



# THE FLAME

Monthly Newsletter

for

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### The Pastor's Perspective



Dear Family and Friends:

We are now holding worship in the Central sanctuary while continuing to live stream via Facebook. Please join us if you can. We had no idea the time of separation would be so long! I'm immensely grateful to the many people who are helping us stay connected. You are walking together, cleaning homes, getting groceries, meeting at your favorite place and providing help for others to see the worship service each week. Please remember, if you need anything get in touch with the person that has been calling you. They will get in touch with me.

As we look to the fall, I continue to ask myself, "where does God need our two congregations to be of service in our community?" It is not easy with the necessary social distancing, unease of being around people beyond our family circle, and trying to figure out our new normal. However, now is not the time to wring our hands and worry. Now is the time for us to begin listening and looking for God's leading.

Both of our churches are doing very well in so many ways. God's blessings are among us as we welcome new babies, ailing church members find health and healing, and our financial situations at both churches are solid. God is calling us to look beyond ourselves, right now, not later when the dust settles. How can we serve our community by rolling up our sleeves, walking alongside neighbors, and sharing our buildings and other resources?

I have been asking you for a year now to reflect on what situation hurts your heart. As you connect with people in our community, where is God calling you to serve, to use your gifts for His glory? I will be hosting two opportunities for us to come and share our dreams, passions, and ideas as we seek to live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. If you would like to be a part of this discussion, please get in touch with me via email: [vickie.31.hadaway@gmail.com](mailto:vickie.31.hadaway@gmail.com) or cell phone (708) 494-1877. I will set up the gatherings on Zoom mid to late August

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## Pastor's Perspective Continued:

Our next newsletter will have an update on the vision team process. We are making great strides and are excited to share where we are with all of you

Remember, we worship at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings and are taking every precaution for your safety. Come check out our new way of coming together to worship the Lord. In the meantime, enjoy the rest of your summer and stay healthy!

With love and affection,

*Pastor Vickie*



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## I'M EIGHTY!!!

Today, dear Lord, I'm 80, and there's much I haven't done.  
I hope, dear Lord, you'll let me live until I'm 81.  
But then, if I haven't finished all I want to do,  
would You please let me stay awhile until I'm 82?  
So many places I want to go, so very much to see,  
do you think that You could manage to make it 83?  
The world is changing very fast, there is so much in store,  
I'd like it very much to live until I'm 84.  
And if by then I'm still alive, I'd like to stay until I'm 85!  
More planes will be up in the air, so I'd really like to stick  
and see what happens to the world when I turn 86.  
I know, dear Lord, it's much to ask  
(and it must be nice in heaven),  
But I'd really like to stay, until I'm 87.  
I know by then I won't be fast, and sometimes will be late,  
but it would be so pleasant to be around at 88.  
I will have seen so many things, and had a wonderful time,  
so, I'm sure that I'll be willing  
to leave at the age of 89....maybe.  
Just one more thing I'd like to say, dear Lord,  
I thank you kindly, but if it okay with You,  
I'd love to live past 90!!

Submitted by Barbara Larson

(This poem was sent to me by a 2<sup>nd</sup> cousin in Minnesota, so I have no idea who wrote it. But I would like to dedicate it to all who are turning 80, those who are already past 80, and anyone looking ahead to 80, regardless of your present age! Happy Birthday to all!!)



## 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 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.

**Samantha Huhtala** is a Sergeant (6174 Marine crew chief door gunner) on a Huey Venom gun ship in the U.S. Marine Corps, currently stationed at Camp Pendleton, California. She is set to be discharged this fall and will enroll in college for aeronautical engineering to become a fixed wing and rotary wing pilot. She is the daughter of Sheila and John Huhtala, Jr., the granddaughter of Rev. John and Karen Huhtala and the niece of Kara LaLonde.

**Sawyer Ball**, the son of Marcia and Carl Ball, is with the U.S. Army and stationed at Fort Stewart, Georgia, where he lives with his wife Sherry and family.

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

**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.

**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.

*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.*

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_

# NOTES AND NOTEWORTHY

## A NOTE FROM YOUR EDITORS

Hello to our church families at Algonquin and Central United Methodist churches. Our uncertain times are continuing, and we still have a lot of limitations placed on all of us and on our institutions because of the Covid 19 virus; thus our scheduling for the "Flame" continues to be a bit different. We are now bringing you an August/September issue, and our aim is to keep you as up-to-date as possible on our church activities, or the necessary lack of activities, as well as to keep us all connected to one another.

We are expecting that our next issue will be for October 2020, and we ask our readers to be aware of this and submit any articles for it by September 15, 2020. We realize it is possible that not all of our activities will be fully underway by then, but we will do the best we can.

Meanwhile, everybody please stay safe and well and God Bless.

*Barb and Sharon, your editors*

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**Camp Michigamme** has been closed for the year. Erica, the previous director, who was at Central this spring and gave the morning sermon, had left to focus on other ministries, so the Board decided that with the Covid19 virus problem, it would be best to shut down for this season.

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## A BIRTHDAY TO REMEMBER....

On June 2, 2020, **Bob Noble** awoke to his 95<sup>th</sup> birthday. He had no idea what type of birthday it would turn out to be. That afternoon he did wonder why his son Steve (son Kenny was on duty at War Memorial Hospital) felt it so urgent he be out on his front yard at 4 p.m.

He was totally surprised to see community friends, family and church friends driving by in a very, very loong parade, honking hello to Bob with "Happy Birthday, Bob" signs in their windows and American flags flying. Also participating were the City Police, Chippewa County Sheriff, Michigan State Police and the U.S. Coast Guard. The Coast Guard contingent included a 140' ice breaking tug and a 26' Trailerable Aids to Navigation Boat as well as 15 Katmai Bay crew members in private cars. It should be noted that Bob is a World War II Coast Guard veteran, and he took part in nine Pacific island landings during that conflict. The birthday parade drive-by was also featured on the TV 9/10 program, "The Four," as well as an interview with him.

We again send out our very best blessings to Bob for a happy 95<sup>th</sup> year.

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**Worship Committee:** Are you a soloist or sing in a small group? The Worship Committee is looking for special recorded music to use for the church services and would encourage you to tape your solo or group on your phone or other equipment and submit it to CathyWilkinson at [wilkinsoncathy@ymail.com](mailto:wilkinsoncathy@ymail.com). Something fun and uplifting is suggested.

Submitted by: Cathy Wilkinson

## CONGRATULATIONS TO.....

.... **Marcia Jenkins-Ball** on her retirement as of July 12, 2020 from Lake Superior State University. She worked there for 12 ½ years, the last 3 of them as assistant to the Provost. Marcia and her husband, Carl, have two sons, Andrew and Sawyer. Marcia plans to continue with her volunteer activities at Central Church as a communion steward, a liturgist and on the Visuals Committee, once church activities begin anew. She hopes to be able to do more quilting, more exercising and the many projects there are always to do at home, plus take up hiking again, likely around the U.P. and on day trips. We send Marcia and her family our best wishes for a happy, relaxing and productive retirement time.



## FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

It is getting close to the end of summer, and we will soon have completed two thirds of the current year. It has been, and continues to be, one of the most confusing and bewildering years our congregation has experienced. Through all that has happened, Central has provided worship services, been available to those in need, and attempted to maintain some form of contact with our members and friends. But as we all know, organizations, including churches, cannot operate on good intentions alone. So it is an appropriate time to review our finances.

First, a note of appreciation to the members and friends who have maintained, as best they can, their regular contributions through the mail, delivering it to the church office or some other means.

Central, in anticipation of not being able to hold Sunday services, instituted some cost savings measures, including a reduction of employee hours in an attempt to keep expenditures as low as possible. The finance numbers at the end of June indicate church expenses are at 48% of the yearly budget. It is expected as we enter the fall and winter seasons expenses will show an increase.

Income through June is at 39% of budget. This may be a verification that being unable to have regular services in the sanctuary has impacted both the pledged and unpledged contributions. Hopefully, with the reopening of our Sunday worship service inside the church and a decrease in the number of individuals testing positive for COVID 19 locally, our financial figures will improve.

The Finance Committee requests that each member and friend prayerfully consider reviewing their pledge or contribution at this time. In addition, it is suggested we keep in our prayers our church, our country and those who hold responsible positions in the various levels in our governments.

Submitted by the Finance Committee

## 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.)*



### NO-YEAST DINNER ROLLS

2 eggs	½ cup sour cream	½ cup milk
1/4 cup + 2 tbsp. COLD butter	2 cups flour	
1 ½ teaspoon baking powder	½ teaspoon baking soda	1 teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Spray 12 muffin cups with non-stick spray and set aside  
Whisk together dry ingredients and set aside

Crack eggs into bowl and whip. Add sour cream and milk and whisk until smooth.

Whisk ½ of the flour mixture into egg mixture. Pour remaining (1 cup) flour into the bowl.

Grate 1/4 cup COLD butter on top of the flour. Use a rubber scraper to stir mixture until just combined. Dough will be sticky. Spray a spoon with the non-stick spray and scoop dough out and into the 12 muffin cups. Use about 4 tbsp. of dough per cup.

Dice remaining 2 tbsp. butter and add a small square to the top of each roll.

Bake 20-22 minutes. Serve warm, brushed with additional butter and topped with jam.

(This spring when yeast wasn't readily available in the grocery stores, I came across this recipe and gave it a try. The rolls are good, but just a bit bland. But, if you break them in half, after baking of course, and garnish them with a nice glob of jelly, they're great - yum.)

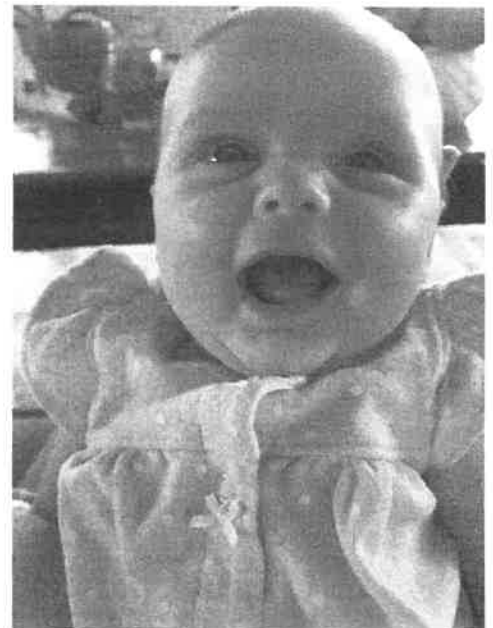
Submitted by Barbara Larson



The Moran Family



**Marli Abigail Moran** was born May 18, 2020. She weighed 6 lbs 4oz and was 19 inch long. Her parents are Megan and Nathan Moran and she has a big brother, Miles. Grandparents are Kelley & Marla Bunker and Eli & Debra Moran.

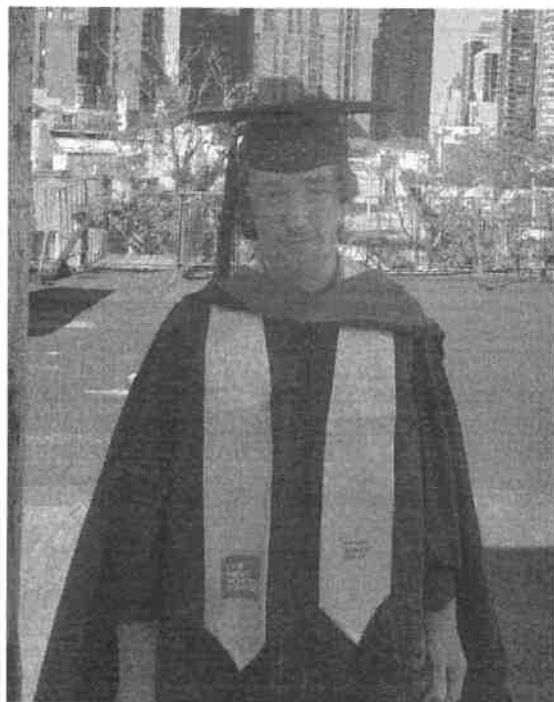


Marli Abigail

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HIGHER EDUCATION GRADUATES

**Rayka Devaprasad** graduated from the University of Michigan in May 2020 with a degree in Computer Science Engineering. She was part of and held leadership roles in the Michigan Research and Discovery Scholars Community and Society of Women Engineers chapter during her time in college. Rayka accepted an offer to work as a software engineer at Microsoft starting in August and will be moving to Seattle. She has always been appreciative of the well wishes from our church family. Her parents are Jim and Sara Devaprasad and Sam is her older brother.

**Jeremy Ripley** graduated in May 2020 from the Parsons School of Design in New York City with a degree as Master of Textiles. He received his undergraduate degree from Northern Michigan University with a degree in Bachelor of Fine Arts/Sculpture and then worked as an upholsterer for 15 years and began weaving cloth. He also worked for 5 years at his native tribe, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. He writes, "I wish to infuse life into our textiles, bring meaning and purpose to what cloth is made from, who makes them, and who they are made for." As a part of his studies he traveled to Sweden and more international travel was planned, but canceled because of the Covid 19 virus. Jeremy's parents are Patti Forrest and the late Dave Ripley and his grandparents are the late Paul and Donna Ripley, Dorothy Morley and the late Frank Morley.



Jeremy Ripley



### WE EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES....

... to **Mary Beth ((Paul) Aikens** and family on the passing of her sister, **Judy LaFord**, who died at home on June 30, 2020 after a long battle with cancer. Judy was born on February 24, 1941 and was a native of Sault Ste. Marie. She is survived by her husband, Jerry, and children Becky (Ely) Andary and Steve (Jackie) LaFord. She also had three grandchildren, Katie Hauge, Ben LaFord and Dan LaFord and four great grandchildren. She is also survived by five more sisters, Cindy Roe, Bonnie Haminger, Bernie Mills, Kathy Marchand and Wendy Fox. She was predeceased by her parents, George and Lillian Donnelly, a brother Gary and another sister, Marilyn Wilson. A private family memorial will be held at a later date.

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

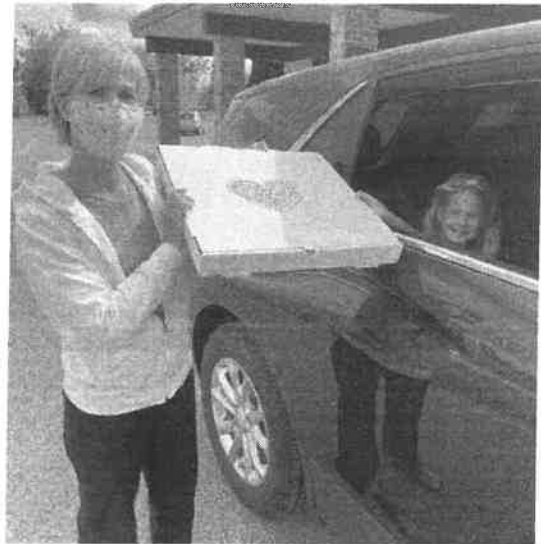
## NEWS FROM FAMILY MINISTRY

We are excited that we were able to work with Algonquin United Methodist, Faith Lutheran and First United Presbyterian Churches to give 150 VBS To-Go boxes to children in our area. The theme we chose was "God loves me to pieces." The boxes contained a coloring/activity book, the Arch book, Zacchaeus, a tic-tac-toe game, art supplies, science experiments, crafts, snacks and more! Some pictures from the event are below.

Submitted by Kay Miller, Family Ministry Coordinator



**Items in the boxes**



**Bev Proulx giving a box to her granddaughter, Nora**



**Amanda Sibbald receives a box from Bev Atkins**



Happy Belated Birthdays to the following at Central:

July 1 - Matthew Wilkinson  
July 6 - Kevin Larson  
July 7 - Nancy Kirkpatrick  
July 9 - Andrew Baker (6th)

July 11 - Grady Hartman (12<sup>th</sup>)  
July 18 - Maryn Arenivar (9th)  
July 18 - Jenna Arenivar (9th)

Belated Anniversary Wishes at Central to:

July 12 - Laurel and Michael Arenivar (12<sup>th</sup>)  
July 14 - Nancy and Doug Kirkpatrick (41<sup>st</sup>)  
July 22 - Amy and Gar Artley (14<sup>th</sup>)  
July 23 - Katelyn and Nick Bell (4<sup>th</sup>)



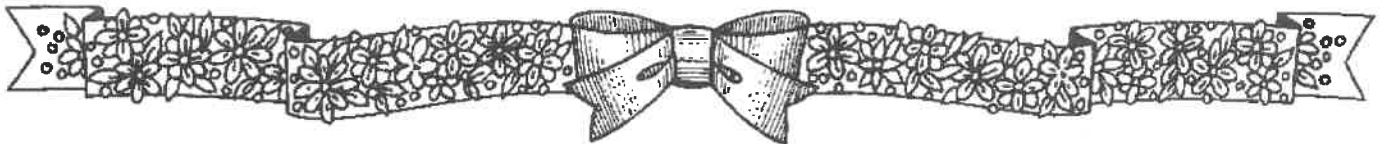
Happy Belated Birthdays to the following at Algonquin:

July 1 - Jim Shea  
July 3 - Amanda Shea  
July 7 - Emily Smith  
July 17 - Ashley Harwood  
July 18 - Sandy Gaus

July 19 - Kaitlyn Anderson (17th)  
July 23 - Mason Atkins (9<sup>th</sup>)  
July 23 - Susan Belleau  
July 26 - Peter Pratt  
July 28 - Sandy Ellis

Belated Anniversary Wishes at Algonquin to:

July 12 - Marcia and Sam White (54<sup>th</sup>)  
July 29 - Mary Beth and Todd Vollick



# BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS AND WISHES

## Central Birthdays

August 1 - Seth Baker  
August 3 - Barb Campbell  
August 12 - Julie Hill  
August 13 - John Wilkinson  
August 14 - Laurel Arenivar  
August 22 - Barb Cook  
September 4 - Diana Morgan  
September 8 - Kay Miller  
September 10 - Evelyn Bush  
September 17 - Ruth Molino (87<sup>th</sup>)  
September 25 - Marquette Bruce  
September 27 - Nate Moran

## Central Anniversaries

August 2 - Megan and Nate Moran (6<sup>th</sup>)  
August 4 - Gayle and Bob Johnson (58<sup>th</sup>)  
August 8 - Colleen and Bernie Arbic (56<sup>th</sup>)  
August 17 - Kara and Dave LaLonde (29<sup>th</sup>)  
August 23 - Marge and Earl Tomlinson (62<sup>nd</sup>)  
September 1 - Jamie and Brenda Coullard (36<sup>th</sup>)  
September 26 - Ray and Diane Bell (33<sup>rd</sup>)



## Algonquin Birthdays

August 9 - Katie Plitz  
August 17 - Madelyn Collia  
August 20 - Jackie Harwood  
August 20 - Grace Rousseau  
August 25 - Jerry Harwood  
August 27 - Ryan Atkins  
August 27 - Janice Wilson  
August 29 - Mary Beth Vollick  
September 9 - John O'Connor  
September 19 - Sharon Bennett  
September 20 - Ed Rousseau  
September 21 - Bob Sibald  
September 23 - Chris Meicher

## Algonquin Anniversaries

August 23 - Michele and Peter Pratt (18<sup>th</sup>)