



Central UMC's Worship Gathering  
August 29, 2021, at 10:30 am

*Welcome to our worship celebration!*

*Offering boxes are at the back on both sides of the sanctuary by the doors.  
We will not be passing the plates.*

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\*Indicates please stand on your feet or in your heart.

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship<sup>1</sup>**

One: God of daybreak, our souls wait for your light.

All: **Our souls wait more than those who watch for the morning.**

One: Let your Holy Spirit illumine our hearts,

All: **with the light of your redemption, a new day, a new life in Christ.**

**\*Opening Hymn**

*Something Beautiful*

UMH 394 (x3)  
SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL

**Scripture**

Acts 8:26-31, 35-39

**Scripture**

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

**Sermon**

“Be Imitators of Christ”

**Special Music**

*Si Bheag Si Mhor*  
Irish Duet

John & Cathy Wilkinson

**Time of Prayer**

The Lord's Prayer

**Offering Reflection**

**Announcements**

**\*Closing Hymn**

*Close to Thee*

UMH 407  
CLOSE TO THEE

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

Footnotes:

1. Call to Worship reprinted by permission of Westminster John Knox Press from Feasting on the Word® Worship Companion. © 2015.

Organist: Pat Deatrck  
Liturgist: Terri Bush  
Family Ministry Coordinator: Kay Miller  
Admn. Assist: Sherry Ingham

Video Camera: Dan Robinson  
Ushers: Tom Brown, Norb Bennin  
Special Music: John & Cathy Wilkinson  
Pastor: Rev. Vickie Hadaway

*Financial gifts can be mailed to Algonquin UMC or Central UMC at:  
111 E. Spruce St., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.*

**Office Hours:  
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday**

**The Church Office will be closed Monday, Sept. 6 for Labor Day.  
Please call before coming to the church office.**

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**Outline for 2021 Summer Sermon Series—“No Longer Strangers”**

*In Paul's letter to the Ephesians, we find some keys to living as followers of Jesus.*

*Keys to living that align with our vision values—our WHY? Why this mission, right now?*

*Join us as we reflect on Paul's writings and their impact for us as followers of Jesus in 2021...*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Scripture</u>	<u>Theme</u>
July 11	Ephesians 1:3-14	God chose us to be adopted together as a family in Christ
July 25	Ephesians 2:11-22	God reconciles divided people in a subversive act.
August 15	Ephesians 3:14-21	God can do things through us we cannot imagine
August 22	Ephesians 4:1-16	God calls us to unity, requiring humility and acceptance of one another.
August 29	Ephesians 4:25-5:2	God calls us to make peace, dealing with anger in a righteous and loving way.
September 5	Ephesians 5:15-20	God fills us with the Spirit, bringing joy and thankfulness to ordinary days.

**Our Mission: Connecting all people to God  
by building bridges of caring, outreach, and acceptance**

**As followers of Jesus, at Algonquin & Central United Methodist Churches we value:**

- Sincere Welcome demonstrated by everyone is family (7/11)
- Foundation of Tradition demonstrated by maintaining the legacy while embracing God's vision for the future (7/25)
  - Christ-Centered Gratitude demonstrated by giving time and talents through personal service (8/15)
  - Cultivating Relationships demonstrated by trust, intimacy, and non-judgmental interaction (8/22)
    - Building Connections demonstrated by facilitating growth for all people (8/29)

## Announcements – August 22, 2021

In August the United Way of Chippewa County held a backpack event that provided backpacks filled with school supplies for children of struggling families in our community. Betty MacDonald helped fill 600 backpacks on Thursday, Aug. 12 and John Lutz handed out backpacks to families on Friday, Aug. 13. Thank you Betty and John for representing our church and expressing God's love through the giving of your time. You are an inspiration to us all.

All are welcome to join a new Bible Study class on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. We will be studying *The Book of John, Finding, Identity and Purpose, an in-depth study of John*. The class meets in the library. Led by Norb Bennin and Bob Arfstrom.

Crafters gather on Wednesday mornings at 9:00-12:00 noon. All are welcome!



**Tip of the Mitt – Memorial Bike Ride.** All are invited to join Rev. Faith Fowler and her crew at St. Ignace UMC, 615 US-2, St. Ignace, MI on Thursday, Sept. 2 at 6:00 p.m. for a potluck dinner. Rev. Fowler, and friends, once again will take to the trails and roads on bike to raise funds in memory of William Bink McDuffie for the Tiny Homes development. Come hear how the funds given to Cass Community have made a difference in the lives of many people who otherwise might be homeless or traveling the streets! A free will offering will be collected.

The Church Office will be closed in observance of Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 6.

Adult Choir Rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 8 at 7:00 p.m. New members Welcome!

Bell Choir Rehearsals begin Wednesday, October 6 at 6:00 p.m.

### SAVE THE DATES:

**Back to Church Sunday, September 19, 2021**

**Family Night, Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2021**

Reclaiming Wednesdays for Christian Gathering and Growth  
Meal at 5:30 p.m.; small groups begin at 6:15 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**Church Retreat at Camp Michigamme – October 8-10.**

Fun, Reconnecting, & Relaxing for all ages!

*Leaning into Leadership: We Are Led Before We Lead.*

Led by Rev. Dr. Martha Burnell.

**Fall Coat Give Away – October 21-22 at God's Country Cooperative Parish  
in Newberry, MI.**