



"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.



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.



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
Traditional Worship

Prelude "Voluntary on Olivet" by Gordon Young
Peter VanDessel, organ

Greeting and Announcements Rev. Linda Stephan

*Passing the Peace Rev. Linda Stephan

*Call to Worship Jackie Barone
One: Creator God, your glory surrounds us.
ALL: We worship with gratitude and wonder.
One: Loving Christ, you come to us in the humble and needy.
ALL: We worship with compassion and mercy.
One: Holy Spirit, you work among us with power and grace.
ALL: We worship with faith and hope. Thanks be to God!

*Opening Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy" UMH No. 64

Blessing the Children Rev. Linda Stephan

Prayer of the People Jackie Barone

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 "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" by Dake
Central's Chancel Choir; Wendy Becker, soloist
*Jesus walked this lonesome valley; He had to walk it by himself.
Oh, nobody else could walk it for him; He had to walk it by himself.
You must go and stand your trial; You have to stand it by yourself.
Oh, nobody else can stand it for you; You have to stand it by yourself.*

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

Lenten Sermon Series
"Looking Like Jesus" Rev. Joan VanDessel

Reflection Moment

Invitation to Giving Rev. Linda Stephan

*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 "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"
UMH No.581

*Benediction Rev. Joan VanDessel

*Choral Benediction "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"
by R.V. Williams
Central's Chancel Choir

Postlude "Triumphal March" by G. F. Handel
Peter VanDessel, 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: Jackie Barone
Music: Central's Chancel Choir, Jeffrey Cobb, director;
Peter VanDessel, piano/organ; Wendy Becker, soloist
Welcome Desk: Don and Diana Burton
Greeters: Staton and Carol Lorenz, Linda Wolgast

Thank you for worshipping with us today



SCAN TO CHECK IN



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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.