



**Outdoor Summer Picnic  
Sunday, July 29  
following worship**

**Barbecue Pork Sandwiches provided.  
Please bring a dish to pass—  
(one of your favorite sides, salads, or desserts. )**

**(Will be held indoors in case of inclement  
weather.)**

**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***

8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

July 15, 2018

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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                      “As the Deer”                      TFSW 2025

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 1:1-6)

Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers,  
**But delights in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night.**

**These faithful are like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers.**

For the wicked, they are like chaff that the wind blows away. They shall not stand in the judgment with saints, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

**For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.**

\*OPENING HYMN                      “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”                      Hymnal 158  
*Ushers will collect Prayer Request Sheets*

INVOCATION PRAYER (in unison) (be seated)

**Holy and loving God, You who encourage us in our journey of faith, sustain us through grace, and your faithfulness is renewed every morning. We are grateful! Now Lord, through your Holy Spirit, prompt us, awaken us, and lift us into consciousness of your quiet presence. Change us; move us closer to a loving relationship with you and our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. From the still voice in our heart, call us by name, walk us through difficult moments, and strengthen us to stand firm in the hours of temptations. Father, we love you, and we give our lives to you now and always, through Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.**

CHOIR CALL-DOWN                      “Easter People, Raise Your Voices”                      Hymnal 304

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

\*DOXOLOGY                      “We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise”                      TFWS 2031

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Healing God, in both sickness and health, You call us to be Your stewards. Through this stewarding community we call “Central Church,” we ask You to care for our broken places and sweep us up in Your healing shalom. Please use these offerings to strengthen this church, this body that strives for beauty and wholeness in a broken world.  
In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.**

PRAYER CONCERNS, PRAISES, PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD’S PRAYER

\*SCRIPTURE:                      Revelation 2:1-7                      Pew Bible NT pg 230  
*\*Please stand, as you are able, for the reading of God’s Word*

SERMON                      Revelation Series:                      Rev. Dominic Tommy  
*“Message of Hope to the Faithfulness”*

\*CLOSING HYMN                      “Victory in Jesus”                      Hymnal 370

\*BENEDICTION

RESPONSE                      **He Lives**                      Hymnal 310  
He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives), Christ Jesus lives today  
He walks with me and talks with me  
Along life's narrow way  
He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives), Salvation to impart  
You ask me how I know He lives?  
He lives within my heart

POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand as you are able*

We are less than 2 weeks away from our **Church Directory Photo Shoot!** If you haven't already done so, please schedule your photo session: Thursday and Friday are almost full; Saturday has plenty of openings. On-line scheduling is open during the week; otherwise, you can stop in Fellowship Hall after worship and make an appointment. You do not need to be a church member to be included in our directory; all church families are welcome. See Rita if you have any questions. You can find the on-line link on our website: [centralchurch-lakeo.org](http://centralchurch-lakeo.org).

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Items for our upcoming fall **Rummage Sale** are being accepted at the church. Members of the UMW will be here at the church on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am to 11am if you would like to drop off clothes and small items. Please contact Terri Catt if you have any questions (480-231-7785).

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**DO YOU EVER WANT TO SING YOUR FAVORITE SONG OR HYMNS?**

If so, you have the opportunity to submit your favorites songs or hymns to the Worship Committee for the months of July and August. These congregational choices will be featured in our worship services. Please limit your selections to the **United Methodist Hymnal and The Faith We Sing** (the little black song book).

Use a 3x4 card to write the title of the songs or hymns, page number and spiritual significance of your favorites, or use the form below:

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Hymn/song \_\_\_\_\_ Page # \_\_\_\_\_

Why this selection is my favorite:

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Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Place in the offering plate. Thank you

**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**  
 Von Goodemoot

**Audio/Visual**  
*Today:* Chuck Rayner / Shelly Reiser  
*Next Sunday:* Tony Barcroft / Shelly Reiser

**Coffee Fellowship**  
*Today:* Karen Avery / Penny Thelen  
*Next Sunday:* Open

**Greeters**  
*Today:* Karen Avery / Dan & Margie First / Jewel Eckstrom  
*Next Sunday:* Same

**Nursery**  
*Today:* Char Kendregan / Brenda Steele  
*Next Sunday:* Jean Cook / Judy Freidhoff

**Ushers**  
*Today:* Ray Dykhouse / Bill Eckstrom  
*Next Sunday:* Same

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**THIS WEEK'S PRAYER CONCERNS**

Dick Winkler	Susan Steele	Bernadette Coyne
Lloyd and Bev Corston	Phil & Betty Shetterly	Virginia Decker
Peggy Buche		
<b><u>Continued in Prayer</u></b>		
Sgt. Branden Curtis	Karl Klynstra	Mary Shoemaker
Sgt. Lloyd C. Corston	Phylis Armstrong	Susan Steele
PFC Steven Wakley, Jr	Dale Patterson	Hank Minenna
1SG Nicholas Ludema	Terena Galaviz	Sharon Brink
PFC Jason Hilley	Pam Coleman	Ross McDowell
Sgt. Nathan Sparrow	Travis Tucker and family	Kim Seese
Brian Rayner	Judi Brandon	George Speas
Patti Coorman	Armrose LaBine	Peg Cusack
Bob Durkee	Randy Armstrong	Brian Harper
Emmett Kadwell	Arlene Lee	Warren Courtney
Darrin Winkler		

**Our Special Friends**

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

**Our Partners In Ministry**

Our Missionary, Paul Webster, Zambia, Africa  
Our new Missionaries, Brendan and Mary Webb, serving in Arabian Peninsula  
Lansing Sycamore Creek United Methodist Church, Lansing  
First Congregational Church, Lake Odessa

**CELEBRATIONS**

**Birthdays**

7/18 Tom Reiser  
7/21 Allison Thelen

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*Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for all your precious cards, prayers, phone calls, visits. Also we thank our Pastor Rev. Tommy for all his prayers, trips and visits. Dick and I send all our love and prayers to all of you.  
Blessings, Dick & Vergie Winkler*

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**EVENTS**

Mon 7/16	<b>UMW – Special Business Meeting</b> <i>All members encouraged</i>	<b>1:30 pm</b>
	<b>Finance Committee Meeting</b> – Front Room	<b>6 pm</b>
	AA Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom	7 pm
Thur 7/19	Respite Care – Lounge	1:30 pm
	Souper Thursday Community Dinner – Fellowship Hall	4:30 pm
Fri 7/20	<i>Office closed – For an emergency, Pastor can be reached at 269-941-3787</i>	
Sun 7/22	Summer Worship Service – Sanctuary	9:30 am
Mon 7/23	AA Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom	7 pm
Tues 7/24	<b>Souper Thursday Fundraiser</b> – Fellowship Hall	6:30 pm
	<b>Education Committee Meeting</b> – Lounge	<b>7 pm</b>
Wed 7/25	Friendship Group – Fellowship Hall	9 am
Thur 7/26	<b>Photography Session</b> – Fellowship Hall	2:00-8:30 pm
	<i>No Respite Care or Souper Thursday Community Dinner</i>	
Fri 7/27	<b>Photography Session</b> – Fellowship Hall	2:00-8:30 pm
	<i>Office closed – For an emergency, Pastor can be reached at 269-941-3787</i>	
Sat 7/28	<b>Photography Session</b> – Fellowship Hall	9:30 am-4:30 pm
Sun 7/29	Summer Worship Service – Sanctuary	9:30 am
	<b>Outdoor Picnic</b> – see back page	following worship
Mon 7/30	<b>Pastor Dominic on vacation thru August 10</b>	
	AA Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom	7 pm

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- ❖ Souper Thursday Fundraiser – Tuesday, July 24, 6:30 pm. See bulletin board for more details.
- ❖ Photo Shoot for Church Directory - July 26/27/28 Appointments can be made in Fellowship Hall.
- ❖ Summer Outdoor Picnic – Sunday, July 29, following worship. Bring your favorite side dish.

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