



Next Sunday is Mother's Day

A mother's touch is warm, loving, and kind. Through the Church World Service Blankets+ program, you can provide that same feeling of safety and warmth to someone in need. Just \$10 provides invaluable warmth and comfort in the form of a blanket.

On Mother's Day, May 13th, in lieu of flowers or chocolates, we will supply offering envelopes if you would like to make a gift of a blanket to CWS. Special cards will be on ushers' tables for you to pick up and send to mom to let her know of your gift.

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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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No experience required!
It's Easy - Really!

SOUND TECH NEEDED

Our Worship Committee is seeking another volunteer to run the sound board on Sunday mornings—especially to cover summer vacations!
You would alternate schedules with Chuck Rayner and Tony Barcroft.
Training provided; no experience required. Please contact Chuck Rayner or Kay Barcroft.

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Worship Celebration Service

6th Sunday of Easter

May 6, 2018

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.*

*PRAISING THE LORD "Spirit Song" Hymnal 347-video on screen

*CALL TO WORSHIP based on Isaiah 43:19-21

Let us worship God, who has done great things.

We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert of this world.

Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.

We are the people God has formed through Christ; we worship him, and we rejoice!

Let us worship our God in spirit and in truth.

We praise God for the grace that has saved us.

Alleluia! We rejoice!

*OPENING HYMN: "Hymn of Promise" Hymnal 707

Ushers will collect Prayer Request Sheets

INVOCATION PRAYER (in unison) (be seated)

**Holy and loving God, as we worship you today,
we long for your Spirit to both comfort and challenge us,
to help us become more holy and more loving.**

**In a world that does not understand repentance,
we pray for new understanding, humility, patience, and discipline
that will help us die to sin and live for Jesus. Amen**

ANTHEM "I Love to Tell the Story" Chancel Choir
arr. Donald Moore

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

**Gracious Father, you overwhelm us with your daily compassion. At the time
of our greatest need, you surprised us with your wondrous love. As you
draw us into this renewing relationship of love, may we respond with
gratitude as we offer the substance of our labor to continue the ministry of
Christ. For his name and glory, we pray and present our gifts. Amen!**

PRAYER CONCERNS, PRAISES, PASTORAL PRAYER

*SCRIPTURE: John 16:16-13 Pew Bible Page 104

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

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Hymnal 881

GLORIA PATRI Hymnal 70

SERMON The Fabrics of our Lives: Rev. Dominic Tommy
"Hope for A Better Tomorrow!"

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

COMMUNION HYMN "One Bread, One Body" Hymnal 620
(Communion will be served to those unable to come forward, stay in your seat.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**You have given yourself to us, Lord. Now we give ourselves for others to
be blessed. You have raised us with Christ and made us a new people.**

As people of the resurrection, we will serve you with joy.

Your glory has filled our hearts. Help us to glorify you in all things. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "There is a Fountain Filled with Blood" vs 1,2,5 Hymnal 622

*BENEDICTION **There Is a Redeemer** Celebration 308

Vs. 3 When I stand in Glory,
I will see His face,
There I'll serve my King forever,
In that Holy Place.
Thank you O my father,
For giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit,
'Til the work on Earth is done

POSTLUDE

**Please stand as you are able*



May 20th is Graduation & Teacher Appreciation Sunday.

If you have a child or grandchild graduating from high school or college that would like to attend the service and be recognized, please contact Pastor Dominic **no later than May 13**. A special coffee fellowship time in Fellowship Hall will follow worship. *May 20th will also be the last day for Sunday School until fall.*

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If you didn't receive a newsletter last week, copies are available on ushers' tables as well as devotionals and prayer calendars for May.

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On Saturday, May 19, Harvest Community Church will be hosting "Marriage in Light of Eternity," presented by Francis Chan and Lisa Chan. You are invited to spend some time with your spouse and invest in your marriage. Pre-registration is required; cost is \$25/couple or \$15/individual. See bulletin board for details.

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Summer Is Coming. It's Time To Register For Camp.

Camping at Michigan Area United Methodist Camps or other Christian camps offers fun and faith development for kids of all ages. (Check out some of the possibilities at www.umcamping.org.) Scholarships are available! Over \$200 was raised for the Camping Fund from our February Soup Luncheon. **Central Church's Education Committee will pay up to half of the cost for members and up to \$100 to non-members as funds are available.** No young person should miss out on the life-changing experience of summer camp just because of cost. Please contact Jane Kostanko at jkostanko@plainwellschools.org or see one of our other Education Committee members: Julie Klynstra, Judy Freidhoff, Andrea Gentner, or Mary Dykhouse, if you have questions

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS!!

Spring Breakfast - Saturday, May 12, 9 am, Fellowship Hall
There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall; cost is \$6 to Terri Catt or Andrea Gentner.
Program by Christy Erickson on her trip to Wyoming. Friends are welcome!

Next Event:
Annual Outing—Meijer Gardens
Monday, June 11; More details to come.



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 Goodemoot

Audio/Visual

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

Coffee Fellowship

Today: Open
Next Sunday: Marilyn Noffke / Julie Nelson / Pat Fisher

Greeters

Today: Dale Mossburg / Caroline Jackson
Next Sunday: Same

Nursery

Today: Leona Rayner / Penny Thelen
Next Sunday: Marcia Bytwerk / Dawn Deardorff

Ushers

Today: John & Andrea Gentner
Next Sunday: Same

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Altar flowers this morning are presented by the Randy & Judy Freidhoff in celebration of their 18th wedding anniversary today.

**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 Richard Driscoll
Family of Bill Cronk
Arlene Lee
Sarah Winkler

Celia Demond
Gordon Walkington
Warren Courtney
Praise: Lathan Logan

Patty Anderson
Emmett Kadwell
Darrin Winkler

Continued in Prayer

Sgt. Branden Curtis
Sgt. Lloyd C. Corston
PFC Steven Wakley, Jr
1SG Nicholas Ludema
PFC Jason Hilley
Sgt. Nathan Sparrow
Brian Rayner
Patti Coorman
Bob Durkee
Emmett Kadwell

Karl Klynstra
Phylis Armstrong
Dale Patterson
Terena Galaviz
Pam Coleman
Travis Tucker and family
Judi Brandon
Armrose LaBine
Randy Armstrong
Arlene Lee

Mary Shoemaker
Susan Steele
Hank Minenna
Sharon Brink
Ross McDowell
Kim Seese
George Speas
Peg Cusack
Brian Harper
Warren Courtney

Our Special Friends

Leah Abbott
Lois Goodemoot
Ed Reiser

Margot Bailey
Joanne McDaniels
Peg Faulkner

Ada Dennie
Phil Shetterly

Our Partners In Ministry

Our Missionary, Paul Webster, Zambia, Africa
Hastings Hope United Methodist Church, Hastings
Welcome Corners/Peace/Freeport United Methodist

CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

5/6 Brenda Steele
5/8 Cadance Jackson

Anniversary

5/6 Randy & Judy Freidhoff – 18 years
5/7 Bob & Marian Durkee – 50 years

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Lakewood Women's Conference
September 15, 2018 – 9am to 3pm
More details to follow.

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

<i>Today</i>	Trustees Spring Clean-up Day – Following coffee hour	
Mon 5/7	AA Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom	7 pm
Tues 5/8	Board of Trustees – Front Room	7 pm
Wed 5/9	Friendship Group – Fellowship Hall <i>Choir Rehearsal</i> – Sanctuary	9 am 7 pm
Thu 5/10	Respite Care – Lounge Souper Thursday Community Dinner– Fellowship Hall	1:30 pm 4:30-6 pm
Fri 5/11	<i>Office closed – For an emergency, Pastor can be reached at 269-941-3787</i>	
Sat 5/12	UMW Spring Breakfast – Fellowship Hall	9 am
Sun 5/13	Sunday School - Classrooms Worship Service – <i>Mother's Day</i>	9:30 am 10:30 am
Mon 5/14	AA Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom	7 pm
Wed 5/16	<i>Choir Rehearsal</i> – Sanctuary	7 pm
Thu 5/17	Respite Care – Lounge Souper Thursday Community Dinner– Fellowship Hall	1:30 pm 4:30-6 pm
Fri 5/18- Sat 5/19	Rental – Fellowship Hall	
Sun 5/20	Sunday School – Classrooms (<i>final Sunday School until fall</i>) Worship Service – <i>Sanctuary</i> Graduate Reception and Teacher Appreciation – Fellowship Hall	9:30 am 10:30 am
Mon 5/21	Finance Committee Meeting – Front Room AA Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom	6 pm 7 pm
Tues 5/22	Fellowship & Care Committee – Front Room (<i>rescheduled</i>) Education Committee – Lounge	6 pm 7 pm

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Beginning Sunday, May 27 (Memorial Day weekend), and continuing through Sunday, September 2 (Labor Day weekend), our Sunday Worship Services will change to 9:30 a.m. and there will be no more Sunday School classes until fall.

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