

# CHIMES

Central United Methodist Church

Connecting with God,

Connecting with Others,

Changing our World with Christ's Love

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Here's to a fruitful season of ministry that I pray will meet the needs of both our current church family and the family we will become! This is a time for wisdom to prevail, pray for wisdom. I will see you in worship!

Because of Christ,

*Pastor Jack*

Worship Schedule – Beginning

September 18, 2016

8:30-9:10 a.m. – Chapel Service

9:55 a.m. – Sanctuary Worship

Worship Schedule – Beginning

November 6 or 13

8:30-9:10 a.m. – Chapel Service

9:55 a.m. – Sanctuary Worship

11:10 a.m. – The Conversation

## BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

Calling all students, teachers, and those who work in education!! Sunday, September 4th is the "Back to School Blessing" during the 10:00am service. Bring your backpack, bag, and suitcase for a special blessing and gift as we begin a new school year.

## MEMORIAL GARDEN

A big THANKS to Don Carter, Gay Crump, Janet Jensenius, Cheryl Malin, & Larry Spiece for helping with the weeding and clean up in the Memorial Garden in August. Also to Marge Frazier for providing our refreshments. Our next weeding & clean up day will be Thursday, September 8th at 9:00. Please bring garden tools, gloves and something to kneel on. Join us in fellowship as we keep the garden a special place for remembrance and meditation. Diana Carter 248-309-2490.

## Worship Notes

**AUGUST 28, 2016**

One Service - 10:00 a.m.

Mark 10:35-45

"Reaching the People Behind the Need"

The "Get Their Name" Message Series

Led by: Pastor Jack Manschreck

**SEPTEMBER 4, 2016**

One Service - 10:00 a.m.

Labor Day Weekend

Blessing of the Backpacks "24/7 Christians"

The "Get Their Name" Message Series

Led by: Pastor Jack Manschreck

# Confirmation

## CONFIRMATION MENTORS NEEDED!

Confirmation is an opportunity for students in 8th grade to explore their own faith and learn more about the Bible, Christianity, and The United Methodist Church. Mentors are adults who covenant to walk with students through their confirmation experience (and beyond). Mentors do not need to know all the answers. Mentors should be able to engage in conversation with youth, have strong listening skills, be comfortable asking open-ended questions, and be able to attend Confirmation classes at least once a month on Sunday afternoon. If you are interested in finding out more about being a Confirmation mentor, please contact Rev. Kathy.

## KIDS CENTRAL MINISTRY NEWS

### TIDYING UP THE CLASSROOMS!

On September 4th, our Children's Worship time during the 10am service will be spent doing an in-house service project by cleaning up our classrooms to prepare for the 2016-2017 school year. This also gives our children a sense of ownership for their space. We will focus on the Imagination Station, North Star, Oasis, and Rock of Ages Room. Several adults are needed to provide guidance. Please contact Rev. Kathy if you are interested.

### NEW CHILDREN'S MINISTRY FORMAT FOR THE FALL

A team of people invested in children's ministry met and has redesigned our Sunday morning Children's Ministry to meet the needs of the children and families in our church and community. Starting on September 18th, children will begin in worship and then will be invited to stay or go to Stepping Stones (infant through age 3) or Kids GROW – (age 4 through 5th Grade). On Communion Sundays, children will return for Communion. The Kids GROW class will include large group activities, worship (song/prayer), and small group discussions (divided by ages). This format gives all children an opportunity to participate in corporate worship, work individually or together on an activity with different ages, and then discuss the story/theme in age appropriate ways. At least six youth and adults will be needed each Sunday to provide leadership for both the Stepping Stones and Kids GROW classes. Please contact Rev. Kathy for more information.

Rev. Kathy's contact info:  
kpittenger@waterfordcumc.org or  
248-681-0040 ext. 15

[www.kidscentralweb.org](http://www.kidscentralweb.org)

### CHIMES SPACE

Unfortunately there is limited space in the Chimes when there is a calendar included. I apologize for anything that wasn't included! Rich

CRUISE FOR A CAUSE - JULY  
28TH WRAP-UP  
WE DID IT !!

Weather delayed and all.

And it was a GREAT Cruise Benefit!  
Both for the MS Society as well as  
Guardian Angels Medical Service  
Dogs.

Here are the high points:

- Over \$6,000.00 raised for the  
MS Society and Guardian Angels  
Medical Service Dogs - WOO HOO!

- Over 100 show cars (the best were  
my Viper buddies, of course :)

- About 250 additional spectators!

- Beautiful weather (finally)

- and some well deserved, friendly  
recognition for all the Veterans  
attending.

And most important of all:

THANK YOU to all who made  
it such a grand success. Donors,  
sponsors, GREAT Kitchen Crew led  
by Cappy Murphy - WOW, set-up  
with Thursday Fix It Crew, tracking  
down sponsors, spaying weeds, and  
moral support - it all counts and it all  
adds up. We (I) are so blessed to have  
just great support and friendship.

And please excuse me for this  
personal note: I'm lucky that this year  
was so successful as I finally decided  
that it's time to "retire" from this  
car cruise endeavor. We've had 13  
awesome cruises and have raised over  
\$60,000 for the MS Society while  
establishing many friendships and  
community alliances in the process.  
So again, thank you for tolerating  
and encouraging this illogical pursuit  
for a good cause and making it a  
fantastic finale.

Bob Swartz

CENTRAL UMC T-SHIRTS

Central UMC has made a new  
t-shirt so that we can have something  
to wear in our community that  
identifies us as from Central. The  
shirts are sapphire blue with our  
new logo, the tagline: "A Place to  
Connect", and our location. They  
looked really nice for our bridge  
event at Riverside Elementary School  
for the Book Exchange.

If you are interested in purchasing  
a t-shirt, we do have some available!  
The shirts are \$7 for sizes Small to  
Extra Large and \$9 for 2 and 3XL.  
Please contact the Church office if  
you are interested. Thank you!

September Birthdays

Best Wishes to the following members

Celebrating a Birthday of  
80 years or more.

Barbara Jacobson - September 2

Carl Rose - September 3

Joanne Green - September 8

Rev. Paul Blomquist - September 10

Helen McAllister - September 12

Bill Wright - September 19

Evon Carlson - September 22

Lavonne Kaul - September 27

Dorothy Young - September 30

September Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following couples

Celebrating an Anniversary  
of 50 years or more.

John and Jean Ostrander

September 16 ~ 61 years

Garrith and Marlene Knaus

September 18 ~ 51 years

Carl and Donna Rose

September 25 ~ 68 years

Donna and Mary Lou Osborne

September 30 ~ 60 years

60 PLUS GROUP!

There will be a gathering in the  
Parlor on Monday, September 12,  
2016 at 10:30 a.m. to discuss senior  
ministry at Central UMC.  
ALL SENIORS ARE WELCOME!

CUMC SECOND ANNUAL  
GOLF OUTING

We are planning a golf outing,  
Sunday, September 25, 2016 at 2:00  
p.m. at Springfield Oaks. The cost  
is \$25 per person, which includes  
a cart. If you are interested, please  
sign up outside the Church office. At  
this time we have reservations for 20  
people, so sign up quickly. If enough  
people are interested we will reserve  
more time.



CHIMES  
Deadline

The Chimes deadline is  
September 1 for the  
September 11, 2016 Chimes.



FISH PANTRY

The Fish Pantry helps out those in  
our community that are in need of  
food. Right now we are experiencing  
a high demand for food assistance.

This is a list of the items that we are  
in need of at the moment:

stuffing mix, boxed potatoes, boxed  
pasta sides, tuna, pasta sauce,  
crackers, baked beans, cereal,  
shampoo/conditioner, toilet paper,  
and paper towel.

Thank you for your generous support  
of this ministry!

CENTRAL CINEMA IS  
COMING SOON!

Central Cinema returns on  
September 10, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. with  
the movie: "The Intern" rated PG-13.  
The movie is in the Parlor. We look  
forward to seeing you there!

CHIMES ARTICLES

Please send all of your articles, thank  
you notes and address changes in to  
the Church office or e-mail them to  
Rich at

rpittenger@waterfordcumc.org.  
Thanks and God Bless!

**Sign-up for Central's  
e-Newsletter at:  
[www.waterfordcumc.org](http://www.waterfordcumc.org)  
Click the *Sign-up* button on  
the right hand column.**

BISHOP VISIT -

CHURCH SPRUCE UP

Bishop David Bard will be visiting  
Central United Methodist Church on  
Saturday, September 24th (Please note  
the change!!!) at 10:30 a.m. There will  
be a service and refreshments for this  
event.

Before the event, we would like to  
make sure that the Church is cleaned  
and ready for his arrival. We are  
having a sprucing up of the Church  
on Thursday, September 8th from  
9:00 a.m. to Noon. We need all of  
the help we can get to prepare for this  
visit. If you are interested in helping  
please sign up outside the Church  
office. Thanks!!

September 2016 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Central Café Schedule</b>                      4:15 -- 5:15 Alleluia Dancers 6:30 -- 7:30 New Joy Choir                      4:45 -- 5:30 Carol Choir 6:30 -- 7:30 Jubilate Dancers                      5:15 -- 6:30 Dinner served 6:20 -- 7:15 Agape Ringers                      5:15 -- 5:45 Good News Ringers 7:30 -- 9:00 Chancel Choir                      5:45 -- 6:25 YTBN Bell Ringers</p>	<p><b>Our Support Groups</b>                      Alcoholics Anonymous: Monday : 11:00 a.m.                      Food Addicts in Recovery: Saturday : 9:30 a.m.                      Recovery International: Tuesday : 10:30 a.m.                      Narcotics Anonymous: Thursday : 8:00 p.m.                      Saturday : 7:00 p.m.</p>					
<p>4                      9:30 am - Coffee Fellowship                      10:00 am - Worship Service -                      Back to School Blessing</p>	<p>5                      Labor Day                      Church Office Closed</p>	<p>6                      1:00 pm - Hutchinson Circle                      - Parlor</p>	<p>7                      10:00 am - Keller-Fitz Book                      Study - Parlor                      11:30 am - Olive Mae Glenn                      - Parlor</p>	<p>8                      8:00 am - Thursday Morning                      Breakfast                      9:00 am - Bishop Spruce Up</p>	<p>9                      Church Office Closed</p>	<p>10                      6:00 pm - Central Cinema -                      Parlor</p>
<p>11                      Rally Day!                      9:30 am - Coffee Fellowship                      10:00 am - Worship Service                      11:15 am - Ministry Fair - FH                      11:15 am - Rally Day Lunch</p>	<p>12                      10:30 am - 60+ (Older Adults)                      7:00 pm - Finance Meeting -                      Room 104A</p>	<p>13                      7:00 p.m. - Eschtruth Circle                      - Parlor</p>	<p>14                      10:00 am - Keller-Fitz Book                      Study - Parlor</p>	<p>15                      Central Café Schedule                      8:00 am - Thursday Morning                      Breakfast</p>	<p>16                      Church Office Closed</p>	<p>17                      Church Office Closed</p>
<p>18                      8:30 am - Chapel                      Worship Service                      9:00 am - 3rd Grade Bible                      Workshop - 1/2 FH                      9:55 am - Traditional Worship                      5:45 pm - Tween Group -                      Rock of Ages</p>	<p>19                      7:00 pm - Staff Parish -                      Rm104A</p>	<p>20                      Church Office Closed</p>	<p>21                      10:00 am - Keller-Fitz Book                      Study - Parlor</p>	<p>22                      Central Café Schedule                      8:00 am - Thursday Morning                      Breakfast</p>	<p>23                      Church Office Closed</p>	<p>24                      10:30 am - Welcome                      Reception for our new Bishop</p>
<p>25                      8:30 am - Chapel                      Worship Service                      9:55 am - Traditional Worship                      4:15 pm - Confirmation                      Orientation - Parlor</p>	<p>26                      7:00 pm - Staff Parish -                      Rm104A</p>	<p>27                      7:00 pm - Trustees - Rm104A</p>	<p>28                      10:00 am - Keller-Fitz Book                      Study -Parlor</p>	<p>29                      Central Café Schedule                      8:00 am - Thursday Morning                      Breakfast</p>	<p>30                      Church Office Closed</p>	<p>31                      Church Office Closed</p>

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Dear Friends,

King Solomon, who ruled Israel for forty years beginning approximately 967 B.C., was known for his wisdom, his wealth and his writings. He left us a trilogy of wisdom writings in our Old Testament – Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and Song of Solomon. His literature is considered a genre within our scripture known as Wisdom Literature. Wisdom Literature is concerned with living life optimally in a world and with others we do not fully understand. Author and Roman Catholic priest, Richard Clifford, writes, “The wisdom books remind readers that one must take hold of life as both gift and task, that there are many possibilities but also profound limits, and that honest observation and fidelity to one’s experience of life can put one in touch with a wondrous order whose source is God.”

Arguably, the most famous of Solomon’s writings is the third chapter of Ecclesiastes. This portion of scripture begins, “For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up

what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance.” These pairings of possibilities goes on and other than “a time to be born, and a time to die” they represent decisions we human beings make.

Perhaps these ancient words led to the axiom, “Timing is everything!” The purpose of this reflection on the Wisdom of Solomon is to recognize that timing is everything. Our church has been working toward many different goals as a part of our participating in the Vital Church Initiative (VCI).

One of those goals is launching a new contemporary setting for worship which we have named The Conversation.

Originally, we were going to publically launch that service on October 9; about a month after beginning that service for our congregation in September.

Up to this point, we have not been able to secure a very necessary part of The Conversation experience: . . . a Worship Leader who will facilitate The Conversation and provide a connection with those we hope to reach.

This is a time for your pastor to say, “Timing is everything!” Therefore we are

delaying the launch of The Conversation until December 4, 2016. According to our VCI Coach, Rev. Tonya Arnesen, and other experts in the field of worship, Advent offers another opportunity to reach out to the community with a new ministry. The public launch on December 4 means that we will begin this worship experience on November 6 or 13. This decision was made with counsel from leaders working in VCI and in the area of worship and it was not taken lightly. This change in our plans offers us some additional time to come together with our two different services on September 18 and produce some momentum toward our December 4 launch.

The schedule for our worship services beginning on September 18 is on the front part of the Chimes. You will also find the schedule for November 6 or 13 when we begin The Conversation.

As we prepare for a very busy fall schedule and the beginning of cherished programs as well as new programs and studies, I ask that you pray for the leadership of our church. Please pray for me and your very dedicated Staff. Pray for those who are not yet a part of our church family!

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