

CHIMES

Central United Methodist Church
*Connecting with God,
 Connecting with Others,
 Changing our World with Christ's Love*

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Let's be ready to live up to our Mission Statement – Central Church: Connecting with God. Connecting with Others. Changing our world with Christ's Love. Let's live in anticipation of this great season and time of year. Let's prepare to offer our story as a church, as individuals and as groups within our church that will welcome people and greet them warmly, insuring that Waterford Central is truly a place to connect.

Put Rally Day on your calendar and I will see you in worship!

Because of Christ,
Pastor Jack

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.

Worship Notes

SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

One Service - 10:00 a.m.

Rally Day

Matthew 28:16-20

"Greeting our Guests -
 Are We Prepared?"

The "Get Their Name"
 Message Series

Luncheon and Ministry Fair
 Led by: Pastor Jack Manschreck

SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

Two Services

8:30 a.m. - Chapel Worship

9:55 a.m. - Traditional Worship

Faith Formation Sunday

Third Grade Bible

Led by: Rev. Kathy Pittenger and
 the Faith Growth Plan Team



**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 15th and 22nd 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!!

CONNECT KIDS MINISTRY NEWS

EXCITING NEWS FOR KIDS MINISTRIES!

As we work through our new mission statement and aligning ministries, it seemed appropriate to give a name to our Children's Ministries. The name will be "Connect Kids". The goal of "Connect Kids" is to: 1. create intentional space for children from birth through 5th grade to connect with God through weekly ministry opportunities and at-home activities; 2. involve and encourage children and families to participate in age specific and intergenerational events and activities; 3. incorporate opportunities for children to serve and share Christ's love in our world (local and global). A brochure with more information will be available at the ministry fair.

TWEEN GROUP

Our Tween Group for children in 4th and 5th grade will have our kick-off on Sunday, September 18th from 5:45pm – 7:30pm (note the change in time from last year). We will begin with the youth group for dinner and then go to the Rock of Ages room. A brochure with more information will be available at the ministry fair and on the website.

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

www.kidscentralweb.org

60 PLUS GROUP!

The Older Adult Ministry is up and running. Several programs are being planned. Beverages and Biscuits will be served again on Monday, September 12th at 10:30 a.m. We will meet in the Parlor. If you have attained the age of 60 or more, please plan to join us and discover what plans are being made.



**CHIMES
 Deadline**

The Chimes deadline is
**September 15 for the
 September 25, 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: canned green beans, cereal, powdered milk packets, spaghetti sauce and pasta, cans of soup, canned pasta meals, tuna, boxed pasta, paper towel, canned fruit, hamburger helper, baked beans, stuffing mix, medium and large peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, jelly/jam, crackers and toilet paper.

Thank you for your generous support of this ministry!

FISH PANTRY UPDATE

It's hard to express gratitude from the many people that we help with our food pantry but we have decided to include an update as to how many people in our community that we have touched from this ministry.

In the month of August 2016 we have helped:

Emergency Food: 19 families,
47 people

Gas Cards: 4

Thanks again for your support!



CROP WALK

The Crop Walk is scheduled for Sunday, October 2, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. It begins at Christ Lutheran Church at 5987 Williams Lake Rd, Waterford, MI. They are offering a 1 mile, a 3 mile and a 5 mile course for walking.

The Crop Walk provides seeds and gardening supplies for those in need around the world. 1/4 of the proceeds go to help people in need locally at Open Door Outreach, The Baldwin Center, Meals on Wheels, and The Good Samaritan Food Closet. For more information please check out the website: crophungerwalk.org or please contact Janice Mann.

SUNDAY MORNING FAITH FORMATION

We are nearing the start of our new worship schedule. With a new worship schedule it made sense to evaluate and redesign our Sunday morning kids faith formation opportunities. Starting in September, all children will participate in worship and then have the opportunity to stay in worship or attend Stepping Stones (infant – age 3) or Kids GROW – an interactive faith formation opportunity with activities and small group conversation. Kids Grow will be open to kids age 4 through 5th grade. Older elementary children and their families will need to decide what is best for their faith growth – to stay in worship or attend Kids GROW.

Here is the format of Kids GROW:

· Large Group Activities in the Imagination Station (about 15-20 minutes, 4 activity areas to choose from, 2 leaders, 2 assistants)

· Transition time and Worship in the North Star (about 10 minutes, video, song/prayer)

· Small Group Time (questions and discussion about the theme/Bible story and practical application)

* Age 4 – 2nd grade will meet in The Oasis (1 leader, 1 assistant)

* 3rd grade – 5th grade will meet in the Rock of Ages Room

· Parents will pick up their children at the end of worship.

With this new format we will need 4 adults each Sunday. Two will lead the Large Group Activities and assist with the worship & small group activities. Two will lead the Worship and Small Groups and assist with the large group activities. We are very excited about this new possibility. It provides a way for children to interact across the age groups and have more in depth conversation with their peers. It allows for creativity and innovation in large group activities and a time for gathered prayer. It gives leaders the opportunity to form relationships with kids in our church in intentional ways. If you have any questions about the new format or are interested in serving in this way, please contact Rev. Kathy.

CENTRAL CINEMA

Central Cinema returns on September 10, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Join us for our first Central Cinema offering, "The Intern". A pleasant dramedy about work and a cross-generational friendship. The important themes of love, kindness and self-esteem are featured in this Robert DeNiro/Anne Hathaway film. The movie is rated PG-13.

We look forward to seeing you there!



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 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
Click the *Sign-up* button on the right hand column.

Central Café
Schedule
4:15 -- 5:15 Alleluia Dancers
5:15 -- 5:45 Good News Ringers
5:45 -- 6:25 YTNB Bell Ringers
6:25 -- 7:15 Agape Ringers
6:30 -- 7:30 Carol Choir and New Joy Choir
6:30 -- 7:30 Jubilate Dancers
7:30 -- 9:00 Chancel Choir

YOUTH CHOIR

Youth Choir is starting on Sunday, September 18th at 5:00 pm. If you are interested in joining or for more information please contact Sara Hazen.

LITTLE SPROUTS

Little Sprouts Preschool is now enrolling! The programs run from September through the 4th week of May. All preschool programs run from 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. If you are interested or know someone that may be interested, please contact the Little Sprouts Staff at 248-683-8759 or check out their website at: <http://littlesproutspreschool.org>

T-Shirts Available!!!

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!

Our New Sunday Worship Schedule Starting 9/18/16

8:30 a.m. - Chapel Worship Service

9:55 a.m. - Traditional Worship Service

Visit our website:

www.waterfordcumc.org

Contact us: 248-681-0040 or info@waterfordcumc.org

September Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following couples
Celebrating an Anniversary
of 50 years or more.

Don and Mary Lou Osborne
September 30 ~ 60 years
(correction from last Chimes, sorry!)

Address / Phone Change

Rob and Lindsay Peckham
7877 Brookpines Dr.
Clarkston, MI 48348
248-558-3040

Jean Fochesato
4627 Curtis Lane
Clarkston, MI 48346

Joyce Clarkson
1407 Skipper Dr. #318
Waterford, MI 48327

Marilyn Bruce
email: marilynbruce36@gmail.com



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Did you know that there are volunteer opportunities in the Church that we can't fill?!? Are you looking for a way to engage with Central UMC but don't know where to get involved? Ask a staff member or check out the opportunities sheet in the weekly bulletin to see some of these tasks. We would love to help you get more involved in the Church's ministry!

Dear Members of Central UMC,
On behalf of our recipients, please allow us to extend our sincere gratitude for your generous donation of \$562.50.

You have just played a vital role in helping us move one step closer to improving the independence and quality of life for several disabled individuals. Your kindness will assist us in making it possible to donate one of our highly skilled service dogs to a deserving individual.

Thank you for making the world a better place for those less fortunate! We invite you to come visit our facility, meet our amazing dogs and experience the work we do here anytime.

Warm Regards,
Carol Borden, Executive Director
Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs, Inc.

Dear Great Friends,
The National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Michigan Chapter, is most grateful for your Do It Yourself Fundraising gift in the amount of \$4,845.89 received through the Cruise for a Cause event.

Your commitment to creating a world free of MS is deeply appreciated by the Society and its volunteers. Again, thank you.

Sincerely,
Elana A. Sullivan - President

CENTRAL UMC'S WEB SITE
Central's website:

www.waterfordcumc.org has a lot of information for events and groups of the Church! Not only that, but (almost)all of the sermons and music are easily accessible through the home page, so if you miss a Sunday make sure and check out what you missed!

I strive to keep the website up to date and relevant. If you have any questions or suggestions please contact me in the Church office.
Rich Pittenger

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Dear Friends,

August has passed and September is upon us! September is a very celebrative month for the Mannschrecks. Of the six people in our nuclear family, three of us have birthdays in September! I've detected a slight crispness in the air early in the morning these last couple of days, reminding us that fall is around the corner. I've shared with you before that this is my time of year. Birthday celebrations in September, cooler fall days leading to Halloween in October, Thanksgiving in November and of course, the celebration of Christmas in December; there is always something to look forward to during this time of year!

It is a time of anticipation and new beginnings. School begins and church programs ramp up. We have the opportunity to enjoy each other's company once again and welcome others who seek community and companions on this journey we call life. That's the tagline on our new logo – "A Place to Connect."

For the last few weeks, I've been sharing ideas with you about welcoming others to our church. This series has been called Sharing My, Your, Our Story. The first week we talked about that dreaded word: Evangelism. The take away from that message should be that there is a right as well as a wrong way to welcome people to our church family. We all need to develop and share our stories of faith that will help us to connect others to our community and with our God. The second week, I shared a message that we want to be mindful of the people behind the needs in our community. We don't want to see people just as their need – whether they need help with rent, or a gas card or food from our pantry. We want to recognize that they have deeper needs, spiritual needs as well. If we are to care for those around us, we need to offer authentic relationships and the opportunity to meet not only their obvious and immediate needs but their deeper needs as well. The third week of this message series dealt with being

in the world and offering invitations to those we meet to join us for worship or a service project or one of our events design simply to enjoy fellowship with our church family.

This next Sunday, September 11, is Rally Day. I will finish the Sharing My, Your, Our Story Series with the message, Greeting our Guest – Are We Prepared? I want for us to consider the Great Commission of Jesus as recorded in Matthew 28:16-20. If we take that mandate seriously, we can't just sit in our church and wait for guests to arrive. We will have to go out and invite them to be our guest. I want for us to consider the welcome that we offer people and the kindness we share when they come to "check out" our church family. As we prepare to once again launch many of our programs as well as new ones, I want for us to consider this year's Rally Day as a locker room experience – a pre-game pep-talk if you will.

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