



"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.

Central to Our Future Campaign Updates + All Church Conference

THIS Sunday, March 22 after 11 am worship

Holy Week Happenings

Sunday, March 29
Palm Sunday Worship 8 am, 9 am and 11 am

Wednesday, April 1
Fred Szczepanski Taize-inspired worship at 6 pm

Thursday, April 2: Seder at 6 pm *WAITLIST AVAILABLE*
presented by Congregation Beth Shalom at Central

Friday, April 3
Good Friday Community Ecumenical Service 12:15 pm - 3 pm
Stations of the Cross For Migrants at Rotary Square 6 pm
Tenebrae Service | 8 pm

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Spring Adult Programming

We invite you to join us for adult worship classes, programs and events to walk together in faith and community. All are welcome.

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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



March 22, 2026

Gathering Music "The Chicken" by Pee Wee Ellis
The Well Worship Band

Greeting and Announcements Rev. Linda Stephan

*Passing the Peace Rev. Linda Stephan

*Song for All "Chain Breaker" by Zach Williams

Song for All "The Wonder of the Cross" by V. Beeching

Reception of New Members
Today we welcome into the Central Church family Steven and Bette Dickinson,
Neil and Jessica Forster, Stephen and Raenette Palmer,
and Scott and Kristen Selle

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

Blessing the Children Rev. Linda Stephan

Prayer for All Rev. Linda Stephan

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 John 9:1-17,26-41 NT p. 102
Leader: The Word of God for the People of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Lenten Sermon Series

Message "Looking Like Jesus" Rev. Joan VanDessel

Focus Song "The Mystery" by Rhett Walker

The Well Worship Band and Vocalists
Verse When I was younger my Daddy said to me,
It's okay to get caught up in the mystery.
Sometimes you'll sit and wonder, not understand what you see,
don't confuse the lines of truth and make believe.

I'm pretty sure that
Chorus Jesus ain't worried 'bout tattoos and cigarettes,
Or if you wear a golden cross around your neck.

What about loving your neighbor or giving to the poor?
I just want a love like that and nothing more.

Maybe I'm crazy, maybe I'm free,
I just know I ain't the man, that I used to be.

Verse On this side of heaven, you won't always get it right,
Sometimes you'll rise above it, sometimes you got to fight.

You'll never know the stories, that lie beneath the skin,
But judging now won't change the broken places they've been.
Cause I know that **Chorus**

Invitation to Giving Rev. Linda Stephan

*Song for All "Better Than Life" by Israel Houghton

*Parting Blessing Rev. Joan VanDessel

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 and Rev. Joan VanDessel
Music: The Well Worship Band and Vocalists; Jeffrey Cobb, director
Welcome Desk: Sue Judson
Greeters: Jay Berger, Jan and John McCann, Sandy O'Niel

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 Room 301
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 Library 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.

Donuts and Devotions: 9:00 am - 10:30 am first and third Wednesdays in the Choir Room. 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 -7:15pm 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

Disciple 1 New Testament Fast Track begins Tuesdays March 24 to April 28 from 6:00 to 7:30. Contract darcy@tccentralumc.org for more information on this six week class.

Grief Support Group begins Wednesdays April 8 through May 13 from 6:00 to 7:15. This group is for anyone experiencing grief of any kind and is a safe space to share and list. Contact sarah@tccentralumc.org.

Know Your Rights training Thursday, April 9 from 6:30 to 8:30pm
Learn how to be a peaceful observer and act in solidarity.