



# THE FLAME

Monthly Newsletter  
for

**Central and Algonquin United Methodist Churches**

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### The Pastor's Perspective



Dear Ones in Christ,

In March I was accepted into the Coast Guard Auxiliary. I am currently in the process of applying to be part of the volunteer Coast Guard Auxiliary Chaplain Service (ACS). We anticipate that I will be accepted and affirmed for this sometime this summer. How did this come about and why?

In the fall of 2020, I met with the Sector Sault Captain, Master Chief, Ombudsman, and spouse coordinator to discuss how our two congregations could help Coast Guard members get connected into the Soo community, how we could support their walk of faith, and also assist with any needs that might arise while they are stationed here. It was during this discussion that the Captain and Master Chief asked me if I was interested in becoming a volunteer chaplain, part of the Auxiliary Chaplain Service (ACS).

As most of you know, Coast Guard Sector Sault is headquartered here in town. The Sector covers all of Northern Michigan and Lake Superior. It has 11 sub stations with varied capabilities. The closest chaplain to the Sault is in Roscommon, MI (150 miles south). This person is a member of the ACS, i.e. he is a volunteer. The closest Coast Guard enlisted chaplain is stationed in Detroit.

Across the United States, there is a dire need for chaplains to support and minister to the people serving in the US Coast Guard. Because of the large population of Coast Guard families in our immediate community, and the great need, I thought it important to consider this invitation to serve. After some prayerful thought, discussions with Dan, discussion with members of our SPRC, and a conversation with our DS (Rev. Scott Harmon), I decided to move ahead with the process.

In my 20 years of ministry, I have always gotten involved in the local community where my church was located. It is my understanding as a follower of Jesus, and as a United Methodist pastor, that I am sent to a community to nurture others to follow Jesus through preaching, teaching, leading, equipping and empowering.

Some examples from my previous appointments include the following. In Oak Park, Illinois, I was a founding member of the Walk-In Ministry that served homeless persons in our community. While serving in the Old Irving Park neighborhood of Chicago, I became involved with the Hands-to-Help ministry that served a wide variety of needs for individuals in our community. The Hands-to-Help ministry employed a part-time social worker to meet with clients, and from these interviews, needs became apparent which we would address. Both of these ministries were ecumenical in nature, led by both laity and clergy.

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## Pastor's Perspective Continued:

Cherry Valley, Illinois is essentially a small suburb of Rockford, Illinois, a city with 150,000 citizens. Community leaders wanted to improve their city so after extensive research, Transform Rockford was launched. Working with local government, area businesses, religious organizations, non-profits, and community members, a ten-year process was started. I arrived just as Transform Rockford was launched. Cherry Valley UMC had a group that was active in this endeavor. Since many of our people lived and worked in Rockford, we felt it was important for us to participate.

All this to say, that God has placed it on my heart to serve beyond the walls of the church from the very beginning. I am honored to have this opportunity to serve the men and women who do so much for us! The people I have encountered along the way have been so helpful and encouraging. The ministry with the Coast Guard ACS will not interfere with my ability to be your pastor as I have done these past three years. In fact, it will enable me to build bridges into new segments of our community.

Where is God inviting you to build a bridge with someone new?

In Christ,

*Pastor Jackie*

**ALGONQUIN AND CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES MISSION:  
*CONNECTING ALL PEOPLE TO GOD BY BUILDING BRIDGES OF CARING,  
OUTREACH AND ACCEPTANCE***



## 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**, the grandson of Diana and Ron Morgan, is in the Air Force and stationed in Montana. His wife, Jewel, is also in the Air Force and also in Montana.

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

**Brent Johnson** is 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

**In-person Committee Meetings** will be held in each church's **Fellowship Hall** on the following dates:

**Central UMC:** June 22 - 7:00 p.m. - Finance Committee

June 29 - 7:00 p.m. - Ad Council

**Algonquin UMC:** June 7 - 6:30 p.m. - United Methodist Women

June 7 - 7:00 p.m. - Ad Council

### Godspeed and Goodbye Party

All of our church family is invited to come to a going away party for the Arenivar family on Friday, **June 11th, 5:30 p.m.** at the parsonage, 1513 Augusta St. We will be outside with picnic food provided, games and more.

### SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Save the date: Kick-Off Summer Picnic for congregational fun and fellowship!

**June 6, 12:00 noon at Sherman Park.** Box lunches will be provided

**RSVP by June 1** to [centralumc632@gmail.com](mailto:centralumc632@gmail.com) or 906-632-8672.

Please let us know of any food allergies.

Bring your own beverages and lawn chairs.

Rain location at Algonquin United Methodist Church, 1604 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave.,  
Sault Ste. Marie



**UNDER CONSTRUCTION:** May 17th saw the beginning of construction on Court Street. Maps are available at Central on Sundays for additional parking information. On Sunday morning you can park in the Huntington Bank parking lot for worship. (Please note: You **CANNOT** do this during the week or you will get a ticket!)

**COVID 19 POLICIES:** Both churches will be following the CDC guidelines and **will not require** masks if you are fully vaccinated. We are still asking families to sit together and keep the 6 ft social distancing. As guidelines change, our policies will be updated!

## CONGRATULATIONS.....

....Congratulations to **Dr Sally Childs** and **Dr Ronald Hutchins** who were granted the status of Professor Emeritus at the recent Lake Superior State University graduation ceremonies. This honor is given in recognition of meritorious teaching, outstanding service, or published research.



....Our congratulations go out to **Pastor Vickie**, who has been accepted into membership in the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. She has taken some training, and will take more, to become a member of the Auxiliary Chaplain Service. She says that everyone in the Auxiliary and the Coast Guard have been very, very helpful and encouraging.



## SUMMER RUMMAGE SALE

Central's **rummage sale**, which will raise funds to benefit our Back Pack Program, will be held on **August 19, 20 and 21**, 2021. On the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> it will be from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on the 21<sup>st</sup> it will be from 8 a.m. to noon. This is a good amount of advance notice so everyone can begin setting aside items to be donated. Remember, "Your trash is somebody else's treasure!" You can bring your items, beginning on August 8, to the tables which will be set up in the Fellowship Hall. If needed, press the buzzer at the Court Street entrance for admittance. Workers are needed!! For further information, or to volunteer, please contact Diana Morgan at 632-2356. The Outreach/Missions Committee would like to extend a thank you to Bruce Campbell for the many items he has donated for our rummage sale.

## OUTREACH/MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Starting in June, at CUMC there will be outdoor gatherings in the area off the Fellowship Hall kitchen. They will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month in the summer. Kris Donarski and the hospitality group are coordinating these events.

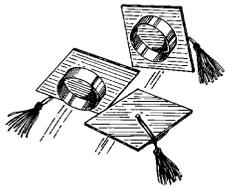
Dates are: **June 13** - an ice-cream-on-a-stick social

**July 11** - TBA, and **August 8** - TBA.

Stay tuned for further information

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY ON JUNE 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**TO ALL THE GENTLEMEN OF**  
**ALGONQUIN AND CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST**  
**CHURCHES!**





## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

**Kaitlyn Anderson** is a 2021 graduate of Sault High School. She has participated in basketball, volleyball, Business Professionals of America, Students United and the National Honor Society. In the fall she will be attending Ferris State University to major in Construction Management. Kaitlyn is a member of Algonquin United Methodist Church and is the daughter of Woody and Laura Anderson, the granddaughter of Lillie Dost, the great niece of Janice Wilson and a sister to Emily and Mackenzie Anderson



**Alainey Kennedy** is a 2021 graduate of Sault High School & Career Center. She is the daughter of Diana Kennedy and Randy Kennedy and the granddaughter of Pete and Evelyn Bush. She has a sister, Alivia, and two brothers, Alex and Addison. While in high school, Lainey participated in the Sault High drama programs with roles in numerous productions. She concluded her final year in drama with the lead role in “Twelve Amazing Jurors,” which was performed in May. She was also active in JV softball, earning the coach’s award in the 2019 season. In her junior year she was chosen as the CTE ambassador for drafting, and in her senior year selected as the construction CTE ambassador. She was student for the quarter for construction in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of her senior year and student of the quarter for drafting in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. She will be following her brother Alex’s footsteps to Ferris State University’s honor program, where she will pursue a bachelor’s degree in Construction Management. She has received a \$2,000 REACH scholarship from Kentucky Fried Chicken,



where she has been working part time. (Pictured on the right)



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## High School Graduates Continued:

**Haleigh Knowles** is a 2021 graduate of Sault High School. She is a 3 sport, 10 varsity letter Sault High athlete. She participated in cross country for 4 years, 3 years as MVP and 1 year as captain. She was all-state and all-academic all 4 years, and all-U.P Dream Team member. In basketball she was all-conference defensive team for 2 years and all-conference 2<sup>nd</sup> team offensive. In track she was a 4 year Varsity runner, up and coming runner and MVP. She took part in student government and Students United for 4 years and was the recipient of the Gold Presidential Volunteer Award. She was a member of Business Professionals of America, a 4 year qualifier and for 2 years a national qualifier. She has received the MHSAA Scholar Athlete Scholarship Award. She plans to attend Grand Valley State University in the fall to study pre-law. Haleigh is the daughter of Brian and Teri Knowles, the granddaughter of Barb and Jerry Cook, and she has a brother, Matthew, who is entering his senior year at Michigan Tech.



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## CONGRATULATIONS TO HIGHER EDUCATION GRADUATES.....

.....**Courtney Arbic** graduated in May from Lake Superior State University. She attended her first two years of college at Michigan State University, where she ran cross country and track. She then transferred to LSSU, where she has earned her Bachelor's Degree in Accounting. She plans to stay in the Sault and work at Great Lakes Fine Cabinetry designing kitchens and cabinetry spaces. Courtney is the daughter of Dan and Kim Arbic, she has a younger sister, Megan, and her grandparents are Colleen and Bernie Arbic.

.....**Jeanine Sherman** earned her Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from Northern Michigan University in December of 2009. She continued her education with Northern to earn her Education Specialist in Education Administration & Supervision in May 2021. She is currently finishing her 7<sup>th</sup> year as the Assistant Principal of Sault Area High School and was previously a math teacher at Malcolm High School for 6 years. Jeanine's parents are Tom and Sue Brown, her husband is J.C. Sherman and their children are Devon, age 10, Mason, age 9 and Harper, age 5.

**A REMINDER:** The deadline for material to be submitted for our next *Flame*, the **July/August 2021** issue, is **June 15, 2021** at noon. Please note that this is a two month issue, so with this in mind, please plan ahead for any articles wished to be included.

## ALGONQUIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Our Worship Servants for the month of June are:

June 6 - Liturgist - Marcia White, Communion Steward - Bob Sibbald, Greeter - Sandy Gaus  
Usher - Bernita Sibbald, On-Line Host - Mary Beth Vollick

June 13 - Liturgist - Bev Atkins, Greeter - Ed Rousseau On-Line Host - Bev Atkins

June 20 - Liturgist - Emily Anderson, Greeter - Bev Harwood, On-Line Host - Rachel Pratt

June 27 - Liturgist - Emily Anderson, Greeter - Rachel Pratt, On-Line Host - Bernita Sibbald

Submitted by Bernita Sibbald

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



#### **Be Strong in the Lord!**

Faith Lutheran, First United Presbyterian, Central and Algonquin are preparing Vacation Bible School take-home packets. The theme will be Knights of North Castle. Each child will receive three packets, one for each of the following Bible stories: David and Goliath, Jesus Walks on Water and Paul and Silas in Prison. Each packet will include science, crafts, and other activities related to the Bible story and the theme: Putting on the Armor of God and Being Strong in the Lord.

#### **An Exciting Addition to Take-Home VBS!**

Children of Central and Algonquin are invited to bring their packets to Central and work on them together as a group with adult staff on the following evenings:

July 21 – David and Goliath

July 28 – Jesus Walks on Water

August 4 – Paul and Silas in Prison

**We will meet for dessert at 6:00pm, then work on the packets. Parents and families are welcome to attend with their children.**

If you would like to sponsor a child by paying for the 3 take-home VBS packets, a donation of \$15.00 can be made to the church office.

## A Note of Appreciation From the Finance Committee

When Central was notified in March of 2020 that regular services would not be available to the members and friends due to the spread of Covid 19, it presented a unique situation to the Finance Committee and the congregation - how to provide a way for contributors to maintain their commitment to the church so that the regular expenses could be met in a timely manner.

It was decided to suggest that the offerings be sent to the church through the regular mail service, arrangements could be made to have pledges sent in by their bank, or individuals could bring them to the building when there were office hours. The monies would be collected by the those entrusted to count and record the collections as usual.

It worked! The members and friends responded, and as the months passed the budget figures indicated that Central was managing quite well with only a small difference between income and expenditures.

As is often the case when a situation arises that is surprising and that could have significant consequences for the ministry we have in Sault Ste. Marie, the congregation responded in a positive way so that all budget expenses were met.

Your Finance Committee would like to express their sincere appreciation to the members and friends of Central for their continued support during these past 14 months.

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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.)*

(Summer will officially soon be here, so time to fire up your grills and enjoy outdoor dining. Here is a great recipe to try.)

### PULL-APART HAM & CHEESE BREAD

Preheat grill to medium. Slice 1 large loaf Italian or sourdough bread in a cross-hatch pattern—do not slice all the way through the bottom of the loaf. Place on a large piece of aluminum foil. Drizzle ½ cup melted unsalted butter into crevices. Stuff 1 cup shredded Mozzarella cheese and 1 cup sliced deli ham into the cuts; sprinkle with 1/4 cup chopped chives. Wrap loosely in foil; grill about 15 minutes, until cheese is mostly melted. Uncover, top with additional cheese and grill 10 minutes, until cheese is browned.

Submitted by Sharyn Faunt





Camp Michigamme is committed to opening in 2021 to the fullest extent deemed safe. Camp officials will be working with local and state governments to do so. Registration for the camp is open at full capacity. As the spring progresses, these plans will be adjusted as rules and regulations are published by local and state governments as they pertain to the 2021 summer season.

### **2021 Schedule - Registration is Open!!**

Youth Camp—\$350 per week

(Ages represent the grade camper is attending prior to camp.)

June 20-26 Senior High Camp - Grades 9-13

June 27-July 3 - Science Explorations Camp – Grades 1-13

July 5-10 - Survivor Camp (TV Show) - Grades 1-9

July 11-17 - H2O Games Camp – Grades 1-9

July 18-24 - Olympic Games Camp - Grades 1-9

July 25-31 - Narnia Camp - Games 1-9

August 1-7 - Disney Explosion Camp - Grades 1-9

August 8-14 - Super Heroes Camp - Grades 1-9

If you are interested in any of the above listed camps, contact Sherry in the church office for more information. From the Dubow, Poppink and Holiday camp funds, the church will be paying half of the cost of the camps.



## BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS AND WISHES

### CENTRAL BIRTHDAYS

June 2 - Bob Noble (96<sup>th</sup>)                      June 16 - Cathy Wilkinson  
June 7 - Marv DeWitt                      June 24 - Charlene DeWitt  
June 11 - Hollis Taylor                      June 26 - Bob Johnson  
June 14 - Sharon Jones                      June 27 - Emily Baker  
June 29 - Gayle Johnson

### CENTRAL ANNIVERSARIES

June 20 - Sharon and Ben Jones (62<sup>nd</sup>)  
June 21 - Sue and Tom Brown (46<sup>th</sup>)  
June 21 - Marge and Chan Huff (52<sup>nd</sup>)  
June 22 - Hazel and Hollis Taylor (63<sup>rd</sup>)  
June 29 - Kay and Dale Miller  
June 29 - Lisa and Bob Vincent (7<sup>th</sup>)

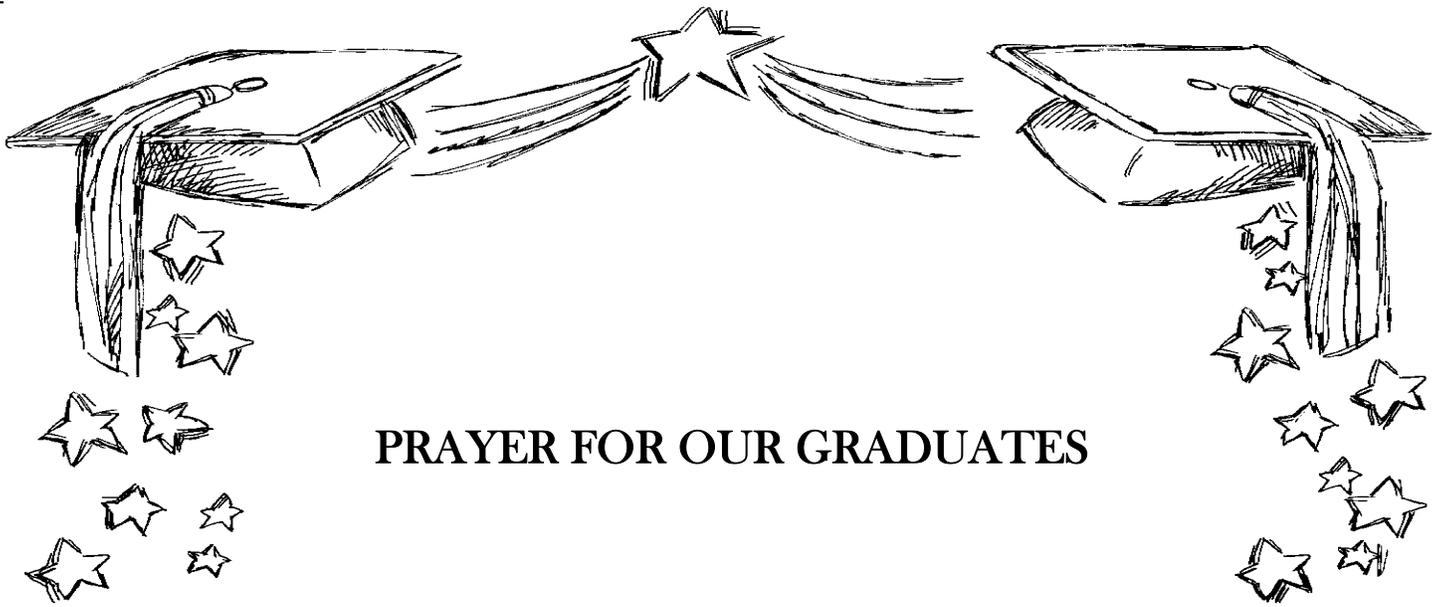


### ALGONQUIN BIRTHDAYS

June 1 - Debbie Wilson                      June 5 - Jim Wilson  
June 4 - Bev Atkins                      June 17 - Joyce Craven  
June 4 - Madison Atkins                      June 22 - Taryn Pratt (15<sup>th</sup>)

### ALGONQUIN ANNIVERSARIES

June 2 - Becky and Chris Meicher  
June 2 - Sarah and Ryan Atkins (14<sup>th</sup>)  
June 6 - Bernita and Bob Sibbald (34<sup>th</sup>)

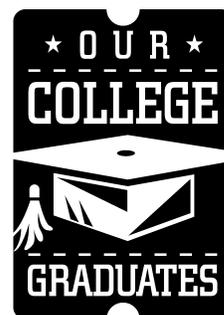


## PRAYER FOR OUR GRADUATES

Bless our higher ed graduates: Jeanine Sherman, Madelyn Collia, Deana LaLonde, Melina Talentino, Andrea Jones, Courtney Arbic and Mark LaRoue. (Some of our higher ed graduates have been acknowledged in earlier 2021 editions of our newsletter.)

Bless our high school graduates: Kaitlyn Anderson, Alaine Kennedy and Haleigh Knowles.

*We thank you for those who taught and worked beside them and all who supported them along the way. Walk with these graduates as they leave and move forward in life. Take away their anxiety and confusion of purpose. Strengthen their many talents and skills, instill in them a confidence in the future you plan, where energies may be gathered up and used for the good of all people, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen*



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**The month of June is noted for weddings, graduations and Father's Day. Here are some Biblical words of wisdom for these occasions:**

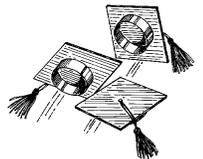


**MARRIAGE**

"A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies. Her husband has full confidence in her. and lacks nothing of value" Proverbs 31:10-1

**EDUCATION**

"A wise man has great power, and a man of knowledge increases strength." Proverbs 24:5



**PARENTING**

"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn away." Proverbs 22:6

**WORDS FOR ALL**

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6