



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 – January 6:

9:30am Worship/Sanctuary
10:30am Fellowship Time, Fellowship Hall
5:30pm Vespers, 2nd Floor Lounge

Thursday – January 10:

6:30pm Spirit Singer Practice
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

New church email addresses:

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Central's FAX number is (517) 485-9772

You may email the church office
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. His video on the same subject can be seen at: michiganumc.org/news-stories/2018/11/12/view-connectional-conversation-video/

Radio Ministry Sponsorship:

If you would like to sponsor a Sunday starting January 13th, please contact Delicia in the church office.

Thank you



Today's Radio Broadcast is being sponsored by a gift from 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 ~

Rotating Prayer List ~ Virginia Cantwell, Vern Kauffman, Doug Lounsbury, Anne Mort, Jerry Owens

Our Missionary in Belize ~ Mbwizu Ndjungu

Strength and Healing ~ Rev. Bill Amundsen, Cindy Bushouse, Diana Keim, 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 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.

Check out our new web page:

lansingcentralumc.net

You will find the Central Journal, articles from the Central UMC Historical Center, Calendar of events, pictures of Central Fellowship, videos of worship services...and so much more.



us on Facebook... share our posts...get the word out about Central activities!

IN MINISTRY FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

Greeters: Ottawa Entrance:
Capitol Entrance: **Julie Knop**
Announcer: **Bill Tennant**
Studio Engineer: **Bill Tennant**
Videographer: **Dave Stinson**
Head Usher: **Edie Robinson**
Coffee Hour: **A-T Welter**
Elaine Brown

Communion Stewards: **Joan Forgrave & Rock Brandstadt**
Cathy Amundsen

Liturgist: **Kathy MacLaren**

Please save the Dates:

- Engaging Worship Team's meeting has been postponed from January 13th, to February 3rd, at 10:45 a.m.
- Long-term volunteers will be recognized on January 27th. All-church potluck and discussion in the dining room. Egg casseroles and tableware will be provided.
- Music Committee meeting at 10:45a.m. on February 10th, second floor lounge.

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**
Central Journal Editor: **Delicia Lockhart**
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



CUMC Current Pledge Report

2017 68 units @ \$236,000.00
As of January:
2018 56 units @ \$187,590.25

If needed...please note that there are blank pledge cards available at the front reception desk.

January 20, 2019 HUMAN RELATIONS DAY.
This is a special offering of the General UMC and supports neighborhood ministries in the US and Puerto Rico. These ministries work with Community Developers, and community advocacy groups through United Methodist Voluntary Services, and with at risk youth through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program. These are ministries which seek to work WITH others rather than to or for others.

Mission Commission

FELLOWSHIP ON THE JOURNEY

Please gather with us on all Sundays in the Fellowship Hall, for refreshments and fellowship. **Speaking of refreshments, can you bring some for future Sundays?** Sign up to bring a dozen or two of 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.

Reimbursement checks will be completed on Thursdays each week. Please see Betsy, Bookkeeper/Financial Secretary if you have any questions, or leave a note at the Church Office.

In Remembrance (gifts that the church has been given):

Altarscapes in memory of Betty Corbishly

Thank you to the donors who make generous and useful memorials and gifts to Central



Please mark your calendars!

On Wednesday, February 20th, the Grand Trunk Western Railroad will be set-up for Day Trippers. If you have any questions, please call Jack at 517-731-1812

Please join us!

Order of Worship to the Glory of God

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Epiphany of the Lord

January 6, 2019

Voluntary ‘Verset on “On This Day Earth Shall Ring”’ *Charles Callahan*
Caryn Welter, organist

Welcome *Rev. Bill Amundsen*

***Call to Worship** *Kathy MacLaren, liturgist*

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed.

You will do well to be attentive to this,

As to a lamp shining in a dark place,

Until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

***Opening Hymn** “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations” red book, # 569

***Prayer**

**Everlasting God, the radiance of faithful souls, you brought the nations
to your light and kings to the brightness of your rising.**

Fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all the nations;
through him who is the true light and the bright and morning star,

Even Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Anthem “Shine, Jesus, Shine” Kendrick, arr. Schrader
Chancel Choir

1.

Young People’s Time “The Star That Shines for Us All”

Shannon Branstner

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 “We Would See Jesus” red book, # 256, vs. 1, 5

Pastoral Prayer *Pastor Amundsen*

The Lords Prayer red book, # 271

***Gospel Reading Mark 1: 29-39**

Sermon “Epiphany: A Mystery Finally Understood”

Reverend Amundsen

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory

“Silent Night, Holy Night” Gruber / Hobby

***Doxology** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” red book, # 94

***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.**

2.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (responsively):

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right and good to give you thanks, Almighty God, for you are the source of light and life. You made us in your image and called us to new life in Jesus Christ. In all times and in all places your people proclaim your glory in unending praise.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

We remember with joy the grace by which you created all things and made us in your own image. *(Prayer continues and concludes...)* Grant, O God, that in praise and thanksgiving we may be a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable in your sight, that our lives may proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O Loving God, pour out your Holy Spirit...*(Prayer continues and concluding...)*

in communion with them and with all creation,

we worship and glorify you always:

Through Your Son Jesus Christ with the Holy spirit in your Holy Church, all glory and honor is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. Amen.

BREAKING THE BREAD; GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

CLOSING HYMN

“We Are Called”

black book, # 2172

† Communion Service adapted from the West Michigan Annual Conference, UMC.

BENEDICTION / POSTLUDE **“Christians, Awake, Salute the Happy Morn”**

Callahan

*“We would see Jesus in His work of healing,
At eventide before the sun was set;
Divine and human, in his deep revealing
Of God made flesh, in loving service met.”*

J. Edgar Park



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