



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 – December 2:	
8:45am	Sip ‘n’ Sing Fellowship Hall First Floor
9:30am	Worship/Sanctuary
10:30am	Fellowship Time, Fellowship Hall
Last opportunity to buy Cabaret tickets from Dick Bates in Fellowship Hall	
Thursday – December 6:	
5:30pm	Central Bell Ringers Practice
6:30pm	Spirit Singer Practice
7:30pm	Chancel Choir Practice
7:00pm	The Way Forward Presentation by Bishop Bard @ Conference Office
Friday – December 7:	
5:45pm	Christmas Cabaret Benefit, Fellowship Hall

New church email addresses:

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at adminassistant@lansingcentralumc.net

Pastor Mark’s cell phone number is (269) 591-0731
Our website is www.lansingcentralumc.net.

Please use for all church correspondence. Thank you!

A Way Forward...discerning how to deal with same gender issues within The UMC. Bishop David A. Bard invites pastors and laity of The Michigan Conference to Connectional Conversations about the special called session of the General Conference to be held February 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis, MO. Come to listen and converse on Thursday, Dec 6, 7pm at the Conference Center: 1011 Northcrest Road, Lansing. His video on the same subject can be seen at: michiganumc.org/news-stories/2018/11/12/view-connectional-conversation-video/

Today’s Radio Broadcast is being sponsored by the estate of Elizabeth Bradley, a regular 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 ~

Note of Condolence

We received word on 11/28 that long-term Central member Carolyn Schuurmans passed away on November 27th, at the age of 88, in Colorado with her daughter, Sue Eby.

Rotating Prayer List ~ Joanne & Ken Harvey, Lois Jenkins, Roger Paterson

Our Missionary in Belize ~ Mbwizu Ndjungu

Strength and Healing ~ Suzy Speck, Paul Keefer, Bobby J. Hinkle, Linda Towsley, Win Anderson, Hannah Boley, Betty Bosanic, Mike Garcia, Bryan Halter, Barb Lansing, Dakota Miller, Ricardo Muniz, Kay Patrick-Hile, Paul Zimmer, two young men dealing with mental health issues *and* those God knows are on our hearts and minds.



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 10:00am Sunday and 4:00pm 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 @ (517) 927-6682, so that the issue can be addressed as soon as possible.

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

Mary Boudreau would like to thank her Central Family for their support as she graduates with her Doctor of Nursing Practice on December 14. There will be a party on December 15 at 6 pm, and a cake at church following the service December 16. Please contact her at Boudreau.mary1231@gmail.com for information.

SIP ‘N’ SING BEGINS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2nd AT 8:45am. YOU ARE INVITED TO DECORATE THE TREE BEFORE AND /OR AFTER WORSHIP!

IN MINISTRY FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

Greeters: Ottawa Entrance: **John Zago**
 Capitol Entrance: **Penny Zago**
 Announcer: **Peter Hudy**
 Studio Engineer: **Bill Tennant**
 Videographer: **Timo Hudy**
 Head Usher: **Edie Robinson**
 Coffee Hour: **Shannon & Isla**
Leah Fitch
Joi Tennant
A-T Welter

Communion Stewards: **Cathy Amundsen**
Linda Edgar
Sue Strait

Lighting the Advent Candle: **Erika Fitzgerald**
Susan Grettenberger
Nicole Springer

OUR CHURCH PAID STAFF

Senior Pastor: **Rev. Mark Thompson**
 Assistant Pastor: **Rev. W. J. (Bill) Amundsen**
 Office Manager: **Delicia Lockhart**
 Financial Secretary: **Betsy Mauk**
 Webmaster: **Renee Hall with John Houston**

Central Journal Editor:
 Music Ministries and
 Worship Arts Director: **Caryn Welter**
 Chancel Choir Director **Alison Geesey**
 Soprano: Anna Poco
 Alto: Colleen McNickle
 Tenor: David Miechiels
 Bass: Cody Harrell

Bell Choir Director: **Janet Geissler**
 Facilities Manager: **Bruce Newton**
 Custodian: **Jack Neller**
 Building Attendants: **Cameron Brown**
Ross Evoy



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.

On Monday, December 10th, Rainbow Café will hold their Annual Christmas Party, from 6:30pm-8:00pm., at CUMC. It will be a celebration of memories, food and fun.
★Storyteller: My Christmas Angel.
 Friends will share a 3-5 minute story about a person who has made a lasting Christmas impression on them.
★Christmas Potluck: We will be sharing our "favorite" Christmas dishes with each other. **Everyone** is welcome to attend this free event. Come and be **INSPIRED**.

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, check the board in Fellowship Hall to sign up for Fellowship Time.

Nursery nurturers and toddler engagers are also welcome.



FELLOWSHIP ON THE JOURNEY

Please gather with us on all Sundays of Advent in Fellowship Hall, for refreshments and fellowship. **Speaking 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. **Workers** are also needed to *keep this going*.

Vespers Class

Sundays, 5:30pm – 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.

Save the Date – Sunday, December 16, 4:00 – Elden and Lani Kelly will present a Christmas concert. Come, sit back and relax. Keep the tunes in your head as you move through Advent to Christmas.



In Remembrance
(gifts that the church has been giving):
 Red hymnals were donated to honor many people. Look inside the front cover to see the bookplate of the hymnal you are using today.

Order of Worship to the Glory of God

Central United Methodist Church 215 N. Capitol Ave. Lansing Michigan

1st Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2018

Voluntary “Song of Hope” (Traditional Hebrew music) Richard Warner
Caryn Welter, organist

Welcome *Rev. Mark Thompson*

Mission Moments *Erika Fitzgerald*

***Call to Worship** Lift up your heads, O gates!
And be lifted us, O ancient doors!
That the King of glory may come in.

***Opening Hymn** “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” red book, # 213

***Prayer** *Joey Huston, liturgist*

Ever present God,
you taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand.
**Grant that we may ever be found watching for the coming of your
Son.**

Save us from undue love of the world, that we may wait with
patient hope as we engage in our world, a world waiting for your
good news of divine love for all of creation.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anthem “Prepare” Joseph Martin
Spirit Singers

Lighting the Advent Candle *Susan Grettenberger; Nicole Springer;
Erika Fitzgerald*

**Today we give thanks for the prophets among us, who bring to us
surprising new visions of hope, who challenge us to think outside
the box, who show us a future we never anticipated.**

Young People’s Time *Pastor Thompson*

Time of Connecting *Take this opportunity to fill out your connection card
with prayer requests, contact information (including last name), desire for
information, and areas of ministry you are interested in. They will be prayed
for by the pastor this afternoon.*

Prayers of the Congregation

Prayer Hymn “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” red book, # 211. v. 1
Pastoral Prayer *Pastor Thompson*
The Lords Prayer

Scripture **Luke 2: 1-7**

Sermon “Sleep in Peace” *Pastor Thompson*

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory "O come, O come, Emmanuel" arr. Andrew Carter
Chancel Choir

*Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" red book, # 95

*Prayer of Dedication

On this day of all days, we come to offer praise to you, Immanuel,
God with us.

**We give of our tithes and love offerings as a thank-offering for
your presence in all our days and nights that are silent and
holy. Bless them to your service in spreading glad tidings of
great joy to all of creation. Amen.**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion of Advent

"A Service of Word and Table III" red book, # 15-16

Pastoral Prayer After Communion

*Hymn "People, Look East" red book, # 202

You are invited to be seated for the benediction and the postlude.

Benediction

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast
that which is good; render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the
afflicted; honor everyone; love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit, be upon us, and remain with us
always. Amen.**

Postlude "'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime" arr. M. Sedio



Sleep in Peace

First Sunday of Advent

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