"Let Us Give Thanks" by Gerhard E. Frost

Let us give thanks this moment:
for the sturdy fact of God's continuing love,
for mercies which go before us
and follow after us,
for those free gifts
which cost God so much.

Let us give thanks:
for memory and expectation,
for the good that we have known
and know today in Jesus Christ,
for the Spirit's brooding presence
in our nights and our days.

Let us give thanks:
for pleasures which comfort
and pains which force our growth
and keep us at the Shepherd's side,
for deep meanings revealed
and mysteries mercifully concealed,
for the image of God within us,
the capacity to inquire and adore.

Let us give thanks for one another,
for just being together,
for differences that complement and complete,
for gifts which enrich
and disagreements which challenge,
for our oneness in Christ.

Let us give thanks for melody and mirth,
for rhythm and beat,
for the repeated and the common,
for the ever-unfolding,
and for senses with which to respond.

And let us give thanks for Someone to thank.

NEWSLETTER

Cadillac South Community United Methodist Church

11800 47 Mile Rd.
Cadillac, MI 49601
(231) 775-3067
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September 2024

Worship 9:00 a.m.

Pastor Karen Sorden

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Office Hours at Cadillac UMC: Monday-Thursday, 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
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 Friends,

The turn of the calendar to September initiates a series of shifts in life which can make for schedules that can feel overwhelming at times. How do we find our way through the thicket of appointments and obligations? When do we breathe?

I invite you to see your involvement in the life of our congregation *not* as one more obligation in a series of obligations, but as an opportunity to connect more deeply with others who share the journey of faith and with the Source of faith and life itself. At a time when our culture is fragmenting and increasingly virulent rhetoric threatens to undermine the search for common ground, Christ's presence in Word and Sacrament gives us solid ground on which to stand. In the company of Jesus we can experience an acceptance that touches the marrow of our souls. In the company of Jesus we can learn to see each other through compassionate eyes. In the company of Jesus we can risk sharing the hopes and longings that animate our hearts.

There are many entities active in the world which seek to bend our minds toward their "truth," toward how they would have us see the world and act in it. Being a person of faith means remaining awake and vigilant about which voices we listen to and whose steps we follow. Incorporating church – worship, study, service, fellowship – into the pattern of our lives keeps us awake to ways of practicing our faith day in and day out.

So much in life today seems to be up for grabs. So many routes into the future look like beelines into dark places. But the hope which is ours through our crucified and risen Savior is that no matter how deep or endless the dark may seem, it cannot and will not thwart God's plan to redeem and heal all things. As Easter reveals, even the deepest darkness—death—could not eclipse the Light which shone in the manger at Bethlehem and burst out from the empty tomb. Each of us will make choices this fall. I encourage you to invest yourself in the life of our congregation by choosing from among the many doorways and opportunities that have been set out for connecting you to Jesus Christ and to others.

Blessings,

Pastor Karen

FINANCES

RECEIPTS FOR JULY: \$2,846.00 **DISBURSEMENTS FOR JULY:** \$1,249.82

ANNIVERSARY

SEPTEMBER 28TH DENNY AND JAN SMITH

EVENTS AT THE DOWNTOWN CADILLAC UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

LADIES MONTHLY LUNCH

2ND TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT THE DOWNTOWN CADILLAC UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL AT NOON, BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH AND A FRIEND FOR GOOD FELLOWSHIP! NEXT MEETING IS SEPTEMBER 10TH.



United Methodist Church of Cadil...

Followed 671 followers

10:00 AM-11:30 AM [7-week class]

Anger Management Class

1:00 pm-2:30 pm la-week casss

Growing Through Grief

3:00 pm-4:30 pm 19-week class!

Starting Tuesday, September 10th

♦ Co-Ed Sexual Abuse Recovery Group 5:30-7.00 pm

[10-week class]

Starting Friday September 13°

OBT (Dialectical behavior therapy) Informed Skills Group

10:00 am-11:00am [8-week class]

The Center has both front and back entrances available. All services are inperson, confidential, and free of charge

To register for any groups, pinase call as at 231-846-4495, that is the office or visit us breine

Open office hours are Tuesday Friday 11.00 are - 5:00 pm, Located at: 856 N Minchell S4 Cadillac, MI

To visit our website or contact us, scan the QR code:





You're invited to a Life Line Screening event!

Where: United Methodist Church of Cadillac

1020 E Division St., Cadillac

When: Monday, September 23rd, 2024



Life Line Screening is the nation's leader in Stroke and Cardiovascular Disease Risk Screenings.

Trusted by over 10 million customers.

Screenings are simple and painless. Get peace of mind or early detection.

Who should attend: Anyone over the age of 40

Special Pricing for \$159

- Carotid Artery Disease Screening
 Peripheral Artery Disease Screening
- - Plus a FREE Hypertension Screening



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