



### "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*



# 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](https://facebook.com/tccumc) or our Instagram: [www.instagram.com/tccumc](https://www.instagram.com/tccumc) 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.

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](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.**



## 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



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](https://tccentralumc.org/events)



February 22, 2026

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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!

### 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.

**Chorus** Now I can trade these ashes in for beauty;

and wear forgiveness like a crown;

Coming to kiss the feet of Mercy,

I lay ev'ry burden down at the foot of the cross.

**Verse** At the foot of the cross, where I am made complete,

You have given me life through the death You bore for me;

And You've won my heart, and You've won my heart. **Chorus**

Invitation to Giving

Ann Porter

\*Song for All

"All the People Said Amen"

by Matt Maher

\*Parting Blessing

Rev. Dean Francis

Parting Music

"The Well"

by Hall and West

The Well Worship Band and Vocalists

\*Please stand as you are able.

#### TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Pastors: Rev. Linda Stephan, Rev. Joan VanDessel  
and Rev. Dean Francis

Music: The Well Worship Band and Vocalists: Jeffrey Cobb, director

Welcome Desk: Gail Drayton

Greeters: Jay Berger, Claudia Bruendl, Lisa Myers

**Thank you for worshipping with us today!**



SCAN TO CHECK IN



SCAN TO GIVE

Gathering Music "Foghorn Leghorn" by Jeffrey Cobb

The Well Worship Band

Greeting and Announcements Rev. Linda Stephan

\*Passing the Peace Rev. Linda Stephan

\*Song for All "For These Reasons" by Lincoln Brewster

Song for All "Revelation Song" by Jennie Lee Riddle

Blessing the Children Rev. Linda Stephan

Prayer for All Rev. Joan VanDessel

The Lord's Prayer

**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**

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

Focus Song "At the Foot of the Cross (Ashes to Beauty)" by Scott

The Well Worship Band and Vocalists

**Verse** At the foot of the cross, where grace and suff'ring meet,  
You have shown me Your love, through the judgement You received;  
And You've won my heart, and You've won my heart.