



*The Heart of Christ in the Heart of Lansing*

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*Downtown for Good!*

## **Our Congregational Focus... Outreach, Nurture, and Hospitality**

### **This Week at Central**

- Sunday – May 13**  
 9:00am Pre-Service Fellowship Time-  
Library  
 9:30 Worship/Sanctuary  
Children Classes/Sanctuary-  
Classrooms  
 10:30 Fellowship Time-Fellowship Hall,  
First Floor  
Spaghetti Lunch Tickets on sale  
 5:30pm Vespers  
**Monday – May 14**  
 6:30pm Rainbow Cafe  
**Tuesday – May 15**  
 6:00pm Trustees  
**Wednesday – May 16**  
 7:00pm Administrative Council  
**Thursday – May 17**  
 5:30pm Bell Choir  
 6:30 Spirit Singers  
 7:30 Chancel Choir  
**Friday – May 18**

### **New church email addresses:**

Pastor Mark: [seniorpastor@lansingcentralumc.net](mailto:seniorpastor@lansingcentralumc.net)  
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Please use for all church correspondence. Thank you.



Eastertide ~ the 50 days after Easter

Next Sunday is **Pentecost** ~ please wear **red!**

Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Jean and Larry Beckon celebrating mothering love, in all its forms.

If you are a **guest**, we are so happy to welcome you. We hope you enjoy this worship experience. You are invited to pick up a small gift in the back of the sanctuary.

## **Prayer Ministry**

*Prayers are asked for the following ~*

*Rotating Prayer List* ~ Virginia Cantwell, Doug Lounsbury, Anne Mort, Jerry Owens  
*Our Missionary in Cameroon* ~ Mbwizu Ndjungu  
*Hospice* ~ Joy Adcock  
*Strength and Healing* ~ Frank Anderson, Win Anderson, Glee Barnard, Betty Bosanic, Al Doering, Mike Garcia, Bryan Halter, Barb Lansing, Justin Sleight, Bill Tennant, Tom Towsley, Bob Westerfield, *and* those God knows are on our hearts and minds.

Central's FAX number is (517) 485-9772  
 You may email the church office  
 at [adminassistant@lansingcentralumc.net](mailto:adminassistant@lansingcentralumc.net)

Pastor Mark's phone number is (517) 318-6956.  
 Our website is [www.lansingcentralumc.net](http://www.lansingcentralumc.net).

**TODAY! BUY TICKETS FOR NEXT WEEK'S SPAGHETTI LUNCH FUNDRAISER. SEE JOE WEISENBERGER IN FELLOWSHIP HALL.**

Our worship service is **broadcast live** over WJIM-AM (1240) Sundays from 9:30am to 10:30am. A delayed telecast of the service is carried Thursday on Lansing Comcast channel 16 at 4pm.

Our services are available on **You Tube** ~ search Lansing Central United Methodist Church.

**Manuscripts of Pastor Mark's sermons** are available following the service at the front desk at the Capitol Entrance.

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



**Filling the Cup of Ministry**

**Scholarship Applicants:** Pick up forms today from the front desk. Turn them in to Pastor Mark by Tuesday, May 15. Return notifications will come through by May 30.

## IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Greeters: Ottawa Entrance: **Elaine and Murray Brown**  
Capitol Entrance: **Lisa Speck**  
Announcer: **Bill Tennant**  
Studio Engineer: **Mike Cooper**  
Videographer: **Peter Hudy**  
Head Usher: **Edie Robinson**  
Coffee Hour: **Lorraine Metzger, Joi Tennant**

## OUR CHURCH STAFF

Senior Pastor: **Rev. Mark Thompson**  
Assistant Pastor: **Rev. W. J. (Bill) Amundsen**  
Administrative Secretary: **Pat Mort**  
Financial Secretary: **Stephanie Rave**  
Webmaster: **Renee Hall**  
Central Journal Editor: **Pastor Mark**  
Music Ministries and  
Worship Arts Director: **Caryn Welter**  
Chancel Choir Director: **Alison Geesey**  
Bell Choir Director: **Janet Geissler**  
Section Leaders:  
Soprano **Jenn Giustino**  
Alto **Anna Poco**  
Tenor **Jarod Moyer**  
Bass **Cody Harrell**  
Facilities Manager: **Bruce Newton**  
Custodian: **Jack Neller**

Hi! Everyone,

We've had some difficulty getting our thanks into church mailings. So we want to say sincere appreciation to each of you for your cards, notes and prayers of support during Paul's hospitalization, rehab and recovery time. Special thanks to Pastor Bill Amundson for his many visits and kindnesses. We felt God's presence because of you.

Blessings!

*Paul and Jamie Zimmer*

## Celebrating Our 55th Year of Radio Broadcasts



### Central's Radio Ministry

We hear stories frequently from many folks who say that Central's Radio Broadcast is:

*A blessing* to those who are not able to attend.

*A witness* to the community.

*A comfort* to those who are honored.

*A privilege* to carry on the tradition.

You are invited to participate individually or by partnering with others. Contact Pat Mort for available dates and indicate who is being honored.

The cost is \$250 per week.

*Available Sundays through July are*

May 27

June 3, 10

July 8, 15, 22, 29

## Loving Care

for infants and preschoolers every Sunday in our Nursery directly below the Sanctuary.

## Children's Church

welcomes kids ages 4-11 to the Rainbow Room across from the nursery after the Children's Sermon.

## UNAFRAID

Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times

A new 6-wk DVD study by Adam Hamilton Meeting Sundays after church! Shalom Center, south side of the Fellowship Hall

## Fellowship on the Journey

*Pre-worship coffee and refreshments* are available in the Library. Please gather with us today *after worship* in the Fellowship Hall, by the Capitol St entrance, for refreshments and fellowship.

**Thinking of refreshments, can you bring some for future Sundays?** Sign up to bring a dozen or two cookies (homemade or store bought) on the list on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

**"Open Basketball"** recreational adventure is right after worship and open to all for fun and exercise! Join just to shoot baskets *through the month of May*. The gym will be closed through the summer.

**Vespers Class** meets Sundays here at Central from 5:30 – 7pm. All are welcome to join us. We are beginning Days of Awe and Wonder: How to be a Christian in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century by Marcus Borg. Books are available from Rev. Bill Amundsen.

## Looking Forward again to our Summer Backyard Potluck Picnics!

**Will you host one?**

**Food, friends, fellowship create close church community bonding.**

We would like to schedule 3 or 4 during June, July and August.

Call Joi T. (517-712-2619) to set up a date and time.

On Monday, May 14th, **Lansing Rainbow Café** is delighted to share a video presentation from Bishop Gene Robinson's keynote address before over 1500 attendees at the Gay Christian Network annual conference. As one of God's strongest advocates for the LGBTQ community, his personal testimony continues to inspire today.

Bishop Robinson became the first openly gay bishop in historic Christianity. Despite national and international efforts to derail the ordination, he was consecrated the North Bishop of New Hampshire in 2004, serving until retirement in 2013. Discussion will follow this video presentation.

Come early as light snacks and beverages will be provided at this free event held from 6:30 – 8pm.

**Order of Worship to the Glory of God**  
 Central United Methodist Church 215 N. Capitol Ave. Lansing Michigan  
**Ascension Day / Mother's Day**  
**May 13, 2018**

Summons to Worship *Janet Geissler, carillonneur*

Voluntary "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" setting Robert Powell  
*Caryn Welter, pianist*

Call to Worship "Awesome God" black book 2040

Welcome *Pastor Mark Thompson*

\*Opening Hymn "Crown Him With Many Crowns" red book # 327

Mission Moment Bolivia School

\*Prayer

Almighty God, your blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ,  
**Ascended far above all heavens,**  
 That he might fill all things.  
**Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to His promise,**  
 He abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the world;  
**Through the same your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Anthem "Gospel Mass: "Glory to God in the Highest" Robert Ray  
*Chancel Choir*

Time for the Young at Heart "What Makes Mothers Happy?" *Cody Harrell*

Celebration of Mothers Pastor Mark

Making the Connection *Take this opportunity to fill out your connection care with prayer requests, contact information, desire for information, areas of ministry you are interested in. They will be prayed for by the pastor this afternoon.*

The Church at Prayer

Prayer Hymn "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" black book # 2088  
 Pastoral Prayer  
 The Lord's Prayer

\*Gospel Reading John 15: 9-17

Sermon "At Home in Love" *Pastor Mark*

Offering

Offertory "Just a Closer Walk With Thee" arranged by Phillip Keveren  
 \*Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" red book # 94  
 \*Prayer of Dedication

**O God, Holy One, our altar, our cloud:  
 In the resurrection of your Son you have brought us into your temple.  
 Accept the sacrifices we offer, and draw us into the fire of your Spirit;  
 Through Christ our Lord. Amen. Alleluia.**

\*Passing of the Peace Speaking words of love.

\*Closing Hymn "Jesus Shall Reign" red book # 157

Choral Benediction "Benediction Hymn" Johnson; arr. Shipp's  
*Spirit Singers*

You are invited to be seated for the Postlude.

Postlude "Postlude" William Mathias  
*Organist*

## **PRAYER**

**For our mothers, who have given us life and love,  
That we may show them reverence and love,  
We pray to the Lord . . .**

**For mothers who have lost a child through death,  
that their faith may give them hope,  
and their family and friends support and console them,  
we pray to the Lord. . .**

**For women, though without children of their own,  
who like mothers have nurtured and cared for us,  
we pray to the Lord . . .**

**For mothers, who have been unable to be a source of strength,  
who have not responded to their children  
and have not sustained their families,  
we pray to the Lord . . .**

**Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children,  
so you watch over your Church.**

**Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers.**

**Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.**

**Grant that we, their sons and daughters,**

**may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect.**

**Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**



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