

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

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

October 21, 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 "Father, I Adore You" TFWS 2038

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The eternal God is our dwelling place, underneath are His everlasting arms.

Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. For you are with me;

Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

All: For God will hide me in a shelter in the day of trouble; God will conceal me under the cover of a tent; and will set me high on a rock.

*OPENING HYMN "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" Hymnal 110
Ushers will collect Prayer Request Sheets

INVOCATION PRAYER (in unison) (be seated)

Almighty God, you alone can bring order to our unruly wills and affections. Give us grace to love what you command and desire what you promise, that in all the changes and chances of this uncertain world, our hearts may be surely fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

ANTHEM "Lead Me, Lord" Chancel Choir
arr by John Leavitt

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Virginia C. Rayner

Raymond V. Wildman

HYMN "Baptized in Water" TFWS 2248

INVITATION FOR OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO GOD

*DOXOLOGY "I Surrender All" vs 1, refrain Hymnal 354

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, we give our best, lest in gaining the world we lose life itself. As a covenant people, we seek to witness to your will and way. Help us to know more clearly, what you would have us do with the wealth entrusted to our care. As we contribute to the needs of your people, we present ourselves as living sacrifices. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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

*SCRIPTURE Genesis 39:6-20 Pew Bible OT page 34-35

Leader: The Word of God to the people of God!

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON **JOSEPH--GOD'S PRESENCE IN TRIALS** Rev. Dominic Tommy
"Temptation: When All Else Fails, Run"

*CLOSING HYMN "God Leads Us Along" vs 1-3 On screen

*BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

The Family of God

I'm so glad I'm a part of the Family of God,
I've been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood!
Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod,
For I'm part of the family,
The Family of God.

POSTLUDE

****Please stand as you are able***

The leadership of Central UMC would like to invite you to a Visioning Forum: *Ministry Exploration and the Future of Central Church.*

Monday, November 12th - 6 to 8 pm

Dinner (pizza, salad, refreshments) will be served.

Pastor Dominic will lead using a video and materials to assist discussions and help make decisions. Everyone has a stake in the future of Central Church and we need as many people as possible to be involved and attend this meeting. Committee Chairpersons are especially needed to attend. A sign-up sheet is posted on the Bulletin Board so we can have a count for dinner.

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The new **women's Bible study** is underway. "Dance, Stand and Run" by Jess Connolly, is being led by Terri Catt. Meeting in the lounge on Wednesday evenings and starting with a light dinner at 5:00, the study will run from 5:30 to 6:30 for 6 weeks. You can still join. Contact Terri if you have any questions (480-231-7785).

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**Annual Church Conference is scheduled for
Tuesday, October 23,
7:00 pm at Grand Ledge UMC.**

All church members are encouraged to attend.
Maps are available on the bulletin board.

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Great Thanksgiving Feast
(and last Souper Thursday meal)

Thursday, November 15, 2018
4:30 to 6 pm
(take-outs after 5:30)

See Leona Rayner if you would be interested in helping.

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Sign-up sheets for the first quarter of 2019 are now posted. Feel free to sign up for your special days with altar flowers or coffee hour. Greeters are needed as well. We thank you for your commitments.

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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, Michael Helmic
TODAY'S SERVICE:

Worship Leader
Von Goodemoot

Audio/Visual
Today: Tony Barcroft / Kay Barcroft
Next Sunday: Same

Coffee Fellowship
Today: UMW Breakfast
Next Sunday: Open

Greeters
Today: Dodie Denman / Marcia Bytwerk
Next Sunday: Same

Nursery
Today: Char Kendregan / Brenda Steele
Next Sunday: Eunice Goodemoot / Judy Freidhoff

Ushers
Today: Tim Goodemoot / George Covington
Next Sunday: Same

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*Altar flowers this morning are presented by
Nanette Biang.*

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