



"Currency for Change" Monthly Mission Donation Project

February Spotlight: Babyfold

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.

Volunteers needed at Safe Harbor!



February 21-28

Contact Josh Brandt at josh@gtsafeharbor.org to get involved!

All Are Welcome

Join us for Adult Programming weekly classes!



Discover classes & details here



Community Meal TACO BAR

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18
5:00 PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

PRESENTED BY
CENTRAL CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY
MEAL BY DONATION



Get all the details here

Find out more: tccentralumc.org/events

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



SCAN TO CHECK IN



CENTRAL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
February 1, 2026
Traditional Worship



SCAN TO GIVE

Prelude "Pastorale" by Charles Wesley
Barbara Slagel, organ

Greeting and Announcements Rev. Joan VanDessel

*Passing the Peace Rev. Joan VanDessel

*Call to Worship Tracy Cleveland
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 "Gather Us In" TFWS No. 2236

Blessing the Children Rev. Joan VanDessel

Prayer of the People Tracy Cleveland

The Lord's Prayer UMH No. 895

Ministry of Music "Here's One" arr. Mark Hayes
Central's Chancel Choir; Peter Deneen, soprano saxophone

Scripture Exodus 1:8 - 2:10 OT p. 49
Leader: The Word of God for the People of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

In the Midst of Rupture Sermon Series

Message "The Next Right Thing" Rev. Linda Stephan

Celebration of Holy Communion (All elements are gluten and alcohol-free.)

One: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor continues...

One: And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor continues...

One: ...in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

ALL: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pastor continues...

One: Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Giving and Receiving of Gifts (All elements are gluten and alcohol-free.)

Communion Hymn "O God of Love, This Is a Time of Turning" ^

O God of love, this is a time of turning — a time of change, with conflict in the news. For in our land, some mighty winds are churning; There's much at stake that we could gain or lose. Love sings out strong, yet fires of hate are burning; O God of all, you call us all to choose.

O God of peace, we hear your gracious promise: Your love can heal the hearts of humankind. May we stand firm for truth and peace and justice; May we leave fear and hatred far behind. May we sing out, and — singing — be a witness, and show resolve to work for what is kind.

O God of all, of immigrant and neighbor, of those in power — and of the refugee, You give us all our common life and labor — our common hope, the peace we long to see. God, may we turn and be made strong together. May we seek justice, love and unity.

*Doxology UMH No. 94

*Prayer Over The Gifts Rev. Joan VanDessel

*Hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" UMH No.140

*Benediction Rev. Linda Stephan

*Choral Benediction "Every Single Day" by Diane Clark
Central's Chancel Choir

Postlude "Rendez á Dieu" by Charles Callahan
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.)

*TFWS small black hymnal
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Tune: Finlandia UMH 437

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 - 7:15 pm 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!

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Pastors: Rev. Linda Stephan and Rev. Joan VanDessel

Liturgist: Tracy Cleveland

Music: Central's Chancel Choir, Jeffrey Cobb, director;
Barbara Slagel, piano/organ; Peter Deneen, soprano sax

Welcome Desk: Linda Deneen

Greeters: Jill Bentgen, Shelley Ehrenberger, Tom Emling, Linda Sommerville