



*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**

<b>Sunday – August 25</b>	
9:00am	Coffee Fellowship: Library
9:30am	Worship: Sanctuary
10:30am	Fellowship: Fellowship Hall
2:30pm	Marcia McFee Group on Worship
<b>Looking Ahead</b>	
<b>Tuesday, August 27</b>	
6:00pm	Finance Committee
<b>Wednesday, August 28</b>	
7:00pm	Council

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 Our website is [www.lansingcentralumc.net](http://www.lansingcentralumc.net)

**REMEMBER AND SPREAD THE WORD!!!**

Beginning on **Sunday, September 1**, Central UMC worship will begin at **10 AM**. **Pre-service coffee will be available at 9:30**. This will allow a bit more morning time for families to prepare for worship, perhaps encouraging a child to wear BOTH shoes. What a nice way to start the new program year!

**PRAYER MINISTRY**

*Prayers are asked for the following ~*

**Rotating Prayer List** ~ Margie Lounsbury, Linda Coleson, Judith Smith, LeAnn Stutes, Bob Westerfield

**Our Missionary in Belize** ~ Mbwizu Ndjungu

**Our Missionary in Morelia, Mexico** ~ Ericka Fitzgerald

**Strength and Healing** ~ Darlene Parker, Cynthia Sewell, Holly LaPratt, Carolyn Martin, Bob Rutterman, Kathleen O'Connor, Fernando Molina, Cindy Bushouse, Paul Keefer, Bobby J. Hinkle, Betty Bosanic, Bryan Halter, Barb Lansing, Dakota Miller, Ricardo Muniz, Tyler Sontag, Paul Zimmer, John Joe Lanzatta, John and Virginia Bullock, others dealing with spiritual and mental health issues **and** those God knows are on our hearts and minds.

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Next Sunday, September 1, 2019

Scripture: Luke 14: 7-14

Sermon: All Are Invited! All Are Welcome!

Pastor Thompson

**Awesome Autumn!  
 Coming on Sundays in September!**

**Sunday the 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion to  
 begin our fall**

**Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup>, Choir enhancing  
 worship begins, Dedication of  
 Musicians, focus on Small Group  
 Ministries**

**Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup>, Honoring/Dedicating  
 Rev. Dr. Russell McReynolds as Pastor  
 Emeritus, Potluck Meal**

■ 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. 😊 😊

## IN MINISTRY FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

Greeters: Ottawa: Leslie Prame  
Capitol: Nancey Dilbble  
Announcer: Bill Tennant  
Studio Engineer: Alex McKee  
Videographer: Jamie McKee  
Head Usher: Edie Robinson  
Pre-service Coffee: Gene Welter  
Coffee Hour: Pastor Mark  
Mary Boudreau  
Jessica Hall  
Liturgist: Alan Clarkson

## OUR CHURCH STAFF

Senior Pastor: Rev. Mark Thompson  
Assistant Pastor: Rev. Bill Amundsen  
Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Russell McReynolds  
Office Administrator: Jalal Smith  
Financial Secretary: Betsy Mauk  
Webmaster: Renee Hall  
Central Journal Editor: Jalal Smith  
Music Ministries and  
Worship Arts Director: Caryn Welter  
Chancel Choir Director: Jack Rifkin  
Soprano: Claire Kaiser  
Alto: open  
Tenor: David Miechiels  
Bass: Cody Harrell  
  
Bell Choir Director: Janet Geissler  
Facilities Manager: Paul Walker  
Custodian: Tyler Fox  
Building Attendant: open

**TODAY, THOSE WHO EXPRESSED SPECIAL INTEREST  
IN WORSHIP WILL MEET IN PASTOR MARK'S OFFICE,  
2:30 – 5:30 TO HEAR THE SECOND ONLINE MEETING  
WITH WORSHIP SPECIALIST, MARCIA MCFEE.**



Excited about: Singing with spirit?  
Singing with conviction?  
Ringing with gusto?

Spirit Singers Thursday, 9/5/19, 6:30 pm  
Chancel Choir - Thursday, 9/5/19, 7:30 pm  
Bell Ringers – Thursday, 10/17, 5:30 pm

Today's Radio Broadcast is being sponsored by:

**Benedict Radio**

**Remembrance Gift**  
Bulletin board between Ottawa Street doors in  
memory of Dick Neller

## Come along with us this fall on the path to forgiveness.

"Because we are human, some of our interactions will go wrong, and then we will hurt or be hurt, or both. It is the nature of being human, and it is unavoidable. Forgiveness is the way we set those interactions right. It is the way we mend tears in the social fabric. It is the way we stop our human community from unraveling."

From Archbishop Desmond Tutu  
and Rev. MphoTutu and

**Our All-Church Book Study:**

### **The Book of Forgiving**

A deeply personal testament and guide to the process of  
forgiving.

**Small Group Sign-up**

**begins Sept. 1**

**in Fellowship Hall**

Watch for more details soon.

## Food Bank

South Lansing Ministries are looking for  
volunteers to help between 10am and 2pm  
Mon & Thursdays. If you are interested in  
helping for any part of those hours, please  
give Cathy Amundsen a call (517) 323-2445.  
This could be answering the phone, greeting  
people who have

Requested a food box. **NO HEAVY LIFTING  
INVOLVED**

Moving on to perfection is the goal of every follower of Christ. Here are some tools to help that perfecting process.

Visit these websites for information about United Methodist Missions, ideas for studies, devotionals, outreach, church growth, and much more: [lansingcentralumc.net](http://lansingcentralumc.net) [michiganumc.org](http://michiganumc.org) [umc.org](http://umc.org)

This site offers the Bible in many versions and paraphrases: [biblegateway.com](http://biblegateway.com)

Devotional sites used by Pastor Mark: [cac.org](http://cac.org) (Center for Action and Contemplation)  
[upperroom.org/devotionals](http://upperroom.org/devotionals) [sojo.net](http://sojo.net) (Sojourners)

## Order of Worship to the Glory of God

Central United Methodist Church, 215 N. Capitol Ave. Lansing Michigan  
11<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost; August 25, 2019

**Voluntary** "Praise Medley" arranged by Marilyn Ham  
*Caryn Welter, pianist*

**Welcome** *Rev. Mark Thompson*

**\*Greeting** *Dr. Allen Clarkson, liturgist*

Sing songs of praise! Sing, calling forth memories of God's unconditional love for you and all of creation

**\*Opening Hymns** "Holy Ground" black book # 2272  
"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me" black book # 2151  
"People Need the Lord" black book, # 2244

**\*Prayer** *Dr. Clarkson*

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the way of peace. Come into the brokenness of our lives and our land with your healing love.

**Help us to be willing to bow before you in true repentance, and to bow to one another in real forgiveness.**

By the fire of your Holy Spirit, melt our hard hearts and consume the pride and prejudice which separate us.

**Fill us, O Lord, with your perfect love, which casts out our fear, and bind us together in that unity which you share with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Solo** "His Eye Is On the Sparrow" Martin / Gabriel; arr. Colman  
*Dr. Betsy Reynolds*

**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.

### Prayers of the Congregation

Prayer Hymn "O Lord, You're Beautiful" black book, # 2064

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

### Witness to My Faith

Special Music "Father, I Adore You" Shaun Grabowski  
Jessica and Shaun Terrye Coehlo

### \*Gospel Reading

**Luke 13: 10-17**

May our lives be illumined by God's Living Word. **Let it be so.**

**Sermon** "Walking Upright With God" *Pastor Thompson*

### Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory "Offertory on 'Serenity'" Smith / Wallace  
*Caryn Welter, organist*

\*Doxology "What Gift Can We Bring" red book, # 87, v. 4  
Prayer of Thanksgiving

Spirit of promise, Spirit of unity, we thank you that you are also the Spirit of renewal. Renew in the whole Church that passionate desire for the coming of your kingdom which will unite all Christians in one mission to the world.

**May we all grow up together into the one who is our head, the Savior of the world. Amen.**

\* **Closing Hymn** "Lord of the Dance" red book, # 261

Please be seated for the Benediction and Postlude

## Benediction

**Postlude** “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” arr. Dale Wood  
*Caryn Welter, organist*

\*indicates that the congregation will stand as able.

**Bold** type indicates that the congregation speaks with the liturgist.

Today’s Scripture Reading: Luke 13: 10-17

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God.

But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.”

But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?” When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.



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