

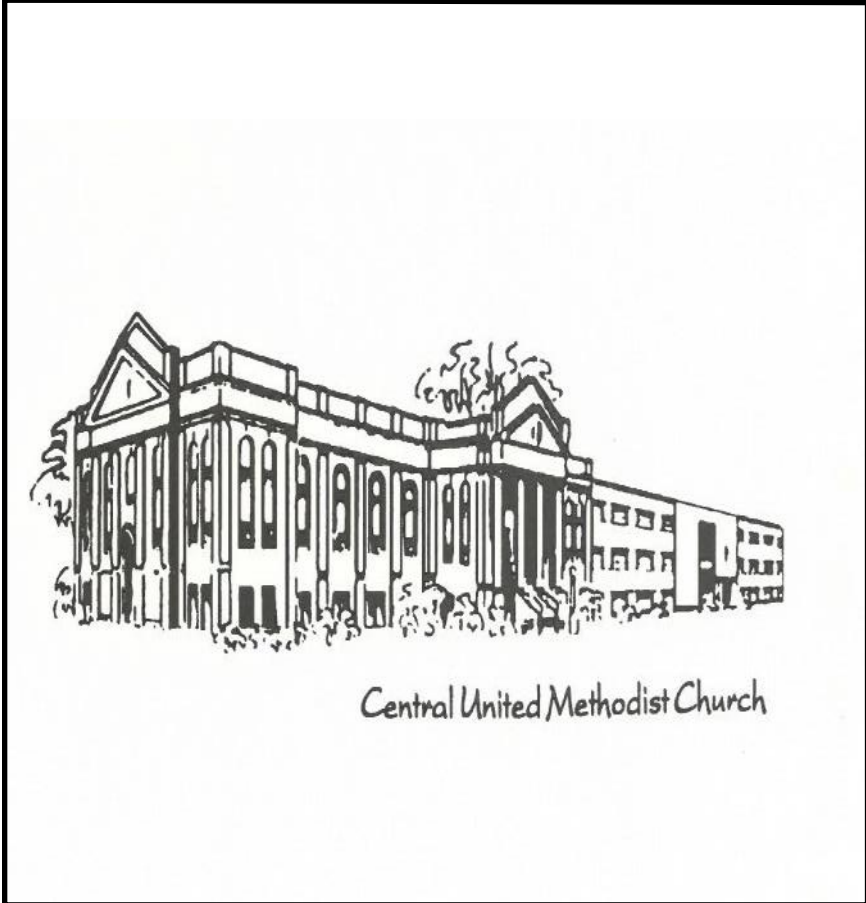
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**MISSION STATEMENT**  
 Making disciples of  
 Jesus Christ  
 for the transformation  
 of the world.

**VISION STATEMENT**  
 We are a Christ-centered,  
 scripturally grounded  
 community, growing in  
 loving relationship with God,  
 our local children and  
 community, and our world.

**CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**April 14, 2024**



**GROWING.**  
**LOVING.**  
**RELATING.**  
**WELCOME**

## Worship Order – 9:15 a.m.

PRELUDE "This is My Father's World" with "Concerto in E Major" by Bach  
Karen Renner

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Melissa Counts

PROCLAMATION FROM MAYOR TERRY Deputy Mayor Lindsay Locasto

CENTERING MUSIC "Amazing Grace" Gina Moore

**April 14, 2024**  
"Gratitude is Our  
Benediction for  
Today"  
1 Thessalonians  
5.16-18; Psalm  
107.1-9

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

### Central Church Breakthrough Prayer 2024

All: Lord God, we pray that you would lead us into the future  
that you have for us; Expand our vision to  
see what you see,  
Increase our compassion to love who you love,  
Open our ears so that we may hear you  
speaking to us.  
Make us open to your work,  
Your leading,  
Your open doors,  
Your new opportunities.  
May we be bold enough to obey your word  
and follow you always. Amen.

\*HYMN "Lord of the Dance" No. 261

GREETING

PASTORAL PRAYER Pastor Dewey Miller

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

CENTRAL CHILD CARE Amanda Peters

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Gracie Schmidt

OFFERING "His Eye is on The Sparrow" Gina Moore

\*THE DOXOLOGY No. 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Thessalonians 5.16-18; Psalm 107.1-9 (NRSV) Pastor Dewey Miller

ANTHEM Hymn Sing Chancel Choir  
"In the Garden #314, Standing in the Need of Prayer #352, Amazing Grace #378, He Lives #310, Old Rugged Cross #504"

PRESENTING THE BISHOP Reverend Mitch Gieselman, Conference Superintendent

MESSAGE Gratitude is Our Benediction for Today Bishop Julius Trimble

HYMN "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds" No. 557

BENEDICTION Bishop Julius Trimble

POSTLUDE

\*Stand as you are able

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

**TODAY**

**SUNDAY, April 14**

**175th Celebration**

8:45 a.m.	Choir Practice	Choir Room
9:15 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary/Online
11:00 a.m.	Celebration Lunch	FLC

**TUESDAY, April 16**

5:30 p.m.	Zumba	FLC
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**THURSDAY, April 18**

5:30 p.m.	Zumba	FLC
6:00 p.m.	Choir Practice	Choir Room

**SATURDAY, April 20**

8:00 p.m.	N.A. Meeting	Garden Room/FLC
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**SUNDAY, April 21**

8:45 a.m.	Choir Practice	Choir Room
9:15 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary/Online
10:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Various Classrooms
4:00 p.m.	Youth Group	FLC



### Congregations Acting for Justice and Empowerment News

Since last Fall, CAJE members have been working on local issues that arose during our listening process. This Spring, there will be two CAJE events - the Rally where CAJE members hear updates on the research and prepare for the Nehemiah Action. The Action will bring forward officials who will be asked to take action on the issues, and this is where CAJE shows our People Power. All Central members are invited to the Rally and Action to be part of the People Power:

Rally - Monday, April 15, 6 pm at Nazarene Missionary Baptist Church, 867 E. Walnut Street. Action - Monday, May 6, 6 pm at St. Benedict Cathedral, 1328 Lincoln Avenue.

WIFI PASSWORD: WWJD2014



*Congratulations to Jacob and Kristel Giesman on  
the birth of their daughter,*

*Penelope Kay Giesman.*

*Penelope was born April 7, 2024 and weighed 7  
pounds - 5 ounces. The proud grandparents are  
Charlie and Paula Giesman.*