

It's Not Too Late to Join!

Lenten Bible Study by Pastor Dominic Tommy is underway

Tuesdays at 10:30 AM through March 27

Topic: **NAMES OF GOD—Investing and Appreciating God's Name**

In the Bible, God reveals Himself to us through various names. In this 13-lesson study of the names of God, the names will be studied in order, as God progressively reveals Himself through dispensations. From studying these 13 names of God, you will have a wonderful "Lenten journey into knowing God."

Lesson titles include: *The God Who Created You, When You Are Afraid, A Name You Need To Remember, When You Really Know God, When You Feel God Doesn't Care, Experiencing God's Power, When Life Seems Unfair, Don't Worry—Trust God, Receiving God's Healing, Enlisting God in Life's Battles, Finding Inner Peace, When You Feel Guilty, and When You Feel All Alone.*

Contact Pastor Dominic if you have any questions.

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

February 25, 2018

2nd Sunday in Lent

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

NOISY OFFERING

Today's Noisy Offering is designated to R.A.V.E.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign, pass, and return red friendship pads in each pew at this time.

Also prepare Prayer Request Sheets during this time.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 27:1-14)

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.

The Lord will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living! Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

*OPENING HYMN

"T'is So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

Hymnal 462

Ushers will collect Prayer Request Sheets

INVOCATION PRAYER (in unison) (be seated)

Holy God, Creator of Life, you call us out of our dark places, offering us the grace of new life. When we see nothing but hopelessness, you surprise us with the breath of your spirit. Call us out of our complacency and routines, set us free from our self-imposed bonds, and fill us with your spirit of life, compassion, and peace. Let the season of Lent build our faith and encourage our journey through Calvary with our Lord Jesus. In His blessed name we pray. Amen

SHARING PEACE

The Peace of our Lord Jesus be with You!

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 age 4 & under are welcome to leave for the nursery downstairs 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

Holy Spirit, come upon us this day. We feel your joy and delight as we celebrate this glorious day. With a sense of happiness and gratitude, we offer you these financial gifts for ministries in this community and beyond. May all who call upon your name be saved from selfishness and filled with God-honoring habits of generous giving. All praise and glory be unto you. Amen.

PRAYER CONCERNS, PRAISES, PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER

Please stand for the reading of God's word, as you are able.

*SCRIPTURE

Psalm 142:1-7

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SERMON

Reflection on Love and Marriage:

Rev. Dominic Tommy

"God's Presence in Loneliness"

*CLOSING HYMN:

"The Servant Song"

TFWS 2222

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

The Family of God (Gaither)

I'm so glad I'm a part of the Family of God,
I've been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His Blood!
Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod,
For I'm part of the family,
The Family of God.

POSTLUDE

** Please stand as you are able.*

Looking Forward to Lent and Easter

- **Palm Sunday Service** – March 25, 10:30 am Celebration Worship. *Parents and grandparents: Please bring your children for the Palm Sunday Parade.*
- **Holy Thursday Service** – March 29 at 6 pm
- **Community Good Friday Service** – March 30 at 1 pm
- **Community Easter Egg Hunt** – March 31, 10:00 am to Noon, Lake Odessa Park; family-friendly activities for children. Volunteers are needed to help with the children’s game and to hand out treat bags; see Leona for more info.
- **Easter Sunday Service** – April 1 at 10:30 am

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New March issues of *Our Daily Bread* and *The Upper Room* devotionals are now available on ushers’ tables and in Fellowship Hall. Camping brochures have also just arrived!

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Just a Reminder: Before leaving the building, check to see if you are the last one(s) to leave. Please check for lights left on in all areas and that doors are locked. We ask everyone to be a good steward of God’s church and secure the building and conserve our resources. Thank you.

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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS!!

Ruth Circle Meeting
Monday, March 12, 1:30 pm
Hostess: Bonnie Leak

We will be meeting in the Church Lounge (*note this is a change in location*).
Program will be: ‘Pastor Dominic on his Journey to the Lord’s Service’

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: Tony Barcroft / Kay Barcroft
Next Sunday: Tony Barcroft / Shelly Reiser

Coffee Fellowship

Today: Marilyn Noffke
Next Sunday: Open

Greeters

Today: Marcia Bytwerk / Del Kostanko / Warren Courtney
Next Sunday: Dave Faulkner / Eunice Goodemoot / Pat Fisher

Nursery

Today: Kay Goodemoot / Jean Cook
Next Sunday: Leona Rayner / Penny Thelen

Ushers

Today: Dick Nelson / Warren Courtney
Next Sunday: Mark Corston / Mike McCartney

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**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

McDaniels family	Victims and the families of the Florida shooting
Janie Schelter	Gary McDiarmid Grayson
Rev. Keith Laidler	Dale Brock Unspokens

Our love and prayers to Ray McDaniels and his family following the loss of his brother, Harold.

Continued in Prayer

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

Our Special Friends

Leah Abbott	Margot Bailey	Ada Dennie
Lois Goodemoot	Joanne McDaniels	Phil Shetterly
Ed Reiser	Peg Faulkner	

Our Partners In Ministry

Our Missionary, Paul Webster, Zambia, Africa
 Peace UM Church, Nashville
 Lakewood United Methodist Church, Lake Odessa

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I would like to thank everyone for their acts of kindness of prayers, calls, cards and letters while I have been laid up with pneumonia. It was so appreciated. Thank you. ~~Dodie Denman

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Noisy Offering will go to R.A.V.E., or Relief After Violent Encounter. They offer free and confidential services to survivors of domestic violence, as well as victims of homelessness in Ionia and Montcalm counties. All we're asking for is your spare change, because your spare change could change a life.

EVENTS

Mon 2/26	AA Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom	7 pm
Tues 2/27	Lenten Bible Study – Sunday School Classroom upstairs	10:30 am
Wed 2/28	Friendship Group – Fellowship Hall	9 am
	<i>Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary</i>	7 pm
Thu 3/1	Respite Care – Lounge	1:30 pm Mon 1/29
	Souper Thursday Community Dinner– Fellowship Hall	4:30-6 pm
Fri 3/2	World Day of Prayer	
	<i>Office closed – For an emergency, Pastor can be reached at 269-941-3787</i>	
Sun 3/4	Sunday School - Classrooms	9:30 am
	Worship Service – Sanctuary	10:30 am
Mon 3/5	AA Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom	7 pm
	Staff-Parish Relations Committee (rescheduled) – Lounge	6 pm
Tues 3/6	Lenten Bible Study – Sunday School Classroom upstairs	10:30 am
	Fresh Food Distribution – back parking lot	2 pm
	Worship Committee – Front Room	7 pm
Wed 3/7	<i>Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary</i>	7 pm
Thu 3/8	Respite Care – Lounge	1:30 pm
	Souper Thursday Community Dinner– Fellowship Hall	4:30-6 pm
Fri 3/9	<i>Office closed – For an emergency, Pastor can be reached at 269-941-3787</i>	
Sun 3/11	Sunday School - Classrooms	9:30 am
	Worship Service – Sanctuary	10:30 am
Mon 3/12	UMW Ruth Circle Meeting – Lounge (note change in location)	1:30 pm
	AA Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom	7 pm
Tues 3/13	Lenten Bible Study – Sunday School Classroom upstairs	10:30 am
	Fellowship & Care Committee – Front Room	6 pm

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