

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

March 18, 2018

5th Sunday in Lent

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.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 31:9-10, 14-16)

Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress.

For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing.

But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, "You are my God."

My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies.

Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

*OPENING HYMN "I Will Sing the Wonderous Story" On screen

Ushers will collect Prayer Request Sheets

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison) (be seated)

Gracious God, today is a day of spiritual reckoning for us. As we get close to Holy Week and examine our lives by the measure of Jesus' life, we know that we have come up short. We, like Paul, know our transgressions. Like the psalmist, our sin is ever before us. We pray that you would give us the integrity to see ourselves as others see us. From this insight, may we come to understand ourselves in a more truthful light. Then, may we repent of our sin. Forgive us, we pray, and steer us once again toward the path that leads to you. In our words and actions, make us more Christ-like. Help us "empty ourselves" and "humble ourselves" to serve you in your realm. Amen.

ANTHEM "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Chancel Choir
arr. Gilbert M. Martin

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

Dear heavenly Father, we recognize this as the day that you have made. We rejoice and are glad in it. We praise you with songs from our hearts. We praise you with testimonies from our lips. We praise you with our tithes and offerings as we acknowledge you as the Giver of every good and perfect gift. Bless the use of these offerings that others might come to know your love and grace through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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

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

*SCRIPTURE Luke 23:32-43 Pew Bible Page NT 84

SERMON Embrace The Cross: Rev. Dominic Tommy
"Our Reactions Can Lead to Destiny of Hope"

*CLOSING HYMN: "Old Rugged Cross" vs.1,3,4 Hymnal 504

*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, Oh He touched me,
And oh 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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If you didn't receive a March Newsletter, 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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Thank you to my church family and friends for the many prayers that were sent for me. My therapy is going well--not quite ready for dance rehearsal yet though. I certainly appreciate all the cards, flowers, and food that have been sent or dropped off. Thanks especially to Omar for the use of his golf club, it has come in very handy. Thanks also to Pastor Dominic for his visit. Love my Central Church Family; can't wait to see you all again. In Christ's Love, Dawn Deardorff

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A Big Thank You to my church family for all your kindness during my healing!! I missed you all, thanks again. ~~Joyce Shuert

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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: Chuck Rayner/ Shelly Reiser
- Next Sunday: Same

Coffee Fellowship

- Today: Dykhouse
- Next Sunday: Open

Greeters

- Today: Dave Faulkner / Eunice Goodemoot / Jean Cook
- Next Sunday: Dave Faulkner / Eunice Goodemoot / Pat Fisher

Nursery

- Today: Mary Dykhouse / Marcia Bytwerk
- Next Sunday: Eunice Goodemoot / Jane Kostanko

Ushers

- Today: Mark Corston / Mike McCartney
- Next Sunday: Same

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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

Family of John Smith Kayla Boroff Ed
Family of Laurel Garlinger George Speas Bob Durkee
Family of Ramona Dickinson Family of Ann Slowins John Jackson

Continued in Prayer

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 George Speas

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
Gresham UM Church, Charlotte
Pleasant Valley United Brethren in Christ Church, Lake Odessa

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CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

3/19 Lily Kostanko

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is the last Sunday to place your order for a Memorial Easter Lily.

EVENTS

Mon 3/19 **Finance Committee Meeting** – Front Room **6 pm**
AA Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom 7 pm
Tues 3/20 **Lenten Bible Study** – *Sunday School Classroom upstairs* **10:30 am**
Board of Trustees – Front Room **7 pm**
Wed 3/21 *Choir Rehearsal* – 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 *Office closed – For an emergency, Pastor can be reached at 269-941-3787*
Sun 3/25 Sunday School - Classrooms 9:30 am
Palm Sunday Worship Service – *Sanctuary* **10:30 am**
Mon 3/26 AA Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom 7 pm
Tues 3/27 **Lenten Bible Study** – *Sunday School Classroom upstairs* **10:30 am**
Education Committee – Front Room **7 pm**
Wed 3/28 Friendship Group – Fellowship Hall 9 am
Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary 7 pm
Thu 3/29 Respite Care – Lounge 1:30 pm
Souper Thursday Community Dinner– Fellowship Hall 4:30-6 pm
Maunder Thursday Service – Sanctuary **6 pm**
Fri 3/30 **Good Friday Community Worship Service** – Sanctuary **1 pm**
Sat 3/31 **Community Easter Egg Hunt** – Lake Odessa Park **10 am**
Sun 4/1 Sunday School - Classrooms 9:30 am
Easter Sunday Worship Service – Sanctuary 10:30 am
Mon 4/2 AA Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom 7 pm
Tues 4/3 **Fresh Food Distribution** – Back parking lot **2 pm**
Worship Committee – Lounge **7 pm**

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