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Connecting with God,

Connecting with Others,

Changing our World with Christ's Love

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"My prayer is that the Holy Spirit's presence and power is so palpable in this place that we are open to the calling of God on our hearts and lives and want to live that out in tangible ways."

I join Rev. Kathy in that prayer. How about you? On Sunday, September 11, we will celebrate our Annual Rally Day! It will be a day of celebration, kicking off our ministries and preparing for the fall. There will be a Ministry Fair as we gather in the Fellowship Hall for food, fellowship and fun. Look over the opportunities to grow in your faith. Look over the opportunities to be in ministry. Look over the opportunities to respond to God's call upon your life.

I'm excited about the possibilities this fall will bring as we seek to serve God in this place, assured of God's presence and guidance. Many blessings upon you as you consider God's call in your life. I look forward to seeing you in worship.

Because of Christ,

Pastor Jack

MEMORIAL GARDEN

Our thanks to our Memorial Garden workers in July: Don Carter, Gay Crump, Marge Frazier, Janet Jensenius, Cheryl Malin & Kathy Scafuri.

Our next work day is Friday, August 19th at 9:30 am. Anyone who has an hour (or a little more) to spare to help keep our garden looking beautiful is welcome. Many hands make light work. Please bring garden tools, gloves and a kneeling pad. Light refreshments will be served.

In appreciation,
Diana Carter
248-309-2490.

A WORD OF THANKS FROM THE STAFF PARISH COMMITTEE

We would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks to Preston Watkins who has served as our Youth Director for the past year. Preston will leave CUMC to follow his calling to begin his studies at seminary. Preston has enriched the lives of our youth through his ministry by providing programming and activities aimed at providing fellowship and discipleship. We wish him all the best in his studies and beyond as he grows in his relationship with God and those he will serve.

We would like to welcome Doniel "Doni" St. Amour who has assumed the role of Youth Director at Central as of August 1. She comes to us with great enthusiasm for working with youth as she has spent the past 24 years working in K-12 education. She is a mother of 3 and is an avid equestrian. Doni has earned degrees from Central Michigan University and Grand Valley State University. Doni brings an extensive background of working with youth to this position, holding degrees in elementary education and majoring in English and minoring in math, a master's degree in K-12 Administration, Ed. Specialists credentials in Leadership and Supervision, and ABD status on her Doctor of Education degree. From teaching to superintendent of schools, she has worked in many and varied settings serving youth and families. We look forward to having Doni work with our youth, to help us grow this ministry and help our youth continue on their journey down the path of growing their relationship with Jesus.

Welcome to Central, Doni!

KIDS CENTRAL MINISTRY NEWS

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.

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

www.kidscentralweb.org



2016 SUMMER CHORAL FESTIVAL

"A Mass for Mixed Voices and Organ"

Performance will be held Sunday, August 14th at 10 a.m. The performance will be conducted by Dr. Ulrich and accompanied by Sara Hazen, Director of Music at Central United Methodist Church.

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!



CALLING ALL YOUNGSTERS 60 AND OVER!!!!

When: Monday morning, August 15 at 10:30 a.m.

Where: Parlor

What: Beverages, Biscuits and Brainstorms

Why: Share ideas for Older Adult Ministry at CUMC

Join us for fellowship, food and fresh ideas about kick-starting programs, activities, etc. for those in the congregation who are "senior citizens".

ALL SENIORS ARE WELCOME!

"ON-THE-GO WORSHIP BAGS"

The warmer weather brings outside sports, camping, and vacations. With traveling and summer commitments it can be easy to miss several Sundays of worship. Starting in July we will have several "On-the-Go Worship Bags." Each bag will contain a Bible story or theme and resources that relate to it. Families may check out a bag for up to 2 weeks and after returning it may check out a new bag. The themes will relate to the Surf Shack VBS and summer worship. They will be located by the blue board by July 1st. Also by the blue board is a sign-up for summer prayer partners. You can sign-up there or contact Rev. Kathy.

PROJECT BACKPACK

Central UMC is partnering with the Waterford Coalition for Youth and are collecting school supplies for students in the Waterford School District. Your donations can help Waterford School District students prepare for a successful school year! Here is a list of the items that we are looking for:

Backpacks, Pens, Pencils, Pencil Boxes, 24 Count Crayon Boxes, Highlighters, Post-it Notes, Notebooks, Rulers, Calculators, Glue Sticks, Erasers, Markers, Notebook Paper and Pocket Folders. School supplies will be collected until Friday, August 19th. Thank you!!!

Worship Notes

AUGUST 14, 2016
One Service - 10:00 a.m.
Choral Festival
"A Mass for Mixed Voices and Organ"
Conducted by: Dr. Ulrich
Accompanied by: Sara Hazen

AUGUST 21, 2016
One Service - 10:00 a.m.
Music by "The Moving Vans"
Baptism of Cora Finney
John 1:29-42
"Your Life As An Invitation"
The "Get Their Name"
Message Series
Led by: Pastor Jack Manschreck

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

TECHNOLOGY OPPORTUNITIES

Members of the Technology Team are offering learning opportunities for the different areas of technology that are used in our services. These classes will be at 9:00 a.m. at the technology cabinet in the Sanctuary. Here is the training schedule:

- Audio
August 14
- Video Cameras
August 21

Address / Phone Change

William "Bill" Wright
Sunrise of Bloomfield
2080 S. Telegraph #311
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302



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!

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 months of June and July 2016 we have helped:

Emergency Food: 15 families,
43 people helped

Thanks again for your support!

Save the Dates!!!!

BISHOP VISIT -

CHURCH SPRUCE UP

Bishop David Bard will be visiting Central United Methodist Church on Saturday, September 10th 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!!

THANK YOU!

To my Church family,

To all who donated books, time, talents, and energy for the Ice Cream Social and Book Exchange at Riverside Elementary School. We had a wonderful turn-out of both Riverside families and people from CUMC. Special thanks to Debra Hayden-Schmid for all the behind the scenes work to make event a success.



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!



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!



CHIMES
Deadline

The Chimes deadline is
August 18 for the
August 28, 2016 Chimes.

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!

Large print hymnals,
Bibles, & wireless hearing
devices, wheelchairs are
available at both services.

We are also very proud
of our handicapped
accessible bathrooms!

Confirmation

CONFIRMATION 2016-2017

During this school year we will be
offering a Confirmation class for
students in 8th and 9th grade. If
you have a student in 8th or 9th
grade who would like to learn more
about confirmation or be included
in the class, please contact Rev.
Kathy Pittenger. We will have
an introduction and orientation
meeting in September.

CENTRAL UMC'S WEB SITE

Central's web site ([www.
waterfordcumc.org](http://www.waterfordcumc.org)) has tons 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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e-Newsletter at:
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the right hand column.**

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Dear Friends,

In this issue of Chimes, you have already or will read the article by Staff-Parrish Relations Committee Chair, John Lawrence, that we are saying good-bye to Preston Watkins as our Youth Director and welcoming Doni St. Amour to fill that position.

When I first heard of Preston, he was an intern at another church. The glowing remarks about his preaching and ministry internship inspired me to call Preston and recruit him for our Youth Director Staff position. We interviewed Preston and clearly he was the candidate we wanted to hire over two other candidates – even though he could only be with us for a year.

I want to thank Preston for that time in which he was very helpful in facilitating my Doctoral study with the youth, preached during our winter series of message based on current movies, helped facilitate our youth program from his involvement with our Sunday morning education hour to meeting with our youth fellowship group on

Sunday afternoons. Preston played in The Shore praise band, worked with VCI implementation and was a great sounding board for me as we navigate the creation of a new worship schedule and other ministries beginning this fall. Thank you Preston.

As you read in John's article, Preston will leave CUMC to follow his calling to begin his studies at seminary. Preston has enriched the lives of our youth through his ministry by providing programming and activities aimed at providing fellowship and discipleship.

As we say good-bye to Preston, Doni St. Amour has already begun her work as our Youth Director. She and Rev. Kathy have begun to shape a Sunday afternoon/evening ministry for our youth inclusive of our Confirmation Class and our ministry to "Tweens." I am very excited for their collaboration and the direction of our ministry offering progressive approach for those whose lives are being shaped within our community of faith.

Let me offer you a little insight. My work with the youth for my Doctor of Ministry Degree involves the

introduction of spiritual disciplines and prayer forms that I believe will enable our youth to articulate their faith in meaningful ways. Here's the thing though, I found that my project was not the only shaping the faith language of our youngest members and friends. Their language was also representative of our new Mission Statement, our Vital Church Initiative and the language we use in worship and I have no doubt the language used in their homes. Dr. Kenda Creasy-Dean, in her book *Almost Christian*, writes that the greatest influencer in the life of American teens today remains the parents of those youth. The children and youth are watching you Central Church!! You are important to the task of shaping the lives of our children and youth! Now, that's a high calling!

As you join me in congratulating Preston as he begins a new chapter of education in seminary, welcoming Doni as she responds to a call to be in ministry with youth; think with about your own calling to ministry. Rev. Kathy said in her message on Sunday, August 7,

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