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Central Journal

Informing Members and Friends – Encouraging Fellowship and Spiritual Growth

Pastor Mark's Musings

Mark's Musing

I wish to use my space in the Journal for what was shared at the Congregational Town Hall Meeting on Sunday, February 18. The 61 persons attending were asked to come on the "same page" for the sake of Central's forward movement toward vitality in spiritual and numerical growth. It is here for those who were unable to attend.

What is a "congregational focus?" Why do we need one for Central? What will it mean for the present and future of Central?

To have a shared focus will help us to be on the same page for:

- ~Suggestion of ideas ~Decisions for programs; current and new ones
- ~Decisions for use of funds / securing funds ~To be able to promote the church

What has happened to get us to this point of the discernment process for Central?

Participation in the programs of Bandy / 213 Discussion / Reach Network
Spent over \$10,000 along with hundreds of volunteer and paid staff hours
Read many books and conducted great research

What did we get for all this work and resources spent?

Central UMC Bedrock Beliefs:

- ~ We are the Body of Christ. ~ God is with us and strengthens us.
- ~ Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ.
- ~ What we know about God, we see in Jesus Christ.
- ~ All people are loved by God. ~ God forgives us unconditionally and calls us to forgive.
- ~ There is power in prayer. ~The Bible is our spiritual guide.
- ~ Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.
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- ~The Bible is our spiritual guide. ~ Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.

Central Core Values:

- ~ Do justice, love kindness, walk humbly with God.
- ~ Love God, with all of our heart, mind and soul, and our neighbors as ourselves.
- ~ Treasure and support learning and growing in faith.
- ~ Do our best to live out the healing work of Jesus in this broken world.
- ~ Be thankful in all things. ~ Welcome everyone.
- ~ Treat everyone with respect, kindness and equality.

There's more... we gained great knowledge from research...noted on the next page...

Here is some of the knowledge we gained from the research conducted

Demographic Results from Mission-In-Site source: We can best attract those in a ***Rooted flower Power*** grouping (grew up in the 60-70”s and are grounded activists). Our Leadership Team is to focus on long range plans and measurable goals. Staff (paid and volunteer) need to create and implement the plans to reach the goals. We became aware of the dire need for change and of a workable path to growth; this has produced increased anxiety **AND** hopefulness.

So, what is the proposed congregational focus?

Outreach, Nurture, and Hospitality

Outreach means

Effective marketing is crucial.

Central needs to become known for:

- *Being a United Methodist Church. *Meaningful worship.
- *A place to become involved in making the community better.
- *A place to grow spiritually. *A place where you are accepted.

Nurture means

Current small group ministry for congregants will continue to be enhanced.

New small groups are needed to address interests/needs of those in “target group.”

Need to become known for:

- *Place of growth in spiritual life through community of small groups.
- *A place that welcomes all. *A place where growth is expected to happen.

Hospitality means

Enhanced welcome through web ministries.

Enhanced welcome upon every contact made with or by the church personnel and Volunteers.

Enhanced welcome to each person upon entrance on the building and grounds.

Need to become known for:

- *A warm and inviting place. *Honoring all ~~visitors~~ guests with open arms.
- *Ready for those not here yet. *Unbridled follow through with guests.
- *Moving people from guest status to participant status.

There must be a change in ethos in Central; we are known for a place of tension and anxiety based on a survival mode; such a change in ethos doesn’t happen overnight!

Be patient with staff, leadership, and each other, please as we change, stretch and grow in many ways.

Stay tuned with prayer and with a can-do attitude.

Let’s Do This Central! Now is our Time!



Missions

Cathy Amundsen, Chair

Thank you for your faithful response to the many needs around us.

HUMAN RELATIONS DAY OFFERING total was **\$210.00**

VALENTINE/BLANKET sale. February 4 and 11 the Mission Commission had handmade Valentines for you to purchase. The proceeds from this project go to support the Church World Service Blanket program. Some of you bought Valentines and others gave money directly. Together we raised **\$700.00** for Blankets. There are many uses for Blankets in many different circumstances. You have truly helped to ***BLANKET THE WORLD WITH LOVE.***



NOISY SUNDAY February 18 during worship we heard the sound of coins dropping into the pails passed among the congregation. This offering goes into the Ministry of Kindness fund. This fund allows Pastor Mark to help people who come to him with sudden urgent one time financial needs. The total for this offering was **\$798.24.**

THANK YOU for your ongoing support of the **Food Bank at South Lansing Ministries** and for Kleenex and hand sanitizer for **Willow School**. All are much appreciated.

COMING MARCH 11 UMCOR SUNDAY (formerly One Great Hour of Sharing).

This offering covers the basic support of UMCOR and allows for immediate assistance in the wake of natural and human-caused disasters. Because of this offering 100% of whatever is given as designated gifts will be used for the specified disaster response or other ministry. From Hurricane relief in Puerto Rico to Safe Water in Guatemala to the Forest Fires in the Northwest US UMCOR has been there. UMCOR is often one of the last agencies to leave an area as they work to support ongoing ministries of food, shelter, health care and peace.



AN OPPORTUNITY: Some of you helped South Lansing Ministries make sack lunches at the Hands Across Lansing event last fall. I heard

from you how much you enjoyed helping to deliver them to some of the refugees and homeless that SLM have formed a relationship with. The joy and thankfulness of folks on the receiving end was great to see.

Those interested in helping to make sack lunches again please let Cathy Amundsen know (517-323-2445).

Worship & Music

Caryn Welter, *Director*

Holy Week Services Details

On Thursday, **March 29**, at 6:00 p.m., Christ Community Church and St. Paul's Episcopal Church will join us for a **Holy Thursday (Maundy Thursday)** service and Seder meal. Lisa Speck and Pat Mort will co-chair preparations for the evening. If you'd like to assist, please sign up in Fellowship Hall, beginning March 4. **We will be serving the traditional dinner of meatloaf, baked potatoes, provided; sides and desserts brought by participants**

Immediately following, at 7:00, Easter brass will rehearse in the choir loft; at 7:30 the Chancel Choir will rehearse; Spirit Singers will not rehearse that week.

Good Friday, March 30 – 12:00 noon worship will be held in the sanctuary.

Central's Easter service, April 1, 9:30 will bring the presentation of some new musical titles. The timpani, brass, and organ will lead off the service with the title "Grand Choeur" for organ, brass quintet, and timpani, by Theodore Dubois / arranged by David Brockman. Chancel Choir anthems will include "Easter Introit" by John Ferguson and "Christ the Lord Is Risen Again" by Philip W. J. Stopford. Concluding the service will be trumpeter Chris Pike and organist Caryn Welter's playing the second movement of Giuseppe Torelli's Sonata for Trumpet in D Major.

Central Bell Ringers:

The next session looks like this: Thursdays @ 5:30, March 8, 15, 22; Sunday, March 25 after worship or Tuesday, March 27 @ 5:30, and Sunday, April 1 (Easter) @ 9am.

Interested in becoming a **Central Bell Ringer**, or just trying it out? Come to the March 8 practice or speak with Janet Geissler.

Sponsor a radio broadcast !

Call 485-9477

WJIM-AM 1240

Broadcast weekly

9:30-10:30



If you experience any radio/ audio-visual issue, please **IMMEDIATELY** call or text Peter Hudy @ [5179276682](tel:5179276682) so that the issue can be addressed as soon as possible.

Thank you for your help in making this vital ministry more effective.

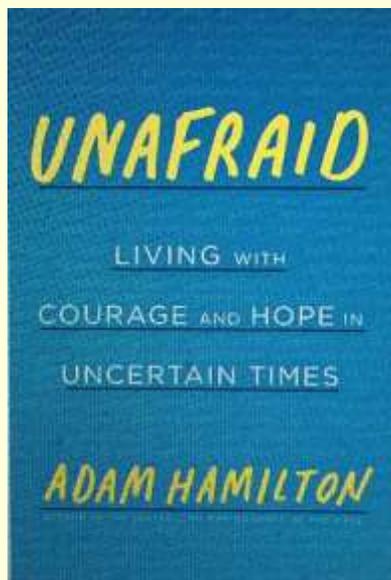
Thanks as well to the AV Team for their loyal ministry!



Palm Sunday Service 9:30, March 25, inclusive of a "parade" and a meditative ending calling us into Holy Week.

Maundy Thursday Service, 6pm, March 29, will be a modified Judeo/ Christian Seder Meal. St. Paul's Episcopal and Christ Community Church have been invited to worship with us. See details to the left.

Good Friday Service, Noon, March 30, will be in the Sanctuary.



**Coming in
mid March
A new small group**

For anyone struggling with fear, worry, or anxiety, or who wonders how families and communities can live as peacemakers in troubled times, *Unafraid* offers an informed and inspiring message full of practical solutions.

Trusted pastor and bestselling author Adam Hamilton draws on the latest research, therapeutic insights, biblical principles, and personal experience to untangle the knots of fear and truly embrace Jesus's recurring counsel to his followers: "Do not be afraid."

As a leading voice in the progressive tradition, Hamilton communicates with grace and understanding to a wide and inclusive audience in accessible language that will ring true regardless of one's religious conviction.

Watch for details. Day and time to be announced. This is a DVD study group. If you would like to host it at your home, Joi Tennant is available to lead it. It would be great to have 2 or more small groups studying this powerful book.

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The March deadline is **February 20**. Please submit your article to the editor at mark757984@gmail.com by that date.

Thank you.

Dear Rev. Thompson,

As a "radio – listener," I want to thank you for the message you brought to us today... I appreciate the bulletin I receive each week, thanks to Dottie Stark who put my name on the list. Enclosed is a check to help with the postage.

Thank you, Edith Lamier

Jan 14, 2018

Church Directory

Rev. Mark Thompson,
Senior Minister
Rev. Bill Amundsen, Ret.,
Minister of Spiritual Formation
Joi Tennant, *Small Group Coordinator*
Caryn Welter, *Director, Music and Worship, Organist*
Alison Geesey, *Director, Chancel Choir*
Janet Geissler, *Director, Bell Choir*
Annalise Poco - Alto, Jenn Giustino - Soprano, Cody Harrell -Bass, Jarod Moyer - Tenor
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Coffee Fellowship 9:00
Sunday Worship – 9:30 AM
Fellowship Hour – 10:30 AM

The worship service is broadcast live
On **Radio** at 9:30 AM on WJIM-AM (1240) radio
Television telecast
Tuesday and Thursday at 4 PM on Lansing Comcast Cable channel 16.

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invites you to a *Jesus Seminar on the Road* event:

The Political Jesus

April 27-28, 2018 in East Lansing, Michigan

with Westar scholars *Arthur J. Dewey and Celene Lillie*

The Jesus of history resisted the political and social realities of his day. Early Christians did the same. Neither one was necessarily successful in their aims, but what do we know about their attitudes toward the economy, immigrants, and war? How did Jesus and emerging Christ communities express concerns for justice and peace? Looking at the world today, what would they say about American politics?

All Events at

East Lansing University UMC
1120 S Harrison Rd.
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East Lansing University UMC

Registration

All Sessions

Pre-registration (by April 13, 2018)	\$60
Registration (after April 13, 2018)	\$75
Student Registration	\$50

Single Sessions

Friday Evening, 7:30-9 PM	\$20
Saturday Morning, 9:30 AM-NOON	\$30
Saturday Afternoon, 1:30-4 PM	\$30

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Arthur J. Dewey (Th.D., Harvard University) is Professor of Theology at Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio. Formerly a regular on PBS's Saturday Morning Edition (WVXU, 91.7 in Cincinnati), he is the author or editor of many works including *Inventing the Passion* (2017), *Wisdom Notes* (2016), *The Gospel of Jesus* (2d ed., 2014) and *The Complete Gospel Parallels* (2012)



Celene Lillie (Ph.D., Union Theological Seminary) is the Director of the Tanho Center and on the pastoral staff at Boulder First United Methodist Church in Colorado. She is the author of several books, including *The Rape of Eve: The Transformation of Roman Ideology in Three Early Christian Retellings of Genesis* (2017).

Weekend sessions include:

Jesus, Empire, And Us: Might this be a time in American history to listen closely again to what Jesus had to say?

Jesus & the art of Resistance: Although Jesus' resistance was subtle, it didn't go unnoticed by Rome.

Christ Communities and Resistance: Understanding what early communities say to us today.

Christian Resistance Today: In some ways, Christianity today is a movement of resistance within an empire



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Bringing religion scholars into conversation with local communities

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST LIBRARY**Maisie Dobbs**

Book Review by Catherine Hibbard



I have always enjoyed series of books, especially ones with a female protagonist. Maisie Dobbs is the first of fourteen books about a young lady who works as a maid in an aristocratic London household. Her employer, suffragette Lady Compton, takes a strong interest in her and becomes her benefactor. She and one of her friends prepare Maisie to apply to Cambridge, where she glimpses a very different world than the one she has inhabited. Maisie's education is interrupted with the start of the Great War, and she leaves school to become a nurse. She serves in France at the Front and meets a man with whom she falls in love.

The story picks up in 1929, and Maisie has opened her own business as a private investigator. She is asked to investigate a convalescent refuge, The Retreat, for former soldiers who cannot make their way in the world. Some of the men are physically disabled and others have deep psychological wounds. However, something is off about The Retreat, which is the mystery that Maisie is retained to solve.

I loved becoming acquainted with Maisie and the story-within-a-story. Stop by the CUMC Library and check out this book. I thought it was a great debut novel and am glad there are a slew of other Maisie Dobbs books to savor.

Rainbow Café The Bible and LGBTQ

March 12 6:30—8:00 pm



Pastor Mark Thompson will present an understanding of scriptures that some use against gay people to justify prejudice against LGBTQ persons. Realization of contextual references will reveal deeper understandings of these passages that can undo harm caused in their misuse. A lively Q &A will follow. Refreshments served at this free event for GBLTQ and allies.

Statement of belief:

We believe

- ~ we all are the beloved, as we are without alteration.
- ~that everyone is a reflection of the Divine, created good, made of what God is made of.
- ~the Church must be fully inclusive in both pews and the pulpit.
- ~that gender identity and sexual orientation has no bearing on a person's moral worth or standing in the eyes of God.
- ~Jesus calls us to love one another, not to tolerate one another; not to warmly embrace some and to hold others at a distance.

Rainbow Café meets 2nd Mondays at Central UMC, 6:30 – 8pm

Everyone is encouraged to attend - LGBTQ and straight allies!

From The Leadership Team

Thank you to all who worked to help Central, **us**, to get to the point where we are today. Many volunteer hours and significant funding was expended through the Paragraph 213 Process, the Workshops with Bandy, the Reach Summit Program, as well as other on-going conversations in meetings and beyond.

We believe that now is the time for Central to become stronger spiritually and numerically so as to become a vital presence in Lansing and beyond.

With the newly established Congregational Focus: Outreach, Hospitality, and Nurture as our guides, we can turn the Central ship around and sail into our full potential.

As your Leadership Team, we will be setting 2 and 5 year goals and empowering our leadership to develop plans to meet these goals.

We ask for patience for each other, volunteers and paid staff, as we endeavor to shift gears towards growth.

We will hold Town Hall Style potluck meals in the future so that we can keep the congregation informed as to our progress and provide opportunity to celebrate the essence of Central.

Leadership Team: Jamie Zimmer, Caryn Welter, Bill McCracken, Larry Beckon, Reverends Bill Amundsen, Russell McReynolds, Mark Thompson



Central's reputation for amazing potlucks continues to score a 10 following our after-church Feb. 18 potluck and Town Hall style gathering.



GOD GIG IS BACK!!!!

God Gig will be meeting again on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Our first meeting will be Wednesday, March 14th at 6pm.

We will again be getting together at Sir Pizza in Old Town, 201 E. Grand River. Come out and join us for food, fun and fellowship. Those interested please contact **Mike Garcia** at 517-303-4050 for more info.

Trustees

Larry Beckon, *Chair*

The role of the trustees is to support and maintain all the property belonging to the congregation so that the ministries of the congregation can be effective.

In addition to supporting and maintaining all of the property belonging to the congregation, the Board of Trustees are also responsible for management of Central's endowment funds. This article focuses on endowment funds.

Central is a church that has many endowment funds. Those funds allow Central to do many things that could not be done with just our general fund. Endowments are funds where persons have decided to financially support Central's ministries into the future. Most endowment funds are the result of persons who have died and have left money to Central through a will or a trust. Endowments are intended to support the ministries of Central in the future. We also have two endowment funds where the donations came from the living. One of those funds is the Buildings Endowment Fund which has been used to complete restoration projects in our buildings, such as a major restoration project at the parsonage and restoring the wood floor in the Wesley Social Hall and the windows in the Scott Temple House.

Persons who leave funds to Central state the purpose of how the funds are to be used and sometimes indicate when the funds are to be used. The trustees implement the exact will and intent of the donors. Some donors specify that only the increased value of an endowment fund is to be used. Other donors may indicate the original principal of the endowment fund can also be used.

Central has a total of 25 endowment funds. Following are the ministries that are supported by endowment funds: buildings, camping, Christian Education, housing, missions, music, scholarships, sponsoring of radio broadcasts, and undesignated (can be used for any ministry). Some of the funds are very specific as to their use (such as restoration of the Scott Temple House and sponsoring of organ recitals). We have eight endowment funds that can be used to support any of our ministries.

In order to balance the general fund, endowment funds are used to pay for some items. For instance, endowment funds are used to provide \$7,500 for some music items, to pay for some building restoration projects, and have been used to fund health care for the minister.

Our investment direction is to seek growth and income in our investments at a moderate risk. About 50% of our funds are invested in stocks and about 50% is invested in bonds. Re-balancing of our investment are made by our investment firms periodically.

Our investments are managed by two different firms. Each of them are responsible for managing about half of our investments. At the end of 2017, the value of our endowment funds amounted to approximately two million dollars. During the 2017 calendar year, the value of the endowment funds increased by about \$222,000. During that same year, about \$164,000 was used from 19 separate endowment funds to support Central's ministries. The 2017 net increase in value of the endowment funds was \$58,000.

Larry Beckon for the Board of Trustees

Among Friends

Please pray for:

Virginia Cantwell, home; Lucille Chase, Burcham Bills; Mike Garcia, home; Lois Jenkins, Florida; Vivian Johnson, home; Sue Kephart, home; Carolyn Schuurmans, Clark Home; Justin Sleight, home; Bill Tennant, home; Tom Towsley, Florida; Bob Westerfield, rehab; Paul Zimmer, home

(As of this writing)

With prayerful sympathy:

The family of Mario Garcia

To the Central Church Family,

Great appreciation and many blessings to our church family and church staff for all the cards and notes of encouragement over the past five months of Paul's illness. We miss you and hope to return before too much longer. Prayer is a powerful support and we have felt the divine presence of your faithfulness and spirit.

Paul and Jamie Zimmer

Wanted ~ knitted and crocheted baby hats for the United Methodist Women's Assembly in May in-gathering. Hats will be distributed at UMW-sponsored projects working with babies around the world. You are welcome to bring your hats to Central and leave them at the front office by May 15.

If you would like to get together to make hats, please let Pat know and we will plan for it!

*Thank you,
Pat Mort and Linda Towsley, attendees*

Drop the burden of never measuring up, and revel in the comfort of a God who loves you for what you are – not for who you think you should be.

***The Ragamuffin Gospel*
by Brennan Manning**

Our New Small Group Study for Lent

Perhaps you have heard of this now-classic meditation on grace or have read many quotes from this author over the years. As Eugene Peterson, author of *The Message*, has said, "This is a zestful and accurate portrayal that tells us unmistakably that the gospel is good."

Manning says his book is not for the super spiritual or for Alleluia Christians who live only on the mountaintop and have never visited the valley of desolation. It is not for legalists. It is for the "wobbly and weak-kneed who know they don't have it all together." It is for those who feel their lives are a grave disappointment to God. It is for "smart people who know they are stupid and honest disciples who admit they are scallawags." As Max Lucado says, "Brennan...blows the dust off of shop-worn theology and allows God's grace to do what only God's grace can do—amaze."

This 6-week study will be led by Denny Stoneman and hosted by Al and Sharon Doering at their home on the northwest side of Lansing, continues through March. Meals are provided by some participants.

You are welcome to join this small group for good discussion. Questions...ask Denny Stoneman.

Judy Grove Circle meets March 12 at 6pm in the Library for our Spring service project. All are welcome to attend ~ bring your own cleaning gloves. **We will be working in the Nursery and the Rainbow Room.**

All are welcome to attend.





Central's Archive / History Open House

**Easter Sunday, April 1st,
10:30am - Noon.**

**Come witness Central's History from the
Very Beginning!**

**Archive / History Room is located on the
Balcony in Fellowship Hall!!**

Lots of Easter Candy will be available!!!

John Houston and Penny Zago

In addition:

The Archive / History Room will be open
the 1st Sunday of every month
from 10:30 - 11:30 am beginning in May.

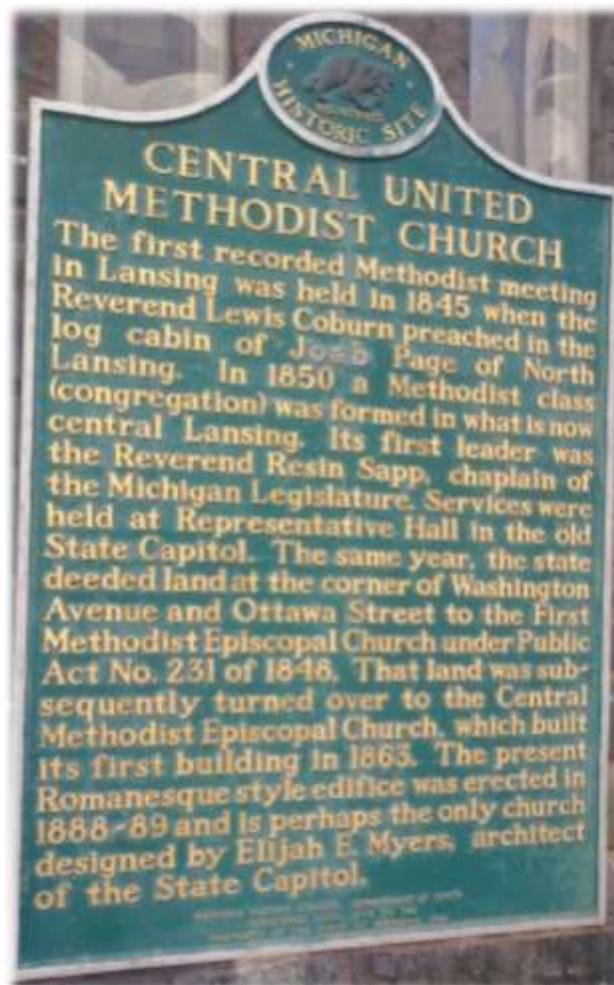
Downtown for Good.

JOB POSTING

**The Michigan Council on Alcohol
Problems (MICAP) has a secretarial
position open (approximately 10 hrs./week).**

**Employee would work from home.
Must be computer-capable in WORD,
EXCEL, and PDF. Should also be able
to use E-Mail and Phone.**

**Remuneration: \$13.00/hr.
Contact Rev. W. J. (Bill) Amundsen
Phone 517.323.2445**



March 2018						
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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- 1 Thursday**
1:30pm Staff/ Parish
6:30 Mission Commission
6:30 Spirit Singers
7 Central Youth Basketball
7:30 Chancel Choir
- 2 Friday**
9:30am Community Group
12pm Friday Basketball
- 3 Saturday**
8am Christian Youth Basketball
5:30pm Community Group
- 4 Sunday**
9 am Coffee Fellowship
9:30 Worship with Holy Communion
9:30 Children's Classes
10:30 Fellowship Coffee Hour
11 Sunday School Classes
5pm Sunday Basketball
5:30 Vespers Class
- 5 Monday**
5:30pm Monday Basketball
- 6 Tuesday**
7:30am Community Group
12pm Tuesday Basketball
1 Church and Society
- 7 Wednesday**
1:30pm Community Group
5:30 Sistrum
6 Wednesday Basketball
- 8 Thursday**
5:30pm Bell Choir
6:30 Spirit Singers
7 Central Youth Basketball
7:30 Chancel Choir
- 9 Friday**
9am Community Group
12pm Friday Basketball
- 10 Saturday**
8am Christian Youth Basketball
1pm Community Group
- 11 Sunday ~ UMCOR Sunday**
9am Coffee Fellowship
9:30Worship
10:30 Fellowship Coffee Hour
11 Sunday School Classes
5pm Sunday Basketball
5:30 Vespers Class

- 12 Monday**
5:30pm Monday Basketball
6 Judy Grove Circle
6:30 Rainbow Café
- 13 Tuesday**
12pm Tuesday Basketball
- 14 Wednesday**
1:30pm Community Group
5:30 Sistrum
6 Wednesday Basketball
- 15 Thursday**
5:30pm Bell Choir
6:30 Spirit Singers
7:30 Chancel Choir
- 16 Friday**
9am Community Group
12pm Friday Basketball
- 17 Saturday**
8am Christian Youth Basketball
5:30pm Community Group
- 18 Sunday**
Monthly In-gathering for South Lansing Food Bank
9am Coffee Fellowship
9:30 Worship
9:30 Children's Classes
10:30 Fellowship Coffee Hour
11 Sunday School Classes
5pm Sunday Basketball
5:30 Vespers Class
- 19 Monday**
Deadline for Easter flower orders
5:30pm Monday Basketball
- 20 Tuesday**
8am Community Group
12pm Tuesday Basketball
6 Trustees
- 21 Wednesday**
1:30pm Community Group
5:30 Sistrum
6 Wednesday Basketball
- 22 Thursday**
8am Community Group
5:30pm Bell Choir
6:30 Spirit Singers
7 Central Youth Basketball
7:30 Chancel Choir
- 23 Friday**
9am Community Group
12pm Friday Basketball

- 24 Saturday**
8:30am Sistrum Retreat
- 25 Sunday ~ Palm Sunday**
9am Coffee Fellowship
9:30 Worship
9:30 Children's Classes
10:30 Fellowship Coffee Hour
11 Sunday School Classes
5pm Sunday Basketball
5:30 Vespers Class
- 26 Monday**
5:30pm Monday Basketball
- 27 Tuesday**
12pm Tuesday Basketball
28 Wednesday
1:30pm Community Group
5:30 Sistrum
6 Wednesday Basketball
- 29 Thursday ~ Maundy Thursday**
6pm Maundy Thursday Service
7:30 Choir Practices
- 30 Friday ~ Good Friday**
12pm Good Friday Service



- 1 Sunday ~ Easter**
9am Coffee Fellowship
9:30am Worship Celebration
10:30 Fellowship Coffee Hour
10:30 Children's Classes
- 2 Monday ~ Easter Monday**
Office Closed
- 3 Tuesday**
12pm Tuesday Basketball
1 Church and Society
- 4 Wednesday**
5:30 Sistrum
6 Wednesday Basketball
- 5 Thursday**
6:30pm Spirit Singers
7:30 Chancel Choir
- 6 Friday**
9am Community Group
12pm Friday Basketball



Easter Sunday Service will celebrate new life in the Sanctuary with Central style of fine arts.

Easter Communion / Confirmation Service, 9:30, **April 8**, will celebrate new life with the receiving of new members at Central UMC.. Those wishing to join, please contact Pastor Mark, seniorpastor@lansingcentralumc.net

The Theme for Easter Season 2018: *A Place to Call Home!*

Spring Flowers Available

*It is time to think about the Annual Floral Display for Easter. If you are interested in purchasing a plant for display on the Chancel for Easter Sunday, please fill out the form below and send it along with your check, to the church office. You may honor or memorialize someone in this manner. The cost is \$12.00 per plant. The final day to order is Monday, **March 19**. This date is correct...that is the final week we can order from our supplier. Please feel free to remove your plants at anytime following the Easter Worship Celebration on April 1..*

Your Name: _____

Please reserve _____ flowers (\$10.00 per plant)

___ Daffodil ___ Lilies ___ Mums ___ Tulip

The designation should read:

_____ in memory of
_____ in honor of

Name: _____

From: _____

Order deadline: **March 19** Please mark your check "Plant" and make it payable to Central United Methodist Church



The Heart of Christ in the Heart of Lansing

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Join Us Every Sunday

9:00 AM Coffee Fellowship
9:30 AM - Worship Service
9:30 AM - Children's Church
10:30 AM - Fellowship Coffee Hour

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