



THE FLAME

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for

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Pastor Vickie and Dan Robinson were married on February 15, 2020, and she has been away on her wedding trip/vacation, so in place of her monthly "Pastor's Perspective," the following is offered:

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

(Here is a handy reference list of emergency phone numbers.)

For security: Call Psalms 121:3 *He will not let your foot slip—He who watches over you will not slumber;*

For assurance: Call Mark 8:35 *For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it.*

For reassurance: Call Psalm 145:18 *The Lord is near to all who call on him.*

When you want peace and rest: Call Matthew 11:28-29 *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.*

When you are in danger: Call Psalm 91:1-2 *He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."*

When in sorrow: Call John 14:1-2 *Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you.*

When you want courage for a task: Call Joshua 1:9 *Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.*

When your faith needs stirring: Call Hebrews 11:1 *Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.*

When God seems far away. Call Psalm 139:23-24 *Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.*

When you have sinned: Call Psalm 51:10-12 *Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.*

When you worry: Call Matthew 6:27 and 6:34 *Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.*

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Emergency Numbers Continued:

Alternative numbers:

How to get along with others: Call Romans 12

For Paul's secret to happiness: Call Colossians 3:12-17

When you are lonely and fearful: Call Psalm 23

When you are depressed: Call Psalm 27

When you feel down and out: Call Romans 8:31

When you grow bitter and critical: Call I Corinthians 13

Please note: Emergency numbers may be dialed direct. No operator assistance is necessary. All lines to Heaven are open 24 hours a day! Feed your faith and doubt will starve to death!

Lent 2020—Worship

Lent began on Wednesday, February 26th with an Ash Wednesday service. Our theme this year is *Who is Jesus to you?* We are in the Gospel of John with the in-depth encounters between Jesus and a wide variety of people. Who is Jesus to you? What name would you give him?

Holy Week services will be shared between downtown churches.



Maundy Thursday, April 9, 7:00 p.m.

Central UMC will host the Maundy Thursday service. Join us in an interactive, family friendly service as we walk with the disciples: experiencing a last supper, praying in the garden, and then stripping the altar.



Good Friday, April 10, 1:00 p.m.

First United Presbyterian Church (555 Bingham Ave., SSM) will host. A Tenebrae service of candles, light and darkness will serve to remind us of Jesus' sacrifice on this day.



NEW THIS YEAR***

Easter Sunrise Service, April 12, 7:00 a.m. Location TBD.

Join Pastor Vickie as we greet the morning on the water, reading the resurrection story and singing praises to our Lord. Dress warm and bring your blanket. More information will follow.

Algonquin UMC, **Easter Worship** at 9:00 a.m.

Central UMC, **Easter Worship** at 11:00 a.m.





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.

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 where he 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 the Air Force and stationed at Vandenberg Air Base in California. He is in the conservation section and tends to the Air Force horses.

Sawyer Ball, the son of Marcia Jenkins-Ball and Carl Ball, is with the U.S. Army and stationed at Fort Steward, Georgia. He lives there with his wife, Sherry, and family.

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 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.

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.

CW4 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 in June 2019. This is a 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.

**DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD AN HOUR
BEFORE BEDTIME ON MARCH 7TH!!!**

Remember, Spring ahead, Fall back.

Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 8 2020



**Daylight
Saving
Time
Begins**

CONGRATULATIONS TO PASTOR VICKIE AND DAN ROBINSON



The Newlyweds - Pastor Vickie and Dan



Pastor Vickie and Dan were married in a beautiful ceremony at 11:30 am on February 15, 2020. The celebrants were Pastor Vickie's prayer sisters: Rev. Dr. Michelle Taylor Sanders, Rev. Sherrie Lowly and Rev. Lois McCullen Parr.

*Thank you to everyone who made this day so wonderful and extra special!! Glad so many people joined us on this our wedding day!
Love, Dan & Vickie*

Easter Flower Order for 2020

I would like to order a plant(s) to be displayed at Central UMC on Easter Sunday (April 12, 2020).

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Chrysanthemum (\$16.00) | <input type="checkbox"/> Daffodil (\$14.00) | <input type="checkbox"/> Tulip (\$14.00) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hydrangea (\$26.00) | <input type="checkbox"/> Lily (\$14.00) | <input type="checkbox"/> Azalea (\$26.00) |

Please indicate how you would like the flower dedication listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. **Please print clearly:**

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

For the glory of Easter: _____

By: _____ Total Amount: \$ _____

Telephone: _____

Please place the completed form and money in the Sunday morning offering plate, or return it to the church office with the proper payment by **Sunday, March 29, 2020**. Please plan to take your plant after the Easter service. Any remaining plants will be shared in the community or used for further Sunday services.

Attention, Families of Graduates

Do you have a **high school** or a **higher education graduate** in your family? If so, please be thinking ahead and submit some information on them so we can recognize them in an upcoming issue of "The Flame." Also include a photo of your high school graduate (please send the picture by email.) You can phone me at 632-7958, or send your information via email to blarson1517@charter.net, or put it in the box marked for "The Flame" in the hallway outside of the church secretary's office.

Thanks in advance, Barb Larson

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU

"Flame" Mailings: Corinne, our church secretary, could use some help with the mailing of the "Flame" near the end of the months in which it is published. Would you like to be on a team of 3, or 4, or maybe 5 who would be willing to fold and tape the newsletter?? Corinne would set this up in one of the rooms of the church. This would be a big help, easy to do, and as a bonus it can be a time of fellowship as well! Please give Corinne a call at the church (632-8672) and tell her you'd be happy to help.

Bulletin Board: Who would like to be responsible for putting up newspaper, publicity, etc. articles on the bulletin board, "Our Church Family in the News," at the bottom of the steps off of the Court St. entrance?? This is easy to do, but it does require that you be a reader of our Sault newspaper to get articles from that. Please give Barb Larson (632-7958) a call to volunteer.

THE PRAYER CHAIN

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

Our Prayer Chain has had **71** prayer requests from January 1, 2020 to mid-February! We believe in the power of prayer!! And, by these figures, so do many others.

We presently have 56 persons on our e-mail Prayer Chain and 7 on the telephone Prayer Chain. We invite more to join us. It is a very easy service to provide. On the e-mail chain you will receive an e-mail and you are then asked to include the people or the event in your personal prayers. On the telephone chain you will receive a phone call detailing the request, you then dial one phone call to the next person on your chain (unless you are the final one on it) and you then make your personal prayers. Please contact Barb Larson, at 632-7958 or send an e-mail to blarson1517@charter.net to be included on the Chain. If you prefer, contact Pastor Vickie or Corinne at the church and they will pass along the message.

You are also invited, if you have a prayer concern, to contact any of those listed above and we will see that it reaches all of our prayer people.

Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise.

James 5:13



CENTRAL CHILD CARE CENTER (4 C'S)

The Child Care Center continues to run at capacity on many days of each week. After being closed for three days at the end of January because of illness, our *CENTRAL CHILD CARE* teachers and children are back learning and playing with all of their friends.

The children enjoyed wearing pajamas on Valentine's Day for a special Valentine's party. Valentines were exchanged, special snacks were eaten, and everyone had lots of sweets to take home to share with mom and dad!

The Board of Directors continues to look for a director for the Center. We appreciate the prayers and patience of the congregation and the parents as we go through the process of finding someone. State licensing and regulations make this a rather difficult process. Please know that we are looking for the best of the best to run the Center that cares for your child/children!

Submitted by Sherry Hutchins, 4 C's Interim Director

CONGRATULATIONS TO.....

.....**Carissa Bell** who has been asked by The School of Nursing at the University of Kansas to be a Banner Carrier at the 2020 graduation ceremony in Lawrence, KS, leading the faculty and graduates from the School of Nursing. She has accepted this honor which typically is given to the student with high academic achievement and service to the SON. Based on her outstanding academic record, participation in the Honors Program, and the fact that this is her second KU degree, one of her professors recommended her to the Dean. She will sit on the dais with the Dean and the other VIP's. She will also be recognized at the Recognition Ceremony and named "Banner Carrier" in all May 17, 2020 graduation programs and materials. Saturday, May 16, 2020 is the School of Nursing Recognition and Hooding Ceremony in Kansas City, KS



Submitted by, Diane & Raymond Bell

SURPRISE WEDDING GIFT

On February 16th and 23rd the Ad Council took up a love offering from the congregation for Pastor Vickie and Dan for a surprise wedding present. On March 1st we presented them with a check for \$500! On behalf of the Ad Council, thank you for the wonderful gift you have given Pastor Vickie and Dan.

Raymond Bell, Ad Council Chairperson



WE EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES.....

Irene Monson passed away on January 30, 2020. She was born on February 10, 1930, so she was just a short time from her 90th birthday. She and her husband of 65 years, Paul, lived in Fennville, Michigan. They had three sons, Steve (Melanie), Rob, and Jay (Mary), six grandchildren and four great grandchildren. The memorial service was held on February 22 at Saugatuck United Methodist Church.

Irene and Paul were both retired teachers from the Sault Schools and members of Central UMC in Sault Ste. Marie. She taught 1st grade at McKinley School. Irene had a musical talent that she shared with others. She was an organist and the Bell Choir director for Central. After retirement they moved to Fennville to be nearer to some of their family, and she continued to share her musical ability with her United Methodist Church there.

Ida Kraft passed away on February 14, 2020 at Hospice House in Sault Ste. Marie. Ida was born in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario on January 27, 1921, so she was 99 years old. She came to the U.S. in 1944. She married Emerson Kraft, who predeceased her, on June 28, 1957. She was very active in the community and was a member of the Elks Club, the American Legion, the Christopher Columbus Hall Ladies Auxiliary, the War Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and Central United Methodist Church. Ida enjoyed knitting, crocheting, cooking, baking and gardening. She had five children: Patricia (Harold) Hordeychuck of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Joseph (Sandra) Micolo of Roscommon, Michigan, Denise (Bryce) Osterhout of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, Kirk (Laurie) Kraft of Temperance, Michigan and Penny (Paul Eagle) of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. She also had nine grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren.

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

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.)

(March might show on the calendar as the beginning of spring, but here in the north country we have lots of snow and cold. Thus, this is still "soup weather," so we offer the following for those cold "spring" days.)

CREAMY CHICKEN AND RICE SOUP

- 1 box Rice-A-Roni long grain wild rice
- 5 cups chicken broth
- ½ cup carrots, grated
- 2 cups broccoli, chopped
- ½ medium onion, diced
- 1 can (10.75 oz.) cream of chicken soup
- 8 oz. cream cheese, divided into chunks
- 3 cups chicken, cooked and diced



Bring to a boil: broth, carrots, broccoli, onion and the rice with seasonings. Simmer 20 minutes. Add cream of chicken soup and cream cheese. Stir until dissolved. Add chicken and blend.

Submitted by Debbie Smart

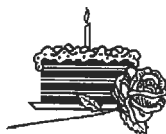
BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS AND WISHES

CENTRAL BIRTHDAYS

March 2 - Jerry Cook
March 6 - Ray Bell
March 8 - Jim Arfstrom
March 12 - Audrey Gillette
March 23 - Tom Brown

CENTRAL ANNIVERSARIES

March 1 - Julie and Dennis Hill (40th)
March 18 - Kathy and Kevin Larson (25th)



ALGONQUIN BIRTHDAYS

March 18 - Jeff Collia
March 25 - Emily Anderson (18th)

MISSIONS/OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Diana Morgan reports that we are now serving 24 families weekly in the backpack program at Lincoln School. Brenda and Jamie Coullard have been helping her.

We are planning two events with the proceeds to go to the backpack program. The first will be an **Ice Cream Social** after church on **March 8th**. The second will be our **Spring Rummage Sale** to be held on **May 1 & 2, 2020**.

Love Offering recipients are listed on the 2020 calendar outside the church office. For March it will be for Habitat for Humanity.

Mitten Tree: We are still taking mittens, hats, scarves, gloves and socks for the winter. Diana has brought these items to Lincoln, Washington and Soo Township Schools, to the Diane Pepler Shelter and the men's and women's New Hope recovery houses.

Submitted by Jeanne Tubman, Missions/Outreach Committee Member



**Would you like to take the
next step in your walk of faith?
Would you like a challenge while
helping your congregation grow?**

Become a CERTIFIED LAY SERVANT

Lay Servant Ministries equip and empower lay servants to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ who then go and make other disciples. Each UM conference has classes available for laity. Lay Servants are a vital part of ministries in local, regional and national UMC.

All Lay Servants start by taking the BASIC Class. There has not been a Basic Class in the EUP for some time. So one is being offered in March 2020. All are welcome.

Lay servant classes come in a wide variety of categories including: Introduction to Lay Ministry, Spiritual Gifts, United Methodist Heritage, Leading Worship, Prayer, or Small Groups. Preaching, Justice in Everyday Life.

Next BASIC CLASS in EUP

March 14 & 21, 2020 8:30am to Noon

(you must attend both days to get certified)

**Location: Central UMC, 111 E. Spruce St.
Sault Ste. Marie. (enter on Court St.)**

COST: \$25.00 (includes book)

To sign up contact Liane Callow (906) 290-2218

Email: lrcallow61@gmail.com or

Vickie Hadaway (906) 632-8672

Email: Vickie.31.hadaway@gmail.com

**A REMINDER: THE DEADLINE FOR MATERIAL TO BE SUBMITTED FOR OUR
NEXT FLAME, THE APRIL 2020 ISSUE, IS MARCH 15, 2020 AT NOON**



Get ready to join the quest for the
King's armor with the
"Knights of North Castle"

Vacation Bible School

Coming to Central United
Methodist Church

June 15, 2020 thru June 19, 2020

Be Strong in the Lord and in the Strength of His Power.

Ephesians 6:10

Please save the date and spread the word! Watch for further information about how you can help. For more information contact Kay Miller at klcmiller53@yahoo.com, Terri Bush at terribush@lighthouse.net or Bev Proulx at bevsproulx@gmail.com.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY COLUMN

We are including in *The Flame*, birthday and anniversary greetings to those in our two churches. If you are interested in having a greeting mentioned to you or to a member of your family, please fill in the form listed below (or write up your own form) and deposit it in the box marked for *The Flame*, which is located in the hallway across from the church office, or give it to one of the newsletter editors. Ages or number of anniversaries may or may not be included, as you prefer.

NAME(S) _____

BIRTHDAY(S) DATE(S) _____

ANNIVERSARY DATE _____

March



1st	8th	15th	22nd	29th
<p>LITURGIST Emily Baker Bev Atkins</p> <p>GREETERS Andree Watson Kathy Packman Mary Beth Aikens</p> <p>Emily Anderson Kaitlyn Anderson</p> <p>USHERS Don Wilson Ian Wilson Bob LeCureux</p> <p>Emily Anderson Kaitlyn Anderson</p> <p>INFANT NURSERY Mallory Baier</p> <p>COMMUNION STWD.S. Diane Bell Robin Myers</p> <p>Rachel Pratt</p> <p>COFFEE HOUR</p>	<p>LITURGIST Sherry Hutchins Jim Atkins</p> <p>GREETERS Bev Proulx Kathy Larson Virginia Hobbaugh</p> <p>Ed Rousseau</p> <p>USHERS Kelly Bunker Art Smart</p> <p>Todd Vollick Mary Beth Vollick</p> <p>INFANT NURSERY Mallory Baier</p> <p>DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME SPRING FORWARD</p>	<p>LITURGIST Emily Baker Marcia White</p> <p>GREETERS Lu Coutant Audrey Gillette Colleen Arbic</p> <p>Sandy Gaus</p> <p>USHERS Norb Bennin Jamie Arfstrom Marv DeWitt</p> <p>Todd Vollick Mary Beth Vollick</p> <p>INFANT NURSERY Mallory Baier</p> <p>WELCOME SPRING!</p>	<p>LITURGIST Marv DeWitt</p> <p>GREETERS Jerry Bell Linda Bell Julie Hill</p> <p>Rachel Pratt</p> <p>USHERS Susan Brown Sherry Hutchins Barb Carlisle</p> <p>Bob Sibbald Bernita Sibbald</p> <p>INFANT NURSERY Mallory Baier</p> <p>MAY YOUR TROUBLES BE LESS and your Blessings be MORE AND NOTHING BUT HAPPINESS come through your door</p>	<p>LITURGIST Emily Baker</p> <p>GREETERS Barb Larson Mary Arfstrom Barb Carlisle</p> <p>Kaitlyn Anderson Mackenzie Anderson</p> <p>USHERS Don Wilson Ian Wilson Bob LeCureux</p> <p>Todd Vollick Mary Beth Vollick</p> <p>INFANT NURSERY Mallory Baier</p> <p>I DON'T WALK THE WAY OF JESUS</p> <p>COFFEE HOUR</p>
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