

It's Not Too Late to Join!

*Lenten Bible Study by Pastor Dominic Tommy is underway
Tuesdays at 10:30 AM through March 27
(No Bible Study on March 13)*

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

4th Sunday in Lent

March 11, 2018

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

MEDITATION AT THE CROSS

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 Based on Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in God's word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with God is great power to redeem. It is the Lord who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

*OPENING HYMN:

"Lamb of God"

TFWS 2113

Ushers will collect Prayer Request Sheets

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison) (be seated)

We confess our sin to you, God Almighty, because you alone can offer the forgiveness that will set our lives aright again. We have failed to be the holy people you have called us to be; yet we want to be part of the covenant you forged with your creation. May we receive the forgiveness you offer us in Christ. Let us take this forgiveness and extend it to our sisters and brothers who need forgiveness from us. Remind us once again that we are a community of faith; may we forgive others as you have first forgiven us. We pray for forgiveness in the commanding and blessed name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

ANTHEM

"Near to the Cross"

Chancel Choir

arr. John Purifoy

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 dismissed to the Nursery downstairs immediately following 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 God of generosity and benevolence, as we ponder our ministry among your people, may we be generous and grateful for all the many households of faith. May we grow in stewardship and discipleship as a response of gratitude for all that you have first given us. Give us the hearts of servants and hearts for healing in your world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

PRAYER CONCERNS, PRAISES, PASTORAL PRAYER

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

*SCRIPTURE:

John 19:16-27

Pew Bible Page NT 107

SERMON:

Embrace The Cross:

Rev. Dominic Tommy

"Focus on Calvary, Not on Yourself"

*CLOSING HYMN

"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

Hymnal 359

*BENEDICTION

Choral Response: "He Touched Me"

Hymnal 367

Since I met this blessed Savior,
Since He cleansed and made me whole,
I will never cease to praise Him,
I'll shout it while eternity rolls.
*He touched me, O He touched me,
And O, the joy that floods my soul!
Something happened, and now I know,
He touched me and made me whole*

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 processional.
- **Maundy Thursday Service** – March 29 at 6 pm *(sign-up sheet in F.H.)*
- **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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The Jordan Lake Trail Association is holding a Euchre Party fundraiser on Saturday, March 17, at St. Edwards Family Center. Doors open at 6:30, no partner required. \$15 admission. See details on the bulletin board.

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If you didn't receive a March Newsletter last week, copies are available on ushers' tables and in Fellowship Hall along with prayer calendars, devotionals, and camping brochures. Please help yourself.

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Note from the Trustees: *If you stop by the church during the next few weeks, you may notice RAM Construction Services from Grand Rapids working on the outside brick of the church. This type of 'tuckpointing' maintenance is recommended every 10 years to keep the bricks intact and avoid water leakage. It has been 15 years since last done, and we are now able to schedule this work funded by the Endowment Fund. We suggest that you not park near the work in progress as it will create dust and stone chips.*

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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
Kay Barcroft

Audio/Visual

Today: Tony Barcroft / Shelly Reiser
 Next Sunday: Same

Coffee Fellowship

Today: Open
 Next Sunday: Open

Greeters

Today: Dave Faulkner / Eunice Goodemoot / Pat Fisher
 Next Sunday: Same

Nursery

Today: Judy Freidhoff / Brenda Steele
 Next Sunday: Mary Dykhouse / Marcia Bytwerk

Ushers

Today: Mark Corston / Mike McCartney
 Next Sunday: Same

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*Altar flowers this morning are presented by
Randy & Judy Freidhoff,
in celebration of Claire's and Jonathan's birthdays.*

**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

Lisa Nelson	Maya	Harriett
Justin and family		
<u>Continued in Prayer</u>		
Sgt. Branden Curtis	Karl Klynstra	Gary Smith
Sgt. 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
Grand Ledge First UM Church, Grand Ledge
Nashville United Methodist Church, Nashville

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CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

3/12 Julie Nelson
3/14 Tony Barcroft
3/16 Charlie Reiser

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is UMCOR Sunday, previously known as One Great Hour of Sharing. Your generous gift supports UMCOR's administrative costs so that 100% of your designated gifts will go directly to the programs you choose.

EVENTS

Mon 3/12	UMW Ruth Circle Meeting – Lounge (<i>note change in location</i>)	1:30 pm
	AA Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom	7 pm
Tues 3/13	No Bible Study	
	Fellowship & Care Committee – Front Room	6 pm
Wed 3/14	Friendship Group – Fellowship Hall	9 am
	<i>Choir Rehearsal</i> – Sanctuary	7 pm
Thu 3/15	Respite Care – Lounge	1:30 pm
	Souper Thursday Community Dinner– Fellowship Hall	4:30-6 pm
Fri 3/16	<i>Office closed – For an emergency, Pastor can be reached at 269-941-3787</i>	
Sun 3/18	Sunday School - Classrooms	9:30 am
	Worship Service – Sanctuary	10:30 am
Mon 3/19	Finance Committee Meeting – Front Room	6 pm
	AA Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom	7 pm
Tues 3/20	Lenten Bible Study – <i>Sunday School Classroom upstairs</i>	10:30 am
	Board of Trustees – Front Room	7 pm
Wed 3/21	<i>Choir Rehearsal</i> – Sanctuary	7 pm
Thu 3/22	Respite Care – Lounge	1:30 pm
	Souper Thursday Community Dinner– Fellowship Hall	4:30-6 pm
Fri 3/23	<i>Office closed – For an emergency, Pastor can be reached at 269-941-3787</i>	
Sun 3/25	Sunday School - Classrooms	9:30 am
	Palm Sunday Worship Service – <i>Sanctuary</i>	10:30 am
Mon 3/26	AA Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom	7 pm
Tues 3/27	Lenten Bible Study – <i>Sunday School Classroom upstairs</i>	10:30 am
	Education Committee – Front Room	7 pm

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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS!!

Ruth Circle Meeting
Tomorrow, 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’