



Central United Methodist Church
A Reconciling Congregation

Organized 1810—Incorporated 1822—Sanctuary completed 1867

Announcements, February 15, 2026

CENTRAL EVENTS / CALENDAR

Sunday, February 15, 2026, **Guest Speakers, Mark Fancher and Lorry Brown**

Monday, February 16, 2026, **NOAH is closed**

Wednesday, February 18, 2026 **ASH Wednesday**, Service at Cass Community,
Rev Paul Perez will be preaching.

Sunday, February 22, 2026, **Going Deeper Sermon Discussion** following Worship Service.

NURTURING & CIRCLE OF CARE

The following people are in assisted living, confined to their homes or institution,
are ill, or in need of special prayers:

Faith Carpenter

Doneisia (Dee) Davis

Dia Pearce

Naomi Mason

Susan Wabeke

Christina Graham

Gloria Hall-White

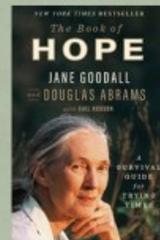
Charles & Josefina Ford

Nadine Feinberg

UWF Reading Group

Currently Reading: *The Book of Hope* by Jane Goodall & Douglas Abrams

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 9
6-7:30pm



CENTRAL UMC
YOUTH GROUP

4:00-5:30pm

FEB 15 - JUNK FOOD OLYMPICS

Faith Book Club

Currently Reading: *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict & Victoria Christopher Murray

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 25
Noon-2pm



PASTORAL CARE

*If you know of a Pastoral Care issue please contact the church office,
313-965-5422, or revpaul@centralumchurchdetroit.org

February Birthdays

6th—Susan Wabeke	12th—Rose Covert	22nd—Natasha Grose
10th—Cesar Ruiz	15th—Rebecca Thomas	22nd—Joseph Veiga
11th—Anton Hofmann	18th—John Shirkey	

MEMBERS

Greeters

Helen Monroe
Elin Chambers

Ushers

Helen Monroe
Elin Chambers
Mary Park



**LENT @ CENTRAL
2026**

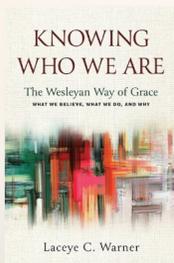
Lenten Worship Series

- Feb 18 - Ash Wednesday
@ Cass Community UMC Dinner @ 6pm
- March 11 - Lenten Vespers
@ Central UMC Worship @ 7pm
- April 2 - Maundy Thursday
@ Metropolitan UMC

Mid-Week Dinner &
Book Study

Wednesdays

- Feb 25
- March 4
- March 18
- March 25



Soup and Salad @ 6pm
Book Discussion @ 6:30pm
*Knowing Who We Are: The
Wesleyan Way of Grace* by
Lacey Warner



Lorry S. C. Brown

Lorry S. C. Brown is the Executive Director of Michigan Statewide Advocacy Services (MSAS), a statewide advocacy program that provides services to Michigan's low-income residents, Michigan's immigrant communities, and seniors. Ms. Brown has also been the director and the statewide consumer law specialist for the Michigan Poverty Law Program (MPLP) from 2001 - 2023. She has also directed the Michigan Foreclosure Prevention Project since 2009. In her role as the statewide consumer law and foreclosure specialist, she has provided litigation, advocacy and case consultation support for cases involving foreclosure prevention, anti-predatory lending, debt collection, payday loans, garnishment and student loans. Ms. Brown has conducted numerous trainings concerning consumer law, predatory lending, foreclosures, and mortgage servicing.

Ms. Brown first became involved in the fight for affordable water for Detroit residents in Spring 2003. At that time, DWSD through an aggressive collections campaign, began shutting off water service to thousands of Detroit residents. Maureen Taylor at Michigan Welfare Rights reached out to her office for assistance. She has been engaged in this struggle ever since.



Mark P. Fancher

Mark P. Fancher is a human rights attorney and writer whose commentaries have addressed topics that include U.S. military intervention in Africa and other underdeveloped regions; domestic police violence; the criminal justice system; political repression; ongoing global campaigns for the independence and self-determination of Africa and Africa's diaspora; theology and various issues related to racial justice. He has written several non-fiction books and a novel, *The Negroes of Friends Village*. He recently retired as the staff attorney for the Racial Justice Project of the ACLU of Michigan where, in addition to handling cases concerning police brutality, racial profiling, and numerous forms of racial discrimination he served on legal teams that prosecuted legal challenges to mass water shutoffs in the City of Detroit. Prior to his employment with the ACLU, Fancher handled workers' rights cases at the Sugar Law Center for Economic and Social Justice. He has been employed as well by the State Bar of Michigan's Access to Justice Department, and the University of Michigan's Clinical Law Program. Fancher's life and perspectives are guided by his Christian faith.