

Holy Communion



WELCOME VISITORS AND GUESTS!

As a visitor or guest, we greet you this morning. Because you have come to worship, as have we, you are most welcome to the service and to Holy Communion. We pray God's love, peace, and blessing upon you.

	<h1>Central at Worship</h1>	March 7, 2010 10:45 a.m.
		Third Sunday In Lent

*Please stand as you are able

Congregational responses are in **bold print**

ENTRANCE

Call to Worship

A Fruitful Faith

Prelude

Simple Gifts
Joy Bells

arr. Cathy Mokolbust

*Invocation

Holy Gardener, in this sanctuary our souls are satisfied as with a rich feast. Our mouths praise you with joyful lips. As a community of faith we call upon you, believing that you are nearer than our next breath, more available to us than we can imagine, more caring than we ever dare to hope. Uphold us now so that we may worship on wings of joy. Feed us now with your Word so that we may bear fruit. Amen.

*Passing the Peace of Christ

(The classic greeting is "The peace of the Lord be with you." The classic response is, "And also with you.")

*Hymn #139

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

PROCLAMATION

Time with Children

Carol Higginson

First Lesson

Psalm 63:1-8
Sue Beattie

Pew Bible, Page 527

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley
Sanctuary Choir

arr. Jack Schrader

(Your prayer cards will be gathered by the worship leaders at this time.)

Announcements

(Please take a moment to read, sign, and pass the blue clipboards along your pew)

Prayers and Concerns of the People

*Gospel Acclamation #159 (refrain)

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.**

The Gospel according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

*Gospel Luke 13:1-9

Pew Bible, Page 76

This is the gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon *Green Thumbs Up*
Rev. Kay DeMoss

RESPONSE

Hymn # 314 In the Garden

Celebration of Holy Communion
Great Thanksgiving
The Lord's Prayer
Sharing the Bread and the Cup
Pew Hymnal, Page 12

Anthem The Peace of Christ
Sanctuary Choir
James & Marilyn Biery

Sending forth of the Lay Communion Ministers

SENDING FORTH

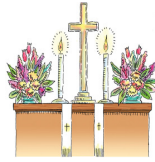
*Hymn # 664 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

*Benediction

Postlude
(Please be seated)


Choral Song

Samuel S. Wesley



*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God
by Dick and Doris Morgan
in loving memory of their parents*

Hearing Assistance.. Central's sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop. To use, switch your hearing aid to T-coil, or ask ushers for a headset.



Central Shares

Mission of the Month...

Our March focus is earthquake relief. Your contributions will be used to help ship Health Kits; 829 kits in 31 tubs are ready to be loaded on a container for Haiti! Funds not needed for this shipment will go to UMCOR's response to the Chile Emergency.

March Pantry...

This month we are collecting healthy snacks for Child Haven: juice boxes, trail mix, fruit cups, microwave popcorn, pretzels, etc. Place in the shopping cart this morning outside the chapel and sanctuary. Bring to the Mission Room any time during the month. Your support is much appreciated!



Health Kits for Haiti...

Thank you to all who donated supplies and helped pack health kits. There are 829 health kits in 31 tubs that will soon be on the way to Haiti. A special word of appreciation to Cheryl Youngquist who shopped and got the crew well organized. We're grateful, too, to Vicki Gale and Ron Kaiser, who transported the tubs to Grand Rapids. Twelve United Methodist Churches donated supplies. Six churches and scouts from North Muskegon helped with the packing.

A favorite hymn says, "In the bulb there is a flower..." Consultant Doug Anderson will be here this spring to help us discover the "flowers" God wants to have spring forth here at Central UMC. Everyone in the congregation has an opportunity to participate in this important process. Plan now to join us:

Tuesday, April 6 at 7 pm ... Discovery Learning/Looking Back
Wednesday, April 7 at 7 pm ... Future Visioning/Looking Ahead

A simple meal will be served at 6:00 pm in Parish Hall. If you plan to come for this time of fellowship, sign up in the Church Office.



Planning
the Future



LENTEN CALENDAR

Taize Worship

Join us in the sanctuary on Wednesday nights from 7:30-8:00 pm for a quiet time with God. Taize worship uses songs, scripture, candle-light, holy communion and silence to make room in our hearts for God's presence.

Bible Study

The Bible in 90 Days journey has taken us through the Book of Judges. DVDs and discussion are providing good fellowship and interesting insight. All are welcome to take part in the weekly check-in sessions on Sunday at 9:30 am and on Wednesday at 6:30 pm. A *Bible Companion* with two-page reviews of every book in the Bible is a helpful resource available from Kay DeMoss for \$14.

Lenten Luncheon

Ticket sales start today for the UMW luncheon on Mar. 27, noon in Parish Hall. The program is an Easter meditation by Chaplain Jan Johnson, "We'll take it from there." Special music by Karen Johnson. Tickets are \$10 and will NOT be available at the door.

Central's Staff

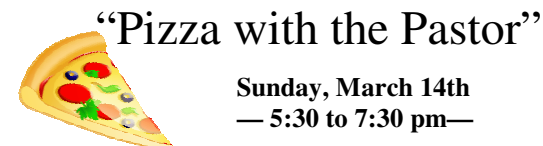
Rev. Gary L. Bekofske	Senior Pastor
(E-mail address: pastorgary@gmail.com)	
John R. Mattson	Dir. of Music Ministries
Rev. Kay DeMoss	Minister of Discipleship
Carol Higginson	Youth Ministries
Cheryl Youngquist	Family Ministries
Denise VanBerkum	Parish Visitor
Marian Davis	Admin. Asst.
Jane Catey	Finance
Peggy Thorsen	Finance
Doug Schramm	Custodian
Magan Morningstar	Nursery Attendant
Donny Nunez	Nursery Attendant

Staff contact information is available at the Welcome Desk or call (231) 722-6545.

BIRTHDAYS this week:

March 8— Thomas Cotner
11 — Kathryn Alexander
12 — Shirley Bruining

Don't forget to give your birthday gift of \$5 to the Youth Camp Fund!



"Pizza with the Pastor"

Sunday, March 14th
— 5:30 to 7:30 pm—

This is a one-shot quick immersion class for all those who might be interested in **membership** here at Central.

Join us as we explore the history of the United Methodist church, John Wesley's contributions, Central's early beginnings, CUMC staff & structure, holy sacraments, and membership opportunities & responsibilities, among other topics.

If you've been visiting here for several weeks or months and now wish to join the church as a full-fledged member, please contact the church office and let us know.

We'd be glad to have you join us!

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Begins at 2:00 am on SUNDAY, MARCH 14TH. Set your clocks *forward* 1 hour before you go to bed on Saturday night, or you will be LATE for church!



March 2010 Calendar

Mar. 15 — Helping Cluster
Mar. 15 — Vision/Futuring Team meeting
Mar. 16 — *Outlook* articles & information due
Mar. 16 — Bible Study on Acts (every Tues.)
Mar. 16 — Thoburn Circle
Mar. 16 — Finance Committee
Mar. 17 — Bible in 90 Days, Taize Worship
Mar. 18 — Wesley Circle
Mar. 21 — Youth Bake Sale
Mar. 21 — Bowling at AMF Lanes
Mar. 22 — Naomi Circle
Mar. 23 — *Outlook* mailed, Bible Study on Acts
Mar. 24 — Oakridge Class Tour
Mar. 24 — Bible in 90 Days, Taize Worship
Mar. 25 — Growing Cluster
Mar. 26 — Family Movie Night
Mar. 26-27 — Stephen Ministers Retreat
Mar. 27 — UMW Lenten Luncheon
Mar. 28 — PALM SUNDAY, One Great Hour of Sharing
Mar. 30 — Bible Study on Acts
Mar. 31 — Bible in 90 Days, NO Taize Worship

MARK YOUR
CALENDARS!

HOLY WEEK:

April 1 — Maundy Thursday: Supper @ 5:45pm, Shower of Blessings @ 6:30pm
April 2 — Good Friday: Service of Darkness, 7:30
April 4 — EASTER SUNDAY: Services @ 8:30 & 10:45am, with Youth Breakfast @ 9-10:15am

LOOKING AHEAD:

Apr. 6-8 — Doug Anderson here
Apr. 16 — Family Fun Potluck Night
Apr. 18 — Scout Sunday
Apr. 22 — Circle of Friends
Apr. 23 — Family Movie Night
May 23 — Heritage Sunday



~~~~~Prayer Joys and Concerns~~~~~  
**March 7, 2010**

**New this week:** Elma Jocson (missionary in Philippines), as she moves to a new assignment in Liberia.  
**Joy:** Nice to see Ann Nussdorfer in church last week after a long series of health issues over the winter.

**For those recovering at home:** Don Dahlquist (in Florida), Eric Balcom, Barbara Schichtel (Valerie Lundholm's mother), Bob Hunter (Kalamazoo), Shirley Bruining, Barb Stubbart, Al Clausen, Don Akhurst (Mike's father), Carl Frans, Jean Armstrong, Luci Edenburn, Florence Sturtevant, Florence Seng, Louella Sperry, Alice Doig (Gary's mother); and Opal Pierce, Bill Singleton & Hyle Claflin (all in Knollview).

**For those undergoing medical treatment:** Andrew Balcom, Vi Lanning (Lori Arthur's mother), Anita Frans, Larry Seastrom, Rosemary Lernowich, Jim Cox (Nancy Crandall's brother), Sherry Scott (daughter of Richard & Karen Wallace), Marilyn Freeman (daughter of Gini Hallead), Becky Sonnega (Helen's daughter-in-law), Kevin Powlenko, Jon Oakes, James Miesch, and Jerry Houtman.

**For those in home hospice care:** Glenna Akhurst (Mike's mother) and Terry L. Lynn (former member).

**For Those Who Mourn:** To the family of Carolyn Black, who passed away on Friday, Mar. 19, 2010 after a long struggle with aggressive pulmonary fibrosis. Her memorial service was held at Community United Methodist on Monday, Mar. 22, and her ashes will be interred in Central's columbarium on *March 27th*. Carolyn & her husband Warren were long-time devoted members of Central, serving in many capacities over the years. Warren's address is 17387 Oak Crest Pkwy, Spring Lake, MI 49456.

**For those serving our nation, especially:** SPC Adam Zaebst (Seastrom family), Brian Nowak (Sloan family), and Major Paul DeFlorio (Zack nephew) in Afghanistan; Nicholas Lloyd (Joiner/Kight family) in Iraq; Lt. Col. Kevin Heckle (Heckle family) in England; Matthew Ellis (Doig family) and Derek Larabee (Cotton friend).

**For those in transition:** Shirley Bruining, Seminole Shores, 850 Seminole Drive, Muskegon, MI 49441.

**Special Prayers:** for all those affected by the earthquake in Chile on Saturday, February 27th, 2010.

**Prayer Concern Guidelines**

Guidelines for submission of prayer concerns for our Sunday bulletin and the Outlook:

- Requests for a name to appear on the prayer list can be made by calling (722-6545), or emailing Central ([cumc@muskegoncentralumc.org](mailto:cumc@muskegoncentralumc.org)).
- Please request removal from the list when a concern turns into a praise.
- Prayers for those in mourning will remain for 14 days.

**Help Us Minister to You  
 When You Are Hospitalized**

Please have a relative or friend call the church when you are hospitalized (722-6545). The guideline is that if Rev. Bekofske has not been to see you within the first 24 hours, it means that the church has not been notified.



*The latest edition of the UPPER ROOM for March-April is available in the church library:*

*Regular size — \$.75  
 Large Print — \$1.15*

**This Week at Central**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 7**

Worship 8:30am  
 Church School 9:30am  
 Worship 10:45am  
*(Collect snacks during worship)*  
 Youth Mystery Dinner (offsite) 5-7pm

**MONDAY, MARCH 8**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 9**

UMW Exec. Board 9:30am  
 Computer Club 10:00am  
 Bible Study on Acts — CANCELLED  
 Chancel Bells — CANCELLED  
 Christian Comm. Center Supper 4:00pm  
 Joy Bells — CANCELLED  
 SPRC 7:00pm

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10**

Chapel Prayer 7:00am  
 Staff Meeting 10:00am  
 Stephen Peer Review 4:45pm  
 Bible in 90 Days 6:30pm  
 Computer Club 7:00pm  
 Taizé Worship 7:30pm

**THURSDAY, MARCH 11**

Romeos 8:30am  
 Juliets 9:00am  
 Sanctuary Choir 7:00pm

**FRIDAY, MARCH 12**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 13**

Bishop's Day on Evangelism in Caledonia

**SUNDAY, MARCH 14**

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS**  
 Worship 8:30am  
 Church School 9:30am  
 Worship 10:45am  
 Pizza with the Pastor 5:30pm

**Sunday Volunteers**

**This week...March 7**

**Worship Leader:** Lynn DeMoss  
**Lay Readers:** 8:30am Peter Oakes  
 10:45am Sue Beattie  
**Music:** Sanctuary Choir, Joy Bells  
**Acolytes:** Brooke Baker, Abby Cotton  
**Ushers:** Bill Paulson, Lewis Peck,  
 Tom Huizenga, Jim Skaarland  
**Greeters:** Dean & Shirley Chapman,  
 Don & Nancy Crandall  
**Coffee Hour:** June Begley  
**Welcome Desk:** Martha Giacobassi

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Next week...March 14

Worship Leader: Sue Zack
Lay Readers: 8:30am Gary Doig
 10:45am Bill Paulson
Music: Women of Sanctuary Choir,
 Linda Gould, flute
Acolytes: Devin Fellows, Evan Clarke
Ushers: Bill Paulson, Tim Lundholm,
 Pete Van Hoesen, Don Vanderlaan
Greeters: Bill & Sue Nicholson, Tom Olson,
 Lewis Peck
Coffee Hour: Mary Oakes, Doris Morgan
Welcome Desk: Sue Arthur

"BOWLING-BOWLING-BOWLING"

Fun for most ages!

Mark your calendar for:

*Family Bowling
 Sunday, March 21st
 Starts at 3:30 pm
 AMF Muskegon Lanes
 on Whitehall Road.*



**2 games and shoes
 for \$4.50**

A bargain of fun! No bowling experience needed, no equipment needed, gutter bumpers available. Sign up on clipboards. For more info, contact Erika Paulson at 759-0648.