

Central Bay District United Women in Faith Annual Celebration

at Alma UMC
Saturday, October 4, 2025

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Dr. April Gutierrez
“Carrying Our Faith Forward”



Rev. Dr. April Gutierrez is currently appointed as Co-Pastor of Chapel Hill Church in Portage, MI and previously served as Associate Pastor of St Paul’s UMC in Rochester, MI. Pastor April is the co-convener of the Anti-Bias/Anti-Racism Working Group for the Michigan Conference of the United Methodist Church with Rev. Dr. Kevin Smalls of Southfield Hope UMC. She has a Doctor of Ministry in Spiritual Direction from Garrett Evangelical-Theological

Seminary and two master's degrees: a Master of Arts degree in Pastoral Ministry from Boston College School of Theology and Ministry and a Master of Arts degree in Spiritual Formation and Evangelism from Garrett Evangelical-Theological Seminary (Evanston Illinois).

Prior to answering the call to ordained ministry, she worked for more than a decade in higher education with a focus on social justice education and ministry. She is passionate about vital worship that is table-centered, rich in practice-based ministry that cultivates adult spirituality. Pastor April has been married for 22 years to Evan and they have two children Silvia (age 15) and Miriam (age 11).

Cost: \$ 18.00 per person

Registration opens at 8:45 a.m. Brunch at 9:30 a.m. Program begins at 10:30 a.m.

Offering will go to: Central Bay District United Women in Faith Pledge to missions. Make checks payable to: CBDUMW or Central Bay District United Methodist Women.

Mission Focus: (In-gathering): Community Cabinet.

Please bring: grab and go items like breakfast/protein bars and snacks, cans of soup with pull tabs for easy opening. Financial donations are always welcomed.

DIRECTIONS TO ALMA UMC, 501 Gratiot, Alma, MI

Coming from the East: Make your way to Saginaw, Center Road. South on Center Road past Gratiot, to Swan Creek Road. Turn right (west). This later becomes W. Lincoln Road, and then E. Superior. Continue 50 miles to Alma. Once into Alma turn right onto Pine Ave. (pass the Dollar General on the left). Go .8 miles and turn left on E. Downie St. Turn right on first cross street to go on to Gratiot. The church is on the left.

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Coming from Mt. Pleasant area: Take Rt. 127 south and get off at Alma exit. Take N. Alger Road south, which becomes Wright Ave. Turn left on W. Downie St. Jog left onto E. Downie St. Turn left onto Gratiot. The church is on the left.

Coming from Midland Area: Take Rt. 20 west to 127. Follow directions from Mt Pleasant above.

Annual Celebration Registration Form

Your Local Unit: _____

Contact person's name and email: _____

Telephone Number _____ Total paid for all members attending: _____

* Please clearly print names below for making name tags. Attach an additional sheet if needed.

Name:

Office (if applicable)

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*Person(s) with special dietary or physical accommodations: Explain _____

RETURN FORM postmarked by September 22, 2025.

Send to:

Rene Johnson, 809 Wyllys Street, Midland, MI 48642-4634.

Questions can be emailed to renejohnson@charter.net

NOTE: Make checks out to CBDUMW or Central Bay District United Methodist Women