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November 1, 2026

All Saints 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.

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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 Augustus Williamson & Brandon Reeves

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (adapted from enfleshed: liturgy that matters)
ONE: To the Saints: How do we say thank you?
ALL: To you who dreamed. fought. believed. suffered.
ONE: To you who showed us what incredible things
humans are capable of under the most challenging of circumstances.
ALL: We aspire to your courage. We pray to acquire your faith.
We praise God, the Divine in you.

***OPENING HYMN** *For All the Saints,* v. 1 & 4 UMH #711

1. For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia, Alleluia!

4. O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia, Alleluia!

WORDS: William W. How, 1864; MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906; CCLI 2815228

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

ANTHEM *In Remembrance* by Eleanor Daley
Words by Mary Frye

***SCRIPTURE** *Matthew 5: 1-12* Shawn Veiga

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on the mountainside, and after he sat down and the disciples had gathered around, Jesus began to teach them:

Blessed are those who are poor in spirit: the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

Blessed are those who are mourning: they will be consoled.

Blessed are those who are gentle: they will inherit the land.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice: they will have their fill.

Blessed are those who show mercy to others: they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are those whose hearts are clean: they will see God.

Blessed are those who work for peace: they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of their struggle for justice: the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

You are fortunate when others insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of slander against you because of me. Be glad and rejoice, for your reward in heaven is great; they persecuted the prophets before you in the very same way.

ONE: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION *Blessed as Those Who Mourn* Rev. Paul Perez

ACTS OF SHARING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Goin' Home* by Antonio Dvorak arr. by Robert Lehman
Roderick Reese, Megan Mueller, Joseph Stevenson, Soloists

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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

ACTS OF REMEMBRANCE

(by Rev. Anna Strickland, A Sanctified Art LLC, sanctifiedart.org)

On All Saints Day, we take time to remember and honor those who have gone before us this past year. While they were with us, we saw them face to face. Their voice, their touch, their smile. And now, beyond the veil that separates life and death, this world and the next, we hold these memories and lift up their names …

Reading of names, Tolling of bell, and Recording of names on Quilt

Christina Graham
Wilmer (Will) Rutt
Marilyn Morrow
Chris Szalai

Though we don't see them face to face any longer, these saints are not gone. Their memory lives on in us as their soul lives on in their Creator. They are now part of the great cloud of witnesses, the sacred circle of ancestors that surround and hold us. Through the unbreakable bonds of God's love we remain connected one to another. Thanks be to God.

I invite you now to name in the sacred silence of your heart, the saints, the ancestors in your own life ….

Holy God, in whom we live and move and have our being, we entrust these souls to you. As you formed them from the earth, we have returned their bodies to the earth. And as you breathed your breath of life into them, their souls have returned to you, Source of All. Hold them close, and hold us close, too. Give us your peace as we await the day we return to you in glory. In life, in death, and in life after death, we trust in you, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen.

ACTS OF SENDING FORTH

***CLOSING HYMN** *Blest Are They*. TFWS #2155

1. Blest are they, the poor in spirit, theirs is the kin-dom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow; they shall be consoled. *(Refrain)*

(Refrain) Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you.
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kin-dom of God!

2. Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they, who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill. *(Refrain)*

3. Blest are they who show mercy, mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they the pure of heart; they shall see God. *(Refrain)*

4. Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith; the glory of God is theirs. *(Refrain)*

5. Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me.
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kin-dom. Shine for all to see. *(Refrain)*

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BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH (by Rev. Anna Strickland,
A Sanctified Art LLC, sanctifiedart.org)

Children of God, as you leave this place, know that you are not alone.
You are surrounded by the company of the saints, held by the God who made you, and led by the Spirit who binds us all together. Now go forth to love and serve the risen Christ. Go in peace. Amen.

CHORAL BENEDICTON

POSTLUDE

THIS SERVICE IS LIVE STREAMED UNDER CCLI STREAM PLUS 21469425

Your Greeters today are: Susan Francis & Susan Gallagher
Your Ushers today are: Susan Francis, Susan Gallagher & Roland Amarteifio

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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:

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CENTRAL EVENTS CALENDAR

Today, November 1st

Potluck following Worship on the 2nd floor.

Small Group Sanctuary Renovation discussion

Lions Game, 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 4th, *Choir Rehearsal*, 7-9 p.m.

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

Guest Speaker: Joe Reilly

Communion

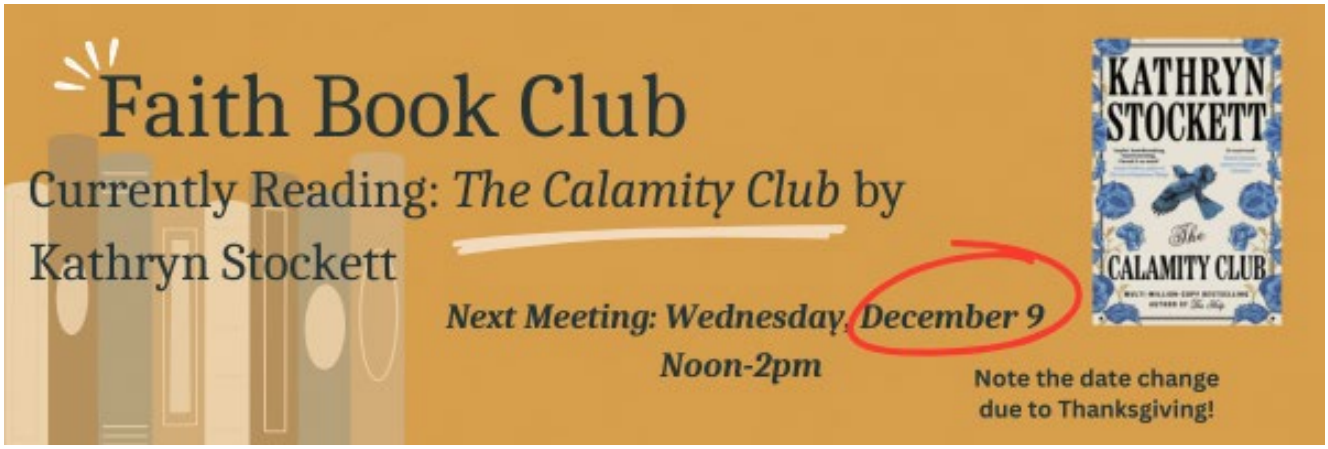
Q & A with Joe Reilly,
Coffee Hour

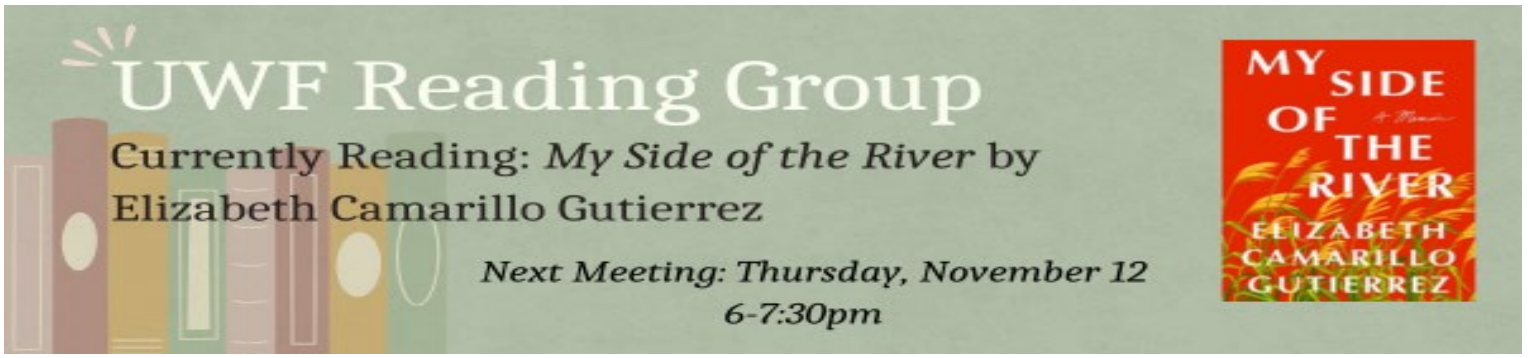
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Sunday School!

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.









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		

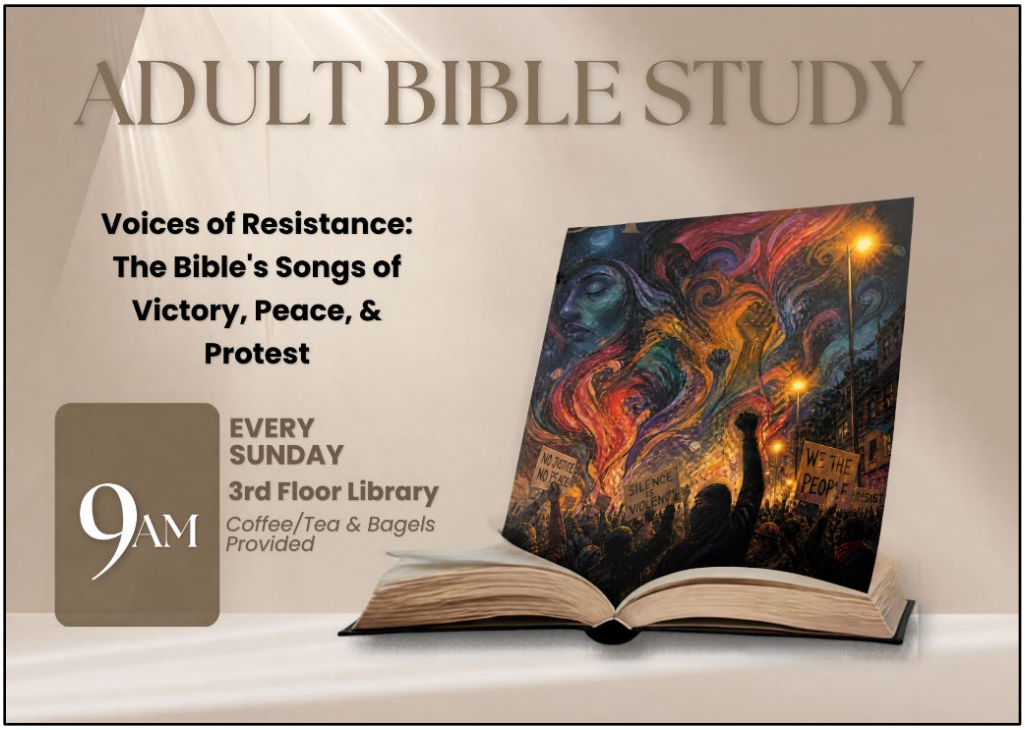




CENTRAL GREEN TEAM PRESENTS: Trip to see the Sandhill Crane Migration Spectacular at Haehnle Sanctuary Sunday Nov. 8, 2026 (Sunday). We'll carpool from church leaving at about 1 p.m. to head to this sanctuary near Jackson, MI. We'll stop at Dexter Cider Mill on the way. If you are able, we will take 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 Mill**: 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.





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	