

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT CENTRAL CHURCH

Wednesday, April 16 Whitefish Dinner and Music Midweek

Join us at 5:00 for a delicious whitefish dinner presented by Our Neighbors' Garden. We are grateful to hear the voice and music of pianist Fred Szczepanski, known as Mr. Fred, at 6:00 in the sanctuary, as we experience Holy Week and Christ's walk to the cross. Fred is especially known for his Taize-inspired worship offerings through the season of Lent.

Friday, April 18 Good Friday

Good Friday Ecumenical service from 12:15—3:00 pm: offerings will support the refugee resettlement work of Bethany Christian Services. Participating pastors from the community will reflect on Christ as a stranger or outsider or immigrant as we journey with Jesus to the cross.

Stations of the Cross in Rotary Square at 6:00 pm: sponsored by Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel. Our CUMC Sunday Morning Pilgrimage class will host a station during this community event where allies can walk the stations of the cross for migrants.

Tenebrae service at 8:00 pm: join us as the sun goes down for a powerful experience of the last breath of Christ, when the world went dark. We will strip the altar and enter mourning until the light returns on the third day. Experience Easter completely this year, by allowing your spirit to truly see how Christ's light shines through the darkest of nights.

Easter Sunday April 20

Christ is RISEN! RISEN INDEED!

Sunrise service at Greilickville Park at 7:00-7:30 am: rise early and dress warmly for a chance to praise God and celebrate new life in Christ together in song and prayer as the sun rises gently over west Grand Traverse Bay.

Easter Sunday worship services at 9:00 and 11:00 am: celebrate with us in word and song as we raise our voices in praise for the One who knows our sorrows and conquers the grave! This is the biggest celebration of the Christian year! We need your voice to join in the song!

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 1 (Fast Track Old Testament Study): Thursdays at 6:00 in the library.

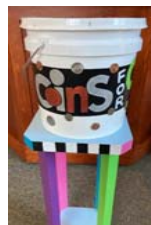
Contact Darcy at darcy@tccentralumc.org for more information.

Confirmation Sunday is April 27 at the 11:00 service. Join us as we welcome these new young members into the fellowship of Central Church.

Graduation Sunday is May 18. Contact Sue Cobb in the office if you have a graduate from high school or an advanced degree to be recognized.

Vacation Bible School coming July 7 through July 11 from 9:00 am to noon each day.

Our theme this year is "Who Do You Say That I AM?" We will explore a new creative and fun VBS curriculum that will investigate the mystery of Jesus and focus on God's love for us and the Holy Spirit's presence in our lives.



"Currency for Change" Monthly Mission Donation Project
March Spotlight: Michael's Place 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.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS AT CENTRAL



Our Neighbor's Garden Volunteer Informational Session!
After 11 AM worship in the Sanctuary!



Reconciling Ministries Potluck & Meeting at 12:30 PM in the lounge!

All Church Merger Vote

Sunday, April 27
10 am at TB CUMC
12 pm noon at TC CUMC

Scan this QR code to get all the details



Rummage Sale

Friday, MAY 1, 9 am to 4 pm
Saturday, MAY 2, 9 am to 1 pm
3rd floor at Central!



Don't hesitate to get in touch with Karen Gleason or the church office with any questions!



April 13, 2025
 Traditional Worship

Prelude "All Glory, Laud and Honor" by Kevin Sadowski
Barbara Slagel, organ

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Joan VanDessel

*Passing the Peace Rev. Joan VanDessel

*Call to Worship^ Ben Walmer

One: From the mountainside, from the seaside,
 from the homes of the rich and the company of the poor,

ALL: Jesus is coming!

One: From the bedside of those who are sick,
 along dusty roads, with a ragged band of travelers,

ALL: Jesus is coming!

One: Jesus comes to Jerusalem, Jesus is coming to us!

ALL: Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

*Palm Processional "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" UMH No. 277

Blessing the Children Rev. Linda Stephan and Rev. Joan VanDessel

Reception of New Members

Today we welcome into the Central Church family Sharon Hill, Jan Hunyady, Lauren Johnson, Michael and Susie Matts, Sharron Newhouse, and Lisa Spezia.

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

Prayer of the People^^ Ben Walmer

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 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" arr. Joseph Martin
Chancel Choir and Brass Quartet

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang. Through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang. To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast, the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna to the King.

Hosanna in the highest. Rejoice, give thanks and sing! Hosanna in the highest. Declare the coming Lord. Hosanna in the highest. O praise for evermore! "Hosanna in the highest!" The ancient song we sing. Behold the son of David, Lord of heaven our King. O may we ever praise him with heart and soul and voice, and in his glorious presence eternally rejoice!

Scripture Reading Luke 19:28-40 NT p. 83
Leader: The Word of God for the People of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Message *Renewing the Soul, Restoring the World Sermon Series*
"Seeking Charisma" 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. Amen.*

*Prayer Over The Gifts Rev. Joan VanDessel

*Hymn "What Wondrous Love Is This" UMH No. 292

Benediction Rev. Linda Stephan

Choral Benediction "Sevenfold Amen" by John Stainer

Postlude "Voluntary in A Minor" by Maurice Greene
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: Ben Walmer

Music: Barbara Slagel, organ/piano; Central's Chancel Choir,
Jeffrey Cobb, director; Brass Quartet: Josh Wagner and Mark LaSarge,
trumpet; Julie Schlieff, horn; Michael Hunter, trombone
Welcome Desk: Tom Emling; Greeters: Bob and Jackie Barone

**Thank you
for joining us today!**



SCAN TO GIVE YOUR GIFT NOW



SCAN TO CHECK IN NOW

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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

