

## Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Baptism is an outward and visible sign of the grace of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ, through which grace we become partakers of God's righteousness and heirs to life eternal. Those receiving the Sacrament are thereby marked as Christian disciples, and initiated into the fellowship of Christ's holy Church. This Sacrament blesses us with the grace to become faithful disciples. This divine gift is to be received joyfully and sincerely.

Children and infants can be baptized as long as their parents are ready with passion and integrity to fulfill the vows they will take for their child. The church will stand with them to share in the work and privilege of raising them in faith.

Adult baptism is given to those who have not been baptized before and desire to receive this gift of baptism as they serve God.

If you are interested in Baptism for you or your children, the steps below are provided to assist you. First, contact the church office (313-965-5422) and set up a time to meet with the pastor. At that meeting you will have the chance to talk about Baptism, learn about the specifics of the service and schedule the date the baptism will occur. Because the congregation takes a vow of commitment to the Baptized and their families, it is necessary to celebrate the sacrament in worship. Baptisms are NOT scheduled the first Sunday of the month, because the Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated at that time.

### Steps to the Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Infants and Children

1. Attend worship on a regular basis.
2. Become active in the Church and have the children in Sunday School.
3. Become a member of the Church.
4. Meet with the pastor to schedule the Baptism.

Steps 1,2, and 3 will be waived if a person is an active member of a church in another community and wishes to return to their home church to have the baptism at Central United Methodist Church rather than in the church in which they have active memberships.

Baptismal Form  
Central United Methodist Church

Complete Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

How would you like the parent names listed on the certificate and bulletin:

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Church Affiliation: \_\_\_Members \_\_\_Attenders \_\_\_Family of:

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_