REV. PAUL PEREZ
LEAD MINISTER

DEACONESS ANNE HILLMAN, PH.D.
DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILY MINISTRIES

MARGARET REESE
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

BRANDON REEVES
COLLABORATIVE PIANIST

REV. EDWIN ROWE
PASTOR EMERITUS

DEBRA COX
OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

ANGELA BAKELEY
RECEPTIONIST

DAVE WILSON
BUILDING MAINTENANCE MANAGER

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

23 EAST ADAMS, DETROIT, MI 48226

313.965.5422

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A Reconciling Congregation

Organized 1810 - Incorporated 1822 - Sanctuary Completed 1867

November 8, 2026

Native American Sunday

OUR WELCOMING STATEMENT

Central United Methodist Church is a Reconciling Congregation. Regardless of your race, ethnicity, immigration status, gender identity, sexual orientation, socioeconomic situation, age, ability, belief, or background, whether you are single or partnered, you are God's beloved and you are welcome here.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We envision Central United Methodist Church as a vital, diverse, River of Life nurtured by the light of Christ, rooted deeply in and living the scriptures, a holy presence in the center of the City of Detroit, transforming individuals, institutions, and the world, advocating peace and justice in all we do.

www.CentralUMChurchDetroit.org

CUMCdetroit1810@gmail.com

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

Central United Methodist Church acknowledges that the building in which we carry out our collective life together occupies and is built upon land that is part of what was first known as Waawiyaataanong ("At the curved shores."), the ancestral and contemporary homeland of the Three Fires Confederacy, but which is now referred to as Detroit. In 1807 the Ojibwe, Odawa, Potawatomi, and Wyandot nations granted use of these sovereign lands to the US government through the Treaty of Detroit. Central United Methodist Church affirms the continued Indigenous sovereignty over these lands and honors all tribes with a connection to Detroit. We commit ourselves to working together with our native brothers and sisters to advance equity in all dimensions of life and to promote a better future for the earth and all its peoples.

WELCOME TO CENTRAL

Central United Methodist Church is proud to be in the heart of Detroit and excited to welcome you to worship this morning. Whether this is your first time worshiping with us or you've been coming here for years, welcome!

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Children are celebrated here at Central, and we have diverse options for them to experience worship and learn about God.

The **Grace Space** (located in the SW corner of the sanctuary) is always available for our littlest ones to play and wiggle during worship.

Worship Boxes are available (along the south wall of the sanctuary) for our elementary-aged children and youth. Inside, are materials to help understand and participate in worship. Children and youth may choose to sit as a group in their special pews or take a worship box back to sit with their adults.

On **First Sundays** our worship service is focused on being intergenerational and all children and youth stay in the sanctuary for the whole service.

Near the beginning of the worship service there is a **Children's Message** offered at the front of the sanctuary and all children are invited to come forward as they are comfortable and sit at the base of the steps.

After the Children's Message, on 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Sunday's children in Kindergarte-5th grades are dismissed for **Sunday School** on the 3rd floor. Youth are dismissed for Sunday School on 2nd and 4th Sundays, also on the 3rd floor. Children in K-5th grade should be picked up from their classroom by their adults after the worship service.

The **Nursery** is always open for use by families on the 1st floor across the lobby from the sanctuary, but it is only staffed on 1st Sundays.

ACTS OF GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE *Creator Song,* Traditional Joe Reilly

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*A Native American Directional Prayer*)

ONE: The points of the spiritual compass indicate the four sacred directions of God's creation. These directions represent eternal balance, harmony and the goodness of the world. Creator and Great Spirit, We thank you for today's sunrise, for the breath and life within us, and for all of your creation.

ALL: Hear our prayer

(The Congregation faces each direction while praying. Face East, toward the Altar)

ONE: We are facing East. As the day begins with the rising sun, help us to learn from the Spirit symbol of the East, Brother Eagle, to let our imaginations fly and to reach for the sky,

ALL: May we also have the eagle's sharp vision to see truth and hope on our paths, to live with honesty and dignity, and to be ever vigilant.

(Turn South towards Adams Road/Grand Circus Park)

ONE: Let us turn to the South. Help us to learn from the Spirit symbol of the South, Brother Wolf, to love and feel compassion for all humankind, even if it means our hearts become broken, and to listen to and appreciate youth, and to become young in spirit.

ALL: Also help us to learn from the wolf to walk our paths with joy and love for ourselves, for others, for the four-leggeds, the winged ones, the finned ones, the plants, and all creation upon Mother Earth.

(Turn West towards Woodward/Great West Window)

ONE: Let us turn to the West. Help us to learn from the Spirit symbol of the West, Sister Brown Bear to bring healing to other people and to ourselves, to learn from the darkness and the silence as Sister Brown Bear does in hibernation.

ALL: Also help us to learn the lesson from Sister Brown Bear of the West to balance the physical, mental and spiritual, so we are able to know our place on this earth, in life and in death.

(Turn North towards Elizabeth St/Parking Lot)

ONE: Let us turn to the North. Help us learn from the Spirit symbol of the North, our Sister the White Buffalo, to surrender, with grace the things of our youth as each day passes, to listen to and appreciate our elders.

ALL: Also help us to learn from the White Buffalo to stand, sit and walk with dignity; and to make wise choices in all things which are put in front of us.

(Turn towards the Center Aisle of the Sanctuary)

ONE: Let us Turn to the Center, our Mother Earth. Here we thank you, Oh Great Spirit for the beauty of Mother Earth, and for all you have given us.

ALL: Remind us to never to take from you more than we need, and remind us to always give back more than we take.

ONE: In that Spirit, we now enter this time to worship and honor our Great Creator.

***OPENING HYMN** *Many and Great, O God* UMH #148

1. Many and great, O God, are Thy things, maker of earth and sky.
Thy hands have set the heavens with stars;
Thy fingers spread the mountains and plains.
Lo, at thy word the waters were formed, deep seas obey thy voice.

2. Grant unto us communion with thee, thou star abiding one;
come unto us and dwell within us;
with thee are found the gifts of life.
Bless us with life that has no end, eternal life with Thee.

History of the Hymn: *""Many and Great" is perhaps the only Native American hymn to be sung broadly in North America beyond its original Dakota culture. The author and composer of the text and tune, Joseph Renville (1779-1846), was an Indian guide and fur trader of French-Dakota lineage. He received a Roman Catholic education in the French language. The tune name LAC QUI PARLE (lake that speaks) comes from a long, narrow lake running northwest to southeast near the present border of Minnesota and South Dakota. From a settlement at the southeast foot of the lake, Renville made annual treks to Fort Snelling at Mendota at the confluence of the Mississippi and Minnesota Rivers, near what is now Minneapolis and St. Paul." (from UM Discipleship -https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/history-of-hymns-many-and-great)*

ACTS OF WELCOME

GREETINGS AND WELCOME OF FIRST TIME VISITORS

Please help us know you were here in worship today by Scanning the QR code with your phone. There is also a place for notes and prayer requests for the pastor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE

*Indicates when to stand in body or in spirit
**Please silence cell phones
Hymnal Guide: W&S=Worship & Song, UMH=United Methodist Hymnal, TWFS=The Faith We Sing

ACTS OF PROCLAMATION

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Deaconess Anne Hillman & Joe Reilly

"I Love Nature," Words and music by Joe Reilly

I love nature, nature is cool
The forest is my classroom, the earth is my school
Trees are my teachers, animals are my friends
And on this school all life depends

ANTHEM *All Things Are Connected* by Mary Lynn Lightfoot

***SCRIPTURE** *Psalm 78:1-7*

My people, hear my teaching;
Listen to the words of my mouth!
I will open my mouth in parables,
I will utter things hidden from of old—
the things we have heard and known,
things our ancestors have told us.
We won't hide them from our children;
we will tell the next generation
We'll tell them of
your praiseworthy deeds, God
your power, and the wonders you have performed.
You set up statutes for our forebears,
and established the Law in Israel,
Which you commanded our ancestors
to teach their children
so the next generation would know them—
children yet to be born—
And as they come up,
they would tell their own children.
Then they would put their trust in you
and not forget your deeds, but keep your commandments—

ONE: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE *The Communion of All our Relations* Joe Reilly

ACTS OF SHARING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *The Good Red Road* Joe Reilly

Words and music by Joe Reilly,
Anishinaabemowin translation by Isabelle Osawamick

REFRAIN: Minobimadiziwin
Walking in a good way
From this good Red Road we're on
I know it'll be okay

You're made of wonder
You're made of earth and stars
You're made of thunder
Remember who you are

REFRAIN

In the darkest hour
You can still see
Use your power
to look deeply
not by yourself alone
but with the Spirit
Come back home
you can hear it

REFRAIN

When the storms come
Don't be afraid
you have strength
From your ancestors you are made
You can sing your songs
You can say your prayers
Make your offering
The Spirit's waiting there

Minobimaadiziwin
Weweni maaseng
Manda Anishinaabe aadziwin
Ngii kendan da'nishing

Bi-kiiyen (come back home)
gaa-noondan (you can hear it)
mji-mendan e'yaa'owyin (remember who you are)
gegwa zekseke (don't be afraid)
gmi-shkowaadis (you have strength)
bi-gid-ne-gen (make your offering)
Mnidoo gba-biiyek zhe'e (the Spirit's waiting there)

Minobimaadiziwin
Weweni maaseng
Manda Anishinaabe aadziwin
Ngii kendan da'nishing

For electronic giving, please use this QR code

DOXOLOGY Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Holy One.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

ONE: Creator God, you are the giver of life and the source of all that is good. You formed the earth and filled it with beauty. You gave us the waters that sustain us, the plants and animals that nourish us, and the breath that gives us life.

You created us for relationship…with you, with one another, and with all creation. Through the generations, you have walked with your people. You have spoken through prophets and teachers, through elders and ancestors, through stories and sacred teachings. Even when we have wandered from your ways, your love has continued to call us home.

And so, with all your people, with those who have gone before us and those who will come after us, we join in giving you thanks.

ALL: **Holy, holy, holy Creator God. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Blessed is the One who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest.**

ONE**:** We give thanks for Jesus Christ, who came among us to show us the fullness of your love. He walked with ordinary people. He welcomed those who had been pushed aside. He fed the hungry, healed the hurting, and reminded us that the greatest among us are those who serve. He gathered people around tables, shared meals with strangers, and taught us that love is meant to be lived.

On the night before he gave himself for us, Jesus gathered with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, and shared it with them, saying: "Take, eat; this is my life which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, and shared it with them, saying: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my love of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, remembering the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in thanksgiving.

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

ONE: Creator, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us gathered here, and upon these gifts of bread and cup. Make them be for us the life and love of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his love. Nourish us with your grace. Strengthen us for the work of love. Help us walk in right relationship with you, with one another, and with all creation. May this sacred meal remind us that we belong to one another, and that we are never alone on the journey. Through Jesus Christ, and in the power of your Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

SHARING BREAD & CUP

COMMUNION MUSIC Choir

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Creator God,
We thank you for this sacred meal. For the bread that nourishes us, the cup that reminds us of your love, and the grace that continues to sustain us. We thank you for the gift of community. For the people who have walked beside us, the wisdom we have received, and the love that holds us together.

As we leave this table, may we carry its blessings into the world. Give us courage to answer your call, humility to continue learning, and compassion to serve those we encounter. May we continue to walk with wisdom, strength, and joy. And may each of us remember that we are part of something greater than ourselves. One body. Many gifts. One sacred circle. **Amen**.

© Pastor Sarah Sheaffer, 10/28/2026. All rights reserved. Permission grant for one-time use by Central United Methodist Church, Detroit, MI. Adapted by Rev. Paul Perez.

Note: Pastor Sarah Sheaffer is the appointed pastor of Greensky Hill Indian UMC and is an enrolled member of the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians.

ACTS OF SENDING FORTH

***CLOSING HYMN** *River Goodness,* Words and music by Joe Reilly

I got my feet in the river of goodness
I got my feet in the river of goodness
I got my feet in the river of goodness
I'm gonna let that river flow

I'm gonna stay engaged with my peace..

I'm gonna let the ancestors speak…

I'm gonna tell these stories…

I got my feet in the river of goodness
I got my feet in the river of goodness
I got my feet in the river of goodness
I'm gonna let that river flow

I'm gonna take each step with love…

I'm gonna lay these burdens down…

I'm gonna set my heart at ease…

I got my feet in the river of goodness
I got my feet in the river of goodness
I got my feet in the river of goodness
I'm gonna let that river flow

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

THIS SERVICE IS LIVE STREAMED UNDER CCLI STREAM PLUS 21469425

Your Greeters today are: Thomas Hart
Your Ushers today are: Thomas Hart & Dorothy Rothgery

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A Reconciling Congregation

Organized 1810 - Incorporated 1822 - Sanctuary Completed 1867

INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE

Central UMC is committed to using inclusive language for God and humanity. You will find that some words have been changed in hymns or familiar prayers in order to be more inclusive.

LIVESTREAM INFORMATION

This worship service is livestreamed on Facebook and posted to Youtube each week. Those leading worship up on the chancel and those sitting in the center pews and the first 3 pews of the South section will be recorded by the cameras. If you would rather not have your image shown on the livestream, please sit in the side pews and allow others to come to you for passing of the peace. The children's Grace Space will always be out of view from the cameras.

To submit a request to take down a video containing your image please use this form:

www.CentralUMChurchDetroit.org
CUMCdetroit1810@gmail.com

CENTRAL EVENTS CALENDAR

Today, November 8th
Adult Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.
Native American Sunday.
10:30 a.m.

Guest Speaker: Joe Reilly

Communion

Q & A with Joe Reilly,
Coffee Hour at Swords Into Plowshares.

Wed. Nov. 11th -
Choir Rehearsal

Thurs. 12th, UWF Reading Program Book Club,
6-7:30 p.m.

Sun., Nov. 15th,
Adult Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.

Special Church Conference,
Following worship.

Youth Group, 4:00 p.m.
(At Oatley home)

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
23 EAST ADAMS,
DETROIT, MI, 48226
313.965.5422

Central United Methodist Church
A Reconciling Congregation
Organized 1810—Incorporated 1822—Sanctuary completed 1867
November 1, 2026

Sunday School!

The K-5th grade Sunday School class meets on 2-5th Sundays and the Youth class will meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Both classes take place during worship, after the Children's Message. Classrooms are on the 3rd floor, and parents should pick up their K-5th grade students after worship.

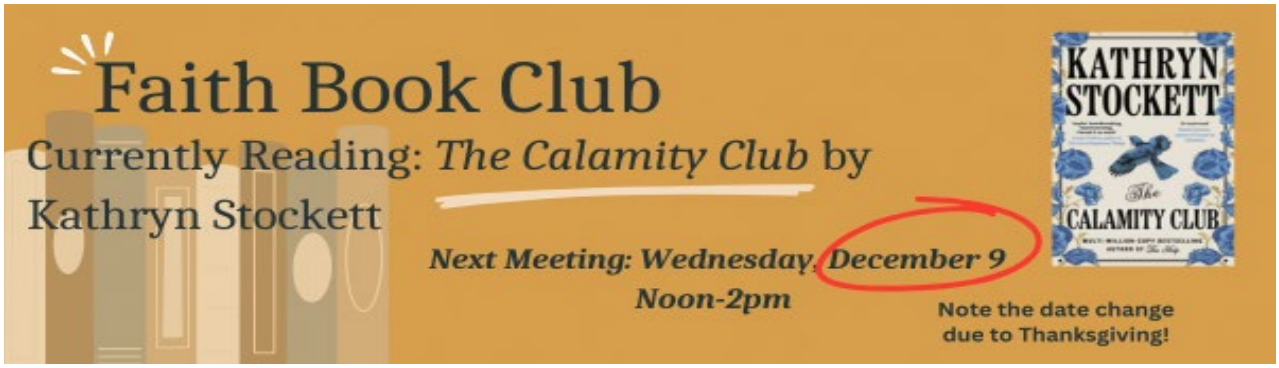


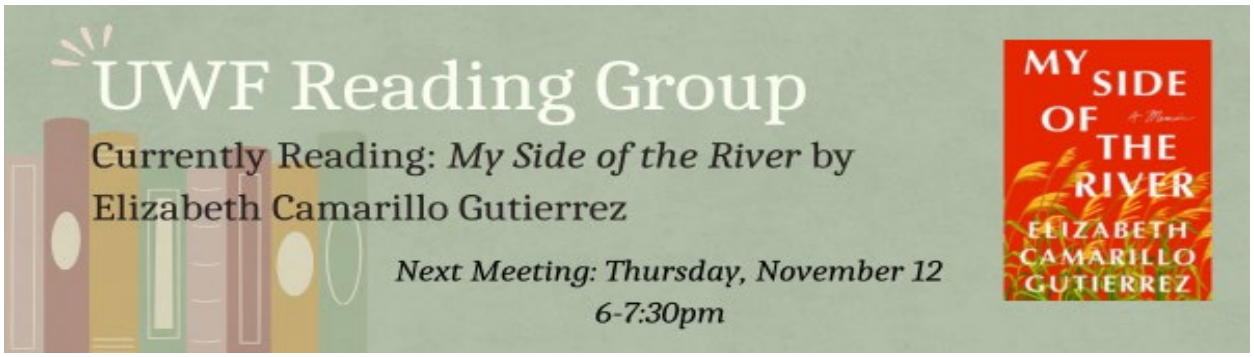
JOE REILLY will be our guest speaker/musician for Native American Sunday on Nov. 8. A long-time friend of Central, he is a singer, songwriter, social worker, Dharma teacher, and educator who writes songs from his heart. The core of his message is an invitation to heal our relationships with ourselves, with each other, and with the earth.

Joe is of Italian, Irish, and Native American (Cherokee/Choctaw) ancestry. He spent five years as a member of the Treetown Singers, an inter-tribal Native drum group based in Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti, Michigan, before he began writing and sharing his own original songs. Joe first performed at Central with that group. He has also performed at Central many times for Native American Sunday, our outdoor Environmental Sabbath service, and for concerts at our Swords Into Plowshares Peace Center and Gallery. During coffee hour he will answer questions and engage in dialogue with Centralites.

November Birthdays		
2nd Margaret Jachim	11th Maureen Taylor	27th Nancy Zanke
3rd Susan Gallagher	11th Navarre Smith	20th Nadine Feinberg
7th William Robinson Jr	17th Kamara Jackson	24th Elsie Mack
10th Susan Francis	19th Zeke Gladstone	26th Rev Dr Jill Zundel
13th Alina Biernat		







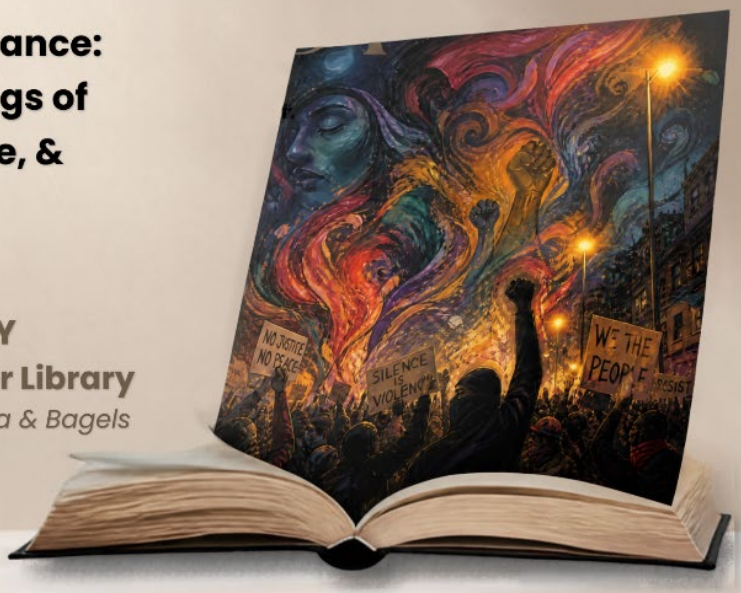
NURTURING & CIRCLE OF CARE

These persons are in assisted living, confined to their homes or institution, are ill, or in need of special prayers.

Ruth Biersdorf	Faith Carpenter	Dia Pearce	Naomi Mason
Sue Wabeke	Nadine Feinberg	Charles & Josefina Ford	

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Voices of Resistance: The Bible's Songs of Victory, Peace, & Protest



9AM

EVERY SUNDAY

3rd Floor Library

Coffee/Tea & Bagels Provided

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Central's Children's Choir will be singing on Sunday, December 13th as part of our Sunday School Christmas Pageant. Rehearsals start Sunday, November 15th - following worship for 15 minutes. Let Miss Maggie or Deaconess Anne know if your child will be participating







CENTRAL GREEN TEAM PRESENTS: Trip to see the Sandhill Crane Migration Spectacular at Haehnle Sanctuary Sunday Nov. 8, 2026 (Sunday). We'll carpool from church leaving at about 1 p.m. to head to this sanctuary near Jackson, MI. We'll stop at Dexter Cider Mill on the way. If you are able, we will take a hike through the autumn woods and prairies. Even if you cannot walk you can stay to watch from the hill where there are benches (handicappers can drive right to the site) as up to 2000 Sandhill Cranes fly into roost in the marsh for the night as they have been doing since the last ice age. Northern Harrier, LeConte's Sparrow, and a plethora of waterfowl are also possible. Dress warmly/ A blanket or lawn chair to sit on would come in handy. We will meet at Haehnle at 3 pm for the hike or join us at 4:15 pm to watch the cranes fly in from the hill observation area. **Sanctuary address**: 9001 Seymour Rd, Grass Lake, MI **Dexter Cider Mil**l: 3685 Central St., Dexter MI. This mill has THE best cider (they list the combination of apples for each batch) and doughnuts I've had!

Aldo Leopold once wrote: "*When we hear (a Sandhill Crane's) call we hear no mere bird. We hear the trumpet in the orchestra of evolution…a symbol of our untamable past.*

" Optional: a stop in Chelsea for dinner on the way home. We'll get home by about 8:30 p.m. if you join us for dinner. See Jim Bull for more info and let him know you will be joining us.

