

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God
by Jane Diederichsen in memory of
her parents, Vaughn & Emily Stanton.*

*The single rose on the altar today is given by
Lynn and Kay DeMoss in celebration of
the birth of Delaney Fern VanderPloeg,
daughter of Jen & Dan VanderPloeg,
born on March 8, 2010.*



WE WELCOME YOU TO CENTRAL

Whether you came to Central today out of a desire to worship, or out of a desire for a new relationship with God, or out of simple curiosity, we welcome you to Central. We are glad you chose to worship with us and we pray God's blessings upon you.



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Central at Worship

March 14, 2010
10:45 a.m.

Fourth Sunday in
Lent

*Please stand as you are able

Congregational responses are in **bold print**

ENTRANCE

Call to Worship

We are blessed! God gives us a fresh start.

We rejoice indeed! Our slate is wiped clean.

Celebrate GOD. Sing together—everyone!

It's time to raise the roof! God holds nothing against us.

From Psalm 32

Prelude

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Linda Gould-Flute

arr. Brent Olsted

*Invocation

O Lord, receive the prayer of your prodigal children! In the folly of our freedom, we have demanded much and conceded little; we have aimed high and stooped low. Now, after long and lonely wandering, we return home, seeking shelter for our sleep, bread for our hunger, and water for our thirst. Open your arms, Lord; do not send us away! For happy are we whose transgression is forgiven—we call to you and are answered; we search for you and are found; we trust in you and are delivered. Alleluia! Amen.

From Litanies and Other Prayers Year C by Phyllis Cole and Everett Tilson

*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 # 467

Trust and Obey

PROCLAMATION

Time with Children

Donna Truran



LENTEN CALENDAR

Taizé Worship

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

Bible in 90 Days

All are welcome at 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

Tickets are on sale in Parish Hall today for the UMW luncheon on Mar. 27, noon in Parish Hall. The program is an Easter meditation by Chaplain Jan Johnson with music by Karen Johnson. Tickets are \$10. Come and bring a friend.

Palm Sunday

Come to the Chapel on March 28 at 9:30 am for a special Stations of the Cross send off into Holy Week. Jesus walked in Jerusalem; where would he walk in Muskegon today?

Central Shares

Good Neighbor Offering...

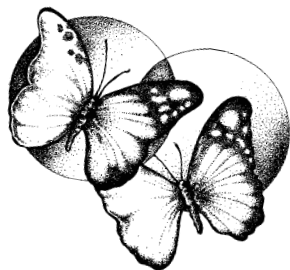
On the 2nd Sunday we support ministry in our community. This month we ask for money for backpacks for children served by Child Haven. Child Haven offers a home to abused and neglected children in transition. Backpacks help the kids keep their belongings safe and in order. Give with a check to Central UMC with memo to Child Haven. Thank you for caring. Healthy snacks are also being collected for Child Haven; bring to the Mission Room anytime in March.

"In Memoriam" Annual Members' Recital Sunday, March 21, 3:00 pm First Congregational Church



The Muskegon-Lakeshore Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will present a Members' recital "In Memoriam" for longtime member Sara Jane Hansen on Sunday, March 21 at 3:00 p.m.

Featured organists on the program will include Caron Farmer, Peter Kurdziel, Solee Lee-Clark, and John Mattson. A freewill offering will be taken to benefit the "Irene Kolkema Organ Scholarship Fund" and a reception will follow the program. For more information, contact John Mattson at 722-6545.



Consultant Doug Anderson will be here this spring to help us discover new directions God has for 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 meal will be served at 6:00 pm in Parish Hall both nights. If you plan to come for this time of fellowship, sign up in the Church Office.

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 15— Carlos Nunez
- 16 — Sue Brookstra, Jim Johnson, Tim Lundholm
- 17 — Joshua Cherry
- 19 — Jean Anderson, Kevin Youngquist, Cathy Brubaker-Clarke

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

"BOWLING-BOWLING-BOWLING"

Fun for most ages!

Join us 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 experience or equipment needed. Sign up on clipboards. For more info, contact Erika Paulson at 759-0648. Arranged by the Family Activities Committee.

Happy Birthday, Kathryn!

Please join us in Parish Hall immediately following the second service **today** for a special coffee hour in honor of



Kathryn Alexander's 80th Birthday.
Chocolate & white cake and beverages will be served by family & friends.

CONGRATULATIONS, Kathryn!!

March 2010 Calendar

- Mar. 22 — Naomi Circle
- Mar. 23 — *Outlook* mailed, Bible Study on Acts
- Mar. 24 — Oakridge Class Tour
- Mar. 24 — Bible in 90 Days, Taizé 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 Taizé Worship

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 14, 2010**

**New this week:** Shirley Bruining, Hackley Hospital; Ernie Gibner and Hyle Claffin are now both back home. **Joy!** Lynn and Kay DeMoss became grandparents on March 8th with the birth of Delaney Fern VanderPloeg, daughter of Jen & Dan VanderPloeg. And Andrew Balcom received *good news* on his test results.

**For those recovering at home:** Don Dahlquist (in Florida), Eric Balcom, Barbara Schichtel (Valerie Lundholm's mother), Bob Hunter (Kalamazoo), Barb Stubbart, 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 (both in Knollview).

**For those undergoing medical treatment:** 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:** Al Clausen, Glenna Akhurst (Mike's mother) and Terry L. Lynn (former member).

**For Those Who Mourn:** To Dick Kirk and to Barbara Hale, both of whom lost a sister recently. And to the family of Carolyn Black, who passed away on Friday, Mar. 19, 2010 after a long illness. Her ashes will be interred in Central's columbarium on *March 27th*. 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).

**Special Prayers:** for safe return of Harry & Lori Arthur from Nicaragua.

**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.



Attendance at the Taizé service on Wednesday nights continues to build. HURRY! Don't miss the chance to attend this one-season-a-year worship the last 2 Wednesdays it's available — March 17 & 24 at 7:30pm. *Experience the serenity of TAIZÉ this Lenten season.*

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 And children's Sunday School continues today with their series, **"Thirteen Very Bad Days and How God Fixed Them."** Each week is a new story, so children are encouraged to come anytime they are able.

This Week at Central

SUNDAY, MARCH 14
 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS
 Worship 8:30am
 Church School 9:30am
 Worship 10:45am
 Cinn-amon Sunday
 Pizza with the Pastor 5:30pm

MONDAY, MARCH 15
 Helping Cluster 1:00pm
 Vision/Futuring Teams 7:00pm

TUESDAY, MARCH 16
 Outlook articles & information due
 Computer Club 10:00am
 Thoburn Circle 1:00pm
 Bible Study on Acts 1:00pm
 Chancel Bells 1:30pm
 Joy Bells 6:00pm
 Finance Committee 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17
 Chapel Prayer 7:00am
 Staff Meeting 10:00am
 Bible in 90 Days 6:30pm
 Computer Club 7:00pm
 Taizé Worship 7:30pm



THURSDAY, MARCH 18
 Wesley Circle 10:00am
 Sanctuary Choir 7:00pm

FRIDAY, MARCH 19
 Faithful Remnant 10:00am

SATURDAY, MARCH 20

SUNDAY, MARCH 21
 Worship 8:30am
 Church School 9:30am
 Worship 10:45am
 Youth Bake Sale
 Bowling at AMF Lanes 3:30pm

Sunday Volunteers

This week...March 14
Worship Leader: Sue Zack
Lay Readers: 8:30am Gary Doig
 10:45am Bill Page
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

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**Next week...March 21**  
**Worship Leader:** Tom Bourassa  
**Lay Readers:** 8:30am Kay Fairfield  
 10:45am Kailey Lundholm  
**Music:** Sanctuary Choir, Chancel Bells  
**Acolytes:** Michael Arnold, Casey Arnold  
**Ushers:** Bill Paulson, Gary Sandberg, Joan  
 Sandberg, Chuck Tompkins, June Begley  
**Greeters:** Larry & Sharon Bradfield,  
 Loyce & Bill Page  
**Coffee Hour:** Billie Joy Holmes, Donna Truran  
**Welcome Desk:** Billie Joy Holmes

**“Pizza with the Pastor”**



**TONIGHT**  
 — 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.

If you've been visiting here for several weeks or months and now wish to join the church as a full-fledged member, please join us this evening in the Learning Lab, Room 209.

**We'd be glad to have you join**