Weekly Groups & Special Opportunities for all ages - Get the details and see the schedule: tccentralumc.org/events

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.

<u>United Women in Faith Lunch Bunch</u> 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.

<u>Central Perks Parents:</u> **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

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

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





April 27, 2025

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

Greeting and Announcements Rev. Joan VanDessel

Passing of the Peace Rev. Joan VanDessel

Song for All "For These Reasons" by Lincoln Brewster featuring The Well Worship Band and Vocalists

"Embers" by Hobbs and Tan

featuring The Well Worship Band and Vocalists

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

Prayer for All Rev. Joan VanDessel

The Lord's Prayer

Song for All

Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be your name, Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is 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 15:1-10 NT p. 78 Leader: The Word of God for the People of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Easter People

Message "Seeking the Lost" Rev. Linda Stephan

Focus Song "For Your Splendor" by Christy Nockels

Verse I'm so concerned with what I look like from the outside.

Will I blossom into what You hope I'll be? Yet You're so patient just to help me see the blooms come from a deeper seed that You planted in me.

Verse Sometimes it's hard to grow when everybody's watching;

To have your heart pruned by the one who knows best. And though I'm bare and cold I know my season's coming, and I'll spring up in Your endless faithfulness.

Chorus With my roots deep in You I'll grow the branch that bears the fruit.

And though I'm small I'll still be standing in the storm.

Cause I am planted by the river, by Your streams of living water,

Cause I am planted by the river, by Your streams of living water,
And I'll grow up strong and beautiful all for Your splendor Lord.

Verse So with my arms stretched out I'm swaying to Your heartbeat.

I'm growing with the sound of Your voice calling. You're bringing out the beauty
that You have put in me for Your joy and for Your glory falling. Chorus

Invitation to Giving Rev. Joan VanDessel

Introduction of Confirmands

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.

Song for All "Friend of God" by Israel Houghton

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: Bob and Liz Bevier, Holly Gorton, Ann Porter
Welcome Desk: Sandy O'Niel

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, hymnais and hearing assistance devices are available upon request.

Please ask an usher f 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: <u>facebook.com/cumctc</u> or <u>visit our website</u>: <u>tccentralumc.org</u>

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).

Other information you might want to know:

spensored by Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home.

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