"Currency for Change" Monthly Mission Donation Project

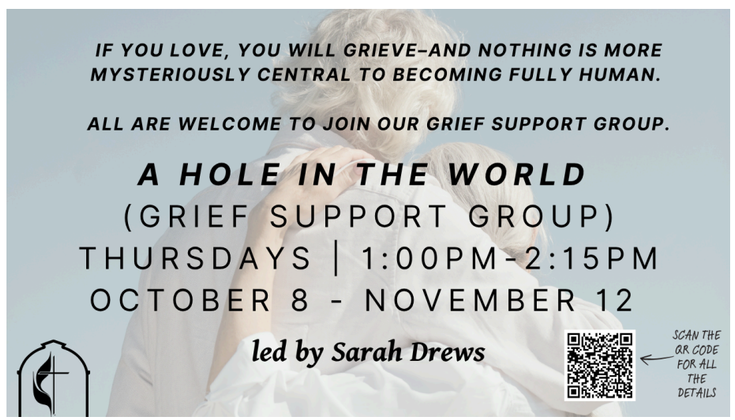
September Spotlight: Soaring Unlimited

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.

New to Central?

COFFEE WITH THE PASTORS

September 27 after 11am worship



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

8 AM Small Group Service
in the Chapel
9 AM Upbeat, Casual Worship
in the Sanctuary
11 AM Traditional Worship
in the Sanctuary

SCAN TO CHECK IN

CENTRAL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SCAN TO GIVE

September 20, 2026
Traditional Worship

Prelude "Gather Us In" arr. Mark Hayes
Barbara Slagel, piano

Greeting and Announcements — Rev. Joan VanDessel

*Passing the Peace — Rev. Joan VanDessel

*Call to Worship — John Sonnemann

Lighting of the Dome *Psalm 29:1-4*

One: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
**ALL: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of God's name;
worship the Lord in holy splendor.**
One: Let us worship the Lord our God.
ALL: Let us bow before the Lord, our Maker!

*Opening Hymn "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"
UMH No. 57 (v.1-4)

Blessing the Children — Rev. Joan VanDessel

Prayer of the People — John Sonnemann

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 "O Lord, Open My Eyes" by Jeffrey Cobb
Central's Chancel Choir and Brass Quartet

O Lord, open my eyes that I may see the need of others, open my ears that I may hear their cries, open my heart so that they need not be without succour. Let me not be afraid to defend the weak because of the anger of the strong, nor afraid to defend the poor because of the anger of the rich. Show me where love and hope and faith are needed, and use me to bring them to these places. Open my eyes and ears that I may, this coming day, be able to do some work of peace for you. Amen.

Scripture Matthew 17:1-13 NT p. 18
Leader: The Word of God for the People of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Church on the Move Sermon Series

Message "Old Meets New" Rev. Linda Stephan

Reflection Moment

Moment of Recognition — Rev. Joan VanDessel

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 "O Church of God United" UMH No. 547

*Benediction — Rev. Linda Stephan

Choral Benediction "O Lord, Open My Eyes" by Jeffrey Cobb

Postlude "I'm Bound for the Kingdom" arr. Bill Wolaver
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.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Pastors: Rev. Linda Stephan and Rev. Joan VanDessel
Liturgist: John Sonnemann
Music: Central's Chancel Choir, Jeffrey Cobb, director;
Barbara Slagel, piano; Brass Quartet - Josh Wagner, Thomas Vieira,
Nate Lampman, Nathan Fish
Welcome Desk: Sue Judson
Greeters: Dan and Alline Beutler, Shelly Ehrenberger, Tom Emling
Ushers: Men's Team
Refreshment Table Team: Mary Dillinger, Renee Mischel

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

Sunday Morning Pilgrimage: Sundays from 10:00 to 11:00 in Room 301. This is an open discussion study group seeking a deeper understanding of God's presence in our lives and in our world. We will be discussing Cynthia Bourgeault's small book "The Wisdom Way of Knowing." 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 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.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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

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.