

*Central United Methodist Church*

# 62nd Annual Chicken Bar-B-Q

Friday, July 7  
5 to 7 pm



Includes Homemade Salads, Baked Beans,  
Roll, & Cookies

Take-out or dine in our air-conditioned hall.

BY DONATION

1/2 Chicken            \$10.00  
1/4 Chicken            \$ 8.00

Everything is  
homemade!

Tickets available at Walker's Pharmacy  
or the Church Office (Monday-Thursday, 8:00-12:00)

Central



**United Methodist Church**  
912 Fourth Avenue,  
Downtown Lake Odessa

## Welcome to



# Central Church

### Our Mission

*Central United Methodist Church Glorifies God through the  
Work of Ministry and the Making of Disciples of Jesus Christ.*

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Rev. Dominic Tommy, Pastor

**CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**Fourth of July Celebration Service**

July 2, 2017

9:30 a.m.

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PRELUDE

GATHERING

*Large print hymnals and bulletins are available. Please ask an usher.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please sign, pass, and return red friendship pads in each pew at this time.  
Also prepare Prayer Request Sheets during this time.*

SONG OF PRAISE                    “He Has Made Me Glad”                    TFWS 2270

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (congregation in bold)

Mighty God, our fortress and our rock:

**Be our refuge and strength.**

Creator God, our maker and protector:

**Be our refuge and strength.**

Loving God, our hope and our redeemer:

**Be our refuge and strength.**

Merciful God, our foundation and our guide:

**Be our refuge and strength.**

\*OPENING HYMN                    “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”                    Hymnal 89  
*Ushers will collect Prayer Request Sheets.*

OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

**God, our refuge and strength, hear the prayers of your children. You are our hope and our consolation, and our help in trouble. Strengthen us in faith, and sustain us with your presence. Bring comfort to those who are hurting, healing to those who are ill, and peace to those who are in turmoil. Shield those who are in danger from storms, flood, and natural disasters, and watch over those who work on behalf of children, the elderly, and all who are threatened by warfare and violence. Fill us with your grace, so that we may live in confident assurance of your promise of love, mercy, and salvation, given to us through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our savior and friend. Amen.**

ANTHEM                    “Shine, Jesus, Shine”                    Chancel Choir  
*Kendrick and Schrader*

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

*\*Tribute to Our Nation’s Armed Services, Law Enforcement & Safety Services and this Land of the Free*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

\*PATRIOTIC HYMN                    “My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”                    Hymnal 697

*Please Remain Standing for the Reading of the Scripture*

\*SCRIPTURE                    Joshua 3:1-9

SERMON                    “The Lord of Amazing Things”                    Pastor Dominic Tommy

PRAYER CONCERNS, PRAISES, MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER, AND PASTORAL PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION                    Hymnal 13-14  
Words of institution, the Lord’s Prayer, Giving of the Bread and the Cup

INVITATION FOR OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY                    “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”                    Hymnal 95

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF GIFTS

**Gracious and loving God, you are the source of all that is good. As the author and giver of life, you provide us with everything we need from day to day. All that we have comes as a gift from you. Our lives are built up from the firm foundation of your love for us in Christ. With thanksgiving we bring these offerings. Lord, to you we dedicate ourselves and these gifts, that they may be tools of your grace. Teach us to serve one another – feeding the hungry, and providing for all who are in need. Help us to proclaim the gospel through word and deed, so that all may be strengthened by your love and grace. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN                    “The Battle Hymn of the Republic” vs. 1, 4, 5                    Hymnal 717

\*BENEDICTION

\*RINGING OF THE BELLS

\*POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

**We welcome Rev. Dominic Tommy and his wife, Comfort, to Central Church this morning.** A get-acquainted potluck is planned in their honor for Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup> following worship. A sign-up sheet is posted for the potluck for you to sign up for vegetables, salads/fruits, or desserts. Meat (ham) will be provided. All church families are encouraged to attend.

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**Our annual chicken BBQ is this Friday, July 7.** Tickets are available from all Trustees, the church office, or Walker Pharmacy. There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall for those who can make cookies for this fundraiser. We look forward to another successful BBQ and thank you! See back page for more details.

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The United Methodist Women are beginning to accept items for the annual fall rummage sale from church members only. No books please. Please contact Terri Catt to schedule your drop-off (480-231-7785).

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**Too many, now too few!** We have used up your supply of plastic bags so, once again, we are in need for the Fresh Food Distribution. Due to the holiday, the truck will arrive on Tuesday, July 11. Please bring in any plastic grocery bags you may have on or before the 11<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

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Sign-up sheets for altar flowers, coffee hour, and greeters for the rest of the year are posted on the bulletin board and are wide open. You can pick a special day to celebrate an anniversary, birthday, or family memorial or any time just to help out. *Committee Chairs are asked to look ahead and sign up or block off anything necessary.*

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Have you dropped your landline and changed to a cell phone? How about a change of address, summer or winter? Now is the time to update the church office so we have the most current information.

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**MINISTER:** Every Member of This Church  
**PASTOR:** Rev. Dominic Tommy  
**SECRETARY:** Kim Stoepker  
**ORGANIST:** Marilyn Noffke  
**CHOIR DIRECTOR:** Jackie Spagnuolo  
**CUSTODIANS:** Mike McCartney / Rolando Varela  
**TODAY'S SERVICE:**

**Worship Assistant**  
Von Goodemoot

**Audio/Visual**

**Today:** Tony Barcroft / Shelly Reiser  
**Next Sunday:** Same

**Coffee Fellowship**

**Today:** Dykhouse  
**Next Sunday:** Open

**Greeters**

**Today:** John & Terri Catt / Thelma Curtis  
**Next Sunday:** John & Terri Catt / Ruth Bylsma

**Nursery**

**Today:** Mary Dykhouse / Penny Thelen  
**Next Sunday:**

**Ushers**

**Today:** Gordon Bylsma / Alan Goodemoot  
**Next Sunday:** Same

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*Altar flowers this morning are presented by  
Tony & Kay Barcroft.*

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**THIS WEEK'S PRAYER CONCERNS**

Family of Rev. Mary Soderholm Dale Smith Sadie Goodemoot  
Family of Kenneth McDowell Unspokens Sonny Shuert  
Virginia Decker Prayers for healing for everyone  
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*There will be a memorial service for Rev. Mary Soderholm on Saturday, July 15, here at Central UMC. Visitation will begin at 10:30 am, followed by a service at 11 am, and a luncheon to follow.*

*Before entering Seminary, Mary taught at Woodland Elementary School. Mary served the Woodland UMC from 2004 to 2009. In 2014 she came out of retirement to serve the Harrisville, Lincoln UMC Parish where she continued until her death.*

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**Continued in Prayer**

Sgt. Branden Curtis Karl Klynstra Gary Smith  
Sr. Airman Lloyd C. Corston Ginny Kruisenga Ed Hilliker  
PFC Steven Wakley, Jr Dale Patterson Dave & Sue Steeby  
1SG Nicholas Ludema Toni Robinson Hank Minenna  
PFC Jason Hilley Phylis Armstrong Susan Steele  
Sgt. Nathan Sparrow Pam Coleman Sharon Brink  
Ross McDowell Terena Galaviz Nadine Speas  
Karie Hilley Jim Decker Brian Rayner  
Cindy Good

**Our Special Friends**

Leah Abbott Margot Bailey Ada Dennie  
Lois Goodemoot Marian Klein Joanne McDaniels  
Phil Shetterly

**BIRTHDAYS**

7/3 Ken Steele

**OUR PARTNERS IN MINISTRY**

Our Missionary, Paul Webster, Zambia, Africa  
Lansing Sycamore Creek UMC, Lansing  
Zion Lutheran Church, Woodland

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*The sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated in worship this morning. (Gluten-free and additive-free elements are available.) All are welcome at the Table.*

**EVENTS**

Mon 7/3 Church Office Closed  
A.A. Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom 7 pm  
Tues 7/4 Church Office Closed  
Thur 7/6 Preparation for Chicken BBQ – Fellowship Hall 10 am-4 pm  
No Respite Care or Souper Thursday Community Dinner  
Fri 7/7 Pastor's Sabbath - Church office closed  
Chicken BBQ – Fellowship Hall 5-7 pm  
Sun 7/9 Worship Service – Sanctuary 9:30 am  
Mon 7/10 A.A. Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom 7 pm  
Tues 7/11 Rental – Front Room 10 am  
Fresh Food Distribution – Back Parking Lot 2 pm  
Wed 7/12 Friendship Group – Fellowship Hall 9 am – 12 pm  
Thur 7/23 Respite Care – Lounge 1:30 pm  
Souper Thursday Community Dinner– Fellowship Hall 4:30-6:00 pm  
Fri 7/14 Pastor's Sabbath - Church office closed  
Sat 7/15 Memorial Service for Rev. Mary Soderholm 10:30 am  
Sun 7/16 Worship Service – Rev. Dominic Tommy 9:30 am  
Welcome Reception for Pastor Dominic & Comfort following worship  
Mon 7/17 Finance Committee Meeting – Front Room 6 pm  
A.A. Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom 7 pm  
Tues 7/18 Rental – Front Room 10 am  
Worship Committee Meeting – Front Room 7 pm  
Thur 7/20 Respite Care – Lounge 1:30 pm  
Souper Thursday Community Dinner– Fellowship Hall 4:30-6:00 pm  
Fri 7/21 Pastor's Sabbath - Church office closed

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**In case of a pastoral emergency, please call  
Pastor Dominic at the parsonage (374-8294).**