**"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.

**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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October 11, 2026
Traditional Worship

Prelude "Andante con Moto" by Arthur W. Marchant
*Barbara Slagel, organ*

Greeting and Announcements — Rev. Joan VanDessel

*Passing the Peace — Rev. Joan VanDessel

*Call to Worship — Jeanne Esch

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 "We Gather Together" UMH No. 131

Blessing the Children — Rev. Joan VanDessel

Prayer of the People — Jeanne Esch

The Lord's Prayer

**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 "The Image of God" by Craig Courtney
*Central's Chancel Choir; Carolyn Collins, violin*

*In the beginning God shaped and formed you. You are skillfully and wonderfully made. You are the image of your Creator. In every part of you His likeness is displayed. Life flows from life and love from loving; gifts of the Father by nature and by grace. A heart made glad, a soul unshaken; unbounded joy, in every breath a song of praise. For his own purpose, God shaped and formed you. You are His; you have a place within His plan. You are the image of your Creator. Your past and future are secure within His hand.*

Scripture John 9:1-8 NT p. 102
Leader: The Word of God for the People of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

*A Bigger Table Sermon Series*
Message "Setting the Table" Rev. Linda Stephan

Reflection Moment

Invitation to Giving — Rev. Joan VanDessel

*Doxology — UMH No. 94

Prayer Over the Gifts^ — Rev. Joan VanDessel

*Hymn "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" UMH No. 557

*Benediction — Rev. Linda Stephan

Choral Benediction "Amen, Amen" by Diane Clark

Postlude "XXI Toccata" by Dietrich Buxtehude
*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: Jeanne Esch
Music: Central's Chancel Choir, Melly Smith, guest director;
Barbara Slagel, piano and organ; Carolyn Collins, violin
Welcome Desk: Linda Sommerville
Greeters: Shelley Ehrenberger, Tom Emling, Larry and Mickey Grooters
Ushers: Bob Blackmer, Dean and Nora Francis, Lauren Johnson
Production Team: Tom Bartlett, Kylen Kintigh,
Jim and Abby Ondrajka, Tom Atkinson
Refreshment Table: Linda Losse, Carol Peck

SCAN TO CHECK IN

SCAN TO GIVE

^*Adapted from: https://www.parishresources.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Offertory-Prayers.pdf*

# 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.

**Baptism is currently scheduled for November 8 and December 6.** If you are interested in baptism, contact the church office for more information. Additional dates may be available.

**Christmas Market 2026 will be Saturday, December 5 from 10:00 to 2:00**. This community event will include a variety of craft vendors, make and take crafts for kids, the UWF cookie walk and more.