

Grace
By the grace of Jesus,
is why I am strong
for He empowers me
to daily get along.

For His grace is always,
sufficient for me
and without I don't know
just where I would be.

By the grace of Jesus,
I have the strength
to stay to the course
no matter it's length.

For His grace gives me,
the courage I need
so others to Him
I can guide and lead.

By the grace of Jesus,
I am not limited
for to Him I am...
fully committed!

NEWSLETTER

CADILLAC SOUTH COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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July/August 2024

Worship 9:00 a.m.

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Office Hours at Cadillac UMC: Monday-Thursday, 9:30am - 1:00 pm.

Sabbath Day: Friday

Vision Statement

*We are a family united by God's love: serving, sharing, and growing together.
It is our mission to call people into a relationship with Jesus Christ.*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

How excited and blessed I feel that God has called us to minister alongside each other! I look forward to meeting you and getting to know all of you better soon. In the meantime, I thought you might appreciate more information about me.

I was born and raised in Grant, Michigan, and am the fourth of five children. My parents, Gene and Elaine, were married 71 years before my father passed away on June 7, 2024. My oldest sister, Diane, lives with her husband, Jim Hogue, in Grand Haven, MI. My older brother, Joe, lives with his wife, Chris, in Rockford, MI. My older sister, Mary, lives with her husband, Tim Winn, in Coweta, OK. My younger brother, Dan, lives with his wife, Peggy, in Newaygo, MI. I am blessed to be the aunt of six nephews and two nieces as well as the great-aunt to three great-nephews and five great-nieces. As I am unmarried and have no children, they bring immense joy to my life!

I first felt the inkling of a call to pastoral ministry when I was in high school. The church felt like a second home to me – a place where I could profoundly feel God's presence. And while I was encouraged to consider pastoral ministry, I fought against the call and decided to go my own way. After graduating with an Associate Degree from Davenport College (now University) in December 1983, I went to work in Grand Rapids as a Legal Secretary for the law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone.

In 1998, I decided it was time to finally take the leap and answer God's call. I sold my house, quit my job, moved back home with my parents, and returned to school full time. I attended Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids, MI, where I obtained my Bachelor of Social Work degree in 2002. From there I moved to Denver, CO, to attend the Iliff School of Theology where I obtained my Master of Divinity Degree in 2005. I was ordained an Elder in The United Methodist Church in 2012.

Growing up in a Christian home with dedicated, faithful parents, my faith journey has molded me into the person I am today. I have learned much throughout my journey especially during the past 19 years serving United Methodist Churches in Baldwin/Luther, Lake Odessa, Cedar Springs, St. Charles, and Cadillac. I enjoy looking for the diverse ways we can reach out to all people helping them feel a place of belonging within the church, regardless of their stage in life and faith. I believe each and every person is made in the image of God and has amazing gifts to offer. As the Body of Christ, it is our privilege and duty to help each other in discerning our gifts and God's call on our lives both within the church and the community. I look forward to being a source of encouragement in the lives of the people within this congregation and community.

I love music, television and movies, reading, crafting, word searches, bicycling, and decorating. I have been playing the flute since I was ten years old, and I occasionally enjoy "playing" the piano.

I am excited to begin our journey of ministry together!

Pastor Karen

Finances:

Receipts for June - \$4,100.00

Disbursements for May - \$3,931.68

July Birthdays:

1st Samuel Turos

8th Mary Kay moon

16th Terry Moon

August Birthdays

4th Kingston George

12th Danial Leineke

A little note from the secretary, Megan

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Thank you all for your patience and understanding, as I learn the secretary job. It is very possible that the finance numbers are not perfect, but it is what I interpreted from the reports. Please feel free to share as much information with me as possible, so I can continue to update our system and files.

JOIN US FOR
LADIES
MONTHLY LUNCH
GATHERING

2nd Tuesday of Every Month
in Fellowship Hall @ Noon

Bring your own lunch ~
and a friend ~
for good fellowship!

Our Next Gathering
Tuesday, August 13th
at Noon