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

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:30 am - Chapel Worship

9:55 am - Sanctuary Worship

11:10 am- The Conversation

UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

Join us for Pastor Jack's message on "The Why of Who!"

Help Make Rally Day a Success!

Invite Friends and Family to Church on September 10th.

Get ready for Rally Day! This year's event will be better than ever. The theme is "Welcome Home, Welcome Here" to underscore that we're welcoming back current members while also welcoming new members and folks in our community.

This year, the event will be an open house featuring communion in the chapel, a hymn sing in the sanctuary, live music from The Conversation praise band, a ministry fair, church tours, a luncheon and activities for kids including a bounce house, face painting and giant bubbles.

How to Invite Friends and Neighbors

We're making it easier than ever to invite your friends and neighbors to Rally Day! In the spirit of "Think 10" we're asking all members to personally invite at least 10 friends/family members to church that Sunday. This will insure our biggest and best Rally Day ever. Here's how:

Distribute Door Hangers. You can pick up door hangers from the office, then take them around to your neighbors and hang them on their door. It is against the law to put them on or

in the mailbox, so please only put them on the door. Use the back of the door hanger to provide your name and a personal message if you'd like.

Website and Social Media. Don't have time for door hangers? Use the power of our new website and social media. Just go to our website (WaterfordCUMC.org) and click on "Invite a Friend." Then "share" that page on your favorite social media platform. When sharing, make sure to "tag" specific friends; that way they will see the invitation in their timeline or newsfeed.

So, let's get inviting! If you love your church home, show it off and let others come see what we have to offer at Central United Methodist. Thanks for your commitment!

Little Sprouts Open House a Hit

During the Little Sprouts Open House we had several families come by to tour the newly renovated classrooms, and feedback has been very positive! We have several children registered for this faith-based, child-centered early learning program. If you have friends and family that have children between 2-6 years old, let them know about this great program. Stop by for a tour and to talk to Director Michele Hodge any weekday morning.

Back to School Blessing

This Sunday (9/3)

Bring your backpack, bag or briefcase to either the 9:55 or 11:10 am service for a special blessing. All students, teachers and staff are welcome, so invite family and friends!

New Service Times

Beginning September 17th

We will be changing service times this fall to better accommodate the needs of our members.

- Chapel Worship: 8:30 am
- The Conversation: 10:00 am
- Sanctuary Worship: 10:30 am

CONNECT WITH CENTRAL

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eNewsletter: Sign up at www.waterfordcumc.org or email rdanek@waterfordcumc.org.

The Conversation

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Help us save on printing and mailing costs. Sign up at our website to receive *Chimes* via email.

The deadline for the Sunday, September 24th issue of Chimes is Wednesday, September 13th. Please send all of your articles, thank you notes and address changes to the Church office or e-mail them to rdanek@waterfordcumc.org.

The Life of the Church

Dear Friends in Christ,

As most of you have already heard, I have tendered my resignation as Director of Music at Waterford Central.

This has been a very difficult decision. After much prayer and discernment, I have accepted the position of Director of Worship and Music Ministries at Clarkston United Methodist Church.

For twenty-six and a half years I have had the remarkable gift of being able to grow and serve in music ministry in the congregation in which I was raised. I know of no other colleagues anywhere who have been so similarly blessed. I am forever thankful for the many years that I have been able to fulfill the dream of serving for and with my own congregation. Reflecting upon the inherent itinerant nature of our denomination, I find that it is time now for me to transition on to serve another church.

Thank you so much for many excellent years at Central Church. I have worked alongside excellent colleagues and countless extraordinary and phenomenal musicians. I thank God for all the individuals who have provided so many opportunities to grow and develop in my music and my ministry.



I have always been aware of the tremendous musical heritage that is a fundamental principle of this congregation. I have done my best to continue that standard of excellence, and I know that you all will continue that paradigm as you bring the musical message of God's grace and unfailing love under different leadership.

Sunday, September 10, 2017 will be my final Sunday at Central Church.

I am now, and will always be, a product of Central United Methodist Church in Waterford. I thank God for all that has been provided me from this church and this congregation. I keep Waterford Central, its people and its amazing programs in my prayers, and I hope you will keep me in prayer as I begin this next step in my ministry.

Thank you for allowing me to serve for and with you for so many years.

Soli Deo Gloria,
Sara L. Hazen

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Frieda M. Hayes

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Our deepest sympathies to
Ronald Hayes.

Address Changes

Please note there is a new mailing address for:

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We will be going to an all-digital *Chimes* in 2018. If you would like to continue to receive the print version, please contact the church office.

Back issues of recent *Chimes* newsletters are available on our website at:
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*To Our Friends and Partners at Waterford United Methodist Church,
Thank you for your gracious outpouring of love, time and talent at our recent ice cream social and book exchange. What a wonderful community-building event you held for us! I'm sure the evening will rank among the highlights of our students' elementary memories.
Thank you so much for your partnership and for coming alongside our community in such a beautiful way. We are fortunate to call you friends.
Suzanne and the Riverside Community*

Central Anniversaries

Congratulations to:

- John & Jean Ostrander, 9/16, 62 yrs.
- Garrith & Marlene Knaus, 9/18, 52 yrs.
- Carl & Donna Rose, 9/25, 69 yrs.
- Donald & Mary Lou Osborne, 9/30, 61 yrs.

Upcoming CUMC Events

Worship Arts Ministry

Sing, dance and ring at Central, Thursday rehearsals will be starting up on September 14th; youth choir will begin Sunday, September 17th.

Annual Golf Outing

September 17th @ 2pm

There's still time to sign up for the annual all-church golf outing at Springfield Oaks Golf Course. The cost is \$25 and includes 9 holes and a cart. We have reservations for 20 people. Please sign up on the sheet located outside the church office.

Peacemakers Workshop

Focusing on our calling to be peacemakers in the world

In our world that is full of anxiety, we have information at our fingertips, yet discernment is essential. Learning about and experiencing the source of true peace in Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit is more vital than ever. Come, experience the power and impact of those who have promoted peace and how God is calling us to be peacemakers.

Date: Saturday, September 23rd

Time: 9:30am - 11:00am

Happy Birthday to Our Members Who Have Reached 80+ Years This September

- Carl Rose, 9/3
- Paul Blomquist, 9/10
- William Wright, 9/19
- Evon Carlson, 9/22
- Lavonne Kaul, 9/27
- Dorothy Young, 9/30

(registration begins at 9:00am)

Location: Central United Methodist Church, 3882 Highland Rd, Waterford, MI 48328

Cost: Freewill donation (proceeds will benefit UMCOR peacemaking responses)

Who: Youth (6th – 12th grade) and Adults

RSVP to Central UMC at 248-681-0040 by September 15th.

Light refreshments will be provided.

Opportunities to Serve & Grow

Donate to the food pantry. We are in need of muffin mix, tuna, soup (not "cream of"), baked beans, Manwich, rice, crackers, boxed stuffing and potatoes, canned fruit, jelly/jam, spaghetti sauce and pasta, toothpaste and paper towels.

Knit or donate yarn to Knit for Kids.

Visit the table in the bride's room hallway for patterns and yarn. Drop completed items off at the table and they will be mailed to World Vision.

Fall Faith Formation Opportunities

Looking for new ways to connect with God or make new friends? There are a number of opportunities this fall to grow. Established groups will continue and several new groups and classes are forming. You can find out more at the Open House on September 10th or at <http://waterfordcumc.org/worship/faith-formation/>. Check back, as information will continue to be updated.

Thursday Adult Classes

Starting on September 14th we will begin a small group study using the DVD series "Five Marks of a Methodist" by Steve Harper. Starting in September we will also have the Walking and Devotions group and another class to learn about Central that is yet to be named. All three options will be available from 6:30pm-7:30pm on Thursday evenings.

Prayers for Students

Last year we started a prayer ministry that matches up students (children/youth/young adults) with adults to pray for one another. It was received so well that we have been asked to continue it this year. The goal is for every young person to have at least 2 adults praying for them and building relationships. If you would like to participate either as a student or as an adult, please sign-up here:

<https://goo.gl/forms/gEu6lvisYXtWIIhz1>

Third Grade Bible Friends

Adults are needed to be Bible Friends with third grade students receiving their new Bible. Bible Friends purchase the Bible (around \$20), sign the Bible, and present the Bible to their 3rd grade friend on Sunday, September 17th at the 10:30am service. If you would be interested in serving in this way, please contact Rev. Kathy.

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We are preparing for an exciting and meaningful 2017-2018 school year. The Back to School Blessing will be on September 3rd during Sanctuary Worship and The Conversation (bring your backpack/briefcase/bag for a blessing).

On September 10th everyone is encouraged to come and celebrate Rally Day with an Open House including tours of the church, a hymn sing, Communion in the Chapel, The Conversation band, activities for all ages, and more. Little Sprouts begins its new school year in September, too!

As we begin the fall we also have some changes to announce. After careful reflection and discussion, the church leadership and Church Council has changed the worship times starting on September 17th. The Conversation will start at 10:00am and Sanctuary Worship will

begin at 10:30am. The reasons for this shift are numerous. Primarily, research in worship shows that the “prime time” for Sunday morning worship is between 9am and 10:30am. This schedule will also allow for more flexibility in worship design. The Music Director will have more time to prepare special music groups before the Sanctuary Worship Service. For our congregation who enjoys meals and fellowship, this schedule will allow for easier luncheons after the Sanctuary Worship. The 8:30am Chapel Service will continue as normal.

We are also continuing with our Faith Growth Pathway opportunities and expanding faith formation class to include Group Spiritual Direction, Disciple Fast Track, and additional opportunities on Thursday evenings.

This is a great time to be at Central UMC and we look forward to walking on our faith journeys together, growing and connecting with God, one another, and changing our world with the love of Christ.

Blessings,
Rev. Kathy