

Our Mission:

Proclaiming Christ, Growing Disciples, Transforming Lives!

AUGUST CALENDAR

- 2 — Supper House 3:45 p.m. (Temple UMC)
- 3 — Leadership Council Retreat 9 a.m.— 12 p.m.
- 4 — Worship Service 9:30 a.m. (In-Person & Virtual)
- 6 — Staff Meeting 11 a.m. (Conference Room)
- 8 — Romeo's 8:30 a.m. (Carmen's Café)
Juliet's 9 a.m. (Cherokee Restaurant)
- 11 — Worship Service 9:30 a.m. (In-Person & Virtual)
- 18 — Worship Service 9:30 a.m. (In-Person & Virtual)
- 19 — Mobile Food Truck 4:30 (CUMC Parking Lot)
- 20 — Outlook Deadline
Book Club 9:30 a.m. (Library)
Building Team Meeting 11 a.m. (Conference Room)
- 22 — Volunteer at Kids' Food Basket 9:30 a.m. (1537 S. Getty)
- 25 — Worship Service 9:30 a.m. (In-Person & Virtual)
Call To Prayer 11 a.m. (Conference Room)
- 27 — Outlook Mailed
Custodial Crew Meeting 11 a.m. (Conference Room)

Share their sorrow:

Family and friends of **Kenneth Robert Davis**, brother of Marian Davis who passed away on July 13 in St. Paul, MN. Prayers for this very special family.

THIS AND THAT

- ◆ Please keep the office updated on any changes you make to your address, telephone or email. We want our information to always be correct and up-to-date.
- ◆ Do you want to start receiving our Thursday and Sunday email? Please call the church office.
- ◆ Marian Davis is always accepting note cards to send to our many shut-ins. Drop them off at the church office.
- ◆ If you serve on a committee, please see that the office receives the dates/times for each of your meetings. It's very important that the office keeps an up-to-date calendar.
- ◆ If you are sending cards to people in the church, please call the church office if you need their mailing address. People enjoy receiving cards not only at special times, but anytime.
- ◆ Think about making cookies for our Sunday Coffee Time or donating altar flowers. You can sign up with the sheets provided on the bulletin board outside the chapel.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 — Larry Bradfield, Debra Tompkins
- 5 — Evan Clarke
- 6 — Joanne Ulrich
- 7 — Kyle Berry
- 9 — Jane Catey
- 16 — Ellie Applegarth
- 22 — Doris Morgan
- 25 — Tyler Ellis, Keith Krol
- 27 — Bonnie Borgeson, Martha Giacobassi
- 30 — Dennis Hartman



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 — Bruce & Shirley Privacky 1958
- 9 — Cavan Berry & Jenny McNeill 1997
- 13 — Michael & Cindy Belt 1994
- 25 — Harry & Julie Wierenga 1962

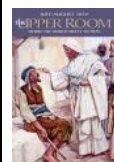
In Person Giving and Planting



CUMC Website Giving



QR CODE for Faster Giving



Your July/August Upper Room has **not** arrived.

We apologize for this inconvenience. There was a major glitch with our delivery. **Keep checking the Welcome Desk.**

Use your cell phone to hover over this QR CODE for faster and convenient giving.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday — Thursday 9 a.m. — 2 p.m.

You can always leave a message.

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Mission Possible for August 2024

Aug. 4— Mission of the Month
Red Bird School

Aug. 11 — Local Mission
Kids Belong

Aug. 18 — Helping Hand Fund

Aug. 25 — Hunger/UMCOR
Hunger-Solar Oven Project

Monthly Pantry Donation
\$\$'s for Hand2Hand

Mission Accomplished June 2024

Mission of the Month
Henderson Settlement \$490

Local Mission
Every Women's Place \$305

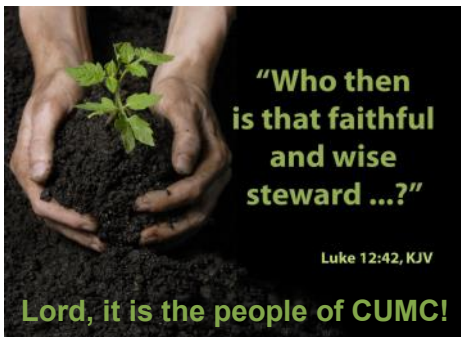
Helping Hand Fund \$290

Hunger/UMCOR
World Hunger and Poverty \$375

Fifth Sunday
Pre-Crop Walk \$110

Pantry
Hope Project \$340

Reminder...mission offerings can be given any time during the month even though we list our offerings by the week.



Let's count the ways...

- ◆ **Donate** cookies for Coffee Hour
- ◆ **Send** cards to our shut-ins
- ◆ **Help** Lisa with our gardens.
- ◆ **Call** someone you haven't seen at church recently.
- ◆ **Invite** someone to join you for a Sunday service.
- ◆ **Volunteer** at our Mobile Food Truck, Kids' Food Basket, Project Hope. The list is endless.
- ◆ **Pray** for our country.

We Are the Church – In the *Field of Dreams*, a 1989 film, there is a famous quote: "If you build it, he will come." I didn't suggest that Central build a baseball field when I threw out a request to bring fabric for a project I wanted to make from fabric that represents you and your family. But...you did come!!! ALL 38+ of you giving me 1 or 2 pieces of special fabric that had stories shared when given to me. (The banner will be started after I put the finishing touches on another "surprise" I am working on for the church.) This banner is not a quick project by any means, but one I have been dreaming of doing for years. So be patient with me and the finger on my dominate hand injured after a fall. Right now, I'm trying to get used to my "new left hand" praying it will behave. The banner is named...**We Are the Church**. It will be entirely *hand pieced*. When I start piecing together each of the four pieces that represent you and your family, you will still be individuals. They represent the beginning of the song—I am the church...You are the church. It's not until all the individual pieces have been sewn that I'll be ready to go on with the song...**We are the church together!** At that time, you will *eventually* see how this will speak with power! **It takes ALL of us to make a church...your piece will now be joined to everyone.** Thank you for participating in my *Field of Dreams* project! ~**Juanita Joiner**

The Church of Christ, in Every Age

On Sunday, July 21 Pastor Rob chose a wonderful hymn found on page 589 of the UMC Hymnal. The words of **The Church of Christ, In Every Age** were very powerful and drove a message to many hearts of those attending. I thought I'd reprint the five verses of this hymn that drove that message loud and clear of why CUMC is located at 1011 Second Street. The church is here not only "to create safe spaces for growth and community in Christ", but to be the example for others of what a church should BE...we are meant to be the servants in our community showing others we care. *We must never forget that.*

1. *The church of Christ, in every age beset by change but Spirit led, must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.*
2. *Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry for shelter and for bread to eat, and never live until they die.*
3. *Then let the servant church arise, a caring church that longs to be a partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.*
4. *For he alone, whose blood was shed, can cure the fever in our blood, and teach us how to share our bread and feed the starving multitude.*
5. ***We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord, to care for all, without reserve, and spread his liberating word.***



This group was in full obedience while volunteering this month at Kids' Food Basket.

These volunteers (many missing this past month) meet once a month...perhaps you would also like to join this group that helps bring blessings to the children in Muskegon. See Pastor Rob if you want more information.



If you still need proof about obedience, take a look at our volunteers at our Mobile Food Truck held once a month right in our own parking lot.

Even in the heat and humidity of last Monday, these volunteers took verse 5 to heart. Clients started lining up at 1 p.m. for an event that didn't start till 4:30 p.m.



There is a need for everyone to be obedient to our huge need right here in Muskegon...right here in our neighborhood. See Pastor Rob for more information.