth Aikens  
C- Mary Arfstrom

A- Ed Rousseau  
A-

**USHERS**

C- Tom Robinson  
C- Norb Bennin  
C- Jamie Arfstrom

A- Todd Vollick  
Mary Beth Vollick

**INFANT NURSERY**

Mallory Baier



**COFFEE HOUR**

C-

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**LITURGIST**

C- Don Wilson

A-

**GREETERS**

C- Mary Beth Aikens  
C- Mary Arfstrom

A- Janice Wilson  
A- Lillie Dost

**USHERS**

C- Susan Brown  
C- Jackie Willey  
C- Sherry Hutchins

A- Todd Vollick  
Mary Beth Vollick

**INFANT NURSERY**

Mallory Baier



**COFFEE HOUR**

C-

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**LITURGIST**

C- Marcie Gleason

A-

**GREETERS**

C- Mary Beth Aikens  
C- Mary Arfstrom

A- Rachel Pratt  
A-

**USHERS**

C- Don Wilson  
C- Ian Wilson  
C- Mike Worley

A- Emily Anderson  
Kaitlyn Anderson

**INFANT NURSERY**

Mallory Baier



**COFFEE HOUR**

C-