

ADULTS

Knit One, Crochet Too: 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon Tuesdays in Room 301 and via Zoom
If you enjoy yarn crafting please join others for knitting, crocheting and fellowship. New members and interested learners are welcome. We'll help you start or decipher a pattern. Contact Linda Wolgast: linda65ac@gmail.com

Chancel Choir: 7:30 - 9 p.m. Wednesday evenings in the Sanctuary
Join men and women in preparing music for worship services. Contact Jeffrey Cobb jeffrey@jeffreycobb.com

Caregivers Support Group: 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm third Mondays in Room 301
In person or via Zoom. Come be in community and find support in being a caregiver for your loved ones. Contact Nan: nan.horstman@gmail.com.

Donuts and Devotions: 9 am - 10:30 am first and third Wednesdays in the lounge.
You are welcome to join this drop-in circle of men who are seeking God in their lives. Join us for coffee, donuts and conversation. Contact officeassistant@tccentralumc.org for more information.

United Women in Faith Lunch Bunch meets the first Wednesday of each month in the lounge at 11 am for Bible study and noon for lunch. Bring a salad topping to share with this welcoming group. Contact Carolyn Grigereit: cgrigereit@aol.com.

Central Perks Parents: 10:00 to 11:00 Sunday mornings in Room 306 is a space where you can hang out with other parents for community, coffee and snacks between services. Bring the kids, and join us in an opportunity to make some new friends. Contact Erica: erica@tccentralumc.org for more information.

Sunday Morning Pilgrimage: 10:00 am - 10:50 am in Room 301 and on Zoom
Join this informal/come when you can group for genuine connection with others. Their desire is to be an encouragement to you and present a path to grow closer to God and to our community. Our current book, "Run With the Horses, The Quest for Life at its Best" by Eugene Peterson is available in the church office for \$15. Reading the book is optional, ALL are welcome. Contact Kathy Mead meadka09@gmail.com

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Nursery available in Room 104 Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:15 pm

Heroes in Action: 5:30 - 7:15 pm Wednesdays in Room 105
Children entering grades K-2 will learn Bible Basics, all about Jesus and his love for all of us!

The Wonderers: 5:30 - 7:15 pm Wednesdays in Room 106
Children entering grades 3-4 will join friends here to help us grow together in grace, God and with the eyes of Holy Wonder!

Holy Troublemakers: 5:30 - 7:15 pm Wednesdays in Room 103
Youth entering grades 5-7 will join in community to learn more about God, and also about people who have made impacts throughout history.

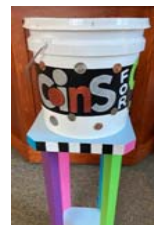
MS/HS Youth Group: 12:30-2:30pm Sundays in the Youth room
Youth grades 8-12 are invited for a time of fellowship, service, learning and fun! All are welcome—invite a friend! Lunch is provided.

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

Rooted in the Covenant: 6:00 pm 1st, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays in the Lounge
Join this class led by Pastors Linda and Joan to dig deeper into who we are as the people called Methodist and consider how our faith shapes the way we live in the world.

International Affairs Forum: February 20, 6:30 pm at Milliken Auditorium
This session will highlight the state of affairs for Haitian immigrants.

United Women in Faith Rummage Sale: May 2 and 3 Save the date! More details to follow.



"Currency for Change" Monthly Mission Donation Project
February Spotlight: S.A.L.T. Spiritual Activists Leading Together
Got currency? Bring it to church and drop it in the "Currency for Change" bucket anytime this month. All funds collected will be designated to this month's mission.

Can you commit to serving as an usher one Sunday a month?

IN PERSON VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Today, after worship,
Cindee McLaughlin will be in the Gathering Space to answer questions and sign up prospective volunteers.

UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH
Spaghetti Dinner
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19
5:00 - 6:00 PM
FIND OUT MORE:
tccentralumc.org/events

Music Midweek



February 19
Michael Coonrod, piano
6 pm



Scan this QR code to get all the details



February 16, 2025
Traditional Worship

Prelude "Nearer, My God, to Thee" By Lowell Mason
Barbara Slagel, organ

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Linda Stephan

*Passing the Peace Rev. Linda Stephan

*Call to Worship Ann Porter
One: In a world of uncertainty and change, God is faithful and steadfast.
ALL: We gather to remember the One who walks with us through all seasons.
One: In times of scarcity and abundance, God's grace is always enough.
ALL: We come to give thanks for the One who provides, redeems, and restores.
One: God weaves our lives together in unexpected ways, creating a tapestry of hope.
ALL: We lift our hearts to worship the One who is making all things new.

*Opening Hymn "God, Whose Love is Reigning o'er Us" UMH No. 100

Blessing the Children Rev. Linda Stephan

Prayer of the People Ann Porter

The Lord's Prayer UMH No. 895
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 the glory, forever. Amen.

Ministry of Music "City Called Heaven" by Josephine Poelinitz
Chancel Choir, soloist Dave Chrostek
I am a poor pilgrim of sorrow, I'm left in this old wide world alone; Oh I ain't got no hope for tomorrow; I'm trying to make heav'n my home. Sometimes I am tossed and driven, Lord; Sometimes I just don't know which way to turn; I heard of a city called heaven; I'm trying to make it my home.

Scripture Reading Ruth 4:1-6, 13-17 OT p. 243
Leader: The Word of God for the People of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Unexpected Grace Sermon Series

Message "I Will Redeem: Working Good in an Awkward System"
Rev. Joan VanDessel

Reflection Moment

Invitation to Giving Rev. Linda Stephan

*Doxology UMH No. 94
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Prayer Over The Gifts Rev. Linda Stephan

*Hymn "For the Healing of the Nations" UMH No. 428

Benediction Rev. Joan VanDessel

Choral Benediction "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" by Williams

Postlude "Variations on 'Arfon'" by Anthony Giamanco
Barbara Slagel, organ

*You are invited to remain seated for the postlude as part of your worship experience.
(If you choose to exit the sanctuary during the postlude, please do so quietly. Thank you.)*

*Please stand as you are able.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Pastors: Rev. Linda Stephan and Joan VanDessel

Liturgist: Ann Porter

Music: Barbara Slagel, organ/piano; Central's Chancel Choir,

Jeffrey Cobb, director;

Welcome Desk: Linda Deneen

Thank you
for joining us today!



SCAN TO GIVE YOUR GIFT NOW



SCAN TO CHECK IN NOW

Thank you for joining us today!

Things you might find helpful while you're here:

If you are a first-time visitor, please stop by the Welcome Center outside the sanctuary - we have a special gift for you!

Large print bulletins, hymnals and hearing assistance devices are available upon request. Please ask an usher if you need assistance.

Children are welcome in worship!
We offer a special family-friendly Grace Space in the back of the sanctuary where children can participate in hands-on activities during the worship service. If you prefer, our nursery for children five and under is located on the lower level. A sound-proof two-way mirrored infant room is located outside the sanctuary, across from the church office.

Our greeters, ushers and welcome center hosts are happy to help you with directions or questions you may have today.

If you'd like more information about Central Church, please follow our Facebook Page: [facebook.com/cumctc](https://www.facebook.com/cumctc) or visit our website: tccentralumc.org

For your convenience, our 9 & 11 AM worship services are livestreamed weekly.

In addition, our 11AM worship service is broadcast live on WCCW-AM 1310 (Traverse City), sponsored by Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home.

Other information you might want to know:

Prayer requests are welcome. You can submit your prayer and/or request to be part of the prayer chain by contacting our Wellness Advocate, Sarah Drews: sarah@tccentralumc.org

Along with the pastors, Central Church has a volunteer caring team that is available for support in many ways including home visitation, Stephen Ministry care, medical transportation assistance, and hospital visitation. If you would like support during a difficult time, please contact one of the pastors or our Wellness Advocate, Sarah Drews: sarah@tccentralumc.org.

All are Welcome.

Welcome to all who seek true community, or who have no church home, who have been here awhile, or have just arrived, who need strength, who want to follow Christ, who have doubts, firm convictions, or who aren't sure what they believe. Welcome to new guests and to old friends. Welcome to people of all colors, cultures, abilities, sexual orientations and gender identities, to old and young, to believers and questioners and welcome to questioning believers.



Sunday Morning Worship

8 AM Small Community Worship
in the Chapel

9 AM Upbeat, Casual Worship
in the Sanctuary

11 AM Traditional Worship
in the Sanctuary

