MINISTER: GUEST PASTOR: SECRETARY: ORGANIST: CUSTODIANS: LITURGIST: AUDIO: VISUAL: GREETER/USHER: Every Member of This Church Rev. Dr. Eric Beck Jackie Spagnuolo Marilyn Noffke Mike McCartney, Michael Helmic Lori McNeill Tony Barcroft Shelly Reiser Tom Reiser

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Today, we welcome back Rev. Dr. Eric Beck. Pastor Eric served Central Church as pastor from 2007-2012.
- The Finance Committee Meeting has been moved to April 23 at 7 pm.
- Ionia County Habitat for Humanity accepts donations of furniture, appliances, building supplies, etc. during regular store hours. They also offer Ionia County residents FREE pick-up of donations. Donations are sold at the ReStore and go directly into their programming to help build homes, hope and community, and negate homelessness. Call 616-841-9202 to inquire about donating and pick-up services.

Upcoming Events

Tue 4/16	Belding Adult Education Class – JR/SR High Classroom	9 am – 12 pm
Wed 4/17	Belding Adult Education Class – <i>JR/SR High Classroom</i> Honeybee Fitness Class – <i>Fellowship Hall</i>	9 am – 12 pm 6:30 pm
Thu 4/18	Community Respite/Support – Lounge Community Dinner – Fellowship Hall	1-4 pm 4-6 pm
Sun 2/21	Sunday School Worship – Sanctuary	9:30 am 10:30 am

All are welcome to sing in our Choir Call-Down next Sunday during worship! **Hymnal #77 How Great Thou Art - verses 1-3** All you need is your voice, a hymnal and a joyful spirit!

Rev. Paul is on vacation thru April 20





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CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Celebration – 10:30 am 3rd Sunday of Easter April 14, 2024

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

Holy and Gracious Christ, cornerstone of all creation, we come before you to worship your worthy name.

You have been raised from perdition to a seat in heaven, conquering the grave, setting us all free from sin and death forever.

You have torn open the tombs and reclaimed your people, setting them all at liberty. **Death's maw has been shut and a new dawn has risen on this new creation.** Your wisdom pattern has been revealed. The seed that falls into the earth sprouts and blooms into a new creation.

Transform us, O Lord, as the earth transforms the seed into springtime flowers. Help us to bear fruit in this resurrection reality. Amen.

WORSHIP WITH PRAYER AND SONG

*Hymn	Christ Is Alive vs 1, 2, 5	Hymnal 318		
Sharing of Praises and I	Prayer Requests			
Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer				
Hymn	Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus	Hymnal 349		
*Dedication of Tithes &	Hymnal 95			
WORSHIP WITH THE WRITTEN WORD				
Reading of Scripture: 1 Peter 2:4-10 Liturgist: Words from the past made new for us today! People's Response: Thanks be to God!				
The Message	Easter People	Rev. Dr. Eric Beck		
*Hymn	Easter People, Raise Your Voices	Hymnal 304		
BECOMING THE BLESSING				
Benediction				
Postlude				