

## Together We Pray:

### for those in need of continued prayers:

Merlene DeVries	Pat Roberts	Jen Wessman	Mike Cooper
Brianna Couch	Judy Uglow	Audrey Johnson	Tom Naylor
Lodema Schroder	Zach Wisner	By Bayliss	Kelly Helmus
Josephine Lile	Drew Adams	Charles Gall	Sue Ramsey
Michelle DeSchryver	Bev Tolan	Herb Snyder	Darrin Ungrey
Annie Kegerreis	Jeff Mitchell	Loretta Burd	Shirley Howell
Stewart Gurley	Dick Raab	Deb Strong-Horn	Donna Jousma
Zachary Whisner	Lois Rodgers	Keith Strong	Connie Lemon
Megan Pardick	Steve Claflin	Anna Rusnell	Trish Wilson

### for those serving our country in the military:

Russ Taylor III	T. J. Porritt	Jim Freeman	Brian Purdy
Nicholas Freeman	Luke Shook	Brian Fox	Keith Nelson
Ian Fleischman	John Ford	Tom Huerth	Jake Taylor
Aaron Sherman			

### for those who are unable to be with us:

Virginia Shook	Phyllis Ferris	Elaine Buchanan	Irma Becker
Annie Kegerreis	Millie Stauffer	Mildred Budd	Eva Engle

### From the Prayer Box:

- Karen Hahn requests prayer for Sharon Mortensen who is out of state working for three weeks.
- Please pray for continued financial support of our church and ministries.
- Rod Nunnelee requests prayers for Bill Forrester who is suffering from lung cancer.

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Jayne Thomas in memory of her husband, Clifford.

### Caledonia United Methodist Church Prayer Card

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I am requesting prayer / praise for: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please include this prayer request with:

\_\_\_\_\_ the CUMC email prayer chain. \_\_\_\_\_ the bulletin prayer list.

\_\_\_\_\_ pastoral follow up. \_\_\_\_\_ none of the above.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please include me on the email prayer chain. My email address is:

\_\_\_\_\_

Requested by: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## Church Calendar

### Today

Homecoming Sunday  
10:00 am Worship  
11:15 am Pot Luck Lunch

### Monday

12:00 pm Bible and Bread  
6:30 pm Boy Scouts

### Tuesday

6:30 pm Chancel Choir

### Wednesday

9:30 am Staff Meeting  
12:00 pm Women in Step  
6:00 pm Spiritual Care  
Consultants  
6:15 pm Elementary Youth  
6:30 pm Bell Choir  
7:15 pm MS Youth

### Thursday

7:00 pm Endowment and  
Memorial Committee

### Friday

6:30 pm Family Fun Night ~  
Kettle Lake Elementary

### Sunday, November 1

9:00 am Membership Class  
10:00 am Worship

## Announcements

**You can help!** If you go to the website [www.thebreastcancersite.com](http://www.thebreastcancersite.com) and click on the pink "Give" button, you can help someone get a free mammogram. Check out the website for additional information.

**Women in Step** will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, October 28th at 12:00 pm. Bring a lunch and join us!

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT** Join us this Friday, October 30th, 6:30 pm ~ 8:30 pm at Kettle Lake Elementary School which is on Whitneyville Road, South of 68th Street. All ages are welcome to join in for kickball, volleyball, basketball, floor hockey, etc. Call Todd with questions ~ 891-7727.

**Poinsettia Orders:** It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas ~ well, not quite yet. But it is time to order poinsettias! You will find the order forms on the counter in the Narthex. Simply fill out the form and drop it in the offering plate or return it to the office. Orders are due by November 15th. Contact the office for more information.

**Christmas Decorations** Are you looking to enhance your Christmas décor? Women In Step can help! They have hand crafted, glass block, lighted decorations for sale. They are currently available in the fellowship hall and sell for \$12.00, \$17.50, and \$20.00 depending on the size. Please see Jean Mumford for additional information.

**Christmas Ornaments:** We are looking to do something a little different to decorate our Church Christmas tree this year. We are asking you to donate an ornament or ornaments that represent your church life, home life, or family. You may drop them off in the narthex. We will be accepting ornaments today through the Advent season.

**Membership Exploration Classes** If you are interested in becoming a member of CUMC or if you would like more information about the history of this church and the United Methodist denomination, come and explore with us November 1, 8, and 15 at 9:00 am, prior to worship. Childcare will be provided. To register or to for more information, please call the office.

**Attn Youth:** Newsboys are coming to Grand Rapids! Sign up in the Fellowship Hall to get your face rocked off! Kids tickets are free. The show is November 14th at 7:00 pm at Sunshine Community Church. See Matt St. Jacques for more information.

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Pentecost 21

October 25, 2009

## Homecoming Sunday

Rev. Kenneth D. McCaw	1962—1966
Rev. Edward D. Passenger	1966—1969
Rev. Robert Boyer	1969—1971
Rev. Lloyd Van Lente	1971—1976
Rev. Adam Chyrowski	1976—1980
Rev. Robert Thomlinson	1980-1984
Rev. Robert Wessman	1984—1990
Rev. Bobby Dale Whitlock	1990—1996
Rev. Norman C. Kohns	1996—2005
Rev. James E. Hodge	2005—present

## Welcome Home!

### Mission Statement

Caledonia United Methodist Church will:

- **Serve** our community in the name of Jesus Christ by spreading the Good News of God's unlimited love and forgiveness;
- **Strengthen** faith through Christian education for people of all ages;
- **Connect** in Christian fellowship with our family, our community, and the world.

# Order of Worship

## PRELUDE

### \* CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms No. 133

### \* GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 5:1-2, 9

## INVOCATION

Leader: Jesus, courageous and vulnerable, you broke into the vicious circle.

**People: May we break into cycles of violence?**

Leader: Jesus, bold and brave, you confronted the traditional customs.

**People: May we confront patterns of hatred and prejudice?**

Leader: Jesus, assertive and strong, you challenged the perpetrators.

**People: May we challenge victimizers and abusers in our day?**

Leader: Jesus, clear and direct, you drew the line in the sand.

**People: May we refuse to accept injustice?**

Leader: Jesus, amazing and powerful, you got them to drop their stones.

**People: May we find ways to be in the world that increase safety, establish fairness, and promote peace.**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC What a Wonderful World Chancel Choir

HEBREW LESSON Micah 4:1-4

A CELEBRATION OF CALEDONIA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CHILDREN'S TIME The Rev. Bobby Dale Whitlock

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER The Rev. Kenneth D. McCaw

Leader: And now their plowshares are beat into swords -

**People: As are ours.**

Leader: Now their pruning hooks are beat into spears -

**People: As are ours.**

Leader: Not only swords and spears, but bullets, and bombs, and missiles,

**People: of steel on flesh, of power against bodies...**

Leader: And you, in your indignation sound your mantra, "Blessed are the peacemakers."

**People: We dare to believe they are the aggressor, and we are the peacemaker.**

Leader: Yet in sober night dream, we glance otherwise and think we may be the aggressor,

**People: as we vision rubbed homes, murdered civilians, and charred bodies.**

Leader: And you, in our sadness, send your mantra, "Blessed are the peacemakers."

**People: We do not love war, we yearn for peace, but we have lost much will for peace even while we dream of order.**

Leader: And you, in your hope, sound your mantra, "Blessed are the peacemakers."

**People: Deliver us from excessive certitude about ourselves.**

Leader: Hold us in the deep ambiguity where we find ourselves.

**People: Show us yet again the gaping space between your will and our feeble imagination.**

Leader: Sound your mantra with more authority, with more indignation, through sadness, in hope...

**People: "Blessed are the peacemakers."**

Leader: Peacemakers are blessed, and we find ourselves well short of blessed.

**People: Give us freedom for your deep and imaginative otherwise; finally to be at peace, to be peace - blessed to be a blessing. Amen.**

## CELEBRATING OUR MINISTRIES

### RETURNING THANKS

Invitation

Offertory

\* Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

\* HYMN Let There Be Peace on Earth No 431

## MESSAGE

*Blessed Are the Peacemakers*

### \* CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

It is Well With My Soul No. 377

*\*Please stand as able*



Because we strive to show equal respect for all preferences in worship music, we select songs and hymns meaningful to every age group via a balanced music section consisting of (a) the great classic hymns written 1520 - 1870, (b) the old gospel hymns written 1871 - 1935, and (c) the three generations of contemporary praise songs written between 1960 and today.

**From the Missions Committee:** There are all kinds of ways to contribute to Missions. Maybe you are interested in donating your kids outgrown hats, mittens for the MITTEN TREE. Maybe you have a surplus of cake mixes or candles for the BIRTHDAY BOX. Maybe you would just like to write a check for ACCESS 6 for the Food Pantry or shop and purchase highly needed items like macaroni & cheese, jelly to go with peanut butter, soup, canned meat, cereal, breakfast bars all those non-perishable things that they like to have on hand. Possibly you are interested in giving to UMCOR-Haiti Hot Lunch and making sure that children there have a hot rice & beans lunch or another UMCOR project. Just decide what touches your heart and give. It really is a great feeling to be part of something bigger!

### Sunday, October 25

Acolytes: Siara Christopher & Jenna Smith  
Coffee: Pot Luck Luncheon  
Counters: Jon and Jean VanDenBeldt  
Hospitality: Jean VanDenBeldt  
Liturgists: Rev. Bobby Dale Whitlock  
Nursery: Jean Arins  
Trustee: Carolyn Olree  
Ushers: Lu and Dick Ward

### Sunday, November 1

Acolytes: Ethan Burd and Taylor Cross  
Coffee: The Kidder Family  
Counters: Jon and Jean VanDenBeldt  
Hospitality: The Brown Family  
Liturgists: Bob Lillie  
Nursery: Judy Kidder  
Trustee: Ernie Schenk  
Ushers: Mark and Mandi Cherpes

### CUMC Staff

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