

CHIMES

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Connecting with Others,
Changing our World with Christ's Love

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Christianity & World Religions



JOIN THE LENT STUDY CHRISTIANITY AND WORLD RELIGIONS

The 2017 Lenten Study Group will focus on Christianity and World Religions by Adam Hamilton.

Wrestling With Questions People Ask is a video-based small-group study and outreach program that explores four major world religions – Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam and Judaism – and compares the beliefs of each with those of Christianity. The six-week study deals openly and honestly with questions people ask about other religions, including why we should believe the claims of Christianity over those of other faiths. As part of the study, author and presenter Adam Hamilton interviews a religious leader from each tradition. He treats the world religions with great respect, recognizing the unique contributions of each.

In examining these major world religions and the beliefs of their followers, the Reverend Hamilton urges us as Christians to build bridges with others so that we might grow in our faith, seek peace in our world, love our neighbor, and find positive ways to share the gospel.

The study will be offered twice each week during the following times:

-Thursday Evenings for 5 weeks at 6:30 p.m. in the parlor beginning March 2 and concluding March 30. Led by Rev. Kathy.

-Tuesday mornings for 6 weeks at 11:00 a.m. in the parlor beginning March 7 and concluding April 11. Led by Pastor Jack.

We hope to see you at a study!

SERVE!!!

BLOOD DRIVE

Central will be hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, February 21 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. There are multiple ways you can help, including; host and welcome donors, provide a meal for the Red Cross staff, and/or donate blood! There are sign-up sheets in the Chapel hallway and if you'd like to sign-up online to donate blood, visit www.redcrossblood.org.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS FOR MARCH 3-4

The Church will be hosting a Lay Servant Workshop March 3-4 and would love to have some friendly, smiling volunteers who are willing to help with hospitality and serving meals. If you are interested in helping, please contact the Church office.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

SERVING AT HOPE SHELTER

For many years, Central has volunteered at the Hope Shelter in Pontiac. This year, we are serving Friday, March 24 - Wednesday, March 29. If you are interested in serving dinner at the shelter for an evening, a sign-up sheet and online sign up will be posted in late February. If you have questions or are interested in serving, please contact the Church office.

TUSHIES & TOES

Central is collecting NEW underwear and socks for adults at the HOPE Shelter until Sunday, March 19th. A collection box is located in the Chapel hallway. Adult sizes small - x-large would be appreciated. Thank you!!

CONNECT KIDS

PRAYERS FOR STUDENTS

Kids, youth, and adults have been praying for and connecting with one another in new ways! If you would to participate, contact Rev. Kathy!

WILLING TO SERVE?

Do you like to work with kids and want to help them learn more about God and grow in their faith? If this sounds exciting and like something you'd love to do, consider serving in Kids GROW, our children's faith time on Sunday mornings. We have opportunities for large group leaders where you lead a craft and activity, or small group leaders where you lead the children in small group discussions. Lessons and materials are provided. You just need to read over the lesson and show up on Sunday morning! If you are interested in serving, please contact Rev. Kathy.

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



MOM'S CONNECT

Mom's Connect is a women's group that meets the second and fourth Thursdays each month from 9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. in the parlor. If you are a Mom looking for fellowship and time to focus on your faith, or perhaps you know a Mom who would be interested in learning more about the group, please contact Rev. Kathy. Mom's Connect welcomes moms of all ages with children of all ages. Free childcare is provided.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

When giving special offerings throughout the year (for example: love offerings for staff at Christmas, CROP walk donations, or purchasing lilies and poinsettias), please write a separate check and place them in a separate envelope before putting them in the offering plate. This will help ensure contribution statements are accurate at the end of the year. If you have questions, please contact the bookkeeper.

Worship Notes

FEBRUARY 12, 2017
SCOUT SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. - Chapel Worship

9:55 a.m. - Sanctuary Worship

11:10 a.m. - The Conversation

Led by Pastor Jack Mannschreck
"Contemplations on the Prayer of
Jabez – Why Not Ask?"

Worship Arts: Carol and New
Joy Choirs, Good News Ringers,
Chancel Choir

CAKE FOR ALL*

All are welcome for a cake
reception in recognition of the
Scouts in the Fellowship Hall
following Sanctuary worship and
before The Conversation begins.

FEBRUARY 19, 2017

8:30 a.m. - Chapel Worship

9:55 a.m. - Sanctuary Worship

11:10 a.m. - The Conversation

Led by Pastor Jack Mannschreck
"Contemplations on the Prayer
of Jabez – Stretching Our
Boundaries!"

Worship Arts: Chancel Choir

FEBRUARY 26, 2017

8:30 a.m. - Chapel Worship

9:55 a.m. - Sanctuary Worship

11:10 a.m. - The Conversation

Led by Pastor Jack Mannschreck
"Understanding World Religions:
Questions Christians Ask"

Worship Arts: Chancel Choir and
Agape Ringers

Central Café Schedule

4:00 -- 5:00 Alleluia Dancers

5:15 -- 6:30 Dinner served

5:15 -- 5:45 Good News Ringers

5:45 -- 6:20 YTBN 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

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LENT DEVOTIONS

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday,
March 1. Lent is a time of repentance
and fasting (which doesn't necessarily
mean from certain foods, but it could)
and preparation for the death and
resurrection of Jesus Christ. One
of the ways that you can celebrate
Lent is through devotions. Various
devotional resources will be available
in the Chapel hallway. *Mercy Passion
& Joy* by C.S. Lewis and *Hope-Full
Living* will be available for adults, *The
See-Son of Lent* will be available for
teens and young adults, and *40 Days
& Nights* will be available for children.
If you have questions or are interested
in additional materials, please contact
Rev. Kathy.

CENTRAL CAFE

By Thursday night are you tired
of cooking? Try out Central Cafe!
Dinner is served every Thursday night
in the Fellowship Hall from 5:15 p.m.
- 6:30 p.m. Eat at Church and enjoy
some fellowship, or stop in for a carry
out on your way home from work! The
entrees each week are delicious and
there is always a salad bar and a child
friendly meal option. Adult meals
are \$4.50 and children are \$2.50. The
Cafe is open to anyone so invite a
neighbor or friend! Bon Appetite!

**FEBRUARY 23
NO CENTRAL CAFE
HAPPY MID-WINTER BREAK!**



CENTRAL CINEMA

Join us on Saturday, March 4 at
6:00 p.m. in the Parlor for the next
Central Cinema where we will be
watching "The Iron Lady". Meryl
Streep won an Academy Award for
playing Margaret Thatcher, the first
woman Prime Minister of England.
This film shows Thatcher in her later
years dealing with the death of her
husband, Dennis, and reviewing her
years of service to her country. An
important film for Women's History
Month. The film is rated PG 13. All
are welcome and we'd love for you
to bring a friend! If you have any
questions, please contact Christy
Painter at gliddenpaints@yahoo.com.



YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE!

Calling all youth and family of youth!
Check out these fun and exciting
events planned for the next few
months!

- 2/19 at 1:00 p.m. Sledding or Zap
Zone
- 3/5 Game Night at Central
- 3/12 Cupcake Wars at Central
- 3/19 Dinner and Easter planning
- 3/26 Planning for 30 Hour Famine
& create advertising for Easter Son
Rise Service.

If you have questions, please contact
Mark Strobel.

THE CONVERSATION CORNER

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO
HAVE RECENTLY JOINED THE
CONVERSATION TO GREET OUR
GUESTS ON SUNDAY MORNINGS!
WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF
MORE GREETERS SO IF YOU ARE
INTERESTED IN SERVING, PLEASE
CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE. WE
ARE ALSO STILL LOOKING FOR BACK
UP MUSICIANS TO FILL IN WHEN OUR
REGULARS ARE OUT. THANK YOU!

FAITH GROWTH PATHWAY BETA GROUPS 2.0

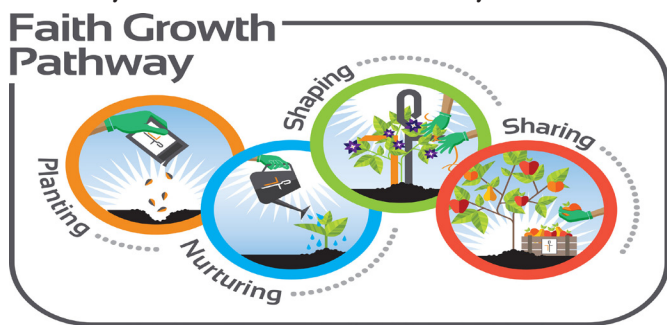
Have you heard the buzz about our new Faith Growth Pathway??

Are you looking for ways to deepen your faith?

Are you looking for new ways to connect with God and others?

Want to make an impact in the world?

Learn about our Faith Growth Pathway and how it can equip and empower YOU. There will be an online information session Monday, February 13 and information sessions held during Chancel Choir, Keller Fitz, and Purple Threads during the month of February. If you have questions or are interested in attending one of the sessions, please contact Rev. Kathy or a Faith Growth Pathway Team member.



GROW with GOD

NEW PURPLE THREADS
STUDY TO BEGIN
FEBRUARY 21



Purple Thread's is a women's Bible study and intercessory prayer group. Our next study will be *Five Things God Uses to Grow Your Faith* by Andy Stanley. This exciting small group Bible study establishes the biblical case for five things God uses to grow an unshakable faith in you. Sessions include: Big Faith, Practical Teaching, Providential Relationships, Private Disciplines, Personal Ministry, and Pivotal Circumstances. Dates for this class are February 21, March 7 and 21, April 4 and 18, and May 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the parlor. This will be a video study that will be led by Sue Shipley. No book is required for the session. If you wish to be a part of this study or have questions please contact Diana Carter, at dianacarter@comcast.net or 248-309-2490.

FAITH & FITNESS

WALKING DEVOTIONS

Join us on Thursday nights from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in room 107 for some devotional time before we lace up our shoes and walk the church! All are welcome for this faithful, fun, and fit fellowship time!



BEAT THE WINTER BLAHS WITH YOGA!

Are you looking for a way to exercise this winter? Come join us for Chair Yoga and Easy Exercise on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. in the Narthex. Women and men of all ages are welcome. If you have questions, please contact Mary Skelly at maryaskelly@aol.com or 248-682-5518.

CHIMES SCHEDULE

| Issue Date | Submission Deadline |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Sunday, February 26 Issue | Wednesday, February 15 |
| Sunday, March 12 Issue | Wednesday, March 1 |

Please send all of your articles, thank you notes and address changes to the Church office or e-mail them to Katie Henwood at khenwood@waterfordcumc.org. Thank you!

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the men of Central who were able to attend the Men's Summit during the last weekend of January. We look forward to planning more events for fellowship and having more men from the Church join us!

IN SERVICE FOR YOU

Dear Central,
I feel so very blessed to be the new Marketing & Community Relations Coordinator at Central, serving our Church and God in this capacity. I look forward to working with each of you as we strive to welcome Waterford and the surrounding communities to our Church to worship and know God. I am a collaborator and a communicator and I want to be a resource for you and our Church! If you have a marketing or communication need for a ministry, or perhaps an idea for our Church, a question, concern, or feedback for me, please know my door is always open and I would be honored to have communication with you. Thank you for this opportunity!
Blessings,
Katie Henwood
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248-681-0040, ext. 12

NOW HIRING!

Central UMC is looking to hire a part-time bookkeeper. You can find the job description and more information on the home page of our website:
www.waterfordcumc.org.

Sign-up for Central's e-Newsletter at:
www.waterfordcumc.org
Click the *Sign-up* button on the right hand column.

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Dear Friends,

I write this letter to you the morning after the Super Bowl LI. We had the youth group over to enjoy the game (or to play a game while keeping an eye on the television); we had great food, good fellowship and what turned out to be an incredible game. Because it was a school night, some of the youth had to go home before the game got interesting. It was fun watching those who remained interact with each other and the world as the Patriots set more than a few records while creating some interesting stats. The youth had their phones out looking up stats and texting to friends and watching a variety of social media blow up with all kinds of comments – depending on which team was being supported.

Even in the flurry of stats being quoted and Super Bowl history being created, I was watching the emotional roller coaster being experienced by

supporters of both teams. Arthur Blank, and his wife Angela, showed the biggest transformation from joy and giddiness to frustration and hopelessness. Patriot quarterback, Tom Brady demonstrated the opposite – from irritation to elation.

When I worked full time as a youth pastor I often shared with youth that we can manage the highs and lows of our lives by tending to our faith. When you pay attention to your relationship with God and with God's people, the emotional highs are certainly a blessing but are also framed within a view of life as a precious and sometimes fragile gift. The low points in our lives become an opportunity to appreciate those high points as evidence that God is always with us; even in the darkest valleys.

So here's a challenge as I realize the New Year's Resolutions made in late December or early January are by now tarnished if not completely

broken. Take a look at what you want to accomplish this year – it's still early 2017! Keep a steady eye on your goals and make a plan to work daily on those goals. Break it up into manageable pieces. No one can lose 30 pounds in a day, but you eat healthy and exercise each day until the day when that 30 pounds is gone. Seldom do people quit a bad habit cold turkey but rather wean themselves from destructive behaviors and in time that behavior stops.

Super Bowl LI offered several firsts. One is the biggest comebacks ever – from a 25 point deficit. Another is the first overtime Super Bowl.

So even if your plans haven't created the results you desire, you can make a comeback! There is even an opportunity for an overtime victory! I look forward to seeing you in worship! May God bless you. Because of Christ,

Pastor Jack