



"Currency for Change" Monthly Mission Donation Project

February Spotlight: Fairfield Children's Home
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

**TODAY
after
11am
worship**



**Livestream the
Faithful Resistance:
A Public Witness
for Immigrant Justice in DC!**

Central Church Chapel
Wednesday, February 25
10am-12:30pm

Bring a bagged lunch &
watch the livestream with us!

Get all the details
& RSVP now



*A Faithful Resistance:
From TC to DC*



**Join us to learn more about
Building Plans at Central!**

Wednesday, February 25 at 6pm
Sunday, March 1 at 10am
Wednesday, March 4 at 6pm



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



Scripture Isaiah 56:6-8 OT p. 686
 Leader: The Word of God for the People of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Worship Without Limits Sermon Series

Message "Openness" Rev. Dean Francis

Reflection Moment

Invitation to Giving Kathy Schaeffer

*Doxology UMH No. 95
**Praise God from whom all blessing flow;
 Praise God all creatures here below;
 Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
 Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer Over The Gifts Rev. Joan VanDessel

*Hymn "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" UMH No. 584

*Benediction Rev. Dean Francis

*Choral Benediction "Grant Us Thy Peace" by John Ellerton
Central's Chancel Choir

Postlude "O Welt, ich muss dich lassen" arr. 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.)*

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Pastors: Rev. Linda Stephan, Rev. Joan VanDessel
 and Rev. Dean Francis
 Liturgist: Shelley Ehrenberger
 Music: Central's Chancel Choir, Jeffrey Cobb, director;
 Barbara Slagel, piano/organ
 Welcome Desk: Linda Deneen
 Greeters: Dave Maxson, Linda Sommerville, Meagan Thomas-Wells,
 Ronin Wells

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

2026 Advocacy Day at the Michigan State Capitol will be held on March, 18, 2026. Registration begins at 7:30 am, welcome at 8:30 am, advocacy activities (speaking with legislators, making posters, writing letters) followed by lunch and worship. The focus at this year's Advocacy Day will be addressing food scarcity in Michigan.

Passover Seder with our siblings from Congregation Beth Shalom on Thursday, April 2 at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Call the church office to reserve a spot.

Prelude "Offertoire" by Théodore Dubois
Barbara Slagel, organ

Greeting and Announcements Rev. Linda Stephan

*Passing the Peace Rev. Linda Stephan

*Call to Worship Shelley Ehrenberger
 One: Shout with joy to God, all the earth!
 Serve the Lord with gladness!

ALL: We come into God's presence with gratitude and praise.

One: Know the the Lord is God: the One who made us
 and to whom we belong.

ALL: We are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.

One: God's love endures forever;
 our God is faithful through all generations.

**ALL: With hope in our hearts and vision before us,
 we worship without limits!**

*Opening Hymn "This Is a Day of New Beginnings" UMH No. 383,
 vs 1-4

Blessing the Children Rev. Linda Stephan

Prayer of the People Shelley Ehrenberger

The Lord's Prayer UMH No. 895

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 "Will You Bear the Cross?"
 by Stratton and Courtney
Central's Chancel Choir

*Will you bear the cross and carry it for life, follow Christ in faith through storms of
 pain and strife, stand the heavy price of suffering and loss? Will you trust in Christ?
 Will you bear the cross? Will you bear the cross while climbing mountains steep,
 through the burning sands, across the oceans deep? Can you still be sure
 regardless of the cost, will your faith endure? When you bear the cross? Must
 Jesus bear the cross alone, and all the world go free? No, there's across for
 everyone, and there's across for me. Can you lift the load and wear the yoke of
 Christ, down the rocky road that leads to paradise? Can you brave the storm
 though shaken, torn, and tossed? Will you trust our Lord? Will you bear the cross?*