



# THE OUTLOOK

Central United Methodist Church

Volume 126 Issue 1

## Our Mission:

Proclaiming Christ, Growing Disciples, Transforming Lives!

## JANUARY CALENDAR

4 — Worship Service & Communion 9:30 a.m. (In-Person & Virtual)  
Going Deeper 4:00 p.m. (Conference Room)

7 — Staff Meeting 11:00 a.m. (Conference Room)

8 — Romeo's 8:30 a.m. (Carmen's Café)  
Juliet's 9:00 a.m. (Cherokee Restaurant)  
Blood Drive 11:00 a.m. (Lower Level)

11 — Worship Service 9:30 a.m. (In-Person & Virtual)

13 — Mix & Match 8:30 a.m. (Library)  
MAP Clothing Pantry 12:30 p.m. (Temple UMC)

14 — Special Leadership Council Meeting 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)

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18 — Worship Service 9:30 a.m. (In-Person & Virtual)  
Congregational Discussion on Immigration 11:00 a.m. (Chapel)

19 — Mobile Food Pantry 4:30 p.m. (CUMC Parking Lot)

20 — Outlook Deadline  
Book Club 9:30 a.m. (Library)  
Building Team Meeting 11:00 a.m. (Conference Room)

22 — Volunteer at Kids' Food Basket 10:00 a.m. (2330 Barclay St.)

23 — Knitting Club 6:00 p.m. (Parlor)

25 — Worship Service 9:30 a.m. (In-Person & Virtual)  
Congregational Meeting 11:00 a.m. (Chapel)

27 — Outlook Mailed  
Kitchen Crew Meeting 11:00 a.m. (Parish Hall)

28 — Leadership Council Meeting 5:30 p.m. (Conference Room)

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



3 — Lisa Lively  
4 — Sally Wibalda  
6 — Sarah Berry, Scott Cotner  
7 — Cheryl Youngquist, Jayne Potgeter  
9 — Sue Zack  
11 — Rob Cook, Matthew Johnson  
18 — Juanita Joiner  
21 — Azailea Clarke-Finch  
26 — Hank Zack  
27 — Karen Farmer  
30 — Tiffanie McCleary  
31 — Blake Duram

## Rescue Mission's Request... Central's Response!!!



The Rescue Mission asked us to donate 225 cans of yams for their Thanksgiving Baskets and Central heard the call by donating a total of **299** cans! We always show our love. **Always!**



## Mobile Food Pantry for December

What do we do when the truck lift breaks and you have two options...cancel the food distribution when the parking lot is full or have the volunteers unload the truck by hand? We chose to unload so we could "Build Love" in our community. Santa was so proud of us for not giving up on our monthly mission.



Thank you Jenny and your great team for their gift of love...on a cold winter's night.

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday — Thursday 9 a.m. — 2 p.m.

You can always leave a message.

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## Mission Possible for January 2026 (Weekly offerings)

### ♥ Mission of the Month

#### Immigration Law & Justice MI

Immigration Law & Justice Michigan welcomes and supports low-income immigrants with free legal services and public advocacy.

### ♥ Helping Hand Fund

(Supporting people in need.)

## Mission Accomplished November 2025

### Mission of the Month

HOPE Project \$975.10

Helping Hand Fund \$1,519.19

### Helping Hand Support Given During November

#### ♥ Gas Cards

\$75.00

*Thank you for helping us "Build Love" at Central.*



The Central UMC staff wishes each and everyone a Happy New Year!

Rob, Connie, Tiffanie, Marian, Dan, and Carl

## THIS AND THAT

- ♦ Please keep the Office updated on any changes you make to your address, telephone or email. We want our information to always be correct and up-to-date.
- ♦ Do you want to start receiving our Thursday and Sunday email? Please call the church office.
- ♦ Marian Davis thanks you for all the 2026 calendars you donated to her. Extras can be picked up in Parish Hall.

## Beginning in January! Join us for a Congregational Conversation on Immigration

Worship Series on [The God Who Sees: Immigrants, the Bible, and the Journey to Belong](#) by Karen Gonzalez

Discussion in the Chapel at 11:00 a.m. using a [Study Guide for Vital Conversations on Immigration](#) by the United Methodist Commission on Religion and Race

Held every other week on Sunday  
January 18, February 1, February 15  
March 1, March 15

Click the links **above** to purchase/access the resources.  
Discounted books and guides available in the church office!  
Book \$10 Study Guide FREE

**Journey with us as we all seek a place to belong...**

## DOWNTOWN MUSKEGON COOKIE CRAWL 2025

Central participated for the first time in this yearly downtown event. We proudly opened our doors to the public offering them not only delicious cookies but a special opportunity to tour our beautiful sanctuary.

It was a special day for those who entered our historic church and rewarding for those who baked cookies and served as guides during this event.

This will probably be a yearly event now for Central! *Plan on it!*

The Cookie Crawl was a perfect way to "Build Love" in our community. Thank you to all those who helped make this event possible!



The people were blown away by the beauty of our sanctuary when they were given a guided tour. Thank you to the Mix & Match Team for making this possible.

