



CHIMES

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

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FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Now is the time to get involved in a Central Connect Group!! Want to grow deeper in your faith?? The following are new opportunities for faith growth this fall: Disciple Fast Track (offered on Tuesday evenings and Wednesday mornings), Adam Hamiton's "Half Truths" (Thursday evenings), Men's Bible Study (Friday mornings), and a Bible Study for Older Adults (Tuesday morning). We need a minimum of five people for each group. You can sign-up on-line or call the church office. You can find out what other opportunities are available or sign-up for a group or to participate in the Faith Growth Pathway here: <https://goo.gl/forms/MNXQzJW0uEaNQYmG3> or scan this QR Code:

BIBLE STUDY

We are hosting a six week study of the Book of John, led by Rev. Judy May on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome!

ADULT COLORING

Starting on Friday, October 7th we are having adult coloring in Room 106. This is a fun and relaxing time to share with other people from the Church! All ages are welcome!

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.

TRUNK OR TREAT

What is Trunk or Treat? On October 23rd from 4 to 6:00 p.m. Central UMC is hosting a "trick-or-treating" opportunity for kids and a treat-giving opportunity for adults. Adults decorate their cars (trunk) and hand out treats from their trunk. Kids dress in their Halloween costume and go from car to car collecting candy while enjoying your creativity. It allows us to gather as a church family and provides a safe and secure Halloween environment for children.

After "trunk or treating", kids can participate in numerous activities inside fellowship hall. We need volunteers to decorate cars and hand out candy as well as many to run games and activities inside. Kids!! Get your Halloween costumes ready!!

COOKIES NEEDED FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS AND MILITARY

We need cookies! If you would like to make cookies or buy treats to send to our college students and service members you can sign up outside the church office or leave a comment here on Facebook, please include how many dozen you are making. Please wrap the cookies in two's and drop them off in the main kitchen marked for Students/Service by Wednesday, October 12th, the Mom's circle will be packing on Thursday morning. At this time our best guess is we will be packing approximately 35 boxes of cookies and treats.



CHIMES Deadline

The Chimes deadline is
**October 13 for the
 October 23, 2016 Chimes.**

FAITH GROWTH PATHWAY FOR CHILDREN

Now that the adult pathway is finished, we would like to start working on pathways for children and youth. If you would be interested in working with a small group to create a faith growth pathway for children, please contact Rev. Kathy.



BLESSING OF HOMES

Have you recently moved? Have you been in your home for a short time or long time? Rev. Kathy will be offering a "Blessing of Your Home" in October and November. If you would like a special blessing and prayer for your family (aka - whoever lives in your house) and home, please contact Rev. Kathy for more information.

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!

Worship Notes

OCTOBER 9, 2016

Two Services

8:30 a.m. - Chapel Worship
 9:55 a.m. - Traditional Worship
 Matthew 5:14-16; 17:1-9
 "The Art of Neighboring:
 The Light of the World"
 Led by: Rev. Kathy Pittenger
 Music: Chancel Choir
 Choir Campers

OCTOBER 16, 2016

Two Services

8:30 a.m. - Chapel Worship
 9:55 a.m. - Traditional Worship
 Romans 12:14-21
 "The Art of Neighboring:
 The Necessity of Forgiveness"
 Led by: Pastor Jack Manschreck
 Chancel Choir
 Special Music: Katey Gay

BCBS CHANGES "LEGACY" MEDICARE SUPPLEMENTAL

If you or someone you care for (or about) has gotten a notice from Blue Cross Blue Shield, Michigan (BCBS) that your existing "Legacy" Medicare Supplemental ("Medigap") Policy is increasing its monthly premium, maybe we should get together!

These changes include a premium increase which is often double or more the previous premium.

I've gone through a review of the possible options with a couple well-advised friends who have extensive experience in this area. We can share that knowledge and maybe at least improve your peace of mind about this sudden and significant change.

Please call me and we can make an appointment to meet at church (or where convenient for you).

Bob Swartz 248-666-3703

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 YTBN 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

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!

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!

CENTRAL CINEMA

Central Cinema is on November 5, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Join us for the movie "Man of the Year". This political comedy capitalizes on several bizarre trends in contemporary American politics. Released in 2006, has anything changed? Let's have some fun during this tense political season! We look forward to seeing you there!

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 Tuna, 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.



American Red Cross

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!



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 September 2016 we have helped:

Emergency Food: 21 families,
60 people

Gas Cards: 4

Thanks again for your support!

FOOD COLLECTION BY THE OLDER ADULT MINISTRIES

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

- * Oct. 9 - Oct. 23 - Canned Tuna and Chicken (Large or Small Cans)
- * Oct. 24 - 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.

Central Church Welcomes Gwineth Evelyn Plesco

Born September 29, 2016

Daughter of
Jeremy and Amy Plesco

Granddaughter of
Chuck Kneisel

Granddaughter of
Karen Kneisel

Faith Growth Pathway



FAITH GROWTH PATHWAY

Do you want to grow closer to God but aren't sure where to start? CUMC now has a Faith Growth Pathway to give people ways to discern where they are on their journey and ways to grow deeper. You can see the special edition Chimes that explains the Pathway here: <http://waterfordcumc.org/> (click on the "Faith Growth Pathway Chimes 9-9-16 on the right hand side of the page). This pathway is designed for adults.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

We will be offering Informational Meetings on Tuesday, October 11th at 9:30am and Wednesday, October 12th at 7:00pm for all who are interested. Come and learn more about the pathway and how it can benefit your faith journey. At this meeting we will have sign-ups for the Beta Groups.

SCRIP CARDS

Have you noticed? Many drug stores and grocery stores are now selling gift cards from popular retailers. Just a reminder, Central Church also has gift cards for sale through the Scrip Gift Card Program. And Scrip gift cards are not just for gift giving. We encourage you to shop with Scrip gift cards. Shopping with Scrip gift cards allows the church to earn rebates on your everyday purchases.

Scrip gift cards are ordered at a small discount (3-15%) through Great Lakes Scrip Center (a Grand Rapids company), you pay full retail value, and the difference is a rebate the church earns. Retailers include grocery stores, restaurants, gas stations, big box stores, drug, craft, department and discount stores.

Do you have everyday purchases that could be made with Scrip gift cards?

SCRIP GIFT CARD EARNINGS 2016

Central Church earned rebates of \$572.00 from Jan. through Aug. of this year. Central Church Scrip card customers purchased 353 gift cards totaling \$16,980.00. We have 8-12 people who purchase gift cards on a regular basis. We would love to have more people participate in the program. More Scrip gift card shoppers means more rebate earnings for Central Church!

SCRIP GIFT CARD TABLE

Stop at the Scrip Table Sunday mornings between worship services and talk with Shiela Strang or Debra Schmid for more information. Scrip gift cards are also available for purchase Mon. – Fri. in the church office. Thank You Central Church Scrip Gift Card Shoppers!
Deb Schmid & Shiela Strang

Dear CUMC Family,

I cannot express in words how wonderful it is to have such a loving and caring church family! Thank you so very much for all the prayers, cards, calls, and incredible support you have given me through these last few weeks.

Special thanks to Pastor Jack for praying with me and my family before and after surgery. It meant so much to all of us, and set me on course for the journey.

Thank you, Purple Threads, and Eschtruth Circle for the prayers and loving support which helped me feel calm and assured me that God truly would take care of me.

I am so blessed!

In Christ's Love,

Joyce Merle

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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,

There are times in families in which you pause to celebrate the accomplishments of an individual. We sometimes refer to those times as milestones. A milestone is defined as a significant event or stage in the life, progress, or development of a person. In their original context milestones literally marked the miles between one place and another. We still have these on many of our highways; they're those posts with little signs at the top with numbers on them. We call them mile markers.

Our church family has reached a milestone with one of our staff members this year. June marked the Tenth Anniversary of The Reverend Kathy Pittenger's time with Central United Methodist Church.

Although I have worked with Kathy during just the last three years, I have come to value her as a colleague in ministry and as a clergy leader in our church. You have witnessed that leadership in addition to the growth of their children: Elijah in 2008 and Micah in 2013.

Another milestone in Kathy's ministry at Central Church is her new title. With the changing needs of our congregation, Kathy has transitioned from being our "Pastor of Children and Family Ministries" to "Pastor of Life-long Faith Formation." This title better reflects her responsibilities in our church and in our community.

One thing I've learned about Central Church is we like to celebrate! As Lead Pastor, I want to invite our members and friends

to celebrate Rev. Kathy's Ten Year Anniversary by contributing to a love offering to be given to her family. Contributions will be collected for the next few weeks and will be given Rev. Kathy and her family later in October. We are such a busy church and our staff work long hours and give so much of their time and talents. It feels good to say, "Let's Celebrate!" Let's celebrate Rev. Kathy's ministry! Let's celebrate her family! Let's celebrate the fruit of her ministry during these last ten years! Let's celebrate! Thank you in advance for your generosity toward Rev. Kathy and her family.

I look forward to seeing you in church!

Because of Christ,

Pastor Jack