



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 – September 16

Homecoming Sunday

- 9:00am Pre-Service Fellowship Time-
Library, First Floor
9:30 Worship/Sanctuary
10:30 Fellowship Time, Fellowship Hall
5:30pm Vespers

Monday – September 17

- 6:00pm Judy Grove Circle

Tuesday – September 18

- 6:00pm Trustees

Wednesday – September 19

Thursday – September 20

Central Journal Deadline

- 5:00pm Voices from Faith and Reason
6:30 Spirit Singers
7:30 Chancel Choir

Friday – September 21

- 9:30am Capitol Rally for Peace

New church email addresses:

Pastor Mark: seniorpastor@lansingcentralumc.net
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Music/Worship: musicdirector@lansingcentralumc.net
Pastor Bill: assistantpastor@lansingcentralumc.net
Building: buildingsuper@lansingcentralumc.net
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Please use for all church correspondence. Thank you.

The Shalom Center for Justice and Peace and Central United Methodist Church are privileged to host **Rev. Faith Fowler**, who will speak on *Race and Place*. Please join us in the sanctuary on **Thursday, September 20, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.** Trés Jazz will play the music of Charlie Parker, Thelonious Monk, and Duke Ellington. All are welcome. Free admission. Refreshments and fellowship to follow.

Today's radio broadcast is a gift from the estate of Elizabeth Bradley, a long-time radio listener.

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, Vern Kauffman, Doug Lounsbury, Anne Mort, Jerry Owens

Our Missionary in Cameroon ~ Mbwizu Ndjungu
Strength and Healing ~ Frank Anderson, Win Anderson, Hannah Boley, Betty Bosanic, Mike Garcia, Bryan Halter, Joanne Harvey, Barb Lansing, Dakota Miller, Ricardo Muniz, Kay Patrick-Hile, Pastor Mark Thompson, Tom Towsley, two young men dealing with mental health issues 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

Pastor Mark's phone number is (517) 318-6956.

Our website is www.lansingcentralumc.net.

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 on Lansing Comcast channel 16 at 10am Sunday and 4pm on Thursday.

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

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.

Additional hearing aids are available on loan during the service. Ask an usher if you need one.

Do you like being with young adults? Here's your chance! Central UMC members, friends and visitors are invited to partner with MSU Wesley students this year by making a commitment to get together with a new young friend for a meal once a week. Freshman and returning students will be heading back to East Lansing and LCC soon. For some, a relationship with someone like you would mean so much. If you want to be in relationship with a young adult this year or just want more information, give Pastor Bill Chu a call at 517-996-2207 and let him know Central sent you.

IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Greeters: Ottawa Entrance: **Sue Strait**
Capitol Entrance: **Mary Beth Pifer**
Announcer: **David Stinson**
Studio Engineer: **Mike Cooper**
Videographer: **Timo Hudy-Velasco**
Head Usher: **Edie Robinson**
Coffee Hour: **Please join us at the
Tailgate Potluck**

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: **Pat Mort**
Music Ministries and
Worship Arts Director: **Caryn Welter**
Chancel Choir Director: **Alison Geesey**
Bell Choir Director: **Janet Geissler**
Facilities Manager: **Bruce Newton**
Custodian: **Jack Neller**
Building Attendants: **Cameron Brown,
Ross Evoy**

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.

Available in September is the 30th.

PARKING: Just a reminder that a generous amount of covered parking is available behind Central, in the ramp on Seymour.

The parking places marked in red in the Capitol Avenue lot belong to St. Paul's Episcopal Church. They regard these spots as belonging to them 24/7.

Looking for a way to volunteer your time and talents at Central?

Consider *Ushering, Greeting, being a Communion Server, or Liturgist* and *helping with Fellowship Time...*

Please contact Edie Robinson to help with ushering or being Liturgist, Sue Strait for greeting and check the board in Fellowship Hall to sign up for Fellowship Time. PLEASE RESERVE MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 AT 6:00 FOR *LITURGIST TRAINING*, 6:15 FOR *USHER AND GREETER TRAINING*, AND 6:30 FOR *COMMUNION SERVER TRAINING*.

Nursery nurturers and toddler engagers are also welcome.

On this Homecoming Sunday we welcome you to Central United Methodist Church ~ the Heart of Christ in the Heart of Lansing. We are Downtown for Good!

Whether this is a true "homecoming" for you or it is your first time here we greet you in the name of Christ and hope your time with us is fulfilling and warm. Please join us after Worship at the Tailgate Potluck for good food, conversation and fellowship.

Fellowship on the Journey

Pre-worship coffee and refreshments are available in the Library. Please gather with us today *after worship* in Fellowship Hall, for refreshments and fellowship. **Speaking of refreshments, can you bring 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. **Workers** are also needed to *keep this going*.

Vespers Class

Sundays, 5:30 – 7:00pm

Our fall study is "Biblical Literalism: a Gentile Heresy" by Bishop John Shelby Spong.

Our facilitators are Paul and Jamie Zimmer.

Please contact them to order your book.

Joanne and Ken Harvey's address in California, for the time being, is

c/o MaryRuth Balfri

1452 Tyler Parkway

Mountain View CA 94040

They would enjoy cards from their Central family.

Check out our 3 new fall
Small Groups' Book
Study Options

For you to see at the table in
Fellowship Hall today!

One addresses the need for
diversity in the church.

One tackles the problem of
trusting God no matter what.

One invites you to easy, creative
experiences of prayer.

Discover there's more to Battle Creek than Snap, Crackle and Pop when you travel there by luxury coach October 10 with Day Trippers. Learn how Battle Creek was part of the Underground rail road, dine in the historic Michigan Central Railroad depot, see the homes where the Seventh Day Adventist Church began and honor the men and women who gave their life so we live in freedom. There may be a surprise or two along the way. Invite a friend and enjoy a day trip out of town. Register during Fellowship Hour after church or call Rev. Bill Amundsen 323-2445. Sign up soon so you'll have a seat on the coach!

Order of Worship to the Glory of God

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17th Sunday After Pentecost

September 16, 2018

Summons to Worship *Janet Geissler, carillonneur*

Voluntary “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart” arr. Lloyd Larson
Caryn Welter, pianist

Call to Worship “Amazing Grace”
“Frontier Quartet”

Welcome *Rev. Mark Thompson*

*Opening Hymns “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” red book, # 140, vs. 1, 2
“O, For a Thousand Tongues” red book, # 57, vs. 1, 2, 7
“Joyful, Joyful” red book, # 89, vs. 1, 4
“Lord of the Dance” red book, # 261

Finn Clarkson, liturgist

*Act of Congregational Centering
facing East – Clarkson family; facing South – Branstner / Pena family;
facing West – Grettenberger / Boudreau / Springer family; facing North – Hudy /
Velasco family

Time for the Young at Heart Shannon Branstner

Anthem “Morning is Broken” Natalie Sleeth
Chancel Choir

Making the Connection *Take this opportunity to fill out your connection card 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 Hymns “Tell Me the Stories of Jesus” red book, # 277, vs. 1, 2
“I Love to Tell the Story” red book, # 156, vs. 1, 4
“What a Friend” red book, # 526, v. 1

Pastoral Prayer
“The Lord’s Prayer” red book, # 271

*Gospel Mark 8: 27-38 (The Message)

*Scripture Responses “Wonderful Words of Life” red book, # 600, v. 1

Sermon “Holistic Welcome” Pastor Mark Thompson

Offering
Offertory “Be Strong in the Lord” arranged by Anna Laura Page
*Doxology “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” red book, # 94
*Witness of Dedication Rev. Russell McReynolds

*Passing of the Peace

*Closing Hymn “Here I Am, Lord” red book, # 111

You are invited to be seated for the Benediction and Postlude #

Choral Benediction “You Are Mine” black book, # 2218

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Postlude “Toccat for a Joyful Day” Emma Lou Diemer
Caryn Welter, organist

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