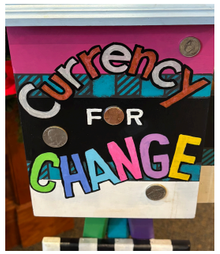


**"Currency for Change" Monthly Mission Donation Project**

*October Spotlight: Women's Resource Center*

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.

## Blessing Bags

PICK UP A BLESSING BAG IN THE GATHERING PLACE AFTER WORSHIP OCTOBER 4 & OCTOBER 11 OR IN THE CHURCH OFFICE!

**BAGS TO BE RETURNED TO THE LOUNGE STARTING OCTOBER 14-20 DURING OFFICE HOURS.**

SCAN THE QR CODE TO GET ALL THE DETAILS

# ALL CHURCH CONFERENCE

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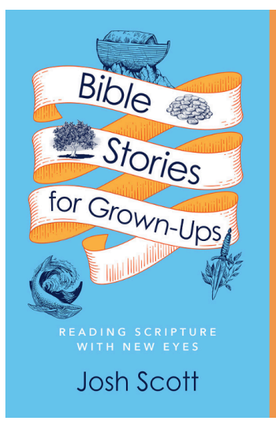
Traverse City, MI




## Adult Bible Study

**Wednesday, October 21 to November 25 at 11am.**

***Pastor Joan and Darcy Dewling will lead the discussion diving deeper into some of the familiar Bible stories of our Sunday School days.***

**Books available in the Church Office. The cost is $10.00.**

Register online here →

**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, 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

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SCAN TO GIVE

October 4, 2026
Traditional Worship

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| Prelude | "Be Still, My Soul"<br>*Barbara Slagel, piano* | arr. Michael Ware |
| Greeting and Announcements | | Rev. Linda Stephan |
| *Passing the Peace | | Rev. Linda Stephan |
| *Call to Worship | | Joel Stagman |

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!**

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| *Opening Hymn | "All Who Hunger" | TFWS 2126 |
| Blessing the Children | | Rev. Linda Stephan |
| Commissioning the Congregational Care Team | | Rev. Joan VanDessel and Sarah Drews |
| Prayer of the People | | Joel Stagman |
| The Lord's Prayer | | UMH No. 895 |
| Ministry of Music | "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" | arr. Wilberg |

*Central's Chancel Choir; Joan VanDessel, clarinet and Kim Teachout, violin*

*My Shepherd, you supply my need, Jehovah is his name. In pastures fresh he make me feed, beside the living stream. He brings my wand'ring spirit back when I forsake his ways; and leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace. When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay; one word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away. Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread; my cup with Blessings overflows, thine oil anoints my head. The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days; oh, may thy house be my abode, and all my work be praise! There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come; no more a stranger, nor a guest, but like a child at home.*

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| Scripture | Luke 4:14-23 | NT p. 61 |

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

*A Bigger Table Sermon Series*

Message "A Gospel Passport: Crossing Borders--Building Bridges"
Rev. Dr. Laura Alexander-Elliott

Celebration of Holy Communion
Rev. Linda Stephan and Rev. Joan VanDessel

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)*

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| *Doxology | | UMH No. 94 |
| Prayer Over the Gifts | | Rev. Joan VanDessel |
| *Hymn | "For the Bread Which You Have Broken" | UMH No. 614 |
| *Benediction | | Rev. Joan VanDessel |
| Choral Benediction | "Grant Us Thy Peace" | by John Ellerton |
| Postlude | "Darrell's 148th and Fare Thee Well:<br>*Barbara Slagel, piano* | arr. Keesecker |

*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
Rev. Dr. Laura Alexander-Elliott, guest preacher
Liturgist: Joel Stagman
Music: Central's Chancel Choir, Jeffrey Cobb, director;
Barbara Slagel, piano; Joan VanDessel, clarinet; Kim Teachout, violin
Welcome Desk: Linda Sommerville
Greeters: Tia Brueggemann, Doc and Donna Probes, Tom Emling
Ushers: Jerri Papazian, Phil VanHammen
Production Team: Tom Bartlett, Kylen Kintigh,
Lynne Lombard, John Sonnemann
Refreshment Table: Marian Knapp and Christine Zimmer

# 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!

## SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

**Our Neighbors' Garden fall Whitefish Dinner will be held at 5 pm on October 21.** All proceeds are used to fund the work of the Garden, which provides produce to over 75 local food pantries and meal sites and our Outreach program.

**Halloween on Cass is coming on October 31 at the front door!**
Contact erica@tccentralumc.org for questions or to volunteer.

**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.