

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 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

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.

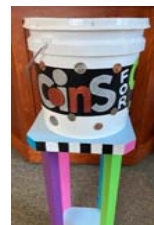
MS/HS Youth Group: 12:30-2:30pm Sundays in the Youth room
Youth grades 8-12 are invited for a time of fellowship, service, learning and fun! All are welcome—invite a friend! Lunch is provided.

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.

Disciple I (Fast Track Old Testament Study) returns: Thursdays at 6:00 beginning April 10. Contact Darcy at darcy@tccentralumc.org for more information.

Whitefish Dinner is coming soon: April 16 at 5:00 PM. Bring friends and family to this dinner to benefit Our Neighbors Garden. Stay for a special music program of piano music by Fred Szczepanski at 6:00 PM in the sanctuary.



"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.



Merger Update and Community Discussion Sessions

Scan this QR code to get all the details



You don't need a green thumb!

Join fellow Central volunteers at Our Neighbors' Garden to help grow fresh produce for over 75 local food pantries and meal sites, including Central's Outreach Mission. An informational meeting will be held in the sanctuary on April 13 after the 11:00 a.m. service.

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March 30, 2025
Traditional Worship

Prelude	"Morning Meditation" Barbara Slagel, organ	by Jason Krug
Welcome and Announcements		Rev. Joan VanDessel
*Passing the Peace		Rev. Joan VanDessel
*Call to Worship^		Shelley Ehrenberger
	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	"Open My Eyes, That I May See"	UMH No. 454
Blessing the Children		Rev. Joan VanDessel
Chorus	"Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands"	UMH No. 273
Prayer of the People^^		Shelley Ehrenberger
	Forgiving Lord, We have fallen short time and time again. You have given us your word, both in scripture and in Son. You have promised us your presence, both in Spirit and in community. And you have graced us with your kingdom, both in teaching and in service. Even so, we neglect, ignore, and reject your purposes for us. We do not love what you love. We do not embrace what you embrace. We do not defend what you have called us to defend. We have hungered after that which does not satisfy. We have compromised with evil. We have doubted your power to protect us. Forgive our lack of faith. Have mercy on our weakness. Restore in us such love and trust that we may walk in your ways and delight in doing your will. To the glory of your name. Amen.	
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 "So in Love He Came" by Faye Lopez

Chancel Choir

Wounded, bleeding, crushed and broken, man of sorrows on a tree, bearing our iniquity. Nails pierced his hands and feet, there on his brow was placed the crown, the thorns, while all of heaven mournfully looked down. He who opened eyes to see, he who set the captives free, walk on water, calmed the storm, comforted the sad who mourned, he came to call his sheep, to give his life a sacrifice to save them. So in love he came; and his own righteousness sustain him. Wounded, beaten, broken, bleeding, son of heaven on a tree, bearing are iniquity. We like sheep have gone astray, everyone to his own way. So in love he came.

Scripture Reading John 1:1-14 NT p. 91

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Renewing the Soul, Restoring the World Sermon Series

Message "The Word-Centered Life" 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 "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me" UMH No. 509

Benediction Rev. Linda Stephan

Choral Benediction "Benediction" by Candice Wallace

Postlude "Postlude on 'Invitation'" 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 Stephen and Rev. Joan VanDessel
Liturgist: Shelley Ehrenberger
Music: Barbara Slagel, organ/piano; Central's Chancel Choir,
Jeffrey Cobb, director
Welcome Desk: Sham VanDessel
Greeters: Tom Emling, Dean and Nora Francis

**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; ^^https://www.faithward.org/six-lent-prayer-of-confession-ideas/

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

