

# CASCO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Come Grow with Us!*

“A CARING COMMUNITY OF BELIEVERS FOR ALL AGES”

September 9th, 2018

*A Christ Centered Fellowship*

**“WE GATHER TO WORSHIP!”**

*\*If you are able, please stand.*

PRELUDE

Jerry Post, Organist/Pianist

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

**GREETING AND NEWS OF THE LORD’S WORK** *Your presence and record of attendance is very important to us. Please print your name and pass the Attendance Registration Pad to your neighbor. Visitors, may you always feel welcome as our “Special Guests!” If you will give us your full address, we would like to send you a small token of our appreciation for you worshipping with us this morning. May you always feel welcome to return! **PRAYER REQUESTS**-Your joys and concerns are very important to us. Please feel free to share with the Pastor/Lay Leader before or during worship.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Psalm 36:5-10”

Liturgist: Lucy Palmer

Liturgist: “Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the clouds.

**Laity: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like  
the great deep; O Lord, humans and animals you save!**

Liturgist: O God, how precious is your steadfast love!

All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**Laity: They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink  
from the river of your delights.**

Liturgist: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.

**Laity: O continue your steadfast love to those who know you,  
and your salvation to the upright of heart!”**

INTROIT

“This is the Day”

Chancel Choir

INVOCATION

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

“Great Is the Lord”

No. 2022

*(Please Use Black Hymnal)*

CHILDREN’S TIME

**“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to  
such as these.” - Matthew 19:14** *(All 3-10 year olds who are present are invited following our “Children’s  
Time” to attend Church School in our “New Addition”.*

ANTHEM

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Chancel Choir

## PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND LOVE OFFERINGS

Offertory

*Doxology (to the tune of Jesus Shall Reign)*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow*

*Praise Him all creatures here below*

*Praise Him above Ye heavenly hosts*

*Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**“OUR MINISTRY OF CARING AND SHARING!”**

**FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER**

*(Please feel free to share your Joys and Concerns.)*

*Pastoral Prayer, Personal Meditation*

***“The Lord’s Prayer”***

*Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in  
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against  
us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom  
and the power and glory forever. Amen!*

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION

“Hymn of Promise”

No. 707

SCRIPTURE READING

“Proverbs 22:1-5” (NRSV)

Liturgist: Lucy Palmer

SERMON READING

“Luke 15:11-16” (NRSV)

Pastor Don Graham

SERMON

“Wisdom and Finance”

Pastor Don Graham

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION

“Victory in Jesus”

No. 370

\*BENEDICTION

**CLOSING CHORAL RESPONSE** “God Be with You till We Meet Again” No. 672

**Verse 1:** God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you, with his  
sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

**Refrain:** Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus’ feet; till we meet, till we meet, God  
be with you till we meet again.

POSTLUDE

**We Respond to God’s Word and Depart from this Service to Do God’s will...**

**Children’s Church School:** All 3-10 year olds are invited to our educational wing for Sunday  
School immediately after our “Children’s Time” in Worship.

**Adult Bible Study:** ... Sundays at 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. and Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in our Adult  
Classroom, 1<sup>st</sup> room on the left.

**Fellowship Time...** Please feel free to be our “GUEST” in Fellowship Hall following worship  
for a goodie and beverage. Let’s get better acquainted! May you always feel welcome.

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

### Church Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 9 am – 1 pm

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| <u>Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup></u>  | 8:30 am<br>9:15-9:45 am<br>10:00 am<br>11:30 am | Adult Bible Study led by Larry & Kathy Yankee<br>Choir Practice<br>Worship<br>Adult Bible Study led by Larry & Kathy Yankee                              |
| <u>Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup></u><br><i>(Bulletin Items Due)</i><br><i>(Pastor Don's Day Off)</i> | 10:00 am<br>3:00 pm                             | Senior Exercise ( <i>Casco Twp Hall</i> )<br>"Hungry For Christ" Mobile Food Pantry  |
| <u>Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup></u>  | 1-3:00 pm<br>6:30 pm<br>7:00 pm                 | Senior Cards/Games ( <i>Casco Twp Hall</i> )<br>Mud Run Meeting ( <i>Van Buren Co. Senior Center</i> )<br>Choir Practice                                 |
| <u>Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup></u>  | 10:00 am<br>12:30-2:30 pm<br>7:00 pm            | Adult Bible Study<br>Knit & Crochet ( <i>Casco Twp Hall</i> )<br>Church Council/Finance Meeting  |
| <u>Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup></u>   | 10:00 am<br>1:00 pm                             | Senior Exercise ( <i>Casco Twp Hall</i> )<br>The JOY Group (Just Older Youth) ( <i>Hanscom's Residence</i> )   |
| <u>Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup></u><br><i>(No Prayer Group today)</i>                               | 10:00 am  | Sauerkraut Making (Yankee's Residence)<br>Potluck to follow  |
| <u>Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup></u>   | 8:30 am<br>9:15-9:45 am<br>10:00 am             | Adult Bible Study led by Larry & Kathy Yankee<br>Choir Practice<br>Worship<br><i>Birthday &amp; Anniversary Recognition</i><br><i>All Church Potluck</i> |

*Sunday, September 16, is the date for the Saugatuck-Douglas-Ganges CROP Vesper Cruise on the Star of Saugatuck. Tickets are \$15.00 per person. Contact Pastor Marcia if you would like a ticket.*

### THIS WEEK – 9/9

Altar Flowers: ---  
Children's Time: Volunteer Needed  
Ushers: Steve Ellmer, Bob Oden, Larry Yankee, Whitey Marr  
Acolytes: Volunteer Needed  
Liturgist: Lucy Palmer  
Coffee Fellowship: Debbie Laraway  
Counters: Doug, Rachel, Nancy  
Audio Tech: Guy Rayon, Earl Lash  
Computer Tech: Jason Pettet  
Sunday School: Carolyn Thon

### IN HIS SERVICE

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### NEXT WEEK – 9/16

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### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

**Keep the following persons in your thoughts and prayers:** Rev. Harold Filbrandt, Carole Campbell, Dorothy Stennett, Anne Marie Teske, Leona Bunch, Evelyn Dyke, John Schlack, Irene Ellmer, Doris Marr, Bob Ulmer, Joyce Havens, Bill Oestreich, Lori Tupper, Jerry Jerrett, Barbara Latchaw, Larry Marr, Larry Brush, Arlene Laraway. **Our Service men and women:** Dana Vermilye, Jayare Erickson, Robert Ulmer. **Members & Friends who are shut-ins, or living in assisted living facilities, nursing homes, and health care facilities:** Jackie Welton, Dorothy Scott, Barbara Sutton, Roberta Alexander, Vern Long, Judy Oden, Irene Dukescherer.

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United  
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Church's  
Vision and  
Mission  
Statement-  
"Building up  
the Kingdom of  
God... N.O.W.  
through Nurture,  
Outreach, and  
Witness!"**

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