



# THE FLAME

Monthly Newsletter  
for

Central and Algonquin United Methodist Churches

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## OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2020

### The Pastor's Perspective



Dear One's in Christ,

Fall is officially here! The trees are turning colors.

Veggies are getting picked and put away for winter.

I've eaten about 4 caramel apples this season (with nuts of course)! And Mack's winter coat is already thick and fluffy.

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As I think back on this most unprecedented summer, my mind goes to picnics with my family at the cottage, starting worship back up at both churches, enjoying time with my new spouse, and the beautiful weather we had this year. In the moment, not being able to hug some members of my family, and taking precautions to only eat together outdoors, seemed bothersome. Now looking back, I am grateful for the time we had together when so many families have not seen each other during this pandemic. In these times of turmoil, how important it is to find good memories from the summer that we can carry with us into the fall.

What memories do you have? What have you been focusing on this summer? What do you see as you look ahead to the fall and winter?

It may appear as if not much is happening right now in our individual and communal lives, but do not be fooled!! God is at work, bringing about new growth and new possibilities, as Jesus said in this parable...

*The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,  
and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow,  
he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head,  
then the full grain in the head... (Mark 4:26-28)*

God works while we sleep, work and play, even though we cannot see it. In addition, some of God's people have been working hard, even though many of you are unaware of it. The Central Child Care Center (4C's) board (with the help of others) has been cleaning up and clearing out the materials, toys, and equipment from the center. Since the decision was made to close the center for good, the board will have everything organized

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## Pastor's Perspective Continued:

and cleaned up before the end of the year. Sherry Hutchins is on the 4C's board, and she will be sharing their process with us in worship on October 11<sup>th</sup>. This ministry has had a positive influence on many children and families in our community these past 49 years—we celebrate the lives touched. As this door closes, and the rooms empty out, what seeds will be sprouting up in the year ahead that God envisions us to nurture and grow in this place?

As people of faith, we have so much to be grateful for, much to be encouraged about, and much to sing God's praises!! As you look to the fall season, make memories that are uplifting, positive, and hopeful. Jesus instructed his disciples "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength, and love your neighbor as yourself." I might tweak Jesus' command a little for this time and encourage us to—

"Trust in the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength, and be kind to your neighbor as well as to yourself."

With love and affection,

*Pastor Vickie*

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## CONGRATULATIONS.....

Both Central and Algonquin United Methodist Churches have received certificates for giving 100% apportionments. The certificates read as follows:

*Thank you for giving faithfully 100%  
of the Ministry Shares Covenant in 2019.  
Michigan Conference, Bishop David Bard*

*"Generous persons will prosper;  
those who refresh others  
themselves will be refreshed."*

Proverbs 11:25

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**Corinne Brooks**, our administrative assistant, will be with us until Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. We are grateful for Corinne's time with us and pray God's blessings upon her, Dennis, her parents, and their entire family!! Please take time to let Corinne know how much you have appreciated her time with us.



We are in the process of interviewing for the position and have some excellent candidates. We expect to hire someone before Corinne's last day. You will hear more about this in the next newsletter.

Submitted by Pastor Vickie



## 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 being reassigned from Vandenberg Air Base in California to Montana. He is in the conservation section and tends to the Air Force horses.

**Samantha Huhtala** has been a Sergeant (6174 Marine crew chief door gunner) on a Huey Vernon gun ship in the U.S. Marine Corps. She has now been discharged and is going to flight school in Utah for rotary and fixed wing aircrafts. 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 and Carl Ball, is stationed at Fort Stewart, Georgia with the U.S. Army where he lives with his wife Sherry and family.

**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.

*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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## ALGONQUIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1604 W Fourth Avenue  
Sault Ste Marie, MI  
Sunday Service at 8:30 a.m.

On line hosts for the live streaming services are:

October 4 and October 11: Mary Beth O'Neill Vollick  
October 18 and October 25: Bernita Sibbald  
November 1 and November 8: Bev Atkins  
November 15 and November 22: Bernita Sibbald  
November 29: Jeannie O'Connor

Algonquin UMW met at the church on Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m., and all ladies were invited.

Submitted by Bernita Sibbald

# NOTES AND NOTEWORTHY

## A NOTE FROM YOUR EDITORS

This will be the last issue of the *Flame* that we will be producing. We want to thank all of you for your cooperation and encouragement throughout the years that we have been the Editors of this newsletter. Stay safe and healthy.

We also want to say goodbye to **Corinne Brooks**, as on October 15<sup>th</sup> she is leaving her position as our church secretary. Corinne began in this position at the end of December 2016. "Corrine, it has been a pleasure to work with you on the *Flame* for the past four years." We wish you well and we thank you for your time with us.

*Barb and Sharon*, your editors

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## COMING DATES

**OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH!!** When you see Pastor Vickie, please thank her for her caring and service.

**October is Stewardship Month** at Central. *If it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously.* Romans 12:8b

**October 31 is Reformation Day.** This commemorates Martin Luther placing his 95 prepositions 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.

**November 11 is Veteran's Day.** It was formerly known as Armistice Day in commemoration of the ending of World War I, on the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month of the year of 1918. In 1954 it was renamed. We honor those who have served our country, and when you see a veteran, please thank them for their service.

**November 26 is Thanksgiving.** A blessed day to all.

**November 29 is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent.**

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**Daylight Savings Time will end** on Sunday, November 1, 2020. Be ready to move your clocks **back** one hour before bedtime Saturday night.  
(Spring Ahead, Fall Back!)





**A REMINDER FOR OUR SNOWBIRDS:** Have you notified the church office of 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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**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 Cathy Wilkinson at [wilkinsoncathy@ymail.com](mailto:wilkinsoncathy@ymail.com). Something fun and uplifting is suggested.

Submitted by: Cathy Wilkinson

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### THANK YOU TO OUR GREEN THUMB GARDENERS

Another summer has passed, and again, our church grounds have been gorgeous! This doesn't "just happen!" It takes a lot of work by our landscape crew and we thank them very, very much! Members of the committee are Janet Rogers, Brenda Coullard, Lynn LeCureux, Gwen Worley and Emily Baker.

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### 100<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

We send **Russ Hoornstra** very special birthday blessings. He and his family and friends celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 9<sup>th</sup>. Russ is a heroic veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army from October 1942 to August 1945. He received the Purple Heart. He landed on Utah Beach and was in 5 major battles, including the Battle of the Bulge where he was taken prisoner for 5 days before escaping. He was hospitalized from March to August of 1945, was discharged and returned to Sault Ste. Marie where he worked for the telephone company for many years before retiring from there. Russ and Eleanore were married at Central UM Church and were near to celebrating their 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary just before she passed away on April 14, 2012. They were the parents of 3 children, Dennis, Dale and Diane.



**Eleanore and Russ**

## WELCOME NEWCOMERS

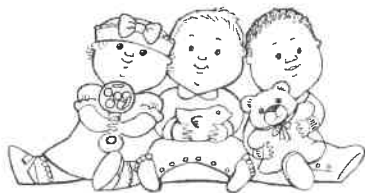


**Hudson Rush**

**Hudson Rush Smith** was born in Sault Ste. Marie on July 17, 2020. He weighed 8 lbs 1 oz. and was 20.5" long. He joins two big sisters, Natalie and Reagan, in the family. His parents are Christopher and Alicia Smith and his grandparents are Fred and Christine Smith.



**Natalie, Reagan and Hudson Smith**

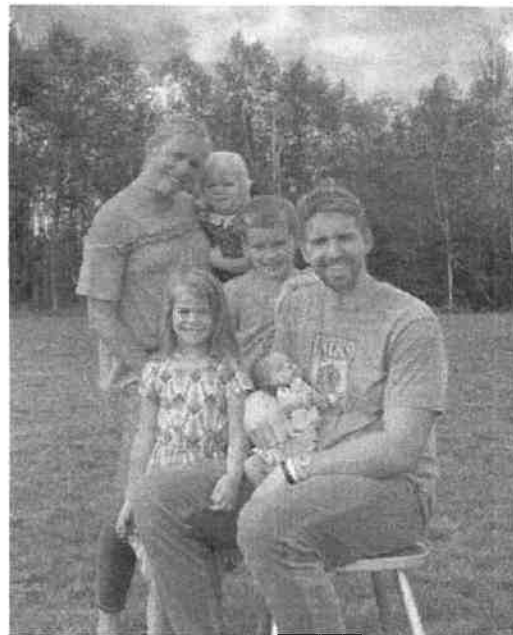


**Births in the Church Family**



**Crosby Kai**

**Crosby Kai Hill** was born in Marquette on August 11, 2020. He weighed 8 lbs 7oz. and was 20.25" long. He joins big brother Bazil, and big sisters Zaya and Tenzley in the family. His parents are Eric and Shalyn Hill and his grandparents are Dennis and Julie Hill. His great grandparents are Judy and the late Mike Hill and Barbara and the late Bob Larson.



**The Hill Family**

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



**United  
Methodist  
Women**

### Hannah Circle donates Backpacks

Last fall several members from Hannah Circle attended our volunteers in mission day event in Newberry working with missionary Randy Hildebrandt at God's County Cooperative Parish at the Dunlap Ministry Center. Randy shared how GCCP holds fall festival events at the local elementary schools and provide new backpacks. We saw all the good work being done and wanted to continue to support this mission. We talked about the back to school backpack program for children in need that GCCP sponsored and decided this was an area where we could help.

Being the bargain shoppers we are, when backpacks went on clearance last winter our connection at Walmart, Betty McDonald, picked up 40 and we stored them until it was time in August to gather school supplies and put them together. Hannah Circle members donated crayons, markers, pencils, notebooks, scissors, glue and pencil bags, and Janet Rogers sewed a fun fabric child size face mask to include in each pack. Hannah members met in Terri Bush's garage, and with masks on, our assembly line put the 40 school backpacks together to donate. (Finished backpacks are shown in the picture to the right.) Randy graciously traveled over to pick them up at the church and take them back to Newberry for distribution.



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### Bazaar Workshop

A half dozen women have been meeting weekly sanding, painting and producing crafts for our November 14th Christmas bazaar. This year, like everything else, will be different. With the virus still spreading, our bazaar will be online. When we finish our projects, we will display them with numbers and prices. You can visit the craft room to browse or choose something online. A few of us will make ourselves available to help with purchases. We pray that everyone stays healthy and 2021 will be a year of hope, renewal and rejuvenation!

UMW appreciates your support.

Jackie Willey and Diana Morgan

Bazaar Co-Chairs

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**Central UMC Stewardship Campaign** this year will focus on Gathering, Growing, and Giving as people of God. A letter, pledge card, and self-addressed envelope will go out the second week of October. Please prayerfully consider your 2021 pledge and send the card back by Sunday, October 25. Because of Covid, we will not be having a celebration luncheon—sorry folks, no ice cream sundaes this year!! Raymond Bell will speak in worship on October 18 about his experience on the Vision Team.



Your finance team and leadership are grateful for your continued faithfulness to the mission and ministries of Central UMC! Thank you!!

Submitted by the Stewardship Team

## Fresh Expressions

Central/Algonquin have started a Fresh Expressions team. Our primary focus is to look for new opportunities to walk with people in our community. We are listening and asking questions. We are building relationships. We will be working with people as soon as the pandemic is lifted. In the meantime, we have the opportunity to help in this one area.

The Fresh Expressions team would like to provide support to the Great Lakes Recovery Center's New Hope Houses for both men and women. The Great Lakes Recovery Center has purchased a building on Easterday, across from the recycling center. The project on Easterday is currently in the fundraising stage. They may need volunteers to help with the renovations at some point (painting/landscaping/etc.), but they are not quite there yet. With the pandemic situation, they are not currently allowing any volunteers to interact with their clients, though they have done that in the past.

How can we help? A donation of personal items is always extremely helpful to both New Hope Houses!! Here is a list of things their residential clients typically need:

1. Full size toiletries (shampoo, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.)
2. Masks
3. Socks
4. Twin size bedding (regular, not XL), pillowcases
5. Bath towels
6. Casual clothing, T-shirts, sweats
7. Backpacks or totes; many of the residents arrive with nothing but a garbage bag to carry their belongings.
8. The women's house allows clients to have their children with them, so diapers and gently used clothing for babies and children are always appreciated too.

If you would like to help the Fresh Expressions team provide support to the New Hope Houses, please consider purchasing any items on the list. If you want to make purchases online, you can have them shipped directly to Marcia Jenkins-Ball, 4004 S. Ridge Rd., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. For example, Dollartree.com has toiletries available in cases of 6 or 12 items at \$1.00 each. (If you are purchasing a larger number of an item, contact Marcia to be sure we do not have too many of any one thing.) Items can also be dropped off at Central UMC. Please indicate on them that they are for New Hope.

Cash donations can also be made. Make checks out to Central UMC and indicate "New Hope" on them. We will use the cash to purchase items from the list to round out the donations.

Contact Marcia at (906) 322-0290, or [mjenkinsball@gmail.com](mailto:mjenkinsball@gmail.com) for more information, or to notify her of donations you are making. Please prayerfully consider supporting this effort. This is an opportunity to demonstrate the love of God to others in our community.

Fresh Expression team members: Pastor Vickie Hadaway, Emily Anderson, Kaitlyn Anderson, Mackenzie Anderson, Seth Baker, Brian Hall, Marcia Jenkins-Ball, John Lutz, and Cathy Wilkinson.

Submitted by Marcia Jenkins-Ball

**WISHING YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY THANKSGIVING**



## News from Family Ministry

By Kay Miller, Family Ministry Coordinator

### First Day of School Celebration

On September 8<sup>th</sup>, the first day of school for the children in our area, members of the church celebrated Back-to-School with the school-age children and their families. Jackie Willey made signs to put on their lawns, and members of the congregation made meals to bring to the families. Eight signs were made and eight meals were prepared and delivered. What fun we had preparing for this! The feedback we received from the families was wonderful!

We have surveyed the families to see how comfortable they are with returning to in-person gatherings. All are comfortable with outdoor gatherings; only some are comfortable with indoor gatherings. We realize that there is no right or wrong decision in this matter, that what may be right for one family is not necessarily right for another family. Therefore, we will do our best to offer activities for all involved in whatever way they feel comfortable.

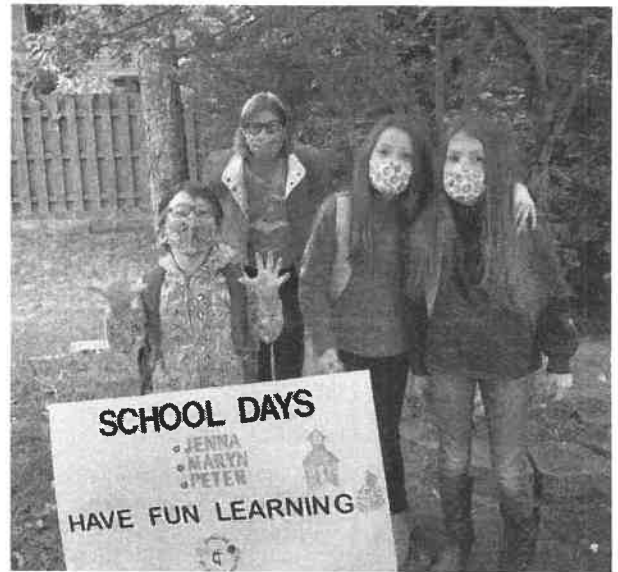
### HALLOWEEN IS COMING!

To kick-off Fall 2020 Family Night, John and Bev Proulx have offered to host an outdoor Halloween party for the children and their families. We are so excited to see each other! We will be outside and social distancing, but happy to at least see one another, even if it is from a distance.

On the Wednesdays following the Halloween Party, we are planning to have in-person gatherings on Wednesday evenings at the church for the children and their families who feel comfortable with indoor, in-person gathering. The logistics of these gatherings are still being formulated, but guidelines from the CDC and other sources will be followed. Activities will also be planned for families not yet ready for in-person gathering. These will either be virtual activities (Zoom or video), activities dropped off at their homes or any other method we can come up with.

The "A Message for Young Christians" videos will continue to be posted on the church's Facebook page on Sunday mornings.

At this time we have no plans for children's worship on Sunday mornings or for Sunday School, either virtual or in-person. We will consider options for these programs once we have the Family Night program up and running.



Jenna, Maryn and Peter Arenivar with Kay Miller



Alex Rowell

# BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS AND WISHES

## CENTRAL BIRTHDAYS

October 1 - Myles Moran (2<sup>nd</sup>)  
October 3 - Diane Bell  
October 9 - Russ Hoornstra (100<sup>th</sup>!!)  
October 10 - Chris Larson (22<sup>nd</sup>)  
October 19 - Ben Jones  
October 19 - Sarah Shadnaw  
October 20 - Mark LaRoue

October 23 - Matthew Shadnaw  
October 26 - Alex Rowell  
October 28 - Sienna Baker (10<sup>th</sup>)  
November 3 - Lillian Baker (3<sup>rd</sup>)  
November 11 - Matthew LaRoue  
November 14 - Nicholas Bell  
November 18 - Bob Arfstrom  
November 21 - Bob Vincent

## CENTRAL ANNIVERSARIES

October 5 - Barb and Jerry Cook (57<sup>th</sup>)  
November 16 - Pat and Norb Bennin (57<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 (16<sup>th</sup>)  
October 21 - Michele Pratt

October 24 - Laura Anderson  
October 25 - Abby Atkins  
November 10 - Sonja Ford  
November 19 - Amanda Sibbald James  
November 30 - Jordan James (11<sup>th</sup>)

## ALGONQUIN ANNIVERSARIES

October 24 - Sharon and Randy Bennett  
November 16 - Bev and Jim Atkins (46<sup>th</sup>)

## 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.)*

### New York Style Cheesecake



#### CRUST:

1 stick unsalted butter melted

1/4 cup granulated sugar

1 3/4 cups Graham cracker crumbs

1/4 cup finely ground pecans

Mix together all ingredients and press into a spring form pan, on bottom and 2" up the sides. Bake at 325 degrees for 8 minutes. Remove and cool.

#### FILLING:

4-8 oz. cream cheese softened

3 eggs

1 1/4 cups granulated sugar

2 Tbs. corn starch

1 Tbs. Madagascar Bourbon Vanilla, a bit more expensive but worth the flavor.

8 oz. sour cream.

Mix cream cheese until smooth, add in eggs one at a time, add sugar and corn starch together and vanilla until well blended. Add sour cream, blend with a spatula. Try not to over mix or top will crack.

Pour filling into cooled crust. Place filled spring form pan into a larger pan with about 1 inch of water in bottom.

Bake at 325 degrees for 1 hour and 15 minutes. Remove from oven when time is up even if it seems loose. Remove spring form pan from water pan and cool completely. Then refrigerate with tin foil laying loosely over the top.

I serve with cherry pie filling on top for those who like it. I also offer whipped cream as a topping.

Submitted by Lynn LeCureux



**REMEMBER to keep up with your pledge and your giving to our two churches. Your continued faithfulness will help us keep current with our bills and obligations.**