



"Currency for Change" Monthly Mission Donation Project

January Spotlight: Safe Harbor

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.

Coffee with the Pastors

Sunday,
January 25
after
11am worship



Ash Wednesday Wednesday February 18

12pm Service of Ashes
5pm Community Meal
presented by Central's Children's & Youth Ministries
6pm Music Midweek
featuring The Horns of Traverse City
7pm Service of Ashes



Get all the details

Parent's Night Out
Friday, February 20th

REGISTER 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.

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/tccumc or our Instagram: www.instagram.com/tccumc 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.

Flowers provided by The Flower Station

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.



CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday Morning Worship

8 AM Small Group Service

in the Chapel

9 AM Upbeat, Casual Worship

in the Sanctuary

11 AM Traditional Worship

in the Sanctuary

Find out more: tccentralumc.org/events



January 25, 2026
Traditional Worship

Prelude "Cradle Song" by WS Lloyd Webber
Barbara Slagel, organ

Greeting and Announcements Rev. Joan VanDessel

*Passing the Peace Rev. Joan VanDessel

*Call to Worship Lindsey Haines
One: God is not distant from the struggles of the world.
ALL: We gather to worship the God who enters history.
One: God hears our suffering and disrupts injustice.
ALL: We gather to worship the God who brings liberation.
One: In God's presence, ordinary ground becomes holy.
ALL: We gather to worship the God who speaks.
Let us worship our living God!

*Opening Hymn "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" UMH No. 152

Blessing the Children Rev. Joan VanDessel

Prayer of the People Lindsey Haines

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.**

Ministry of Music "All Praise to Thee" by Elaine Hagenberg
Central's Chancel Choir

All praise to Thee, eternal God, who clothed in garb of flesh and blood, dost take a manger for Thy throne, while worlds on worlds are Thine alone. Alleluia. Thou comest in the darksome night to make us children of the light, to make us in the realms divine, like Thine own angels, round Thee shine. Alleluia. A little child, thou art are our guest that weary ones in Thee may rest; forlorn and lowly is Thy birth that we may rise, to heaven from earth. Alleluia.

Scripture Psalm 44:1-8 OT p. 515
Leader: The Word of God for the People of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Epiphany Sermon Series

"Exodus 1-4"

Reader's Theater

Message

Reflection Moment

Invitation to Giving

Rev. Joan VanDessel

*Doxology

UMH No. 94

**Praise God from whom all blessing flow;
Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Prayer Over The Gifts

Rev. Joan VanDessel

*Hymn

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

UMH No.127

*Benediction

Rev. Joan VanDessel

*Choral Benediction

"Every Single Day"

by Diane Clark

Central's Chancel Choir

Postlude

"Toccatà Festival"

by Greg Sewell

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.)*

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Pastors: Rev. Linda Stephan and Rev. Joan VanDessel

Liturgist: Lindsey Haines

Reader's Theater: Eldon Horner, director; Kat Brown, Lindsey Haines,

Yo Kamischke, Willow Lucey and John Schnepf

Music: Central's Chancel Choir, Jeffrey Cobb, director;

Barbara Slagel, piano/organ

Welcome Desk: Marilyn Cobb

Greeters: Jane Damschroder, Tom Emling, John and Sally Ellinger

Thank you for worshipping with us today



SCAN TO CHECK IN



SCAN TO GIVE

Announcements & Opportunities

ADULTS

Knit One, Crochet Too: 10:30 am - 12 noon Tuesdays in the Chapel

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

Covenant Disciples: 11:00 am - 12 noon on Fridays via Zoom

This is a welcoming group that challenges our thinking in many different ways and opens up different options to learn more about God's presence in our daily lives. Visitors and new members are always welcome. Contact Kathy Mead: meadka09@gmail.com.

Caregivers Support Group: 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm third Mondays in the Chapel

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: 9:00 am - 10:30 am first and third

Wednesdays in the Chapel. 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 Doug Haberland at haberlanddn@outlook.com for more information.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Nursery available in Room 105 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!

MS Youth Group: 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.

HS Youth Group: 5:30 -7:15pm Wednesdays 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!

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY

Through February 15, 2026: An installation of 1,406 hand-folded origami Soul Boxes, each honoring a life lost to gun violence in Michigan, will be on display at St. John's Episcopal church in Grand Haven, opening with a free public reception on Saturday, January 31, from 1:00 to 3:00. Created by local community members and supported by the United Methodist Church of the Dunes, the exhibit invites reflection and education.