"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.

Discover Your Fit

Join us for two workshops on how to discern where to ***invest your time and talents*** at Central, as well as building comfort with serving diverse populations.

Wednesday, October 21 and Wednesday, October 28
lead by Ginna Beckett, Volunteer Coordinator at Central.

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

SCAN TO CHECK IN

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SCAN TO GIVE

October 11, 2026
Traditional Worship

Prelude	"Prelude in G"	by WS Lloyd Webber
	Barbara Slagel, organ	
Greeting and Announcements		Rev. Linda Stephan
*Passing the Peace		Rev. Linda Stephan
*Call to Worship		David Payne

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	"Come, Let Us Sweetly Join"	UMH No. 699
Blessing the Children		Rev. Linda Stephan
Prayer of the People		David Payne

The Lord's Prayer *(for the peoples of Polynesia)*

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe;
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world;
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings;
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trial too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.

Ministry of Music	"O God Beyond All Praising"	arr. Hal Hopson
	Central's Chancel Choir	

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; for we can only wonder at every gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end: we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word, we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord. Alleluia! Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring, that we who know your favor may serve you as our king; and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still: to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways, and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

Scripture	Luke 14:12-24	NT p. 77

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

A Bigger Table Sermon Series

Message	"I'm Sorry, Who's Coming to Dinner?"	Rev. Linda Stephan
Reflection Moment		
Invitation to Giving		Rev. Linda Stephan
*Doxology		UMH No. 94
Prayer Over the Gifts		David Payne
*Hymn	"Go Make of All Disciples"	UMH No. 571
*Benediction		Rev. Linda Stephan
Choral Benediction	"Go Forth With God"	by Grier and Everson
Postlude	"Toccatina"	by Darwin Wolford
	Barbara Slagel, organ	

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: David Payne
Worship Assistants: Willa Selle and Ann Porter
Music: Central's Chancel Choir, Jeffrey Cobb, director;
Barbara Slagel, piano and organ
Welcome Desk: Mary Ann Borton
Greeters: Jane Damschroder, Tom Emling, Doc and Donna Probes
Ushers: Tom Emling and friends
Production Team: Tom Bartlett, Kylen Kintigh,
Lynne Lombard, Jim and Abby Ondrajka
Refreshment Table: Marilyn Cobb and Lauren Johnson

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

Looking for a deeper connection to church? Bring your coffee and cookie to the Lounge after the 11:00 service for a short facilitated discussion led by Ryan Hannon, Director of Outreach and Discipleship.

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.