

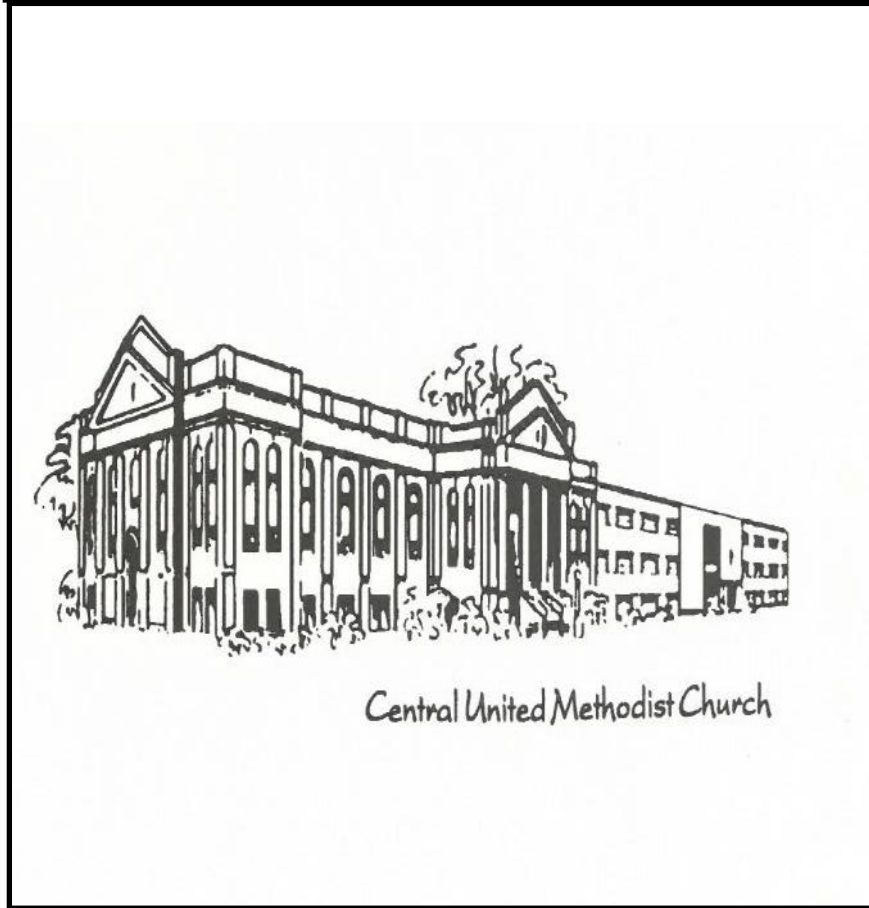
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**MISSION STATEMENT**  
 Making disciples of  
 Jesus Christ  
 for the transformation  
 of the world.

**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 21, 2024**



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

## Worship Order – 9:15 a.m.

April 21, 2024  
"The Sordid Gospel"  
Matthew 1.1-7

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please fill out a Connection Card to place in the offering plate.*

CENTERING MUSIC

\*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

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Gracie Schmidt

OFFERTORY

\*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

ANTHEM

MESSAGE

"The Sordid Gospel"  
Matthew 1.1-7

Pastor Dewey Miller

\*HYMN

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

\*Stand as you are able

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### TODAY

#### 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

#### TUESDAY, April 23

5:30 p.m.	Zumba	FLC
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#### WEDNESDAY, April 24

9:00 a.m.	Organic Produce	Club Garden Room
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#### THURSDAY, April 25

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

#### SATURDAY, April 27

1:00 p.m.	Planning Event	FLC
8:00 p.m.	N/A Meeting	Garden Room/FLC

#### SUNDAY, April 28

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 which took place on April 15, 2024 and 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 *Action* to be part of the People Power:  
*Action* - Monday, May 6, 2024 at 6 pm at St. Benedict Cathedral, 1328 Lincoln Avenue.

WIFI PASSWORD: WWJD2014

### The Sordid Gospel

#### Matthew 1.1-7

21 April 2024

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*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. **John 3.16-17***

Q- What is the meaning of “gospel?”

Q- What does the gospel contain?

1. Abraham- \_\_\_\_\_  
 Shared his wife with Pharoah- Genesis 12.12-13  
 Shared his wife with Abimelech- Genesis 20
2. Tamar- “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”  
 Her husband, Er, died- Genesis 38.7  
 Her father in law, Judah, impregnates her
3. David- \_\_\_\_\_???- 2 Samuel 11
4. There are \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus’ genealogy.

- Tamar, the Noble Prostitute  
*Judah begot Perez and Zerah by Tamar... **Matthew 1.3***
- Rahab, the prostitute of Jericho  
*Salmon begot Boaz by Rahab... **Matthew 1.5***
- Ruth, who uncovered the feet of Boaz  
*Boaz begot Obed by Ruth... **Matthew 1.5***
- Bathsheba, sexual abuse survivor  
*David the king begot Solomon by her  
 who had been the wife of Uriah. **Matthew 1.6***

But Jesus came to redeem everyone, no matter what.

#### Take Away Point-

The Gospel is good news for everyone!  
 I rejoice that the Gospel works for me,  
 And for everyone else as well.