

*It's not too late to join in next week...*

**Sunday Morning Adult Sunday School:**

***If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat***

*Book and video by Ortberg*

Deep within you lies the same faith and longing that sent Peter walking across the wind-swept Sea of Galilee toward Jesus. In what ways is the Lord telling you, as he did Peter, "Come"?

John Ortberg invites you to consider the incredible potential that awaits you outside your comfort zone. Out on the risky waters of faith, Jesus is waiting to meet you in ways that will change you forever, deepening your character and your trust in God. The experience is terrifying. It's thrilling beyond belief. It's everything you'd expect of someone worthy to be called Lord.

The choice is yours to know him as only a water-walker can, aligning yourself with God's purpose for your life in the process.

There's just one requirement: If You Want to Walk on Water,  
You've Got to Get Out of the Boat.

**Teacher: Pastor Dominic**

**Time: 9:30 to 10:15 am, in the Lounge**

# 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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# CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## Worship Celebration Service – Homecoming Sunday

September 10, 2017

9:30 a.m.

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### GATHERING

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

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

INTROIT “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” vs. 1-3 Hymnal 133

\*CALL TO WORSHIP - Psalm 92:1-5 (congregation in bold)

It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High.  
**To declare your steadfast love in the morning and your faithfulness by night.**

How great are your works, O LORD! Your thoughts are very deep.

**You, O LORD, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.**

\*OPENING HYMN: “As the Deer” TFWS 2025  
*Ushers will collect Prayer Request Sheets*

INVOCATION PRAYER (in unison)

**Father, Lord of heaven and earth,**

**we gather in Your presence with thanksgiving and praise  
for the way in which You have revealed Yourself to us.**

**Through Jesus Christ, your Son, we have come to know and love You;  
we have seen Your love and mercy in action; we have caught a glimpse of  
Your heart, and we have heard the call to follow.**

**Continue to reveal Yourself to us as we worship.**

**May Your Holy Spirit open our minds and hearts to Your presence here,  
and to the word that You have for us this morning. We long to meet You  
here, and to know You better.**

**In the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son and our Savior. Amen.**

ANTHEM “Blest Be the Tie that Binds” Chancel Choir  
*by Fawcett, Nageli, Mason*

### SHARING PEACE

Leader: The Peace of our Lord Jesus be with You!

**Congregation: And Also with You!**

(Please take this time to greet one another in the Name of Christ by saying,  
“Peace be with you” and your neighbor says “And also with you”)

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Children are always welcome in worship at Central. We have a well-appointed nursery for children age 4 and under, staffed with loving, caring, screened volunteers in the basement level. *We’d love to have the little ones experience worship with their family before going to the nursery after the Children’s Moment.*

INVITATION FOR OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY “We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise” TFWS 2031

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF GIFTS

**O Lord, our God, you help us throughout our lives. It is by your  
faithfulness and generosity that we receive what we need.**

**Today, we are mindful of those who are refugees,  
those who need a home, and those looking for work.  
In gratitude, we celebrate the bounty you have given.  
Receive this offering as our first fruits to bless others  
through the mission of this congregation. Amen.**

PRAYER CONCERNS, PRAISES, SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER,  
LORD’S PRAYER

PRAYER HYMN “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” TFWS 2158

*Please Remain standing for the Reading of God’s Word.*

\*SCRIPTURE: Acts 2:37-42 Pew Bible NT#112

SERMON: The Church on the Rock Rev. Dominic Tommy  
“Practices to Foster Fellowship”

\*CLOSING HYMN: “Lord Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing” Hymnal 671

\*BENEDICTION Choral Response (in the tune of Amazing Grace)  
**“Through Christ You Are a Child of God  
Who dearly loves us all  
Go forth in peace to share God’s love;  
Rise up to hear Christ call.”**

\*RINGING OF THE BELLS

POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand as you are able*

**What You Can Do To Help Flood Recovery after Hurricane Harvey:**

Many of us have watched, feeling helpless, as our brothers and sisters in Texas and Louisiana have been pummeled by historic and catastrophic storms and flooding. Michigan United Methodists have asked, "What can we do to help?"

1. Pray: Bathe in prayer those who have lost loved ones, homes and property, and for the first responders who are risking their own lives to get others to safety.
2. Give: A donation to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) guarantees that 100% of your gift will go directly to disaster relief. UMCOR is best equipped to make sure the right supplies get directly to the relief zone. *You can designate UMCOR on your check, your offering envelope, or there are UMCOR Emergency Envelopes on the ushers tables if you prefer.*
3. Go on-line to [www.umcmmission.org](http://www.umcmmission.org) for specific instructions on how you can help in other ways in the upcoming weeks and months.

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The United Methodist Women are collecting items for baby boxes for Haiti: newborn to six months' sizes in sleep sacks, hats, pants, shirts, socks, bibs, small toys, etc. (new items only please.) There is a box at the main entrance of Fellowship Hall. Please drop off your items by **Sunday, September 17**. Also, anyone collecting pop can tab or box tops can drop those off before the 17<sup>th</sup>.

UMW are accepting 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). The UMW will also be hosting Christmas 'round the Town in our Fellowship Hall for vendors and their wares. Booths are available; see Terri.

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Prayer Calendars as well as *Our Daily Bread* and *The Upper Room* devotionals are available on ushers' tables and in Fellowship Hall.

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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**  
Tom Reiser

**Audio/Visual**

**Today:** Chuck Rayner / Shelly Reiser  
**Next Sunday:** Tony Barcroft / Shelly Reiser

**Coffee Fellowship**

**Today:** Homecoming Sunday/Sunday School Kick-off Potluck  
**Next Sunday:** Open

**Greeters**

**Today:** Brenda Steele / All & Kathy Decker  
**Next Sunday:** United Methodist Women

**Nursery**

**Today:** Terri Catt / Penny Thelen  
**Next Sunday:**

**Ushers**

**Today:** Del Kostanko / Sam Kostanko  
**Next Sunday:** United Methodist Women

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*Altar flowers this morning are given by the Shetterly's in celebration of Betty's birthday.*

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**Mark the Dates:**  
**Annual Rummage Sale**  
 Friday, October 6 and Saturday, October 7  
**Christmas 'Round the Town**  
 Friday, November 24 and Saturday, November 25

**In case of a pastoral emergency, please call  
 Pastor Dominic at the parsonage (374-8294) or on his cell  
 (269-941-3787) or the Church Office during office hours.**

**THIS WEEK'S PRAYER CONCERNS**

Family of Dave Gold Patti & Fred Cooreman Cheryl Seavolt  
Joyce Shuert Lynn Widgery Unspokens  
Friend having liver transplant & his daughter

**Continued in Prayer**

Sgt. Branden Curtis Karl Klynstra Gary Smith  
Sr. Airman Lloyd C. Corston Toni Robinson Ed Hilliker  
PFC Steven Wakley, Jr Dale Patterson Hank Minenna  
1SG Nicholas Ludema Phylis Armstrong Susan Steele  
PFC Jason Hilley Pam Coleman Sharon Brink  
Sgt. Nathan Sparrow Terena Galaviz Ross McDowell  
Brian Rayner Carol Herzog Travis Tucker and family  
Judi Brandon Bonnie Leak Kim Seese  
Patti Coorman

**Our Special Friends**

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

**Our Partners In Ministry**

Our Missionary, Paul Webster, Zambia, Africa  
Portland Lake United Methodist Church, Portland  
Lakewood United Methodist Church, Lakewood

**CELEBRATIONS**

**Birthdays**

09/10 Betty Shetterly  
Dawn Deardorff  
09/11 John Catt  
09/14 Marian Klein  
09/16 Karen Avery

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*Congratulations to Helen Good  
following the birth of her great-granddaughter, Chelsea Cynthia Good.  
Parents are Adam and Melissa Good.*

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please join us after worship today for our Sunday School Kick-off / Homecoming Sunday potluck. We invite all of you to share in our celebration.*

**EVENTS**

Mon 9/11 **Staff-Parish Relations Committee** – Lounge 5:30 pm  
**Lay Leadership/Nominations Committee** – Front Room 7 pm  
A.A. Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom 7 pm  
Tue 9/12 **Fellowship & Care Committee** – Front Room 7 pm  
Wed 9/13 **Friendship Group** – Fellowship Hall 9 am–12 pm  
Choir Rehearsal– Sanctuary 7 pm  
Thu 9/14 Respite Care – Lounge 1:30 pm  
Souper Thursday Community Dinner– Fellowship Hall 4:30-6 pm  
Fri 9/15 *Office closed – For an emergency, Pastor can be reached at 269-941-3787*  
Sun 9/17 Sunday School – classrooms 9:30-10:15 am  
**UMW Sunday Worship Service** – Sanctuary 10:30 am  
Mon 9/18 UMW Ruth Circle – Pat Wilson’s home 1:30 pm  
**Finance Committee** – Front Room 6 pm  
Tue 9/19 **Endowment/Memorial Committee** – Front Room 7 pm  
Wed 9/20 UMW District Celebration – Portland UMC  
Choir Rehearsal– Sanctuary 7 pm  
Thu 9/21 Respite Care – Lounge 1:30 pm  
Souper Thursday Community Dinner– Fellowship Hall 4:30-6 pm  
Fri 9/22 *Office closed – For an emergency, Pastor can be reached at 269-941-3787*  
Sat 9/23 *Lake Odessa Fall Festival*  
Sun 9/24 Sunday School – classrooms 9:30-10:15 am  
Worship Service – *Noisy Offering* 10:30 am

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Our Annual Church Conference is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 17, from 6 to 8:15 pm.** It will be held at Lakewood United Methodist Church. Mark the date on your calendar; *we encourage all of our members to attend.*

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