



April 13, 2025

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 have been invited to 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!

Gathering Music "Foghorn Leghorn" by Chicken Hawk
featuring the Well Worship Band and the Mighty, Mighty Well Horns

Greeting and Announcements Rev. Joan VanDessel

Passing of the Peace Rev. Joan VanDessel

Palm Processional "Sing Hosanna" by Josh Blakesly
featuring The Well Worship Band and Vocalists

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

Song for All "The Cross Forever Speaks" by Matt Maher
featuring The Well Worship Band and Vocalists

Reception of New Members
Today we welcome into the Central Church family Frederick Braun, Reeve and Sadie Ingle, and Sandie and Scott Lundeen.

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 for All Rev. Joan VanDessel

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 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

Focus Song "Son of Heaven" by Lake, Bowe and Maher
*Verse: This is the word here in the flesh, living among the meek and lowly.
The voice of God, His ev'ry breath, salvation of the world unfolding.
Chorus: Behold Him, behold Him.
Lift up your eyes, see the Son of Heaven.
Hosanna, hosanna. Pour out your praise sing the name of Jesus.
Verse: This is His heart upon the cross, and from His wounds His mercies flowing.
And now the dawn put death to death, and ever since that grave's been empty. Chorus (two times)
Verse: This is His home, here in our chest, at ev'ry door our Savior's knocking.
Oh, let Him in, oh let Him out. With ev'ry "yes" His kingdom's coming.
The sound of ev'ry saint rejoicing, oh, Jesus Christ, the hope of glory. Chorus*

Invitation to Giving Rev. Joan VanDessel

Song for All "You Were on the Cross" by Matt Maher
featuring The Well Worship Band and Vocalists

Parting Blessing Rev. Linda Stephan

Parting Music "You Were on the Cross" by Matt Maher
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TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Pastors: Rev. Linda Stephan and Rev. Joan VanDessel
Music: The Well Worship Band and Vocalists and the Mighty,
Mighty Well Horns; Jeffrey Cobb, music leader
Greeters: Claudia Bruendl, Maureen Knipe, Lisa Myers, and
Mona Kay Woodhams
Welcome Desk: Donna Olendorf

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

