

**ADULTS**

**Knit One, Crochet Too: 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon Tuesdays in the Lounge**

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](mailto:linda65ac@gmail.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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 are 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](mailto: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**

**Serve Saturday is May 17.** More information available in the Gathering Space after worship, sign up to volunteer online on the Events page or reach out to Ginna Beckett or the church office with questions.

**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.

**Church in the Park begins Sunday, May 25 at 9:00 am** Join us at Sunset Park for this casual outdoor service during the summer months. Please bring your own seating.

**Greeters are needed for 11:00 worship during summer months.** Contact Kathy Mead [meadka09@gmail.com](mailto:meadka09@gmail.com) to volunteer for this hospitality opportunity.

**Summer baptism dates are June 8, June 15, and July 13.** Contact the church office for more information.

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

Contact Erica Kozlowski [erica@tccentralumc.org](mailto:erica@tccentralumc.org) with questions.



**"Currency for Change" Monthly Mission Donation Project**

May Spotlight: *Before, During and After Incarceration (BDAI)*  
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.

**Breakfast for Dinner  
All Church Meal**

**Wednesday,  
May 21 | 5 PM** Fellowship Hall

**DINNER CLEAN UP CREW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.**  
PLEASE CONTACT [SARAH@TCCENTRALUMC.ORG](mailto:SARAH@TCCENTRALUMC.ORG) TO SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
**Reconciling Ministries**

**Music Midweek**  
Music + Advocacy

**May 21: Andrew Dost, Grammy award-winning artist of Metal Bubble Trio.**

All free-will donations at event support The Ally Coalition

Scan the QR code to get all the details

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
TRAVERSE CITY, MI



**All Church Building Vote**

**Sunday, May 18**  
**12 pm noon at TC CUMC**

Save the Date



May 4, 2025

Gathering Music	"Black Orpheus" <i>featuring the Well Worship Band</i>	by Louis Bonfi
Greeting and Announcements		Rev. Linda Stephan
Passing of the Peace		Rev. Linda Stephan
Song for All	"Soul on Fire" <i>featuring The Well Worship Band and Vocalists</i>	by Brown and Maher
Song for All	"Sing Along" <i>featuring The Well Worship Band and Vocalists</i>	by Christy Nockels
Blessing of the Moms and Mentors		Rev. Linda Stephan
Prayer for All^		Rev. Joan VanDessel
	One: Speak to us tenderly, and welcome us into your loving arms, O Father of Kindness.	
	<b>ALL: Help us make a path for you.</b>	
	One: Carry us in your bosom, and comfort us, O Mother of Peace.	
	<b>ALL: Help us make a path for you.</b>	
	One: Guide us gently, and encourage us through the anxious times, O Patient Shepherd.	
	<b>ALL: Help us make a path for you.</b>	
	One: Hold our hands and endure with us through the pains of labor, O loving Midwife.	
	<b>ALL: Help us make a path for you.</b>	
	One: Calm our fears and enkindle your light and joy within us, O Brilliant Radiance.	
	<b>ALL: Help us make a path for you.</b>	
The Lord's Prayer		
	<b>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.</b>	
Scripture Reading	Judges 4:4-10	OT p. 220
	Leader: The Word of God for the People of God. <b>People: Thanks be to God.</b>	
Message	<i>Easter People</i> "God's Women"	Rev. Deb Johnson

Focus Song "Who Am I" by Christy Nockels  
*Verse* Over time You've healed so much in me, and I am living proof  
 that although my darkest hour had come, Your light could still shine through.  
 Though at times it's just enough to cast a shadow on the wall,  
 well I am grateful that You shine a light on me at all.  
*Chorus* Who am I that You would love me so gently?  
 Who am I that You would recognize my name?  
 Lord, who am I that You would speak to me so softly?  
 Conversation with the love most high, who am I?  
*Verse* Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.  
 I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.  
 And the more I sing that sweet old song, the more I understand that  
 I do not comprehend this love that's coming from Your hand. **Chorus**  
*Bridge* Grace, grace, God's grace.  
 Grace that will pardon and cleanse within.  
 Grace, grace, God's great grace. Grace that is greater than all my sin. **Chorus**

Invitation to Giving Rev. Joan VanDessel

Song for All "Only A God Like You" by Tommy Walker  
*featuring The Well Worship Band and Vocalists*

Parting Blessing Rev. Deb Johnson

Parting Music "The Well" by Hall and West  
*featuring the Well Worship Band and Vocalists*

**TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:**  
 Pastors: Rev. Linda Stephan, Rev. Joan VanDessel and Rev. Deb Johnson  
 Music: The Well Worship Band and Vocalists: Rick Buist, guest music leader  
 Greeters: Claudia Bruendl, Holly Gorton and Lisa Myers  
 Welcome Desk: Gail Drayton

**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://facebook.com/cumctc) or visit our website: [tccentralumc.org](https://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](mailto: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](mailto: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



^ Katy Fox, Candler School of Theology MDiv 2000. Unpublished.