



# THE OUTLOOK

Central United Methodist Church

Volume 125 Issue 6



MICHIGAN AREA

**The United Methodist Church**1011 Northcrest Road · Lansing, MI 48906-1262  
(517) 347-4003**DAVID ALAN BARD**

BISHOP

[bishop@michiganumc.org](mailto:bishop@michiganumc.org)**REV. DR. JENNIFER BROWNE**Clergy Assistant to the Bishop  
Director of Connectional Ministries  
[jbrowne@michiganumc.org](mailto:jbrowne@michiganumc.org)

January 2025

Dear Friends in Christ in the Michigan Conference,

I greet you in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the peace and power of the Holy Spirit. It is with great joy and deep gratitude that I offer this letter acknowledging your congregation's full payment of Ministry Shares in 2024. Your faithfulness to our shared ministry as United Methodists is heartening.

Your full participation in Ministry Shares extends the ministry of your church in remarkable ways. You help provide the structure that keeps all our United Methodist churches connected. Your gifts allow the Michigan Conference to provide training and support for our churches as we all seek to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. You make possible important conference connections for reaching out in concern and service to this hurting world. Your gifts make possible the ministry of The United Methodist Church across the globe. I wish you could hear some of the stories of ministry for Jesus Christ that I hear from United Methodists around the world. Through our shared ministry we help provide principled Christian leaders for churches and communities, work to alleviate poverty, promote health, and help people come to faith in Jesus Christ and connect with communities that will help them in their journey with Jesus.

I celebrate our shared ministry and your participation in it. Thank you. "The rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of God's people but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God" (II Corinthians 9:12).

Grace and Peace,

Bishop David A. Bard

Deana E. Nelson, Administrative Assistant to the Bishop  
[dnelson@michiganumc.org](mailto:dnelson@michiganumc.org)Yolanda Thomas, Administrative Assistant to the Clergy Assistant  
[ythomas@michiganumc.org](mailto:ythomas@michiganumc.org)

Certificate has been posted on Chapel Bulletin Board.

## Mission Possible for June 2025

**June 1 — Mission of the Month**  
God's Country MI UP Parish

**June 8 — Local Mission**  
Every Woman's Place

**June 15 — Helping Hand Fund**

**June 22 — UMCOR/Mission**  
World Hunger and Poverty

**June 29 — Firth Sunday**  
Veterans Affairs

**Monthly Pantry Donation**  
\$\$ for Kids' Food Basket

## Mission Accomplished April 2025

**Mission of the Month**  
Native American Sunday \$635.00

**Local Mission**  
Health West \$380.00

**Helping Hand Fund** \$230.00

**Hunger/UMCOR**  
Red Bird Clinic \$410.00

**Pantry**  
\$\$\$ for Beyond the Walls \$330.00

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



## Celebrate Our Graduates!

We will pray for our graduates on Sunday, June 15 during our 9:30 worship service.

Please contact the church office to share the name of a graduate we can recognize and congratulate!



"Creating safe spaces  
for growth and community  
in Christ."



## Join Us for the Muskegon Pride Festival Parade! Central United Methodist Church Walking in Love and Solidarity



A group of Muskegon churches—including CUMC—has come together to explore how we can be more inclusive and outward-reaching in our community. Our first shared initiative is participation in the **Muskegon Pride Festival Parade**, and **we'd love for you to join us!**

Let's show up as a visible sign of God's love and our commitment to being an **open and affirming church**. We will be marching together with fellow congregations under a shared symbol: a rainbow and dove logo with each church's name displayed. The more participants we have, the louder our message of inclusion will be—**all are truly welcome at Central!**

### Parade Details:

**Date:** Saturday, June 7, 2025

**Gathering Time:** 10:00 a.m.

**Parade Start:** 10:30 a.m.

**Starting Point:** Muskegon Union Depot, Western Avenue, Downtown Muskegon

**Route:** Union Depot to Hackley Park

(A welcome celebration will follow at the Hackley Park main stage)

### Questions?

Contact **Pastor Rob Cook** or **Cathy Brubaker-Clarke** at **(231) 855-0335**

Come walk with us. Show your support. Celebrate love.

Let's make it clear: **ALL are welcome at Central United Methodist Church.**

## THE HEART OF MISSION GIVING



Central has had a long-standing history of supporting missions both locally and globally through our weekly giving opportunities. One of our United Methodist beliefs is to follow Christ's servant example by caring for the stranger and showing our compassion to those in need. Over the years we have supported many local and global organizations by selecting very worthy groups in our community, our state, our country, and in areas across the globe.

The Missions Team has worked with Pastor Rob to incorporate a new system beginning in July that will simplify our mission contributions. Each month there will be just one mission focus that will be selected for our contributions (12 per year). We will also have the opportunity to contribute to the Pastor's Helping Hand Fund each and every month. The monthly mission focus will support a local mission group like Hope Project or Kids' Food Basket or a global one such as UMCOR's Immigration, Law, and Justice—Michigan Project or Heifer International. It is our hope to make more of an impact on the main mission focus with more participation from our membership. After all, we remember 2 Corinthians 9:7 "...for God loves a cheerful giver."

Our giving envelopes will be updated to reflect the new system of the Mission of the Month and the Helping Hand Fund, both that you can contribute to at any time during each month. Envelopes will be available at the desk at the back of the Sanctuary or in the church office.

If you have any questions or have suggestions for future missions' recipients, please see Carol Higginson, Kay Fairfield, Carolyn Buboltz, Linda Roberts, or Sue Zack.

## Worship at Central

Available online: **LIVE**

<https://www.facebook.com/muskegoncentralumc>

And on our YouTube Channel: **LATER IN THE DAY**

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZUQe2i7Fzj\\_tcwwSG7Ednw/videos?view=2&flow=grid](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZUQe2i7Fzj_tcwwSG7Ednw/videos?view=2&flow=grid)



# Central Cares

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

10 — Robert Fountain, Bruce Privacky  
 14 — Carl Chapman  
 17 — Jenna Terpstra  
 19 — Beth Cotner, Liz Krol  
 20 — Colin Berry, Karen Pallasch  
 25 — Doris Coles  
 27 — Lucas Cook, Karen Wallace  
 30 — Carol Cross



## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

2 — Don & Nancy Crandall (1962)  
 11 — Jon & Miguelle Newman (1994)  
 12 — Jack & Marcy Cooke (1964)  
 18 — Huey & Julie Husted (1982)  
 20 — Dale & Sue Beattie (1986)  
 22 — Andy & Beth Lofgren (1985)  
       Eric & Jeanne Coulon (1974)  
 25 — Bill & Erika Paulson (1955)

### Membership Sunday

New members will be joining our congregation during our 9:30 worship service on Sunday, June 29th.

Please contact Pastor Rob if you are considering membership. **You are welcome to be included!**

### Congregational Meeting

Sunday, June 29th 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel

Pastor Rob will be sharing his final presentation for his applied project for Dakota Wesleyan University. Come hear the potential and next steps for a housing development project using church space and/or property.

**All are welcome!**



### Experience Clearer Sound in the Sanctuary Using AudioFetch!

1. Connect to our Guest WiFi (Password: Welcome!)
2. Download the AudioFetch App (Apple and Android)
3. Connect your hearing aids or headphones to your phone or tablet.
4. Open the AudioFetch App and start listening!

**Works GREAT!**

Click [HERE](#) to learn how to setup and use this app.

### Church Office Hours

**Our regular office hours at the church.  
 Tuesday — Thursday 9 a.m. — 2 p.m.**

## JUNE CALENDAR

- 1 — Worship 9:30 a.m. (In-Person & Virtual)
- 4 — Staff Mtg. 11:00 a.m. (Conference Room)  
       MAP Clothing Pantry 12:30 p.m. (Temple UMC)
- 7 — Muskegon Pride Festival Parade (Details on page 2)
- 8 — Worship 9:30 a.m. (In-Person & Virtual)  
       Mix & Match Brunch/Program 11:00 a.m. (Parish Hall)  
       In Memoriam Organ Concert 3:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)
- 12 — Romeo's 8:30 a.m. (Carmen's Café)  
       Juliet's 9:00 a.m. (Cherokee Restaurant)
- 15 — Worship 9:30 a.m. (In-Person & Virtual)  
       Celebrate Our Graduates!
- 16 — Mobile Food Pantry 4:30 p.m. (CUMC Parking Lot)
- 17 — Outlook Deadline 8:00 a.m.  
       Book Club 10:00 a.m. (Library)  
       Building Team Mtg. 11:00 a.m. (Conference Room)
- 22 — Worship 9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)  
       Call to Prayer 11 a.m. (Conference Room)  
       Mix & Match Team Mtg. 11:00 a.m. (Library)  
       Beyond the Walls Work Session 11:00 a.m. (Parish Hall)
- 24 — Outlook Mailed 9:00 a.m.  
       Custodial Crew Mtg. 11:00 a.m. (Conference Room)
- 25 — Volunteer at Kids' Food Basket 9:30 a.m. (1537 S. Getty)
- 29 — Worship 9:30 a.m. (In-Person & Virtual)  
       Membership Sunday  
       Congregational Mtg. 11:00 a.m. (Chapel)

### Share their grief:

- ♥ Family and friends of **Shontrese**, granddaughter of Billie Joy Thomas, who passed away unexpectedly on April 29. Please keep this family in your thoughts and prayers.
- ♥ Family and friends of **Harriet Visser**, sister-in-law of Diane Vanwesep, who passed away on May 3. Please keep this family in your thoughts and prayers.
- ♥ Family and friends of **Ray Rood**, step-son of Marie Rood, who passed away on May 20. Please keep this family in your thoughts and prayers.

### Special Request:

- ♥ Please keep Connie in the church office updated on any of the prayer requests you have made on behalf of your friends and family.
- ♥ **Where to send important information!**  
**Please send to all addresses.**
- ♥ Juanita Joiner for the Newsletter:  
[jjoiner@muskegoncentralumc.org](mailto:jjoiner@muskegoncentralumc.org)
- ♥ Connie Jones for the Church Calendar:  
[connie@muskegoncentralumc.org](mailto:connie@muskegoncentralumc.org)

# Central United Methodist Church



1011 2nd Street  
Muskegon MI 49440  
231-722-6545  
MuskegonCentralUMC.org



MUSKEGON CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST

For faster and more  
convenient giving.



## Central Staff

- Rev. Rob Cook, Senior Pastor  
rob@muskegoncentralumc.org  
231-722-6545 Ext. 4
- Connie Jones, Office Coordinator  
connie@muskegoncentralumc.org  
231-722-6545 Ext. 1
- Marian Davis, Parish Visitor  
marian@muskegoncentralumc.org  
231-722-6545
- Juanita Joiner, Newsletter Editor  
jjoiner@muskegoncentralumc.org  
231-722-6545 Ext. 2
- Dan Melinn, Facilities Coordinator  
dmelinn@muskegoncentralumc.org  
231-722-6545
- Carl Chapman, Custodian  
office@muskegoncentralumc.org  
231-722-6545
- Marie Rood, Financial Administrator  
marie@muskegoncentralumc.org  
231-722-6545 Ext. 3
- Cavan Berry, Church Treasurer  
cumc@muskegoncentralumc.org
- Colin Berry, Video Technician  
colin@muskegoncentralumc.org
- Carolyn Buboltz, Financial Secretary  
cumc@muskegoncentralumc.org  
231-722-6545 Ext. 3

Have news for the Outlook? See page 3 for submission addresses. Next Outlook deadline is **June 17**. Thank you!



**Join the Mix and Match Team  
for brunch following worship  
on Sunday, June 8th.**

Liz and Keith Krol will provide a short program on their recent trip to Tanzania. Come and see the work your prayers have supported "Beyond the Walls" of Central.

**ALL Are Welcome!**



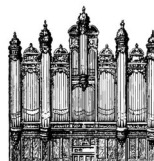
**American Guild of Organists**  
Muskegon-Lakeshore Chapter

## In Memoriam

**A Members' Recital**

*In Loving Memory of  
Troy Carpenter and Susan Emmons*

*Celebration of  
Muskegon-Lakeshore Chapter's  
65th Anniversary*



**Sunday, June 8, 2025  
3:00 PM**

**Central United Methodist Church  
1011 Second Street — Muskegon, MI**

*A reception will follow the recital in Parish Hall.*



**We have two  
fundraising  
events that we  
need your help  
with parking  
cars.**

The first parking event is Taste of Muskegon on Friday, June 13th from 4:00—6:30pm. The second parking event is the Lakeshore Art Festival on Saturday June 28th.

**There are several time slots  
available from 9:30 to 3:30pm.**

Please see Valerie Lundholm in Parish Hall to sign up. Thank you!