



Central United Methodist Church
A Reconciling Congregation

Organized 1810—Incorporated 1822 — Sanctuary completed 1867

Announcements: Sunday, October 29, 2023

SUNDAY EVENTS / CALENDAR

Monday, October 30th, ***NO PARKING*** at the church after 4:00 PM, Monday Night Football

All Saints Day will be observed on Sunday, November 5th

Wednesday, November 1st, ***Midweek At Central***, 5:30 PM

Wednesday, November 1st, ***Choir Rehearsal***, 6:30 PM

Sunday, November 5th, ***Daylight Saving Time ends***, turn your clock back 1 hour

Please note **Charge/Church Conference** this year will be on Sunday, November 5, 2023.

**SPR will meet on Zoom that day at 1:45 PM and
the Charge Conference will begin at 2:30 PM on Zoom**

Adult Study Group w/ Cynthia Bradford, In the 2nd floor lounge
Sunday Lessons:

October 29 - ***Declaring Your Stand With God***

The Sunday evening Adult Class led by Marcus Dickson
is taking a hiatus until after Thanksgiving.
Everyone is encouraged to attend the Wed evening
Bible Study with Rev. Paul Perez instead

October Birthdays

2nd	Briana Parker	10th	William Francis	16th	John McDougall
4th	Ruth Biersdorf	10th	Zahatia Sorho	18th	Carlyn Robinson
5th	Karai Jackson	11th	Charles Ford	19th	Rev. Paul Perez
6th	Abraham Ellison	12th	Arthur Park	23rd	Elin Chambers
7th	Sylvia Oatley	14th	Kevin Cartwright	26th	Michael Dickson

Sunday School Information

Nursery

The church nursery is located on the 1st floor behind the reception desk. It is currently open for use by any families who need a separate space with their littlest ones. Central UMC is in the process of finding a regular Nursery Worker to staff the nursery on Sunday mornings.

Sunday School

The K-5th Grade class meets weekly while the Youth class meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Children and youth are invited to start Sunday mornings in the sanctuary with their families and travel up to the 3rd floor Sunday School rooms after the Children's Message. Children in the K-5th grade class must be picked up on the 3rd floor after worship by a parent or approved adult. Youth will be released after worship to join their families on the 2nd floor for coffee hour.

Worship Activity Packs

Children are welcome to take one of the activity packs located in the Grace Space. Within each pack is an activity and coloring page, crayons, pipe cleaners, plain paper, and worship stickers. The stickers can be placed in the bulletin for the week to mark the different parts of the service.

Midweek @ Central for November 1, 2023

Dinner Menu: Roasted Chicken, Toasted Potatoes, Three Bean Salad

Adult Program: Mark 16:1-8, Lectio Divina Text – The Resurrection

Kid/Youth Program: Coaster Art Project & Praying with Color: Mandalas

Intergenerational Activity: Power for the People Advocacy with Swords Into Ploughshares

A donation of \$5 person or \$20 per family is requested to off set the cost of dinner.

Weekly menus and program topics will be published in the Sunday bulletin.

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:

Leslie Allen
Donald Crawford
Christina Graham
Naomi Mason

Amy Boyette
Charles & Josefina Ford
Gloria Hall-White
Frank & Minnie Ross

Faith Carpenter
Selma Good
Stella Harden
Susan Wabeke

Faith Book Club Resumes!

The Faith Book Club (that has met for years) is going to begin meeting again for the first time after COVID. Please join us on the last Wednesday of every month at Swords into Plowshares Art Center & Gallery.

Our first meeting will be Wednesday, October 25th, 12 noon.

Our first book is Rebecca Solnit's *Hope in the Dark*.

Summary: The book is a long essay that discusses social and environmental activism and uprisings from the mid –to late 20th Century to the present. Solnit uses this history of protesters, writers, and workers to argue that hope is the necessary catalyst for actions.

ALL SAINTS DAY

All Saints Day will be observed on Sunday, November 5th. If you have a family member who has passed away over the past year (between November 2022 and November 2023) that you would like to remember in the service, please contact the church office by Monday, October 30.



FIELD TRIP FROM CENTRAL'S GREEN TEAM

Join us for this field trip to enjoy and learn about God's creation:



Sandhill Crane Migration Spectacular at Haehnle Sanctuary Sunday Nov. 12, 2023 (Sunday). We'll carpool from church leaving at about 1:30 p.m. (after coffee hour) to head to this sanctuary near Jackson, MI. We'll stop at the Dexter Cider Mill on the way. If you are able, we will take a walk through the autumn woods and native 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 in to roost in the marsh for the night as they have been doing since the last ice age. Dress warmly, as it can be cold. A blanket or lawn chair to sit on would come in handy.

Driving time 1.5 hours not including cider mill stop. If you want to skip the walk and join us on the hill at 4 pm, take I-94 to the Race Road exit just before Jackson. Go north until the road ends, turn left and look for Haehnle Sanctuary on the right about 2 miles down.

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.*" We'll also stop in Chelsea for dinner on the way home for those amenable. With a dinner stop we'll get home by about 8:30 p.m. For questions and let us know if you plan to go and if you can be a driver (and how many riders you can accommodate) contact Jim Bull before or after church or email jimnbull@gmail.com or text him at 313-855-7894.