

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 14th 10:30 a.m. South Community UMC will be combined with Downtown Cadillac UMC for a special service in honor of Pastor Karen Sorden's retirement. Luncheon to follow!

Sunday November 9th 2:00 p.m. Annual Conference

The second Sunday of each month is sharing Sunday for Oasis. People can put paper products, personal hygiene items, and/or non-perishable food items in the back of the church. Please see Sheila for any questions.

The second Tuesday of the month is Ladies Monthly Lunch at the downtown Cadillac United Methodist Church (Men are invited too!)

The third Wednesday of each month, at noon, the singles group meets at the church. People are asked to please bring a dish to pass for lunch. Please see Barb for any questions.

The Third Thursday of every other month is the Council Board Meeting at 7:30. Nxt meeting September 18th 2025

FINANCES

Receipts for June:	\$ 3,155.00
Disbursements for June:	\$ 2,965.02
Receipts Year Total:	\$ 20,671.00
Disbursements Year Total:	\$ 20,372.33

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

4th Kingston George

12th Danial Leineke

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

25th Danial and Megan Leineke

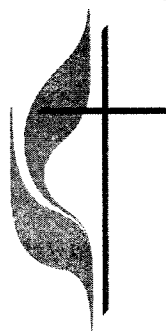
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Cadillac South Community United Methodist Church

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Worship 9:00 a.m.
Pastor Karen Sorden

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.

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

Sabbath Day: Friday



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*One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:
to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
to behold the beautify of the LORD,
and to inquire in his temple.” - Psalm 27:4*

An early 6th century theologian described God as “beguiled by beauty.” The Creator was lured by a longing for beauty and so set in motion a world of immense diversity and goodness. We were made for this Divine Goodness. We were made inherently worthy, not by our “doing,” but by our simply being. All things are beautiful – not by a standard of “pretty” as seen by our eyes, but by an essence of sacred worth that is sensed by the spirit. This is the root and heart of compassion and justice. Practices of contemplation help us train our gaze to these deeper truths. Join us for this worship series, which will begin **Sunday, August 3**, as we dwell with the God of Divine Goodness, deeply in love with us, and practice ways to return that love as we fall more deeply in love with creation and with one another.

We hope you will join us!

Dear Friends,

For most folks, summer brings a change in routine with kids out of school and more time spent in the great outdoors. Yet for those who are homebound or struggling with serious health issues, summer doesn't change much. So as I ponder this reality, I realize the need for prayer doesn't take the summer off.

So as we take advantage of the great weather to travel and explore and enjoy this incredible world God has given us, how do we make time to pray? How do we keep prayer on our radar screen?

Fortunately, prayer is portable! The main problem is, we so often forget! It happens to the best of us; we get busy, one thing leads to the next, and by the time our head finally hits the pillow, we're in slumber land before we can count to 3½.

Prayer doesn't have to be a big hairy deal! We don't have to sit cross-legged like a mystic for hours at a time. Most of us just need a little reminder. It's very simple so here are a few suggestions. Find a pad of sticky notes. Write the names of the people you want to pray for and post it on your refrigerator, your computer, or some prominent place. The note will remind you to pray. Pick one note and hold that person in your thoughts as you prepare a meal, weed the garden, mow the lawn, or wash the dishes. Prayer is the practice of mindfulness. We can do it most any time, and it will make a difference for the person we pray for...and for us.

Sticky notes can also go in your car to remind you to be mindful even when on the run, on an outing, or away on vacation. Again, the need for prayer never takes a vacation, yet it is so easy to stay connected to God and others in our prayers...if we can only remember! Oh, yes...I wrote this for me too!

Thank you for your prayers. May you have a blessed summer.

Pastor Karen