

CHIMES

Central United Methodist Church

Connecting with God,

Connecting with Others,

Changing our World with Christ's Love

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Whether you are unable to worship at 10 a.m. on Christmas morning or wouldn't miss it, you can be a part of the love and care we extend on the day in which we celebrate God's greatest gift to us! I want to offer a final word about what to wear at our Christmas Day worship service. While you are welcomed to wear your finest clothing – perhaps a new sweater or dress – we encourage people to “come as you are.” I have even had people come to Christmas Day worship in their pajamas! (Nothing surprises me after 30 plus years of ministry!) I will probably wear jeans and a sweater and focus on welcoming and greeting you on this special day! It's a great time to be part of our Central family – I look forward to seeing you in worship (or not – on Christmas day at least).

Because of Christ,

Pastor Jack

Congrats on their recent marriage!

Brian and Megann (Graham)
Meuser

ADVENT STUDIES FOR ALL AGES

Advent Studies will begin on Thursday, November 17th then we will skip Thanksgiving and meet the first three Thursdays in December. Adult studies will be offered at 9:30am and 6:30pm and a children's study will be offered at 6:30pm. We will use the study The Redemption of Scrooge: Connecting Christ and Culture. Childcare for children 4 and under will be available if requested.



CHIMES Deadline

The Chimes deadline is
November 10 for the
November 20, 2016 Chimes.

THE CONVERSATION CORNER

The Conversation has really started. If you listen carefully, you might be able to hear some of it in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays after church. There are hundreds of things happening already. It's a whole new look and sound! Our “soft launch” of The Conversation Service will begin on November 13th, 2016 at 11:10 am. We would love for you to stay after the regular service whether you plan on attending the new service or not.

Maybe, just maybe, you'll also be moved to join us in serving. We need people to guide visitors from the parking lot, help with setup of chairs and tables, organize food, pray out loud for the needs of people in small groups, and even answer questions about the church and what it means to be a Christian. We need your skills and gifts. Please join The Conversation!

Ken Ferguson - Worship Leader

FAITH GROWTH PATHWAY BETA GROUPS

The next Faith Growth Pathway Beta Group will be offered on Tuesday, November 15th at 11:30am or Wednesday, November 16th at 7:00pm. For more information about the Faith Growth Pathway, to join in the Beta Group, or to work with a coach individually, please contact Rev. Kathy.

MOM'S CONNECT

Looking for a place to connect with other Moms? Looking for a place to find encouragement? Come gather with a group of Moms for encouragement, support, Bible study, and service projects. We will meet on November 10th from 9:00am – 10:30am (gathering time with coffee/treats from 9:00am – 9:15am). In December we will meet on December 8th and December 22nd. On December 22nd, school age kids out of school are welcome to join us as we will do a special service project to make cards and a craft for the Christmas Day Baskets.

CLOTHE-A-CHILD 2016

Preparations have begun for the 2016 Clothe-A-Child program! Last year, your generosity helped provide clothing for 353 children from 132 families within the Waterford School district. We are asking our congregation to once again consider keeping this amazing program in mind as you plan your Christmas Budgets and Holiday Charitable Giving. Checks can be made out to Central United Methodist Church (please write “Clothe-A-Child” in the memo line) and dropped off in the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Baxter at clotheachild1970@gmail.com or 248-666-9788.

WORSHIP ON NEW YEAR'S DAY?

It was mentioned in the Pastor's letter what worship on Christmas day will look like. It was also mentioned that there will be one worship service on New Year's Day as well. Our 10 a.m. worship service on New Year's Day (January 1) will be held in our Fellowship Hall and the format will be our new worship experience The Conversation. Join us on January 1 to experience our new form of worship!



CHRECHES, COFFEE AND CAROLS

When: Monday, December 5, 10:30 am
Where: Central UMC
Who: EVERYONE!

Creches: Bring your favorite creche to display.

Carols: Sing some of your favorite Christmas Carols

Coffee: Enjoy fellowship and a cup of coffee

Sponsored by the Older Adult Ministries

CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP

Teaching children about generosity is important, even from a young age. All children are provided with child friendly offering envelopes that provides space to write down how each child has given to God through their time, talents, and money. New brochures about children and stewardship are available at the church as a guide. If your child needs a box of offering envelopes, please contact Rev. Kathy.

FOOD COLLECTION BY THE OLDER ADULT MINSTRIES

Join the Older Adult Ministries in helping to keep the Fish food pantry stocked. Here are the dates and the items to be collected:

- Now - Nov. 13 - (InGathering)
- * Nov. 13 - Nov. 30 - Mac and Cheese
- * Dec. 4 - Dec. 18 - Cereal

Any contributions are welcomed. The items listed are in great demand. Let's be sure the closet is well stocked with these items.

HARVESTERS

The Harvesters group meets on the first and third Thursdays at Noon in the Parlor or for an outing. For more information please call Alice Alt.

Visit our website:

www.waterfordcumc.org

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

Worship Notes

NOVEMBER 6, 2016

Two Services

8:30 a.m. - Chapel Worship

9:55 a.m. - Traditional Worship

Rose Memorial/All Saints Day

Led by: Pastor Jack Manschreck

Chancel Choir

Jubilate Dancers

NOVEMBER 13, 2016

8:30 a.m. - Chapel Worship

9:55 a.m. - Traditional Worship

11:10 a.m. - The Conversation -

“Soft Launch”

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

“What’s the Warranty on God’s Promises”

Led by: Pastor Jack Manschreck

Music: Chancel Choir

Good News Ringers

NOVEMBER 20, 2016

8:30 a.m. - Chapel Worship

9:55 a.m. - Traditional Worship

11:10 a.m. - The Conversation -

“Soft Launch”

Luke 3:1-6

“JB the Outlier”

Led by: Pastor Jack Manschreck

Chancel Choir

Youth Choir



BLOOD DRIVE - SAVE THE DATE!

We are again having our post-Thanksgiving blood drive on Friday, November 25th from Noon to 6:00 p.m. Please save the date!

There are three ways to help our next blood drive: donate blood, donate food for the Red Cross workers, or volunteer to be a host/hostess. Please sign up in the hallway. Thank you!

BALDWIN CENTER THANKSGIVING INGATHERING
Sunday, November 13th we will receive an in-gathering for the The Baldwin Center Thanksgiving food baskets. The following items have been requested:

Instant Potatoes, Canned Soup, Peanut Butter and Jelly, Boxed Stuffing, Olives/Pickles, Macaroni and Cheese, Soups (all kinds), Cereal/Oatmeal, Canned Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruit, Canned Salmon, Chicken, Spaghetti Sauce and Pasta, Toilet Paper and Paper Towel.

Please bring your donations on Sunday, November 13th and then bring them to the front of the sanctuary during the service. Thank you so much for your support of the Baldwin Mission.



EASY EXERCISE AND CHAIR YOGA

Mondays at 10:30 a.m. in the kitchen half of Fellowship Hall, the Older Adult Ministries are sponsoring an easy exercise and chair yoga class. See you there!

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Emergencies do occur from time to time and it is often necessary to contact family or caregivers. We are preparing a file of emergency information to be kept in the church office.

If you are willing to provide such information, a form is available. This is completely voluntary!



SAVE THE DATE!!!!

Hanging of the Greens
Saturday, November 26, 2016
at 9:00 a.m.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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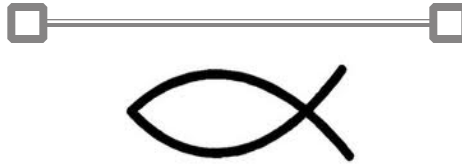
New Logo T-Shirts Available!!!

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 and at our Ministry Fair and for the countless events since (and I have seen quite a few shirts worn around the Church!).
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. We may need to place another order for t-shirts, please contact the Church office if you are interested. Thank you!

*Dear Jack and Members of
Central UMC,*

This note is too long in coming but I wanted to thank you all so very much for your work in hosting the Welcome Event, September 24. Julie and I were overwhelmed with it all and are deeply grateful to all who made that day happen, particularly to you all.

Bishop David Bard



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: tuna, spaghetti and sauce, canned soup (not cream), cereal, macaroni and cheese, green beans, canned pasta meals and baked beans (regular size). 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 October 2016 we have helped:

Emergency Food: 18 families,
64 people

Thanks again for your support!

Central Café Schedule

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

Dear Central Family,

We would like to thank you for the kind words, thoughts and cards you sent us in the death of Brian's dad. Also thank you to the person's that provided food and work the luncheon.

Thank you,

The Brian Humphrey Family

Dear Central Family,

Thank you to our entire Church family for the many cards and notes and also for the ongoing prayers and thoughts during my tests and recent surgery. Having the support of so many wonderful people indeed makes this entire process easier! We are truly blessed to have such praying for us. Thank you!

Pam Gustafson

Dear Central Family,

Thank you so much for the cookies and treats! I'm very lucky to be a part of a congregation that takes the time, care, and effort to reach out to all of its members in college. I appreciate this kind gesture, thank you again for sending me these packages through all 5 of my years of school! I hope to see everyone in service next time I'm home!

Anna Fochesato

Dear CUMC family,

Thank you so much for the wonderful gift baskets! It is much appreciated and absolutely delicious. *Thank you and God Bless!*

Anna Lain

Thank you!

I appreciate the cookies you sent me. Good to know everyone at church is still thinking of me.

Sean McLaren

Thank you!

Thank you for the delicious treats! They were much appreciated!

Kyle McLaren



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!

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Dear Friends,

Let's talk Christmas! I'm not talking about the hustle and bustle of the season; decorating your home and buying presents, Christmas programs and parties and the general busyness we experience as part of the Christmas season. I'm not even talking about all that leads up to the Christmas Eve celebrations that require extra services and preparation. I'm not talking about your plans to travel on Christmas to be with family and friends or perhaps receive family and friends into your home. I'm talking about Christmas Day being on Sunday and what we as Christ followers will do to observe the birth of God's Son, our Lord and Savior.

While I recognize that Christmas is a time for families and friends to get together to enjoy good food, good times and generally enjoy the blessing that we are to one another, I also recognize that is a commemoration of Jesus' birth. I know that some churches opt to not have services when Christmas falls on Sunday, which has always seemed a little incongruous to me. I mean, whose

birthday is it anyway? (To quote many a fellow follower of Christ.) However, as a pastor with a wife who is the daughter of a pastor and we are the parents of four children I recognize the challenge of getting children to church. I want to be sensitive to the needs of our church families and encourage you to make a decision to attend – or not attend – worship on Christmas day and make that decision without guilt.

As the pastor of a flock of over 500 people I also recognize that whatever decision we make, we cannot meet the needs of everyone. So! I pronounce December 25 to be a no-guilt Christmas! Stay home and enjoy your family or come together as a family to church. The decision is yours.

Let me tell you what Christmas will look like at Central Church. We will have one service at 10 a.m. in our main sanctuary. We will have great Christmas music, a brief homily, and prayer. Then attendees can either go home or participate in an outreach to our community. There will be no morning classes or music rehearsals

or child care on either Christmas Day or New Year's Day. Following our worship service, we will make up baskets and cards for our attendees to give people who have to work on Christmas day. The idea is that people who have attended worship will be able to leave around 11:00 a.m. and drop off an outreach gift on their way home or wherever they will celebrate the day with family and friends.

Here's the great thing about our Christmas morning outreach: You can participate even if you will not be able to worship with us on Christmas day. First, we are looking for suggestions of places to take baskets and/or cards; places like hospitals, the police department, critical care facilities, gas stations and nursing homes. Next we invite you to donate items to our outreach gifts: baskets, lip balm, candy canes and other candy, special coffee, hot cocoa, store bought cookies, inexpensive gifts like Christmas mugs, cookie plates and ornaments. There has been a suggestion that we knit coffee mug cozies to include in our gifts. We will collect items from December 4-25.

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