

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

3rd Sunday in Lent

March 4, 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

We have been blessed with the Light of the World.

May we open our eyes to see the needs around us.

We have been blessed with the Light of the World.

May we open our eyes to see the signs of hope around us.

We have been blessed with the Light of the World.

May everyone who has received light, bring light into every shadowed place, so that those who have not seen will be blessed with sight.

*OPENING HYMN: "At Calvary" On Screen
Ushers will collect Prayer Request Sheets

INVOCATION PRAYER (in unison) (be seated)

God of clarity, show us the places where we choose confusion over transparency, and open our hearts in repentance. Awaken us to the times when we prefer illusion to truth, and open our hearts in repentance. Shed light on the ways in which we choose an easy sin over a harder faithfulness, and open our hearts in repentance. Enlighten us when we would prefer to close our eyes to the pain, the need, the oppression, and the injustice that multiply unchecked when your people are content with apathy. We ask your forgiveness in the name of the one who was Light incarnate. Amen.

ANTHEM "Another Look at Calvary" Chancel Choir
arr. W. Elmo Mercer

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

Your healing hand touches all the wounds of fear within us, inviting us into healthy confidence in your abundance and a holy generosity. Accept these offerings, O Healing God, and bless both those who give and those who receive, that all creation may share the vision of your bounteous realm. Amen.

PRAYER CONCERNS, PRAISES, PASTORAL PRAYER

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Hymnal 883

GLORIA PATRI

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

*SCRIPTURE: Luke 23:33-47 Pew Bible Page NT 83

SERMON: Embrace The Cross: Rev. Dominic Tommy
"Lead Me to Calvary—a Place of Hope"

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION, Giving of the Bread and the Cup

HYMN (during Communion) "Lead me to Calvary" On screen

*CLOSING HYMN "Amazing Grace" Hymnal 378

*BENEDICTION Choral Response: "He Touched Me" Hymnal 367

1) Shackled by a heavy burden,
'Neath a load of guilt and shame.
Then the hand of Jesus touched me,
And now I am no longer the same.
*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*
**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.*
- **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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**Fresh Food Distribution is
Tuesday, March 6th at 2 PM
in the east parking lot.**

**Volunteers are always welcome
and asked to arrive at 1:30.**

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***Don’t be late for church!
Remember to change your clocks before
you go to bed on Saturday, March 10.***



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
Lori McNeill

Audio/Visual

Today: Tony Barcroft / Shelly Reiser
Next Sunday: Same

Coffee Fellowship

Today: Elaine Garlock
Next Sunday: Open

Greeters

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

Nursery

Today: Leona Rayner / Penny Thelen
Next Sunday: Judy Freidhoff / Brenda Steele

Ushers

Today: Mark Corston / Mike McCartney
Next Sunday: Same

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*Altar flowers this morning are presented by
Marilyn Noffke, in memory of her son,
Steven Oaks.*

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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 Christine Wilson	Peg Faulkner	Dawn Deardorff
Family of Lester Forman	Dale Brock	Patsy Cole

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
Welcome Corners UM Church, Hastings
Living Gospel Church, Lake Odessa

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CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

2/26 Blake Zona	3/2 Terri Catt
2/27 Jonathan Freidhoff	3/3 Bev Corston
2/28 Lynda Cobb	3/4 Ray Dykhouse
	3/10 Claire Freidhoff

Anniversaries

3/6 Bill & Jewel Eckstrom – 63 years

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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 3/5	Staff-Parish Relations Committee (rescheduled) – Lounge	6 pm
	AA Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom	7 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</i> – Sanctuary	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 – <i>UMCOR Sunday</i>	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
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 – Sunday School Classroom upstairs	10:30 am
	Board of Trustees – Front Room	7 pm

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