

**"Currency for Change" Monthly Mission Donation Project**

April Spotlight: New Life School in Mitzak, 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**



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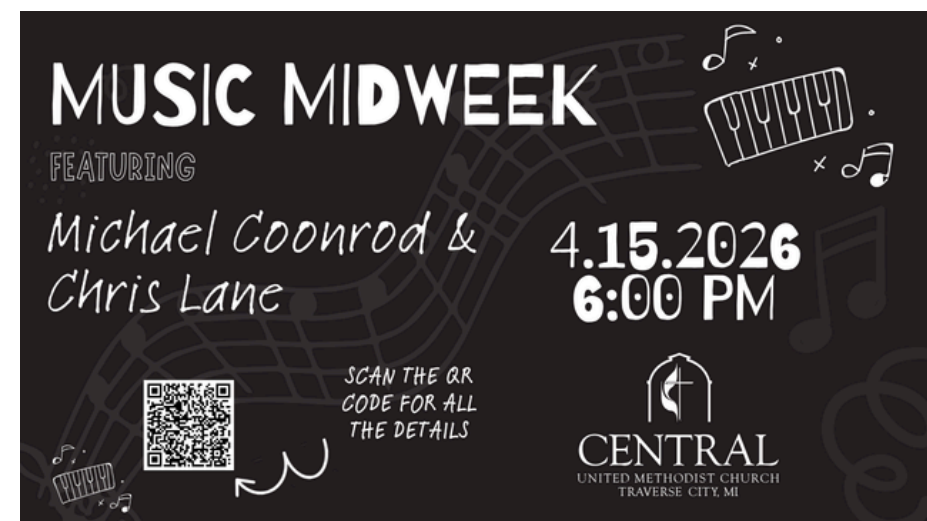


OUR NEIGHBORS GARDEN  
**Whitefish Dinner**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15**

5:00 PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

[tccentralumc.org/events](http://tccentralumc.org/events)



**MUSIC MIDWEEK**

FEATURING

Michael Coonrod & Chris Lane

**4.15.2026**  
**6:00 PM**

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# 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.**



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

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April 5, 2026

Gathering Music "Christ the Lord Has Risen Today" arr. J. Cobb  
The Well Worship Band and the Mighty, Mighty Well Horns

\*Call to Worship Rev. Joan VanDessel  
One: Christ is Risen!  
**ALL: Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Greeting and Announcements Rev. Joan VanDessel

\*Passing the Peace Rev. Joan VanDessel

\*Song for All "Alive Forever Amen" by Travis Cottrell

Song for All "Revelation Song" by Jennie Lee Riddle

Blessing the Children Rev. Joan VanDessel

Prayer for All^ Rev. Joan VanDessel

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 20:1-18 Reader's Theater  
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 "He Lives" by Israel Houghton  
The Well Worship Band and Vocalists  
**Verse** More than a Baby in a manger to whom nobles would humbly bow their knee; or the young man who heaven knew as Savior, He is alive in me.

**Verse** More than the man who walked on water, or the One who cause blinded eyes to see; greater than all the signs and wonders.  
He is alive in me.

**Chorus** He lives, He lives; He conquered the grave, covered our sin. He lives, He lives; death could not hold the Promise within, He lives.

**Verse** More than a Man who heard hosanna from the same who cried, "Crucify the King!" Freely He gave as they demanded, still He's alive in me. More than the Man mankind rejected with nails in His hands and through his feet. But the end told much more than they expected.

For everyone knows in three days He rose with power forever to redeem you and me! **Chorus**

**Second Chorus** Death where is your sting? Grave your victory? Jesus holds the keys, He reigns! He lives! He lives!

Invitation to Giving Rev. Joan VanDessel

\*Song for All "Gloria" by Israel Houghton

\*Parting Blessing^^ Rev. Linda Stephan and 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  
Reader's Theater: Eldon Horner, Allie Seymour, Nicholas Seymour  
Music: The Well Worship Band and Vocalists; Jeffrey Cobb, director,  
The Mighty, Mighty Well Horns: Thomas Vieira, Josh Wagner,  
Peter Deneen, Eric Olson, Michael Hunter  
Welcome Desk: Donna Olendorf  
Greeters: Claudia Bruendl, Chris and Marlene Griffin, Craig Lange,  
Sandy O'Niel

**Thank you for worshipping with us today!**



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^Credit: Adapted from Dr. Tom Cheatham at <https://theconnection08.wordpress.com/>. Re-posted on <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/journeys-end-a-new-start/easter-sunday-year-a-lectionary-planning-notes/easter-sunday-year-a-liturgical-resources>  
^^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](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 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](mailto: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](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

**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 & 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.