



"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!



Seder & Potluck

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

Central Fellowship Hall
222 Cass St. Downtown TC



Scan the QR code to RSVP



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



Oceans of Love VBS

JUNE 29-JULY 3RD
9AM-12PM



Scan the QR code to register!



CENTRAL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
February 8, 2026
Traditional Worship

Prelude "Fughetta in D Major" by Johann Rinck
Barbara Slagel, organ
"Joyful, Joyful, W Adore Thee" arr. Ingram
Genesis Bells

Greeting and Announcements Rev. Linda Stephan

*Passing the Peace Rev. Linda Stephan

*Call to Worship Laura Larson
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: Let us worship our living God!

*Opening Hymn "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"
UMH No. 427 vs. 1,3,5,6

Blessing the Children Rev. Linda Stephan

Prayer of the People Laura Larson

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 "Voices of Praise" by Elaine Hagenberg
Central's Chancel Choir and Brass Quartet
*Praise the Lord who reigns above and keeps his courts below; praise the holy
God of love and all his greatness show; praise him for his noble deeds,
praise him for his matchless power; Him, from whom all good proceeds,
let all things praise the Lord. Sing with glad anticipation, mortals and immortals
sing. Jesus comes with full salvation. Jesus doth his glory bring. Hallelujah,
hallelujah! God omnipotent is King. Rejoice the Lord is King. Your Lord and King
adore! Rejoice, give thanks and sing and triumph evermore.
Lift up Your heart! Lift up your voice! Rejoice again I say, rejoice!
O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.
My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad, the honors of your name. Amen.*

Scripture Exodus 2:11-25 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 Cry that Changed the Story"
Rev. Joan VanDessel

Reflection Moment

Invitation to Giving Rev. Linda Stephan

*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. Linda Stephan

*Hymn "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" UMH No.203

*Benediction Rev. Joan VanDessel

*Choral Benediction "God is Good" by Grier and Everson
Central's Chancel Choir

Postlude "Triumphant March" by WS Lloyd Webber
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: Laura Larson
Music: Central's Chancel Choir, Jeffrey Cobb, director;
Genesis Bells, Lynn Lombard, director; Barbara Slagel, piano/organ;
Brass Quartet: Josh Wagner, Thomas Vieira, Michael Hunter,
Julie Schlieff
Welcome Desk: Linda Deneen
Greeters: Shelley Ehrenberger, Kelly and Matt Johnston, Dave Maxson

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 - 7:15 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!

SAVE THE DATES

Ash Wednesday is February 18. There will be a Service of Ashes at noon, a community meal at 5:00 pm, Music Midweek featuring The Horns of Traverse City at 6:00 pm, and finally a Service of Ashes at 7:00 pm.
Parent's Night Out is coming on Friday, February 20. Join us for our "Choose Your Own Adventure" activity night from 5:15 pm to 8:15 pm. Contact Erica Kozlowski at erica@tccentralumc.org to register or find answers to your questions.
Coffee with the Pastors, Sunday February 22 at 12:15 pm