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Connecting with Others,

Changing our World with Christ's Love

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CENTRAL CINEMA

Join us for Central Cinema on Saturday, February 4th at 6:00 pm in the Parlor. We will be watching the movie, *The Help*. Bring a friend and we hope to see you there!

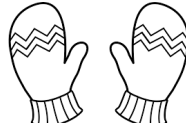
FROM THE JUSTICE MINISTRY

The first meeting of the Refugee Support Team for our area will be held on Wednesday, February 8 at 7:00pm at Christ Lutheran Church on Williams Lake Rd and Airport Rd. We will be meeting with Rev. Ken Fouty, representing Samaritas, the Lutheran refugee resettlement agency. The team is the result of a November information meeting which was held at Christ Lutheran Church by Rev. John Negele in response to an October 2016 Waterford Township Trustees "Resolution" to refuse to cooperate with refugee resettlement agencies. Please contact Barb Spiece if you're interested in attending.

THANK YOU

A BIG thank you to everyone who helped decorate the narthex windows with 62 sets of hats, gloves and mittens. Your gifts will help keep many Waterford children warm throughout the winter months.

The Clothe-A-Child Committee



CHRISTMAS WISHES FULFILLED

Our amazing congregation once again helped the boys at the Methodist Children's Home in Redford see some of their Christmas wishes come true. Each of the 57 boys (an increase of 20 boys from 2015) received an item from their wish list and a \$25.00 gift card (gift card total was \$1,425.) The staff was delighted when we delivered the gifts knowing the boys would be so excited on Christmas morning. Your gift card purchase from our SCRIP table also benefited Central. A double blessing! Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Diana Carter for the Eschtruth Circle



GREETERS NEEDED

Do you enjoy shaking hands, saying "Good Morning" and smiling? If you answered yes, please consider being a Sunday morning greeter. We are looking for greeters for all three services, especially for *The Conversation*. Sign up on the bulletin board outside the office or contact Kristi Cornish.

COMPASSIONATE CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Compassionate Christmas Cards raised \$315 for Blessings in a Backpack, \$350 for Clothe-a-Child, and \$160 for Liberia. Thank you for supporting this ministry!



FISH FOOD PANTRY

The Fish Food pantry served 24 families in December. Thank you for your generous contribution to this ministry!

NEW PURPLE THREADS STUDY BEGINS FEBRUARY 21

Purple Threads 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 will be a video study and will not require a study book. Join us as Stanley helps us to grow an unshakable faith. Sessions include: Big Faith, Practical Teaching, Providential Relationships, Private Disciplines, Personal Ministry and Pivotal Circumstances. The class will meet: Feb. 21, March 7 & 21, April 4 & 18 and May 2 at 7:00 pm in the parlor. Our teaching leader is Sue Shipley. If you have questions or wish to be a part of the study, please contact Diana Carter, class coordinator, 248-309-2490 or email: dianacarter@comcast.net

THE CONVERSATION CORNER

The Conversation launched in December and has been going well! Each week more pieces have come together and we have added elements to worship- a stage, a permanent projector and screen, more lights, and many weeks we have welcomed guests. We continue to look for greeters, as well as a second bassist, lead guitarist and drummer. We need to have backups for the band when our regulars can't make it. If you or anyone you know may be interested in serving, please contact the Church office. We continue to pray that you will share this service with anyone who comes along in your path who may be looking for a worship experience and Church home.

Hope to see you soon!

Ken Ferguson -
Worship Leader

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

February Birthdays
Best Wishes to the following members
Celebrating a Birthday of
80 years or more.

Daniel Aldrich - February 2
Elvira Blanchard - February 4
Janice Caldwell - February 6
Sally Hon - February 11
Joyce Clarkson - February 12
Marge Jones - February 15
Dawn Davis - February 25
Phyllis Liming - February 25

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

Russell and Barbara Jacobson
February 12 ~ 62 years

Larry and Doris Quick
February 25 ~ 56 years

Address / Phone Change

Lois Banick
1407 Skipper Dr.
Waterford, MI 48327

John & Elizabeth Sawyers
248-599-7141

Margaret Mariner
8156 Timber Trail
White Lake, MI 48386
248-242-6493

Vivian Eddy
2885 New Hartford Rd.
Owensboro, KY 42303
270-685-2374

Worship Notes

JANUARY 29, 2017
8:30 a.m. - Chapel Worship
9:55 a.m. - Sanctuary Worship
11:10 a.m. - The Conversation
Central at the Movies
Led by Preston Watkins
"Hidden Figures"

FEBRUARY 5, 2017
8:30 a.m. - Chapel Worship
9:55 a.m. - Sanctuary Worship
11:10 a.m. - The Conversation
Led by Pastor Jack Mannschreck
Worship Arts: Chancel Choir

FEBRUARY 12, 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 – Why Not Ask?"
Worship Arts: Carol and New
Joy Choirs, Good News Ringers,
Chancel Choir

Dear Central Friends,
Thank you for all of the visits,
cards, notes, and flowers that
your congregation delivered to my
grandmother, Frances (Sue) Barnes,
throughout the holidays. It brightens
her days to be remembered with such
kindness!

Monica Hungerford

Dear CUMC Family,
Thank you for all your continuous
love and support. Please continue to
pray for Collin!
Sincerely,

Shiela, Brooke, and Collin Strang

Thank you Rob Peckham for being
a good Samaritan on the evening of
the Healthy Congregations Meeting.
You saw me struggling and came to
my assistance!

Betty Pfeiffer

Dear Central UMC Volunteers
It is a tremendous honor to work
alongside such a compassionate
group of volunteers. I know the
staff, Suzanne and myself are
grateful for your participation at
Riverside Elementary's Meet &
Greet STEAM experience. Thank
you for coming out to help make
slime and inspire students to be
curious learners. Thank you for your
generous donation of time spent
with our students.
Sincerely,

Kellie Determan

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,
On behalf of all eight United
Methodist Churches serving
Flint, we wish to express our
sincere thanks to you for generous
donation of \$1,131.00. It is
the intention of the Crossroads
District of the Michigan United
Methodist Church to provide and
equip our congregations with basic
resources for our neighbors and
constituents whenever possible with
the donations made. With your
help, we have successfully launched
eight Resource Centers located
throughout Flint that provide home
faucet filtration units, replacement
filters, Zero-Water pitchers, cases
of bottled water and educational
materials to the communities
affected. Thank you again as we
greatly appreciate your continued
support and prayers as we serve our
community together.

Sincerely,

*Rev. John Hice, Superintendent,
Crossroads District, Michigan
Area of the United Methodist
Church*

Dear Central Family,
Thank you very much for the
recognition of my graduation. I
am also very grateful for receiving
a scholarship from Central due to
the Kuhn's. I will not forget all that
Central has done for me.

Ellie Braden

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CHIMES
Deadline

The Chimes deadline is
February 1 for the
February 12 Chimes.

February 2017 Calendar

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 80%;"> <p>Our Support Groups Alcoholics Anonymous: Monday: 11:00 a.m. & Wednesday: 6:00 p.m. Food Addicts in Recovery: Saturday: 9:00 a.m. Narcotics Anonymous: Thursday: 8:00 p.m. & Saturday: 7:00 p.m. Nar-Anon: Thursday: 7:30 p.m.</p> </div> | | | | | | |
| <p>5 8:30 am - Chapel 9:00 am - Faith Link</p> <p>9:55 am - Sanctuary 11:10 am -The Conversation 4:15 pm - Confirmation Class 5:00 pm - Youth Choir 5:45 pm - Youth Group</p> | <p>6 10:30 am - Easy Exercise and Chair Yoga - Narthex 7:00 pm - Ministry Structure Meeting - 104</p> | <p>7 9:00 am - Staff Meeting</p> | <p>1 10:00 am - Keller-Fitz Book Study - 104</p> | <p>2 8:30 am Thursday Morning Fix-it Crew/ Breakfast 12:00 pm - Harvesters - Parlor Central Cafe Schedule 6:30 pm - Walking Devotions - 107</p> | <p>3 6:30 am - Men's Bible Study - 1/2 Fellowship Hall</p> | <p>4 6:00 pm - Central Cinema-Parlor</p> |
| <p>12 8:30 am - Chapel 9:00 am - Faith Link</p> <p>9:55 am - Sanctuary 11:10 am -The Conversation 4:15 pm - Confirmation Class 5:00 pm - Youth Choir 5:45 pm - Youth Group</p> | <p>13 10:30 am - Easy Exercise and Chair Yoga - Narthex 6:30 pm - Finance Meeting -104</p> | <p>14 9:00 am - Staff Meeting</p> | <p>15 10:00 am - Keller-Fitz Book Study - Parlor 7:00 pm - Faith Growth Pathway - 104</p> | <p>16 8:30 am Thursday Morning Fix-it Crew/ Breakfast Central Cafe Schedule 6:30 pm - Walking Devotions - 107</p> | <p>17 6:30 am - Men's Bible Study - 1/2 Fellowship Hall</p> | <p>18</p> |
| <p>19 8:30 am - Chapel 9:00 am - Faith Link</p> <p>9:55 am - Sanctuary 11:10 am -The Conversation 4:15 pm - Confirmation Class 5:00 pm - Youth Choir 5:45 pm - Youth Group</p> | <p>20 10:30 am - Easy Exercise and Chair Yoga - Narthex</p> | <p>21 9:00 am - Staff Meeting 1:00 pm - Blood Drive 7:00 pm - All Staff Meeting - 108 7:00 pm - Purple Threads - Parlor</p> | <p>22 10:00 am - Keller-Fitz Book Study - Parlor</p> | <p>23 8:30 am Thursday Morning Fix-it Crew/ Breakfast 9:15 am - Mom's Connect - Parlor 6:30 pm - Walking Devotions - 107</p> | <p>24 6:30 am - Men's Bible Study - 1/2 Fellowship Hall</p> | <p>25</p> |
| <p>26 8:30 am - Chapel 9:00 am - Faith Link</p> <p>9:55 am - Sanctuary 11:10 am -The Conversation 5:00 pm - Youth Choir 5:45 pm - Youth Group</p> | <p>27 10:30 am - Easy Exercise and Chair Yoga - Narthex 7:00 pm - Staff Parish - 104</p> | <p>28 9:00 am - Staff Meeting 7:00 pm - Trustees - 104</p> | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 80%;"> <p>Central Café Schedule 4:15 -- 5:15 Alleluia Dancers 5:15 -- 5:45 Good News Ringers 5:15 -- 6:30 Dinner served 5:45 -- 6:25 YTBN Bell Ringers 6:30 -- 7:30 Carol & New Joy Choirs</p> </div> | | | |

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Dear Friends,

One of the goals for our church that emerged from our VCI process is communication. What I've observed through this process is the various communication forms preferred by different people. The goal, no matter what the content of any message one wants to convey, is clear communication. That is why I asked Rev. Kathy and our outgoing Lay Leader, Mark Strobel, to make an announcement accompanied by an insert in our worship bulletin on Sunday, January 22.

The clear communication we want to share is centered around the question, "Why don't we greet each other during worship anymore?" The "Greeting of the Community" has moved from near the beginning of the service to the end of worship. There are several reasons for this: First, moving the greeting to the end of worship allows more time for you to meet guests and connect with each other. Second, we are more intentional about our time together in worship because we have three services on Sunday morning.

Third, the greeting of one another may be experienced as exclusionary by our guests. Finally, originally, greeting one another was part of the Communion Liturgy – a communal act of blessing one another. Over time the meaning of the greeting has changed for some and has become an opportunity to catch up or conduct church business.

With that said, let's be intentional about making an effort to greet and introduce yourself to someone you don't know; to connect with them. As I shared during worship this past fall, we want to ensure that our guests are warmly received and guided in their experience of both our building and worship experiences. We certainly want our members to be able to greet one another, but we must extend that warm greeting to our guests if we want our church family to grow.

Part of the information shared on January 22 was about the work hours of our staff. All of our staff members, except for Rev. Kathy and myself, are members of our church family. Only Sara Hazen, Rev. Kathy and I (and on occasion the directors

of our children's choir and dance groups) work on Sunday mornings. Our other staff members are here on Sunday morning to worship just like you. Our staff works very diligently during the week and as part of your care of our staff members, please refrain from asking "just a quick favor" on Sunday mornings when they have come to connect with God through worship. To make it easier for you to communicate your needs or questions to staff, feel free to write a note in the appropriate space in the friendship folder when you sign-in. Or, for your convenience, a "Notes for the Staff" envelope is located next to the office door. We assure you the notes will be given to the appropriate staff member and you will be contacted within two days.

Waterford Central is a great and friendly church. When we're intentional in offering hospitality and care to our guests and each other we truly become a healthier body of Christ. God bless you and I look forward to seeing you in worship!

Because of Christ,
Pastor Jack