



"Currency for Change" Monthly Mission Donation Project

March Spotlight: BDAI (Before, During and After Incarceration)

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.



You've been with us... Have you considered joining us?
NEW MEMBER CLASS
 Sunday, March 15 at 12:15 PM

Contact Sue Cobb in the church office to sign up!

Explore membership, learn about Methodism, get your questions answered.

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 TRAVERSE CITY, MI

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.



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 for **Advocacy Day** at the Michigan State Capitol on Wednesday, March 18



Contact Sarah Drews at sarah@tccentralumc.org for more information & carpooling opportunities



MUSIC MIDWEEK

FEATURING

Jerry Young

(Northern Lower Brass Group)



3.18.2026
6:00 PM

Find out more: tccentralumc.org/events



SCAN TO CHECK IN



CENTRAL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
March 1, 2026
Traditional Worship



SCAN TO GIVE

Prelude "Communion" by WS Lloyd Webber
Barbara Slagel, organ

Greeting and Announcements Rev. Linda Stephan

*Passing the Peace Rev. Linda Stephan

*Call to Worship Tara DeGroot

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 that 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 "How Can We Name a Love" UMH No. 111

Blessing the Children Rev. Linda Stephan

Prayer of the People Tara DeGroot

The Lord's Prayer UMH No. 895

Ministry of Music "Angels Bore His Soul Away" by Wagner
Central's Chancel Choir; Joan VanDessel, clarinet

*On a distant hilltop, where no flowers grow, where no hint of sunlight has
shone; on a cross, my Savior, nailed with brutal blows, left to die, forsaken,
alone. Jesus, with his last full breath, bowed His head in quiet death; closed
His eyes, a debt repaid, as angels bore His soul away. What wondrous love is
this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of
bliss to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul. See the splintered oak
wood, taste the bitter gall, see the gleaming sword pierce His side. Feel the
desolation, and the tears that fall, hear the taunts as crowds deride. Jesus,
with his last full breath, bowed His head in quiet death; closed His eyes, a debt
repaid, as angels bore His soul away.*

Scripture Genesis 18:1-14 OT p. 14
Leader: The Word of God for the People of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Worship Without Limits Sermon Series

Message "Hospitality" Rev. Joan VanDessel

Celebration of Holy Communion

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: Therefore in gratitude, with all Creation, we sing your praise.

**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).*

*Doxology UMH No. 95

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly host,
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer Over The Gifts Rev. Linda Stephan

*Hymn "Be Thou My Vision" UMH No. 451

*Benediction Rev. Joan VanDessel

*Choral Benediction "Go With God's Love" by Diane Clark
Central's Chancel Choir

Postlude "Aria" 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: Tara DeGroot

Music: Central's Chancel Choir, Jeffrey Cobb, director;
Barbara Slagel, piano/organ; Joan VanDessel, clarinet

Welcome Desk: Don and Diana Burton

Greeters: Jill Bentgen, Marilyn Cobb, Lauren Johnson, Dave Maxson

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

Sunday Morning Pilgrimage: Sundays from 10:00 to 11:00 This is an

open discussion study group seeking a deeper understanding of God's presence in our lives and in our world. Our current focus is the

Richard Rohr book "Immortal Diamond: The Search for Our True Self." Our meeting spot is in transition this spring. 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!

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

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.

Building renovation update meetings will be held today at 10:00 am and Wednesday March 4 at 6:00 pm. Join us to learn more about the building plans at Central!

VBS is coming June 29 to July 3. Contact Erica for information;
erica@tccentralumc.org.