

**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 Spring books study begins on March 16. We'll be using the book "Grateful" by Diana Butler Bass. Books can be purchased in the church office for \$15. 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.

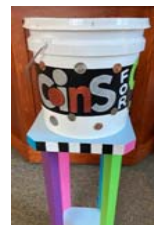
**SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES**

**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.



**Wednesday | March 19 | 6 PM**

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



**Holy Week & Easter**

**Sunday, April 13:**  
Palm Sunday Worship Services | 8 am, 9 am, 11 am

**Wednesday, April 16:**  
5 pm: Whitefish Dinner presented by Our Neighbor's Garden  
6pm: Music Midweek: Fred Szczepanski, piano

**Friday, April 18:**  
Good Friday - Community Ecumenical Service | 12:15 pm - 3 pm  
Tenebrae Service | 8 pm

**Sunday, April 20:**  
Easter Sunday Worship Services | 9 am, 11 am  
7 am Sunrise Service @ Greillickville Park



March 9, 2025  
Traditional Worship

Prelude "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" arr. Douglas Wagner  
Barbara Slagel, organ

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Joan VanDessel

\*Passing the Peace Rev. Joan VanDessel

\*Call to Worship^ Lindsey Haines

One: Come to the Lord with openness,  
**ALL: seeking God's presence whatever it brings.**  
One: Bring doubt. Bring belief.  
**ALL: Seek the Lord and live.**

\*Opening Hymn "Come and Find the Quiet Center" TFWS No. 2128

Blessing the Children Rev. Joan VanDessel

Chorus "Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands" UMH No. 273

Prayer of the People^^ Lindsey Haines

**Almighty God,**  
**We confess we are often swept up in the tide of our generation.**  
**We have failed in our calling to be your holy people,**  
**a people set apart for your divine purpose.**  
**We live more in apathy born of fatalism than in passion born of hope.**  
**We are moved more by private ambition than by social justice.**  
**We dream more of privilege and benefits than of service and sacrifice.**  
**We try to speak in your name without relinquishing our glories,**  
**without nourishing our souls, without relying wholly on your grace.**  
**Help us to make room in our hearts and lives for you.**  
**Forgive us, revive us, and reshape us in your image.**

*Offer now your silent confession.*

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 "I Believe" by Mark Miller  
Chancel Choir and String Quartet

**These words were found scratched into the wall of a Nazi concentration camp.**  
*I believe in the sun, even when, even when it's not shining. I believe in love, even when, even when I don't feel it. I believe in God, even when, even when God is silent.*



Scripture Reading      Philippians 3: 7-20a CEB      NT p. 198  
Leader: The Word of God for the People of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Message      *Renewing the Soul, Restoring the World Sermon Series*  
"Sustained Attention to the Heart"      Rev. Linda Stephan

Reflection Moment

Invitation to Giving      Rev. Joan VanDessel

\*Doxology      UMH No. 95  
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God all creatures here below,  
Praise God above ye heavenly host,  
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.*

\*Prayer Over The Gifts      Rev. Joan VanDessel

\*Hymn      "Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love"      UMH No. 566

Benediction      Rev. Linda Stephan

Choral Benediction      "Keep My Heart Open, Lord"      by Diane Clark

Postlude      "Voluntary in A minor"      by David Lasky  
*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 Rev. Joan VanDessel  
Liturgist: Lindsey Haines  
Music: Barbara Slagel, organ/piano; Central's Chancel Choir,  
Jeffrey Cobb, director; String Quartet: Kaylee Erlewein, Kim Teachout,  
Ann Schoelles, and Elizabeth Suminski  
Welcome Desk: Sham VanDessel  
Greeters: Tom Emling, Linda Lyon and Muriel Peavler

**Thank you  
for joining us today!**



SCAN TO GIVE YOUR GIFT NOW



SCAN TO CHECK IN NOW

^CREDIT: Feasting on the Word Lenten Companion p. 2; ^^ Lydia S. Martinez, Hispanic USA, 20th Century. United Methodist Book of Worship 479. Parts also adapted from the Book of Common Prayer, UM Book of Worship 477

# 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](http://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

