



LANSING CENTRAL
United Methodist Church

The Heart of Christ in the Heart of Lansing

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215 N. Capitol Avenue, Lansing, MI 48933
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Downtown for Good!

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

This Week at Central

Sunday – April 28:	
9:00am	Coffee Fellowship, Library
9:30am	Worship, Sanctuary
10:30am	Refreshments, Fellowship Hall
10:30am	Engaging Worship, 2 nd Floor Lounge
5:30pm	Vespers, 2 nd Floor Lounge
Tuesday – April 30:	
6:00pm	Finance Committee, 2 nd Floor Lounge
Thursday – May 2:	
5:30pm	NO BELL REHEARSAL
6:30pm	Spirit Singer Practice, Music Room
7:30pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

New church email addresses:

- Pastor Mark: mark.pastor@lansingcentralumc.net
- Office: delicia.office@lansingcentralumc.net
- Music/Worship: caryn.music@lansingcentralumc.net
- Pastor Bill: bill.pastor@lansingcentralumc.net
- Building: to be determined
- Finance: betsy.finance@lansingcentralumc.net

Central's FAX number is (517) 485-9772
You may email the church office
at delicia.office@lansingcentralumc.net

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



**Looking Forward to
Summer Backyard
Potlucks!**

Would you like to host a "backyard" potluck this year? You might even like to create a small team to share the effort.

Please call Joi Tennant
(989-224-8159)
for more information
and/or to select a date.

Today's Radio Broadcast is being sponsored by
Benedict Radio Endowment Fund.

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 ~

Family of Victor Asbury who passed away, Easter Sunday.

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

Our Missionary in Belize ~ Mbwizu Ndjungu
Our Missionary in Morelia, Mexico ~ Ericka Fitzgerald

Strength and Healing ~ Pastor Bill Amundsen, Carolyn Martin, Sean Lockhart and family, Bob Rutterman, Kathleen O'Connor, Fernando Molina, Cindy Bushouse, Diana Keim, Paul Keefer, Bobby J. Hinkle, Linda Towsley, Hannah Boley, Betty Bosanic, Mike Garcia, Bryan Halter, Barb Lansing, Dakota Miller, Ricardo Muniz, Tyler Sontag, Paul Zimmer, those dealing with mental health issues **and** those God knows are on our hearts and minds.



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If you're interested in joining the church,
please contact Pastor Mark at
mark.pastor@lansingcentralumc.net

Spring Walking at Central:

Every Wednesday, from 11am-12pm – Walking the Central gym to Christian music.

Please see Michael Robbins for details.
Everyone is welcome!

Sunday, April 28, 4:00 p.m.
Pianist Yan Zheng will perform
a beautiful, varied, and engaging program
in the Central UMC sanctuary. Reception to follow, bring your friends and neighbors!

IN MINISTRY FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

Greeters: Ottawa	Bill & Cathy Amundsen
Capitol	Kathy Prout
Announcer:	Bill Tennant
Studio Engineer:	Bill Tennant
Videographer:	Mike Garcia
Head Usher:	Edie Robinson
Post Service Coffee:	Pat Mort
Liturgist:	Allen & Finn Clarkson

OUR CHURCH STAFF

Senior Pastor:	Rev. Mark Thompson
Assistant Pastor:	Rev. Bill Amundsen
Administrative Assistant:	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:	Maria Schoon
Alto:	Colleen McNickle
Tenor:	David Miechiels
Bass:	Cody Harrell
Bell Choir Director:	Janet Geissler
Facilities Manager:	Position Open
Custodian:	(temp: Jim Schultz)
Building Attendants:	Positions Open

“Rainbow Cafe” of Central United Methodist Church of Lansing, will be sending out a special invitation to the LGBTQ community and their allies in special consideration of Michigan Pride Week. All are welcome. Join us here at Central on Thursday, June 13th at 7:00 pm for a concert of Healing and Worship with the band “Ruach” and the music of Connie Schroeder. As followers of Jesus, this will be a time of reconciliation, encouragement and blessing.

We are still seeking band members. Please join us for a quick initial meeting at today at 11:15 in the first-floor lounge. See Constance Schroder for more information: cturtles119@gmail.com

Would you like to be a **greeter**? Please call Mary Ellen Maas at 517-484-6711. She has graciously agreed to oversee this ministry for the next year.

Vespers Class

Sundays, 5:30pm – 7:00pm

Our present study is “Biblical Literalism: A Gentile Heresy” by Bishop John Shelby Spong. Our facilitators are Paul and Jamie Zimmer. All are welcome to conversations about progressive Christianity.

SAVE THE DATE:

Sunday, May 5th, Capitol City Ringers in concert at 4:00pm – Central Fellowship Hall
Reception to follow, provided by the Ringers themselves.

<http://www.capitalcityringers.com/publicity.html>

All are welcome!

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

Mural in the Wesley dining hall in memory of Ruth Smith.

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LOOKING AHEAD:

Starting on September 1st, worship at Central UMC will begin at 10:00am. This is in response to many years of congregational requests that we begin later Sunday mornings.

Heaven and Earth are full of Your Music

Lange Choral Ensemble

Sunday, May 5th, at 7:00pm
First Presbyterian Church
510 W. Ottawa Street, Lansing, MI

Tickets at the Door

Adults \$10.00

Students and Seniors \$8.00

Order of Worship to the Glory of God

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

Second Sunday of EASTER

April 28, 2019

Voluntary " My Lord, What a Morning" Emma Lou Diemer
 Caryn Welter, organist

Welcome *Pastor Mark Thompson*

***Call to Worship** Allen and Finn Clarkson, liturgists

Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise the Lord in the heights!
**Let them praise the name of the Lord, whose name alone is exalted,
whose glory is above earth and heaven.**

***Opening Hymns** "Praise Ye the Lord" black book, # 2010
 "He Is Exalted" black book, # 2070
 "Open Our Eyes, Lord" black book, # 2086

***Prayer Time**

And you, Jesus, Good Lord, are you not also Mother?
Would a mother not be one who, like a hen,
gathers her young beneath her wings?
In truth, Lord, you are my Mother! Amen.

Response
"Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth" black book, # 2050
 Janzen / Smith

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.*

Pastoral Prayer *Pastor Thompson*
The Lord's Prayer

Anthem "Without Seeing You" David Haas
 Chancel Choir

***Gospel Reading** **John 20: 19-31**

The Word of God for the people of God; **thanks be to God.**

Sermon **"Community of Peace"** *Pastor Thompson*

Offering Our Gifts to God
Offertory "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" setting by Gordon Young
 Organist

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

***Prayer of Dedication**
O God, our light, our beauty, our rest:
In the resurrection of your Son you have brought us into your
new creation.
**Form us into your people, and order our lives in you;
through Christ our Lord. Alleluia.**

Choral Benediction " Dona Nobis Pacem" traditional Latin

Postlude " Lift High the Cross" setting by Gordon Young

*indicates that the congregation will stand as able and willing.

Bold type indicates that the congregation will read along with the liturgist.

Later on that day, the disciples had gathered together, but, fearful of the Jews, had locked all the doors in the house. Jesus entered, stood among them, and said, “Peace to you.” Then he showed them his hands and side. The disciples, seeing the Master with their own eyes, were exuberant. Jesus repeated his greeting: “Peace to you. Just as the Father sent me, I send you.”

Then he took a deep breath and breathed into them. “Receive the Holy Spirit,” he said. “If you forgive someone’s sins, they’re gone for good. If you don’t forgive sins, what are you going to do with them?”

But Thomas, sometimes called the Twin, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples told him, “We saw the Master.” But he said, “Unless I see the nail holes in his hands, put my finger in the nail holes, and stick my hand in his side, I won’t believe it.”

Eight days later, his disciples were again in the room. This time Thomas was with them. Jesus came through the locked doors, stood among them, and said, “Peace to you.” Then he focused his attention on Thomas. “Take your finger and examine my hands. Take your hand and stick it in my side. Don’t be unbelieving. Believe.” Thomas said, “My Master! My God!”

Jesus said, “So, you believe because you’ve seen with your own eyes. Even better blessings are in store for those who believe without seeing.”

Jesus provided far more God-revealing signs than are written down in this book. These are written down so you will believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and in the act of believing, have real and eternal life in the way he personally revealed it.

John 20:19-31 The Message



“Community of Peace”

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