



**"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 TRVERSE CITY, MI

**Central to Our Future Campaign Updates + All Church Conference**

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, March 22 after 11 am worship

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH TRVERSE CITY, MI

**KNOW YOUR RIGHTS TRAINING**

THURSDAY, APRIL 9  
 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

SPiritual Activists SALT LEADING TOGETHER

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Find out more: [tccentralumc.org/events](http://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](https://facebook.com/tccumc) or our Instagram: [www.instagram.com/tccumc](https://www.instagram.com/tccumc) or visit our website: [tccentralumc.org](http://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.**



## 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



CENTRAL  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 8, 2026  
Traditional Worship

Prelude "Contemplation" by Robert Thygeron  
Barbara Slagel, organ  
"Colors of Joy" by Brenda Austin  
Genesis Bells

Greeting and Announcements Rev. Linda Stephan

\*Passing the Peace Rev. Linda Stephan

\*Call to Worship Laura Larson

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 "We Utter Our Cry" UMH No. 439

Blessing the Children Rev. Linda Stephan and Jackie Barone

Prayer of the People Laura Larson

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 "Forsaken" by Dan Forrest

*Central's Chancel Choir; Kaylee Erlewein and Elizabeth Suminski, strings  
How long, O God, will You neglect My prayer? Will You forget these tears of dark  
despair? Yet not My will, but Yours alone be done: Forsake not man, but Me—Your  
sinless Son. I, Christ the Son, obey Your great command, enduring punishment for  
sinful man. As Son and silent Lamb, I choose this path: accept rejection to appease  
Your wrath. O why, My God, have You forsaken Me? Why have You now refused My  
final plea? Though I cry out in sorrow, pain, and fear, You turn Your back; in silence,  
disappear. I, Christ the Son, bear all their sin alone, embracing judgment from Your  
glorious throne. As Son and spotless Lamb, I shed My blood  
To bring them boldly to Your face, My God.*

Scripture Psalm 13 OT p. 494

Ephesians 2:13-22 NT p. 192

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

*Worship Without Limits Sermon Series*

Message "WELCOME" Rev. Linda Stephan

Gathering of Pledges and Offerings Rev. Linda Stephan  
Dave Maxson

Ingathering Hymn "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" TFWS 2171

\*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 Dave Maxson

\*Hymn "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" UMH No.89

\*Benediction Rev. Linda Stephan

\*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: Laura Larson

Music: Central's Chancel Choir, Jeffrey Cobb, director;

Barbara Slagel, piano/organ; Genesis Bells, Lynne Lombard, director;

Kaylee Erlewein, violin; Elizabeth Suminski, cello

Welcome Desk: Don and Diana Burton

Greeters: Cheryl Bebee, Karen Gleason, Dave Maxson and Muriel Peavler

**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](mailto: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](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 Sharon Hill, [sharondiamondhill@gmail.com](mailto:sharondiamondhill@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!

**SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES**

**Passover Seder with our siblings from Congregation Beth Shalom** on Thursday, April 2 at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. There are a few spots still available. Call the church office this week to reserve a seat.

**Statewide Advocacy Day is March 18 in Lansing.** Contact Sarah, [sarah@tccentralumc.org](mailto:sarah@tccentralumc.org) if you are interested in attending and/or carpooling to this event addressing food insecurity.

**Music Midweek is also March 18 at 6:00 pm.** Join us for music from the Northern Lower Brass Group.