

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. For our Spring book study 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.

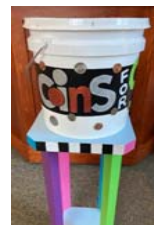
SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

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.

Building All Church Conference also on May 18 after 11:00 worship. Members will vote on whether to proceed with the pre-construction process and the fundraising campaign. Contact Dean Francis deanfrancis@me.com with questions.

All Church Dinner and Music Wednesday on May 21: dinner at 5:00 in Fellowship Hall and music with Andrew Dost in the sanctuary at 6:00.

Vacation Bible School coming July 7 through July 11 from 9:00 to noon each day.
Contact Erica Kozlowski erica@tccentralumc.org with questions.



"Currency for Change" Monthly Mission Donation Project
April 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.

FINAL CHANCE TO GET MORE INFORMATION IN THE GATHERING SPACE AFTER WORSHIP SERVICES

PLANT A TREE
SUPPORT CENTRAL YOUTH GROUP

Scan this QR code to get all the details

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
TRAVERSE CITY, MI

Rummage Sale
Friday, MAY 2, 9 am to 4 pm
Saturday, MAY 3, 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!

Join us to gather supplies for care kits for natural disaster survivors in Northern Michigan and participate in other service projects!

Serve Saturday
May 17
9 am to Noon

Contact Gina Beckett or the church office with any questions!

GET ALL THE DETAILS & SIGN UP

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
TRAVERSE CITY, MI



April 27, 2025
Traditional Worship

Prelude "Jesus, Priceless Treasure" by Johann Walther
Peter VanDessel, organ
"Precious Peace in the Valley" arr. Brenda Austin
Central Bells

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Joan VanDessel

*Passing the Peace Rev. Joan VanDessel

*Call to Worship Nan Horstman
One: Arise! Shine! A new day is dawning.
ALL: Easter people raise your voices.
One: Christ is risen!
ALL: Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

*Opening Hymn "Easter People, Raise Your Voices" UMH No. 304

Confirmation Rev. Linda Stephan, Sarah Brokaw and Tara DeGroot
Today we welcome into the Central Church family Owen Drews, Charlotte Hassler, Lane Lentych, Carissa Rokos and Lucy Wessels. Additional Confirmation Class participants include Valentino Eakin and Sharell and Zezilia Loomis.

Confirmation Creed Class of 2025
One: We believe God is good.
God created the world good in their image.
God will not leave us even if we leave God.
God will always forgive us.
ALL: God's plan will take time and will not always be obvious.
One: We believe Christ is God's son, fully human, fully God.
Christ is our savior.
Christ lived and died and rose again for us.
Christ will save us again.
We believe the Holy Spirit is a representation of God's love everywhere to everyone.
ALL: We believe God created us in God's image.
One: Even when the world is not kind, we must try to be kind to the world: love God and love our neighbors as we love ourselves.
ALL: Everyone deserves a sense of belonging. We are all important and have a job in the world.
One: We believe faith is trusting the process and questions can make faith stronger.
ALL: The world is imperfect yet still amazing.

Prayer of the People Nan Horstman

The Lord's Prayer
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.

UMH No. 895

Ministry of Music "For the Beauty of the Earth" by John Rutter
Chancel Choir

*For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies; For the love which from our birth, over and around us lies, Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our joyful hymn of praise.
For the beauty of the hour, of the day and of the night; Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light; Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our joyful hymn of praise.
For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child; Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild; Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our joyful hymn of praise.
For each perfect gift of thine, to our race so freely given; Graces human and divine, flow'r's of earth and buds of heav'n; Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our joyful hymn of praise.*

Scripture Reading Luke 15:1-10 NT p. 78
Leader: The Word of God for the People of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Message "Seeking the Lost" Rev. Linda Stephan
Easter People

Reflection Moment

Invitation to Giving Rev. Joan VanDessel

*Doxology UMH No. 94

*Prayer Over The Gifts Rev. Joan VanDessel

*Hymn "Christ is Risen" UMH No. 307

Benediction Rev. Linda Stephan

Choral Benediction "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" by Peter Lutkin

Postlude "How Firm a Foundation" by James Southbridge
Peter VanDessel, 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: Nan Horstman

Music: Peter VanDessel, organ; Central's Chancel Choir,
Jeffrey Cobb, director; Central Bells, Lynne Lombard, director

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

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

