



LANSING CENTRAL
United Methodist Church

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 5:	
Holy Communion	
9:00am	Coffee Fellowship, Library
9:30am	Worship, Sanctuary
10:30am	Refreshments, Fellowship Hall
10:45am	Music Committee Meeting
4:00pm	Capital City Ringers Concert, Fellowship Hall
5:30pm	Vespers, 2 nd Floor Lounge
Spaghetti Fundraiser tickets are available for purchase	
Monday – May 6:	
5:30pm	SPRC, 2 nd Floor Lounge
Wednesday – May 8	
5:45pm	Guided Prayer Gathering, Mary Sabina Chapel
Thursday – May 9:	
6:30pm	Missions Meeting, 1 st Floor Lounge
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.

We are pleased to announce a new employee to our CUMC family. Paul Walker has been hired as our new Facilities Manager and will begin today, April 29, 2019. Paul is an Army veteran and comes to us with over 20 years of experience. Paul and his wife, Amy, live together in Middleton with their two dogs, one cat and one bird. If you are in the church during the weekdays, please look him up and introduce yourself. Let's make him feel welcome in his new position.

Thanks,
 Lisa Speck,
 Chairperson Staff Parish Relations Committee

Today's Radio Broadcast is being sponsored by
Rock Brandstadt & Joan Forgrave in celebration
of their anniversary.

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 ~ Joanne & Ken Harvey, Lois Jenkins, Roger Paterson

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

Strength and Healing ~ Holly LaPratt, Pastor Bill Amundsen, Carolyn Martin, Sean Lockhart and family, Bob Rutterman, Kathleen O'Connor, Fernando Molina, Cindy Bushouse, 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
Members will be received within 2 weeks.

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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!

IN MINISTRY FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

Greeters: Ottawa Al & Sharon Doering
 Capitol Dottie Stark
 Announcer: Bill Tennant
 Studio Engineer: Bill Tennant
 Videographer: Dave Stinson
 Head Usher: Edie Robinson
 Post Service Coffee:
 Liturgist: Nicole Springer
 Communion Stewards: Mary and Doug Bowers
 Communion Servers: Cathy and Bill Amundsen

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: Paul Walker
 Custodian: (temp: Jim Schultz)
 Building Attendants: Fisher Welch

“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.

TODAY!

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):**

TV camera in memory of Ruth Holmes

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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.

Spiritual journey enhancement:

- Join **Rauch**, a band whose music stirs the soul
- Wednesday **Guided Prayer in Chapel** – 5:45-6:30, come and go
- Small groups: **Vespers, Spring Walking, Guys Lunch Out, UMW Circles** others to come... see and watch the Central Journal and this weekly page
- Daily Devotional Upper Room, free at the front desk
- Multiple resources available on line...
 It's up to you to grow in Christ!

Closing Prayer “A Vision of Hope”

We pray that someday an arrow will be broken, not in something or someone, but by each of humankind, to indicate peace, not violence.

Someday, oneness with creation, rather than domination over creation will be the goal to be respected.

Someday fearlessness to love and make a difference will be experienced by all people.

Then the eagle* will carry our prayer for peace and love, and the people of the red, white, yellow, brown, and black communities can sit in the same circle together to communicate in love and experience the presence of the Great Mystery in their midst.

Someday can be today for you and me. Amen.

(Wanda Lawrence, Chippewa, 20th cent.)

**An eagle in the Native American tradition is often a carrier of prayer.*

Postlude “I Danced in the Morning” Emma Lou Diemer
Organist

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

Bold type indicates that the congregation will speak with the liturgist.

It is the United Methodist tradition that **ALL** are welcome to receive communion, for we recognize that it is God who invites all to receive. Grape juice is used. Gluten free bread is available to the side of the front of the sanctuary where Pastor Mark is serving.



“Community of Spirituality”

Central United Methodist Church
215 N. Capital Avenue
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