"Currency for Change" Monthly Mission Donation Project

September Spotlight: Soaring Unlimited

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.

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 or
phone us at 231-946-5191

For your convenience, our 11 AM worship services is livestreamed weekly during the summer months.
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. Cards are available in the pews, and may be placed in the boxes in the back of the Sanctuary. You can 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

9 AM Upbeat, Casual Worship
Sunset Park
11 AM Traditional Worship
in the Sanctuary

CENTRAL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 6, 2026
Traditional Worship

Prelude "O God Beyond All Praising" by Gustav Holst
Barbara Slagel, piano

Greeting and Announcements Rev. Linda Stephan

*Passing the Peace Rev. Linda Stephan

*Call to Worship Eldon Horner
One: Come, sing a new song of worship.
ALL: Come, sing a new song of praise.
One: We're a church on the move –
ALL: The Spirit in our midst.
One: With joy, let's celebrate!
ALL: Sing praises! Alleluia!

*Opening Hymn "All Things Bright and Beautiful" UMH No. 147

Blessing the Children Rev. Linda Stephan

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.**

Special Music "How Great Thou Art" arr. Rebecca Belliston
Mary Ann Niesen and Susan Steele, soloists

Scripture Exodus 13:17-22 Eldon Horner
Leader: The Word of God for the People of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

A Church on the Move Sermon Series
Message "Just One Step Forward" Rev. Linda Stephan

Celebration of Holy Communion Rev. Linda Stephan and Sarah Drews
One: The Lord be with you.
ALL: And also with you.
One: Lift up your hearts.
ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Pastor continues…
One: And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.
Pastor continues…
One: …in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.
ALL: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
Pastor continues…
One: Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Giving and Receiving of Gifts *(All elements are gluten-, nut-, and alcohol-free.)*

*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. Linda Stephan

*Hymn "This Is a Day of New Beginnings" UMH No. 383

*Benediction Rev. Linda Stephan

Postlude "Glory and Praise to our God" by Dan Schutte
Barbara Slagel, piano

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.)

*Please stand as you are able.

Announcements & Opportunities

ADULTS

Knit One, Crochet Too: 10:30 am - 12 noon Tuesdays in the Lounge. 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

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 the office at officeassistant@tccentralumc.org for more information.

Golf on Friday mornings: you are welcome to join fellow golfers at Bay Meadows Family Golf Course at 9:00 am every Friday. Contact Dick Morrison: adosuper@aol.com.

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

Membership class is scheduled for October 4 at 12:15. If you are interested in learning more about Central Church and/or joining our fellowship, please contact: officeassistant@tccentralumc.org.

Baptism is currently scheduled for November 8. If you are interested in baptism, contact the church office for more information. Additional dates may be available.

Volunteer drivers are needed for the Sunday bus, and medical transportation. Please contact the church office if you are interested.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Pastors: Rev. Linda Stephan and Rev. Joan VanDessel
Liturgist: Eldon Horner
Music: Barbara Slagel, piano; Mary Ann Niesen and Susan Steele, soloists
Welcome Desk: Linda Deneen
Greeters: Carol Hosler and Carol Peck

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

SCAN TO CHECK IN

SCAN TO GIVE