



March 30, 2025

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 book 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.

LEARN MORE AT TCCENTRALUMC.ORG/EVENTS

Gathering Music "Avocado" Señor Cobb
featuring the Well Worship Band

Greeting and Announcements Rev. Joan VanDessel

Passing of the Peace Rev. Joan VanDessel

Song for All "Faithfulness" by Matt Maher
featuring The Well Worship Band and Vocalists

Song for All "Firm Foundation (He Won't)" by Carnes and Davis
featuring The Well Worship Band and Vocalists

Prayer for All^ Rev. Joan VanDessel

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
Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be your name, Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading John 1:1-14 NT p. 91
Leader: The Word of God for the People of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Message "The Word-Centered Life" Rev. Linda Stephan
Renewing the Soul, Restoring the World Sermon Series

Focus Song "God Only Knows" by Smallbone and Reynolds
*Verse Wide awake while the world is sound asleep and,
 Too afraid of what might show up while you're dreaming.
 Nobody, nobody, nobody sees you. Nobody, nobody would believe you.
 Every day you try to pick up all the pieces.
 All the memories, they somehow never leave you.
 Nobody, nobody, nobody sees you. Nobody, nobody would believe you.
 Chorus God only knows what you've been through.
 God only knows what they say about you. God only knows how it's killing you,
 There's a kind of love that God only knows.
 God only knows what you've been through. God only knows what they say about you.
 God only knows the real you, There's a kind of love that God only knows
 There's a kind of love that, There's a kind of love.
 Verse You keep a cover over every single secret. So afraid if someone saw them they would
 leave. But somebody, somebody, somebody sees you.
 Somebody, somebody will never leave you. Chorus
 Verse For the lonely, for the ashamed the misunderstood, and the ones to blame.
 What if we can start over, we could start over, we could start over. Chorus*

Invitation to Giving Rev. Joan VanDessel
 Song for All "First" by Brian Doerksen
featuring The Well Worship Band and Vocalists
 Parting Blessing Rev. Linda Stephan
 Parting Music "The Well" by Hall and West
featuring the Well Worship Band and Vocalists

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:
 Pastors: Rev. Linda Stephan and Rev. Joan VanDessel
 Music: The Well Worship Band and Vocalists;
 Jeffrey Cobb, music leader
 Greeters: Maureen Knipe, Lisa Myers and Alison Thornton
 Welcome Desk: Sue Judson

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 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



⁴<https://www.faithward.org/six-lent-prayer-of-confession-ideas/>