



## THE FLAME

### Monthly Newsletter

*For this place and this time, we the members of Central & Algonquin UMC's define our mission as*  
**Connecting all people to God by building bridges of caring, outreach, and acceptance.**

*With this as our mission, God has given us a glimpse of our future five years from now...*  
**Central & Algonquin United Methodist Churches will be growing, dynamic,  
 and loving bridges between God and Community.**

### The Pastor's Perspective

by Pastor Vickie Hadaway

Dear Ones in Christ,

We are excited to share the results of the vision process. We began by discussing the current reality and possible needs in our local community. Then we identified the collective potential of the people who are in our congregations. The Holy Spirit was ever present in our time together; pushing us, bringing forth similar ideas from different groups, and providing numerous “ah-ha moments.”

This process is a validation of the United Methodist connection! The Michigan Area Conference underwrote the bulk of the cost and our endowment fund covered the rest. Our coach, Rev. Jim Noggle, led us in person, beginning November 2019 until February 2020. In May, we started meeting again, via zoom, twice a month until the process was completed in October.

Now we begin the implementation of this vision that God has laid upon our hearts. In the coming months, we will share what we have learned and invite every one of you to participate as we walk together toward God's dream for our future.

None of this would have been possible without the dedication of individuals from Central UMC who served on the vision team: Jackie Willey, Cathy & John Wilkinson, Kay Miller, Sharon Jones, Sherry Hutchins, Julie Hill, Barb Carlisle, Terri Bush, Raymond Bell, Marcia Jenkins-Ball, Emily & Seth Baker, Laurel Arenivar and Colleen Arbic. With a special thanks to Jeanne Tubman & Norb Bennin for their help.

YOU have a part to play in fulfilling God's dream for us. We are passionate, enthusiastic and encourage you to participate in this exciting time for our two congregations!

Your vision team & Pastor Vickie

*The church in a community is the hands and feet of Christ.  
 Together as a faith body, we serve the needs of our parishioners,  
 the community and the wider world.*

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Opportunity: February & March take a spiritual gifts inventory...

February is known as the month of Presidents.  
We acknowledge two of our greatest United States presidents  
who were born this month.



Abraham Lincoln declared: "I believe the Bible is the best gift God has ever given to man. All the good from the Savior of the world is communicated to us through this book."

George Washington said: "It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible." On the week Congress passed the Bill of Rights he said, "It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the Providence of Almighty God, to obey His will...and humbly implore His protection and favor." In his remarks to delegates at the Constitutional Convention, he said, "The event is in the hand of God!"

### 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.*

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

**Sawyer Ball**, the son of Carl Ball and Marcia-Jenkins Ball, is with the U.S. Army and assigned to Fort Stewart, Georgia. He lives there with his wife Sherry and family.

**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.

**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. Please make your editors or the church office aware of them.*

## NOTES AND NOTEWORTHY

**February 17, 2021 is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten season.**

**OFFERING ENVELOPES:** If you haven't yet picked up your offering envelopes, they are available at the Court Street entrance of CUMC. They are on a table just inside the hallway. Ring the outside bell on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday and the office staff will buzz you in. They are available for Algonquin UMC just inside their unlocked outer doors. It is quite expensive to mail these, so it is much appreciated if you would please try to pick them up.



**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.

### **When will we open for in-person worship?**

*Having discussed the situation with leaders of both congregations, we will continue live streaming worship at 10:00 a.m. with a skeleton crew. The middle of February we will evaluate the current state of things and let you know then.*

Pastor Vickie and the Algonquin and Central UMC Leadership

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO.....**

.....**Tom Brown** was pictured on the cover of the January/February 2021 issue of "Cloverland Connections." He was named as the "Soul of Sanderson Field."

Tom is the airport manager as well as an active volunteer at the airport. Way to go, Tom!!





## WE EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES.....

**Dorothy Wagner** passed away on November 17, 2020 at her home. She was born in Sault Ste. Marie on April 10, 1934 and graduated from Sault High School in 1952. She and Bill Wagner were married on October 15, 1955, and he and one granddaughter preceded her in death. They had four children, eleven more grandchildren and fifteen great grandchildren, with one more expected. Dorothy attended Algonquin UMC. A private family funeral was held on November 23, 2020.

**Verne Coutant** passed away December 4, 2020 at War Memorial Hospital. He was born on September 3, 1934 and graduated from Sault High School in 1952. He went on to attend the Sault Branch of Michigan Tech, received his Education degree from Western Michigan University and taught at the Sault Schools. He was in the Army National Guard for 26 years. He and his wife, Violet, who predeceased him, had four children, seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren. He had three brothers, Gerald, Paul (Lu) and Blair. He was a member of Central UMC.

We send our condolences to **Bernita Sibbald** and her family on the passing of her father, **Arthur Greiner**. He passed away at the age of 79 on December 17, 2020 at Medilodge in Sault Ste. Marie. He was a veteran of the United States Navy in the Vietnam war, and he later joined the Coast Guard, retiring in 1987 as a Chief Warrant Officer after 24 years of service. He and his late wife, Donna, had three children, eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

We send our condolences to **Bob Noble** and his family on the passing of his sister, **Jessie Brown**, on December 23, 2020 in the Michigan Masonic Pathways Home in Alma, Michigan, where she had resided for the past 22 years, beginning as a volunteer. She was born in Brimley on July 24, 1920 in a family of eight children. She graduated from nursing school in Detroit, and she and her husband, Jack, to whom she was married for 60 years, had two daughters, four grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

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

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### REMEMBERING IVAN HARTMAN

Submitted by Barb Larson

Kristen Hartman recently posted something on Face Book which appealed to me philosophically. Ivan wrote it out and I believe he meant it as sage advice for his three sons, Devin, Cole and Grady. It is mounted on their refrigerator.

It reads: *“It is easier to STAY out of trouble than to GET out of trouble”*

## MISSIONS/OUTREACH

**The Mitten Tree** is located just inside the Court Street entrance by the elevator with a basket awaiting your donations. Just stop by and bring your donations of mittens, caps, and socks. These are all very much needed. They go to our local elementary schools, the middle school, the Diane Pepler Shelter and the local men's and women's New Hope homes. Very small sizes are brought to the Early Head Start Program at Avery Square. They are much appreciated and needed.

Our **Backpack Program** is now caring for **32** families from Lincoln School. This is the largest number we have ever been called upon to serve, and a very large amount of food is required. Children from these families are sent home with backpacks of food every Friday, which will help tide them over the weekend. Food items are bought from Feeding America, but dry cereal has not recently been available, so some cereal and bread have been bought locally. Peanut butter is a very wanted item. Yes, in Sault Ste. Marie, sadly, there are children who go hungry! How can we help?? Please help by your donation of money through Central's Mission program. Mail in your donation or drop it off at the church office. Be sure to mark on your check "Backpack Program."

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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.)*

### CRUNCHY BEEF CASSEROLE

2 cups uncooked curly rotini pasta	1# ground beef
1 can (16 oz.) cream of mushroom soup	1 can (14 oz.) tomatoes ( I prefer the diced)
3/4 cup Cheddar cheese	1/4 to 1/2 cup green pepper, diced (optional)
3/4 teaspoon seasoned salt	1 can (3 oz.) Durkee fried onions



Cook pasta as directed. Drain and set aside. Brown the beef and drain any fat. Combine all ingredients except the Durkee onions. Pour into a 2 quart greased casserole. Cover and bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Uncover, top with Durkee onions and bake another 3 minutes. Enjoy! You just might want more for leftovers!

Submitted by Marla Nayback

## ALGONQUIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Sault Ste Marie, MI 49783

Submitted by Bernita Sibbald

The clothing and non-perishable food that was collected before we had to temporarily shut down the church again were delivered to a very appreciative Washington School staff. Thank you for supporting that collection.

Our on-line hosts for February are: Mary Beth Vollick for February 7, Rachel Pratt for February 14, Bev Atkins for February 21 and Bernita Sibbald for February 28.



United  
Methodist  
Women

## BAZAAR WORKSHOP

Submitted by Jackie Willey

Our bazaar workshop area has gotten a facelift while we have been sheltering at home. Lori Horner has a gluing station, a spraying station (with a charcoal filtered exhaust fan), and more storage cabinets. She also cleaned out all existing cabinets, and rearranged and organized all the finished and unfinished crafts! Who is this person, you might ask?? She is Wonder Woman and I love her!!

## EUP TEEN FOSTER HOME DONATION

Two years ago the Central UMC , through the Endowment Fund, donated \$15,000 to the EUP Teen Foster Home. It has now made a second donation, this time for \$10,000. This home will house up to six male and six female teens who are homeless. It is a newly built 5,000 square foot duplex ,and the Chippewa County Family Project will hire a full time executive director to oversee it. It is hoped it will be opened soon. Ray Bell, Central's Administrative Council Chairperson, presented the donation to Family Project board member Mary Jo Duvall, as is shown pictured here.





## **A Fresh Expression of Love**

Submitted by Marcia Jenkins-Ball

Are you looking for an opportunity to share your love and abundance? In prior issues of the Flame, we shared that Central and Algonquin have initiated 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 has abated. In the meantime, we can help by providing support to the Great Lakes Recovery Center's New Hope Houses for both men and women.

Volunteers who cleaned out the Central Child Care Center assembled a tub of items including diapers, wipes, and other baby supplies that were on hand in the center and delivered those supplies to the New Hope House for women. Members of both churches have donated clothing, toiletries, and bedding to the New Hope Houses for both the men's and the women's centers. Thank you all for your donations that strengthen our relationship with New Hope.

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. Items can be dropped off at Central UMC during office hours. Please indicate on them that they are for New Hope.

Here is a list of things their residential clients typically need:

- Full size toiletries (shampoo, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.)
- masks
- socks
- twin size bedding (regular, not XL), pillowcases
- bath towels
- casual clothing, T-shirts, sweats
- Backpacks or totes; many of the residents arrive with nothing but a garbage bag to carry their belongings.

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.

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. 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.



## News from Family Ministry

Submitted by Kay Miller

December was a busy month with items dropped off at the children's homes weekly. Books, crafts, and cookie decorating were all on the agenda. We put together a video of the children reading the Christmas story from Luke and the Baker children were in a Christmas program created by the Michigan Conference. The two programs were combined and posted to the church's Facebook page on Christmas Eve. If you haven't seen them yet, you can still find them on the church's Facebook page.



Jenna, and Maryn , left,  
and Sienna, right, are  
receiving their Bibles.



On the left, Duncan and his  
friend George are decorating  
cookies.

On the right, Marah and Kinley  
are also decorating cookies.



On the left, Andrew is very proud of  
the star he made doing crafts.

On the right, Aelinor is frosting a  
cookie.



## From the Mail Bag.....



The following letter was received in response to a \$250.00 gift sent by Central's Rebecca Circle:

*On behalf of Great Lakes Recovery Center I would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$250.00 on December 11, 2020 for Christmas presents and projects at Women's New Hope House. It is through thoughtful community members like you that we are able to empower recovery through hope and change.*

*Our organization is a non-profit that provides a variety of behavioral health services across Michigan's Upper Peninsula. This past year we provided mental health and substance abuse services to well over 3,000 individuals with group and individual counseling, prevention programming, offender services for parolees released into the Upper Peninsula, residential services, child and adolescent psychiatric services and foster care recruitment, retention and training. Your gift will help us to enhance the services we offer and touch the lives of not only the individuals we serve, but their family members and community as well.*

*Thank you. Amy Poirer, Foundation Coordinator*

*Thank you to the United Methodist Women of the Algonquin Methodist Church for the food certificate. It really helps a lot.*

*Sincerely, Sue Mackie*

## From the Vision Framing Team.....

Submitted by Cathy Wilkinson

In the coming weeks, the 'Vision Framing Team' members will be sharing "infomercials" during the Sunday Worship service to highlight various aspects of the year-long process, and how their personal experience with the process has impacted their walk with Christ.



**Algonquin & Central  
United Methodist Churches**

**A REMINDER:** The deadline for material to be submitted for our next *Flame*, the March 2021 issue, is due on February 15, 2021 at noon.

# FOOD DRIVE

## FOR THE SAULT SCHOOLS FOOD PANTRIES

### IN PARTNERSHIP WITH GEAR UP LSSU

The Sault Schools food pantries, are in need of:

- canned fruits and veggies,
- box mac n cheese,
- canned raviolis (something similar),
- rice, beans,
- boxed stuffing or like a hamburger helper type meal kit,
- canned soup,
- pre-packaged breakfast items like cereal bars, pop tarts, granola bars, oatmeal,
- individual cereals,
- boxes of pasta,
- jars of pasta sauce,
- canned chicken or tuna,
- shelf stable milk,
- cups of applesauce,
- regular sized cereal boxes,
- instant bags of mashed potatoes,
- chicken/beef broth,
- taco shells, taco seasoning packets,
- pudding cups, etc.

Pretty much anything that has a longer shelf life or is easy to cook (especially for larger families or teenagers).

**All food donations should be dropped off at  
Central United Methodist Church, 111 E. Spruce Street, Sault Sainte Marie, MI 49783,  
during office hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday- 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**



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the truth,  
and the life.”

Jesus

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