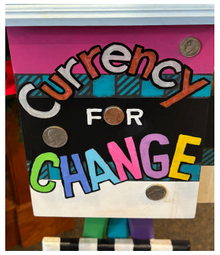
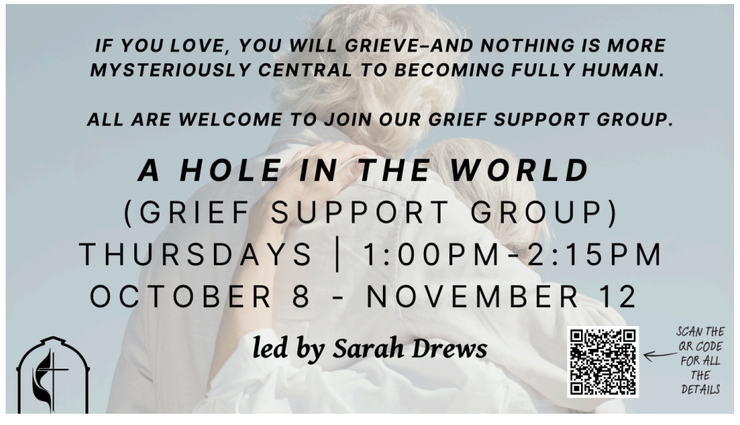


"Currency for Change" Monthly Mission Donation Project

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 Director of Congregational Care, 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 Director of Congregatonal Care, 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

CENTRAL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 27, 2026
Traditional Worship

Prelude "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" arr. Hayes
Barbara Slagel, piano

Greeting and Announcements Rev. Linda Stephan

*Passing the Peace Rev. Linda Stephan

*Call to Worship Jep Gruman

One: We come from different places,
carrying our unique joys and burdens.
ALL: God welcomes us all with open arms and abundant grace.
One: We bring our questions, our hopes, and our desire to belong.
ALL: God sets the table and invites everyone to the feast.
One: Come, let us worship this God of extravagant hospitality.
ALL: We come ready to receive God's welcome and share it with the world!

*Opening Hymn "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" UMH No. 121

Blessing the Children Rev. Linda Stephan

Blessing of School Partnership Rev. Linda Stephan

Prayer of the People Jep Gruman

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 "Lord, Make Me Thine Instrument" by David York
Central's Chancel Choir

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is doubt, let me sow faith; where there is despair, sow hope;
where there is darkness, let me sow light; where there is sadness, let me sow joy.
O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.*

Scripture Luke 24:13-35 NT p. 90
Leader: The Word of God for the People of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

A Bigger Table Sermon Series
Message "God's Table" Rev. Joan VanDessel

Reflection Moment

Invitation to Giving Rev. Linda Stephan

*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 "Help Us Accept Each Other" UMH No. 560

*Benediction Rev. Joan VanDessel

Choral Benediction "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" by Williams

Postlude "He's Got the Whole World" arr. Jim Lucas
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: Jep Gruman
Music: Central's Chancel Choir, Jeffrey Cobb, director;
Barbara Slagel, piano
Welcome Desk: Linda Deneen
Greeters: The Hassler family, Shelly Ehrenberger, Tom Emling
Ushers: Men's Team
Production Team: Tom Bartlett, Kylen Kintigh, Rheanna Gilzene,
Lynne Lombard, Jim and Abby Ondrajka
Refreshment Table: Linda Losse and Carol Peck

SCAN TO CHECK IN

SCAN TO GIVE

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.

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!

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