



"Currency for Change" Monthly Mission Donation Project

April Spotlight: *New Life School in Mizak, Haiti*

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.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS TRAINING

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

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
TRAVERSE CITY, MI

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OUR NEIGHBORS GARDEN

Whitefish Dinner

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

5:00 PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

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MUSIC MIDWEEK

FEATURING

Michael Coonrod & Chris Lane

4.15.2026
6:00 PM

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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

Find out more: tccentralumc.org/events



April 5, 2026
Traditional Worship

Prelude "Easter Fanfares" arr. Robert Lau
Barbara Slagel, organ

Greeting and Announcements Rev. Joan VanDessel

*Passing the Peace Rev. Joan VanDessel

*Call to Worship ^ Eldon Horner
One: Easter people, Christ is risen! God is doing a new thing!
ALL: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!
One: God transforms a dead end into a new start!
ALL: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!
One: Life conquers death! Love overcomes fear!
ALL: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!
One: Easter people, raise your voices! Christ is risen!
ALL: Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

*Processional Hymn "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" UMH No. 302
v. 1-4

Blessing the Children Rev. Joan VanDessel

Prayer of the People Eldon Horner

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 "Crown Him With Many Crowns" arr. Pinkston
Central's Chancel Choir; Brass Quartet

*King of kings, and Lord of lords! Great and marvelous are thy works, Lord God Almighty.
Just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints. Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and
glorify thy name? For only thou art holy, King of kings! Crown Him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon His throne. Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its
own. Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee, and hail Him as thy matchless
King through all eternity. Crown Him the Lord of love, behold His hands and side, those
wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified. His glories now we sing, who died, and
rose on high, who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die. Crown Him the
Lord of life, who triumphed over the grave, and rose victorious in the strife for those He
came to save. To thee be endless praise, for thou for us hast died. Be thou, o Lord,
through endless days adored and magnified.*

Scripture John 20:1-18 NT p . 114
Leader: The Word of God for the People of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Message "Why Are You Weeping?" Rev. Linda Stephan

Remembrance of Baptism "God of Grace and God of Glory" UMH No. 577

Invitation to Giving Rev. Joan VanDessel

*Doxology UMH No. 94
**Praise God from whom all blessing flow;
Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Prayer Over The Gifts Rev. Joan VanDessel

*Hymn "Easter People, Raise Your Voices" UMH No.304

*Benediction^ Rev. Linda Stephan and Rev. Joan VanDessel

Choral Benediction "Crown Him With Many Crowns" arr. Pinkston
Central's Chancel Choir; Brass Quartet

Postlude "Celebration" by David Lasky
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: Eldon Horner

Music: Central's Chancel Choir, Jeffrey Cobb, director;
Barbara Slagel, piano/organ; Brass Quartet: Thomas Vieira, and Josh
Wagner, trumpets; Michael Hunter, trombone; Julie Schleif, horn
Welcome Desk: Mary Ann Borton

Greeters: Dale and Luana Dueweke, Tom Emling, Dave Rorabacher

Thank you for worshipping with us today



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*^Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, September 2025. Adapted.
<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/journeys-end-a-new-start/easter-sunday-year-a-lectionary-planning-notes/easter-sunday-year-a-liturgical-resources>*

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 Lounge. 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

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 listen. Contact sarah@tccentralumc.org
Spring Parent Book Study begins Sunday April 12 from 10:00 to 10:45
Child care is provided during this time as we discuss the book "Woven: Nurturing a Faith Your Kid Doesn't Have to Heal From."

Celebrate Spring with an Evening of Music with Doc & Donna Probes May 3 at 7:00 pm to benefit Community Outreach at Central.