

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

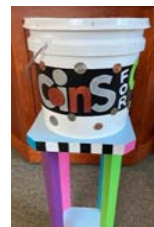
**SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES**

**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.

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

**Church in the Park** will be returning to Sunset Park on May 25!!

**VBS:** July 7 thru July 11. Contact [erica@tccentralumc.org](mailto:erica@tccentralumc.org) for more information.



**"Currency for Change" Monthly Mission Donation Project**  
March Spotlight: Women's Resource Center 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.

**Ash Wednesday**  
**Wednesday March 5**

Join us for the  
**Service of Ashes**  
12 pm noon and 7 pm



**Music Midweek**



**Wednesday | March 19 | 6 PM**

Rev. Sam McClellan & Rev. Wava Hofmann  
on sacred American Indian music and dance

Scan this QR code to get all the details



March 2, 2025  
Traditional Worship

Prelude "Communion" by Alexandre Guilmant  
*Peter VanDessel, organ*

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Linda Stephan

\*Passing the Peace Rev. Linda Stephan

\*Call to Worship Eldon Horner  
One: We gather in God's presence, where light breaks through the ordinary.  
**ALL: God is with us, revealing truth, stirring our hearts, awakening our vision.**  
One: The radiance of Christ calls us beyond fear, beyond certainty, into transformation.  
**ALL: We will listen. We will worship. We will follow the One who is making all things new.**

\*Opening Hymn "Maker, in Whom We Live" UMH No. 88

Blessing the Children and Presentation of Bibles Rev. Linda Stephan

Prayer of the People Eldon Horner

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 "Here I Am, Lord" arr. Arnold Sherman  
*Chancel Choir and Central Bells*  
*I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry, All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save. Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night; I will go, Lord, if you lead me; I will hold your people in my heart. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright, Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain, I have wept for love of them, They turn away.*

Scripture Reading Luke 9:28-37 NT p. 69  
Leader: The Word of God for the People of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Message "Transfiguration" Rev. Joan VanDessel

The Great Thanksgiving^ Rev. Linda Stephan and Rev. Joan VanDessel  
One: The Lord be with you.  
**ALL: And also with you.**  
One: Lift up your hearts.  
**ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.**  
One: Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God.

**ALL:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Pastor continues...*

One: And so, with your people on earth and all the great cloud of witnesses in heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**ALL:** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

*Pastor continues...*

One: And so, in remembrance of your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**ALL:** Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

*Pastor continues...*

One: Light of light, True God of true God, Spirit of holiness, we praise you now, tomorrow, and forevermore. **Amen.**

Sharing the Bread and Cup

*(All elements are gluten- and alcohol-free. Offering plates at the front or at the Welcome Desk)*

\*Doxology UMH No. 94

\*Prayer Over The Gifts Rev. Linda Stephan

\*Hymn "God of Grace and God of Glory" UMH No. 577

Benediction Rev. Joan VanDessel

Choral Benediction "Benediction" by John Behnke

Postlude "Grand Choeur" by Charles Sergisson  
*Peter VanDessel, 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 Rev. Joan VanDessel

Liturgist: Eldon Horner

Music: Peter VanDessel, organ; Central's Chancel Choir,  
Jeffrey Cobb, director; Central Bells, Lynne Lombard, director

Welcome Desk: Linda Deneen

Greeters: Jill Bentgen, Tom Emling and Sally Ellinger

**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](https://www.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](mailto: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](mailto: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

