



On Sunday, March 24, the United Methodist Women will be celebrating the 150th anniversary of their founding mothers. The UMW improves the lives of women, children, and youth down the street and around the world.

Help us to continue this work by giving a generous coffee hour donation in celebration.



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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

2nd Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2019

GATHERING

Large print hymnals and bulletins are available. Please ask an usher.

PRELUDE

“Worthy is the Lamb” Marilyn Noffke
by Benjamin Harlan Christine Cunningham

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 “We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise” TFWS 2031

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to worship our Lord Jesus, who, from Bethlehem to Nazareth, from Jordan to Jericho, from Bethany to Jerusalem, and now on His way to Calvary’s Cross.

To heal the sick, to mend the brokenhearted, to comfort the disturbed, to disturb the comfortable, to cleanse the temple, to liberate faith from conventional bondage.

To carry the cross, to lead the way, to shoulder the sin of the world and take it away, come, Lord Jesus.

Today, to this place, to us, come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN “The Church’s One Foundation” (vs 1-5) Hymnal 545
Ushers will collect Prayer Request Sheets

INVOCATION PRAYER (in unison) (be seated)

O God, in creation you fashion us in your image, in Christ you reveal to us your love, through the Holy Spirit you welcome us into the fellowship of believers; we bow in gratitude before you. We constantly distort your image, but still you restore it. We daily betray your love, but still you extend it. We often disrupt fellowship, but still you bless it. Come unto us at this time and in this place, O Lord, that your image in us might be revealed, your love for us returned, and our fellowship in Christ renewed. Amen.

ANTHEM “The Garden” Chancel Choir
by Larry Shackley

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 “When I Survey” Marilyn Noffke
by Lowell Mason/Tom Fettke Christine Cunningham

*DOXOLOGY “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” Hymnal 95

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Compassionate God, we offer you these gifts as signs of our time and labor. Receive the offering of our lives and feed us with your grace, that in the midst of death all creation might feast on unending life in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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

PRAYER SONG “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” (vs 1-2) Hymnal 133

*SCRIPTURE John 15:1-11 Pew Bible NT pg 103

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

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON **Our Relationship with Christ:** Rev. Dominic Tommy
“I am the Vine—You are the Branches”

*CLOSING HYMN “Hymn of Promise” Hymnal 707

*BENEDICTION

RESPONSE: Choral Response: “There is a Redeemer”

***Thank you oh 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***

Friendship Group Returns!



Beginning on **Friday, April 12**, the Friendship Group will resume meeting twice a month for fun and fellowship. Some things have changed since meeting last year: Gatherings will be on Fridays at 1:00. Not changed is the opportunity for everyone to get together for a light meal, friendly games and good conversation. The group meets in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome! See Virginia Decker or Betty Shetterly if you have any questions.

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Thank you for all the thoughts, prayers, and kindness during the time of my father's passing. ~~Kim and Dawn Deardorff

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Thank you for your generosity! Manna's market was very grateful for the wonderful donations.

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Palm/Passion Sunday		April 14
Maundy Thursday		
Seder Meal	6 pm	April 18
Holy Sacrament	7 pm	
Good Friday		April 19
Community Service	1 pm	
Easter Sunday		April 21

MINISTER: Every Member of This Church
PASTOR: Rev. Dominic Tommy
SECRETARY: Kim Stoepker
ORGANIST: Marilyn Noffke
ACCOMPANIST: Christine Cunningham
CHOIR DIRECTOR: Jackie Spagnuolo
CUSTODIANS: Mike McCartney, Michael Helmic
TODAY'S SERVICE:

Worship Leader
Tom Reiser

Audio/Visual
Today: Chuck Rayner / Kay Barcroft
Next Sunday: Same

Coffee Fellowship
Today: Nanette Biang
Next Sunday: United Methodist Women's 150th Celebration

Greeters
Today: Mary Dykhouse / Christy Erickson
Next Sunday: Same

Nursery
Today: Penny Thelen / Judy Freidhoff
Next Sunday: Kay Goodemoot / Shelly Reiser

Ushers
Today: Kim & Dawn Deardorff
Next Sunday: Same

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THIS WEEK'S PRAYER CONCERNS

Family of Mike Scott Family of Freeman Bever Mollie Evans
Family of Betty Erickson Joanne & Ray McDaniels Unspokens

*Our love and prayers of support to Christy Erickson
following the death of her mother,
Betty Erickson.*

Continued in Prayer

(Your help in updating this list would be appreciated!)

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 Travis Tucker and family Kim Seese
PFC Jason Hilley Pam Coleman George Speas
Sgt. Nathan Sparrow Armrose LaBine Brian Rayner
Judi Brandon Brian Harper Arlene Lee
Marti Lind Barbara Wareing Alan Goodemoot
Marcia Bytwerk Christopher Coleman

Our Special Friends

Leah Abbott Margot Bailey Lloyd Corston
Ada Dennie Peg Faulkner Bette Makley
Joanne McDaniels Ed Reiser

Our Partners In Ministry

Missionary Delbert Groves, Kitwe, Zambia
Nashville Peace UMC, Nashville
Sebewa Church of God, Lake Odessa

CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

3/19 Lily Kostanko

EVENTS

Mon 3/18 **Finance Committee** – Front Room **6 pm**
 Administrative Council Meeting – Fellowship Hall **7 pm**
 AA Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom 7 pm
Tues 3/19 Lakewood Community Council – Front Room 4 pm
Wed 3/20 Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary 7 pm
Fri 3/22 *Office closed – For an emergency, Pastor can be reached at 269-941-3787*
Sat 3/23 UMW Day of Giving
Sun 3/24 Sunday School - classrooms 9:30 am
 Worship Service – Sanctuary 10:30 am
Mon 3/25 AA Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom 7 pm
Tues 3/26 **Education Committee** – Front Room **7 pm**
Wed 3/27 Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary 7 pm
Fri 3/29 *Office closed – For an emergency, Pastor can be reached at 269-941-3787*
Sun 3/31 Sunday School - classrooms 9:30 am
 Worship Service – UMCOR Sunday 10:30 am
Mon 4/1 AA Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom 7 pm
Tues 4/2 **Fresh Food Distribution** - back parking lot **2 pm**
Wed 4/3 Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary 7 pm
Fri 4/5 *Office closed – For an emergency, Pastor can be reached at 269-941-3787*
Sat 4/6 Rental – Fellowship Hall 12 pm
Sun 4/7 Sunday School - classrooms 9:30 am
 Worship Service – Sanctuary 10:30 am
Mon 4/8 **Missions Committee** – Front Room **8:30 am**
 Blood Drive – Fellowship Hall **12 – 5:45 pm**
 UMW Circle Meeting – Lounge **1 pm**
 AA Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom 7 pm

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