



THE FLAME

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for

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The Pastor's Perspective

Dear Family in Christ,



On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance they called out, saying,

"Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean.

Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well." (Luke 17:11-19 NRSV)

The Samaritan man responded with gratitude in what was perhaps a pivotal moment in his life. The others might have been grateful, but we'll never know because they did not take the time to return and express their gratitude to Jesus. We note that by returning to share his gratitude with Jesus, the man is not only healed physically, but his attitude has increased his faith. As Christians, our attitude makes a big difference in how we live and walk in this world. So I wonder...

- Is gratitude a disposition we are born with or is it something we can cultivate and nurture in ourselves and each other?
- Is it possible to have an attitude of gratitude in the face of difficult times?
- If gratitude can be cultivated and grown, is it the role of the Christian church to teach this?
- What practices might we undertake, what stories might we surround ourselves with, that will enable us to respond with gratitude and faith in all circumstances?

You might be gleaning from these questions that I believe gratitude is an attitude that can be nurtured—needs to be nurtured in each other and in our children, especially in these challenging times. This has been true for me and for many people in my life. When we have an attitude of gratitude we are more generous, more grounded, and more grace-filled with each other and ourselves.

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Pastor's Perspective Continued:

November is the month of Thanksgiving. Can we take the time to thank God for life and the gifts we have received? Can we share our gratitude with others? Let's remember not only to express our gratitude for what we have but also for whose we are. As beloved children of God, we have all we need and life is better because of Jesus. Thanks be to God for his unconditional love that calls us to love others in grateful response!

Striving to follow in His footsteps, *Pastor Vickie*

CUMC INFORMATION

The **church email has recently changed**. It is now: 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.

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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.**

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PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THIS: THE NURSERY LOCATION HAS CHANGED. IT IS NOW IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSROOM NEXT TO THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

Flame Mailings: Corinne, our church secretary, could use some help with the mailing of the Flame each month. If we could get a couple of teams of two who would be willing to help out by folding and taping the Flame, it would only be about five times a year for each team. If you would be willing to help, give Corrine a call at the church. It would be good fellowship and a big help.

“Never mind what you've done. Just come home.”

(Reference the parable of the prodigal son: Luke 15:11-32)

NOTES AND NOTEWORTHY



WE AGAIN REMIND OUR SNOWBIRDS: Be sure to give Corrine, at the church office, your winter address and the period of time you will be away. We don't want you to miss any of our "Flame" issues or church mailings.

COMING EVENTS:

November 3 - This is Stewardship Sunday at Central.

"Generous Saints Share Time - Talent - Treasures."

This is also All Saints Sunday.

November 3 - Daylight Savings Time ends on this date. Remember to move your clocks **back** one hour before bedtime Saturday night. (Spring Ahead, Fall Back!)



November 6 - Annual Charge Conference

November 9 - Central's UMW bazaar. It's "An Old Fashioned Christmas."

November 11 - This is Veteran's Day. Any veteran you see, please thank them for their service to our country.

November 28 - A blessed Thanksgiving to all! "Praise the Lord, O my soul and forget not all His benefits." Psalm 103:2

November 30 - Hanging of the Greens at 9:00 a.m.

LOOKING AHEAD: December 1, 2019 is the 1st Sunday of Advent. Central will have a soup luncheon, plus a project for all to decorate Christmas cookies.

CENTRAL'S ANNUAL CHURCH BAZAAR

"An Old Fashioned Christmas"

Saturday, November 9, 2019

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Luncheon served from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

\$6.00 Donation

**Handmade Crafts, Knitting and Sewing Booth, Attic Treasures,
Bake Booth and a Cookie Walk**



ALGONQUIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

We had another successful Hamburger Supper, and would like to thank everyone who helped that night, and those who donated baked goods or other items for the meal. Attached are pictures of some of our helpers that night. Here are Amanda James, Emily, Mackenzie and Kaitlyn Anderson in the first picture below. The second picture below is of Rachel Pratt and Becky Meicher. The picture to the right is of Mary Beth Vollick and Bev Atkins.



Submitted by Bernita Sibbald

CONGRATULATIONS TO.....

.....**Haleigh Knowles** who was named to the Straits Area Conference cross country girl's first team. She also finished first in the final legs of the Straits Area Conference and was the individual Conference girls varsity champion. Haleigh's parents are Terri and Brian Knowles and her grandparents are Barb and Jerry Cook.



“Kneel before Jesus and you can stand before anyone.”
(Previously on the signboard of Algonquin United Methodist Church.)

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 2nd 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 2nd 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 in Afghanistan. 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

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

November 3rd is All Saints Day when we remember those who have gone before us.

Saturday, November 30th, at 9:00 a.m. we will gather at the church for the "Hanging of the Greens." Everyone is welcome and urged to come and help make the church festive for the Christmas season.



WISHING YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY THANKSGIVING

CENTRAL CHILD CARE CENTER



CENTRAL CHILD CARE

We have had a fun fall so far here at Central Child Care Center! We've been using our 'ABC Jesus Loves Me' curriculum to supplement 'The Creative Curriculum' that we use in all of our classrooms here at Central. 'ABC Jesus Loves Me' is a faith-based curriculum that incorporates Bible stories, songs, and memory verses along with literature, letters, numbers, shapes and colors. The children enjoy hearing all of the different Bible stories and learning new songs.

On Tuesday, October 15th, our preschool class had a STEAM show in the CUMC Fellowship Hall. STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics. We had many of the children's engineering creations on display, along with some of their favorite science and math activities and of course, artwork by all of the children. We had a GREAT turnout and the children and their families had a blast building new creations with their parents and eating treats – we even had a robot cake for dessert! Thank you to everyone who participated in this event.

We would like to again thank the members of CUMC for their donations to CCCC as well as their thoughts and prayers for the children and staff. We appreciate your thoughtfulness!

Submitted by: Jennifer King, 4 C's Director

CENTRAL'S UMW BAZAAR



United
Methodist
Women

Central's annual **UMW Church Bazaar** will be held on November 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with the luncheon beginning at 11:00 a.m. This year's theme is, "An Old Fashioned Christmas."

We will need your help to provide cookies for the Cookie Walk; breads, pies, cakes and candies for the Bake Booth; aprons, sweaters, mittens, etc. for the Knit & Sewing Booth. Items are also needed for Attic Treasures, such as books, dishes, cups, vases, lamps or whatever household items you wish to donate. If you would like to donate your time, there are forms in each Sunday's bulletin for you to fill out to indicate your interest. We will find a place for you to help.

It will be a wonderful day of delicious sandwich loaves, cookies, Christmas music and fellowship.

Submitted by Jackie Willey and Diana Morgan, Bazaar Co-Chairs



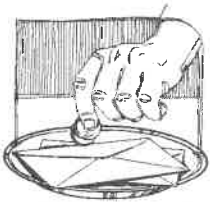
HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Rebecca Circle Pie Sale

On October 6th the Rebecca Circle held their annual pie sale. With the sale of whole pies and pieces for dessert, we made \$368. We extend a big thank you to all who baked, all who bought and all who donated money. The money made is used to buy gifts and groceries for several families at Christmas and Easter. The names are chosen by Community Action, and are families who are working but find it difficult to meet their family's needs.



Submitted by Rebecca Circle Members



A TIME FOR GIVING

"GENEROUS SAINTS SHARE TIME - TALENT- TREASURE"

Central will complete their annual stewardship emphasis entitled, "Generous Saints Share Time-Talent-Treasure," on Sunday, November 3rd. During communion the congregation will turn in their Faith Promise Card and their Time and Talent sheet. During this three week period, members and friends were asked to prayerfully consider how to meet the needs of the church by using their time, talent and treasure.

On the first Sunday, October 20th, Pastor Vickie, cited examples of former members of Central, emphasizing how Christians could utilize time in their daily living to be a "generous saint."

On October 27th, Seth Baker shared the importance of financially supporting the church. Seth and Emily joined Central earlier this year. Their children, Sienna, Andrew and Lillian, enjoy our Family Night ministry on Wednesday nights.

On November 3rd, Stewardship Sunday, Jeanne Tubman will review the motivation she experienced while using her talent to paint the "The Lion and the Lamb," which helped fund our outreach program. You are invited to attend the Stewardship Luncheon following the church service to enjoy soup, bread and a special cake with ice cream.

The Finance Committee would like to express appreciation to the congregation for their continued support in maintaining their pledge commitment and assisting when special offerings are needed. A big thanks also to the committees and work areas for carefully keeping expenses within their budgets. During the fiscal year of 2018 this careful management enabled Central to meet all obligations, including full payment of district and conference apportionments.

We look forward to 2020 with renewed hope for God's continued blessings.

Submitted by The Stewardship Committee

POINSETTIAS for CHRISTMAS 2019

To order a plant for Christmas services, please fill out the form below. You may honor or memorialize someone in this manner. The cost is **\$14.50 per plant**. Please **print clearly**.



Orders should be made and turned in by **Sunday, December 15th**. Poinsettias may be taken home after the Christmas Eve service.

Your Name: _____

Please reserve # _____ flowers (\$14.50 per plant) TOTAL: \$ _____

The designation should read (please circle one): In memory of In honor of For the glory of Christmas

Name: _____

From: _____

Order Deadline is December 15th. Please mark checks **poinsettia** in the memo line, and make them payable to: Central United Methodist Church, 111 East Spruce St., Sault Sainte Marie, MI 49783



STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY AT CENTRAL - NOVEMBER 3, 2019

Plan to stay for the luncheon following church

"Generous Saints Share Time - Talent - Treasure"

DAY MISSION TRIP

On September 28, 2019, twelve individuals from Central UMC spent the day at God's Country Cooperative Parish in Newberry. Randy Hildebrant, missionary on site, organized us and set us on our tasks.

We put together school backpacks, made curtains for two rooms, sorted and hung coats for coat give away, emptied a trailer of donations, grouted tile, painted various items, built and installed a ramp and a crawl space cover, restocked shelves in the clothing room, and played with Trigger.

We're grateful for the opportunity to go and serve. We will be back. Keep up the good work, ya'll.

Pictured here are our participants: Front row: Terri Bush, Kathy Larson, Debbie Smart, Jan Rogers and Charlene DeWitt. Back row: Brenda Coullard, Jamie Coullard, Karen Donarski, Art Smart, Kris Donarski, Colleen Arbic and Pastor Vickie.

Submitted by: Pastor Vickie



MULTIPLYING TALENTS PROJECT

We hope you had fun participating in the fundraising project we had this summer. Using your many talents to support this church and community, we raised **\$2,534.00**. There were many tasty treats, artistic offering and time given. Rev. Huhtala had challenged us with a similar fundraiser years ago and I remember participating with my mother. So, I brought back some good memories and I heard this expressed by many others. Let me know if you would like to repeat this project sometime. I heard the comment that it should have gone longer into the Fall. Also, if anyone has other fundraising ideas, pass them on.

Submitted by Kris Donarski and the Missions Committee

Central Family Ministry News

Family Night is off to a great start! A meal is served from 5:30 to 6:00, then the children meet as a group for a lesson which includes music, Bible reading, activities and crafts. The lessons and activities have been fun for children and adults! We are using the “Dig In . . . to the Heart of God” curriculum from Group Publishing. Themes for lessons so far have been: God is Creative and we are made in His image. God is the greatest! God never changes, and God is powerful. During the time the children have their lesson, Pastor Vickie meets with the adults for a discussion related to the same topic as the children. We are happy to have 9 children and 12 adults attending regularly. Our largest turn out has been 22, but we want more! Please invite anyone you know who might be interested in attending. All are welcome!



Family Night

Lesson/Activity Example: The children were learning that God is the greatest. Each child poured vinegar into a cup of baking soda. It bubbled up quickly and fizzled out. “Without God, we may do something great.” Then each child poured a mixture of vinegar and dish soap into a cup of baking soda. “With God, we can do the greatest things!”

Sunday School Room 203 is a busy place on Sunday morning during the worship service! A storage shelf and a chest have been placed between the two sections of the room as a partial divider. Donations have provided rugs, a pack-n-play, changing table, a chair, and toys. We now have a **Sunday Morning Nursery** for the younger children on one side of the room and a classroom for **Young Christian Worship** on the other side. The pre-school and elementary-age children worship with the adults during the first part of the service, then go to Young Christian Worship after the Children’s Sermon. There they enjoy Bible-related music, activities, and crafts. Having the two programs in the same room allows for the safer situation of having two adults present with the children instead of just one adult with each group. We also have noticed that the little ones often enjoy and participate in the music and activities that are planned for the older children. We are glad that we can provide this ministry to our children.



Room 203

A REMINDER: THE DEADLINE FOR MATERIAL TO BE SUBMITTED FOR OUR NEXT *FLAME*, THE DECEMBER 2019/JANUARY 2020 ISSUE, IS NOVEMBER 15th AT NOON. Please note that this is a two month issue, so keep that in mind as you plan to submit your articles.

THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

The Community Blessing of the Animals was held on the Court House grounds in October. Julie Hill organized the event, which was hosted by Central United Methodist Church. All of the doggies present were very well behaved as Pastor Vickie officiated and blessed them! The group sang "All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small." Pictured here are some of our animal friends with their owners.



Sandy Gaus with her dog, Sally



Julie Hill and Barb Larson with Driver and Nelly and Daisy in the picture



....Pastor Vickie blessing Cookie,.....
Virginia Hobaugh's dog.

CONFERENCE THANK YOU

Central United Methodist Church recently received a Certificate of Thanks from the Detroit Annual Conference (shown at the right) in appreciation for giving faithfully 100% to the apportionment covenant in 2018.



Christian Education Advent



Activities

Christmas will be here before we know it and we have been planning our children, youth and family activities for the Advent Season.

Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 5:30 pm our family night will begin a 4-week program with music and practice for our Children's Christmas program. The children will be performing songs and a traditional Christmas play for the congregation on Sunday, December 15th during worship service. We hope all our children are able to attend family night on 11/13; 11/20; 12/4; and 12/11 to take part in the Christmas program. There are parts for anyone who wants to participate from pre-school to high school.

On December 1st after worship as part of the soup luncheon we will have Christmas cookie decorating. Children and adults will be able to frost and decorate cut out sugar cookies to enjoy as dessert or take home for a treat later. If you would like to donate cookies for this event please contact Terri Bush at terribush@lighthouse.net.



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LSSU – FINAL EXAM GOODY BAGS



Central United Methodist Women – Hannah Circle will be collecting items to make final exam goodies bags for LSSU college students. Final Exams are December 9th through the 13th so we would like to have the bags ready for delivery by Sunday, December 1st. This year we will provide 40 exam bags for Anchor House students during their Christmas party and have 10 bags available at church if you would like to mail to a student attending college out of town. If you would like to donate – boxes will be available Sunday, 11/17; 11/24 & 12/1 in the narthex for collecting.

Contact Terri Bush at terribush@lighthouse.net if you have questions.

Individually packed items are needed. The following is a list of suggested items:

Pens/Pencils
Individually wrapped Tea Bags
Instant Coffee individual packets
Individual Packets of Hot Chocolate
Juice Boxes
fruit/Apples; bananas
Individual raisins or peanuts

Granola Bars
Individual packets of Gum
Hard Candy
Small chocolate bars
Small bags chips
Small packs crackers

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 It can be desserts, entrees, beverages, appetizers, etc.)

Pretzel Salad

Topping: 1 cup coarsely chopped pretzels 1/3 cup sugar 1/2 cup butter, melted
Mix all together. Spread in a 9x12" baking pan.
Bake at 400 degrees for 7 minutes. Let cool and break into pieces. Save for later.



Salad: 8 oz. cream cheese 1/2 cup sugar 8 oz. Cool Whip 20 oz. pineapple tidbits
Combine cream cheese and sugar until well mixed. Add Cool Whip and pineapple tidbits.
Chill for 3 hours. Top with pretzel mixture just before serving.

(This is a recipe that was served at our family reunion picnic in Republic, Michigan last summer.)

Submitted by Ginger Bath

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS AND WISHES

Central Birthdays

November 11 - Matthew LaRoue
November 14 - Nicholas Bell
November 18 - Bob Arfstrom

Central Anniversaries

November 16 - Pat and Norb Bennin (56th)



Algonquin Birthdays

November 10 - Sonja Ford
November 19 - Amanda Sibbald James (29th)
November 24 - Jim Sylvester
November 30 - Jordan James (10th)

Algonquin Anniversaries

November 16 - Bev and Jim Atkins (45th)





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LITURGIST

C- Ray Bell
A- Bev Atkins

GREETERS

C- Jerry Bell
C- Linda Bell

A- Sandy Gaus
A-

USHERS

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

A- Bob Sibbald
A- Bernita Sibbald

INFANT NURSERY

Mallory Baier

COMMUNION STWDS.

C- Kris Donarski
C- Robin Myers
C-

A- Sue Belleau
A-

SOUP LUNCHEON

A- COFFEE HOUR



17

LITURGIST

C- Sherry Hutchins
A-

GREETERS

C- Jerry Bell
C- Linda Bell

A- Bev Harwood
A- Marcia White

USHERS

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

A- Todd Vollick
A- Mary Beth Vollick

INFANT NURSERY

Mallory Baier

"O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever..."
Psalms 107:1



COFFEE HOUR

C-



24

LITURGIST

C- Jerry Bell
A- Sue Belleau

GREETERS

C- Jerry Bell
C- Linda Bell

A- Bob Sibbald
A- Bernita Sibbald

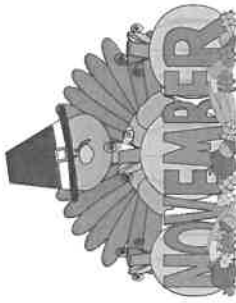
USHERS

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

A- Todd Vollick
A- Mary Beth Vollick

INFANT NURSERY

Mallory Baier



COFFEE HOUR

C-