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

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:30 am - Chapel Worship

10:00 am- The Conversation

10:30 am - Sanctuary Worship

UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

Sunday is Rose Memorial Sunday and Pastor Jack will be preaching on "Letting Go."

UMCOR Early Responder Ministry

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is in the process of building up its Early Preparedness/ Disaster Response ministry. The plan calls for each District to have not only a District Coordinator, but also a District EP/DR Team, as well as a main contact at each local church.

The first activities identified in carrying out UMCOR's plans, are:

1. Recruit individuals to serve on the Crossroads District EP/DR Team;
2. Get individuals to become ERT trained; and
3. Identify individuals within each local church to be their local church EP/DR Points of Contact (POCs).

Central UMC will be participating in this important ministry. We will be hosting an Early Response Team training session on Saturday, January 20th 2018. The cost of the training is \$35 per person, which covers your training manual, t-shirt, badge, lunch and snacks.

About ERT Training

An ERT training event is an 8-hour day of learning the history, mission and purpose of being a part of an Early Response Team. During this time you

will learn about working with victims of natural disasters, how to help them in this time, what to do as volunteers, and what not to do. You will get a basic idea about site safety and the seven roles that are needed for each team. Upon completion of the course you will receive a t-shirt, and a badge saying that you have been trained as an Early Responder.

If you are interested in participating in the training, please contact Robin Danek—at 248-681-0040 or rdanek@waterfordcumc.org.

For more information, visit our website and go to **News=>UMCOR Early Response Team Training.**

Welcoming Voices: Standing With Refugees

Sunday, November 5th, 3-5pm
Christ Lutheran Church,
Waterford

In an email sent October 12th, Bishop Bruce R. Ough, President of the Council of Bishops, put out a call to the United Methodist Church to recognize the plight of the more than 65 million men, women and children forced to leave their homes and migrate to places unknown. This Sunday you can learn more at an educational event designed to raise awareness and support for Waterford's Syrian refugee families.

The event, hosted by the Waterford Refugee Welcome Alliance, is a forum and reception to educate the local community on the refugee resettlement process, dispel misconceptions about refugees, and present ways in which members of the community can be supportive of refugees already resettled in the area. The event will feature a panel of welcoming voices from the civic and religious community, as well as voices from resettled refugees.

Informational material and refreshments will be available to attendees. The event is open to the public and will include a children's activity area. For more information, visit the Central Church website at

News=>Welcoming Voices: Standing With Refugees.

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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, November 19th issue of *Chimes* is Wednesday, November 8th. 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

Born to Eternal Life

Wenona H. O'Hearn

April 26th, 1924 - October 18th, 2017

Member since November 26th, 1961

Our deepest sympathies to her children Mickey, Beth, Casey and Denise; grandchildren Rodney, Shauna, Jeremy, Grant, Jason, Darcy and Evan and great-grandchildren Ryan, Kaylee, Parker and Cooper.

Welcome New Central Staff Members

Kevin Naeve
Music Director
knaeve@waterfordcumc.org

Myra Trask
Organist/Accompanist
myratrask@comcast.net



Born to Eternal Life

Betty Lou Lasley

May 12th, 1933 - October 24th, 2017

Member since November 27th, 1994

Our deepest sympathies to her children Richard, Michael, Mark and Dawn and her many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.



Stewardship 2018

Thank you to everyone who brought pledge cards on Sunday. If you haven't pledged yet, please prayerfully consider regular giving to support Central's ministry and missions. Thank you.

2017 Crop Walk Goal Exceeded!

\$2,229 was raised by Central at this year's CROP Walk. Our goal was \$2,000. Great job, everyone!

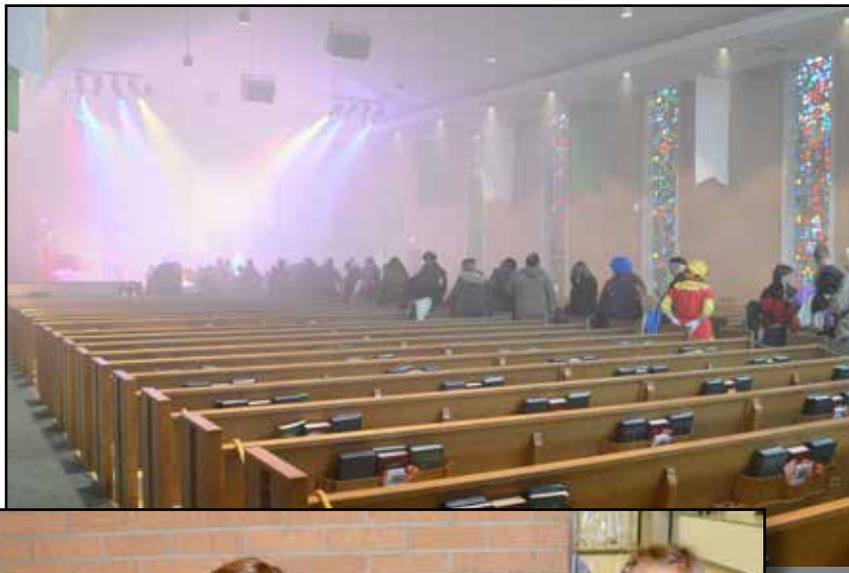
Liberia Luncheon

Thank you to everyone who donated to the free-will offering during the Liberia Luncheon. Over \$3000 was raised to support mission work in Liberia. Thanks also to everyone who helped make this event a success.

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:

Connect=>Newsletter



Trunk or Treat was a great event, despite the cold weather. Over 500 kids, adults and volunteers enjoyed snacks, trick or treating, fellowship, and the haunted tunnel. Thank you to all our volunteers, to Jannette Deszell and Margie England for coordinating the event, and to the Riley family for the great inflatables!

Upcoming CUMC Events

Clothe-a-Child 2017

Preparations have begun for the 2017 Clothe-a-Child program! This year, the Clothe-a-Child program has new leadership! We thank Andrea Baxter and Diana Carter for their years of amazing work and organization with Clothe-a-Child. The new Clothe-a-Child team is Kristi Cornish, Barb Foster, Katie Henwood, Monica Kuhn, and Rev. Kathy Pittenger.

Last year, your generosity helped provide clothing for 314 children from 110 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" on the memo line) and dropped off in the church office. If you have any questions, please contact any of the CAC team members.

Holiday Blood Drive

Friday, November 24th

This Black Friday, shop...then drop in to donate blood. To give blood or volunteer please sign up on the sheet located in the Chapel hallway.

Give blood; it just might be the most important gift you give this year.

Youth Overnight @ Connection17

Our youth are participating in a Michigan Area United Methodist Youth event in Mt. Pleasant on November 10th - 11th. This will be a great time for worship, fun, hangout time, speakers, workshops, and a concert. There is still room for two more youth (6th-12th grade). Please contact Pastor Jack or Rev. Kathy if you are interested.

Address Changes

Please note there is a new mailing address and phone number for:

Debra Shear
2080 S. Telegraph Rd.
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302
(248) 874-1624

The annual All-Church Conference will be held November 19th @ 1pm.



BALDWIN CENTER
Feed, Clothe, Educate, Empower

Baldwin Center Holiday Store

Once again Central will be supporting the Baldwin Center Holiday Store with a collection of new items. Donations are due by Sunday, December 10th and can be placed in the collection box in the Chapel hallway.

For a list of items needed, please visit our website at:

News->Baldwin Center Holiday Store.

About the Holiday Store

During the holiday season Baldwin Center opens its doors to lower income families to help with gift giving. Through the generosity of people like you, donated items are made available at no cost to families who qualify.

Opportunities to Serve & Grow

Donate to the Food Pantry. We are in need of crackers, tuna, soup (not cream of), baked beans, Manwich, rice, jelly/jam, mac and cheese, boxed stuffing, boxed potatoes, medium and large jars of peanut butter, canned fruit, dish soap, paper towels and toothpaste.

Plan Your 2018 Faith Growth Pathway. Pick up a brochure in the Chapel hallway, then work with Rev. Kathy on your personal plan for faith growth in 2018.

Sign up for a Study, Class or Prayer Group. Pick up the brochure on 2017 Faith Formation Opportunities in the Chapel hallway to see what's available to help you in your faith growth.

Serve in Children's Ministry. Youth and adults are needed to serve as leaders and assistants in the Stepping Stones (infant-pre-k) and Kids GROW (elementary) programs. These children's ministry opportunities are during the 10 am and 10:30 am services. For more information please contact Rev. Kathy.

Join the CUMC Prayer Team. Help support members in need via phone, card, a visit and prayer. For info, contact Phyllis Liming at 248-732-7736 or pliming@sbcglobal.net.



Sunday, November 5th @ 2am

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Dear Friends in Christ,

This fall Rev. Kathy and I re-imagined the youth programs of the church. Within Central's youth programs there are two groups—Youth Group for grades 6–12 and Tween Group for grades 4–6—who study and fellowship together and as individual groups. Together we have around 12 kids who participate on a regular basis.

The Youth Group is led by me and meets on Sunday evenings. Youth meetings begin with “happies and crappies”—what many of us know as “concerns and celebrations”—followed by prayer. During our programming time, the Youth Group is currently using a youth curriculum called “Spice Rack,” studying Paul's letter to the Philippians. After this time of Christian learning or working on projects, we wrap up our time with a game and a final prayer.

The Tween group, led by Rev. Kathy, also meets on Sunday evening and follows a similar format. The Tween Group is using the “Spark House Connect” curriculum as a basis for their time of fun, prayer and growth.

Already this fall our youth have had opportunities to have fun and serve others. Youth participation in this year's CROP Walk resulted in a record number of walkers and helped Central exceed our fund-raising goal for this annual event.

Last weekend, seventeen youth participated in this year's Trunk or Treat, building and staffing our famous “haunted tunnel.” The Saturday night prior to Trunk or Treat we spent the evening together for an overnight lock in to create the tunnel, decorate the sanctuary and watch a movie together.

Our next Youth Group event will be an overnight at Connection17, a Michigan

Area United Methodist Youth Event on November 10th – 11th in Mt. Pleasant. The weekend will feature awesome worship, inspiring speakers, fun and meaningful workshops, good food and great fellowship. The event is open to 6th–12th graders, and we currently have four students registered, leaving room for two more to attend. If you're interested in registering, contact me or Rev. Kathy.

I'm excited about the opportunities for Central's youth to grow in their faith and have the opportunity to grow closer to God. There's room for both more youth and adult volunteers. The Youth and Tween Groups meet most Sundays of the month at 5:45pm. If you'd like, join us for this wonderful time of fun, faith and fellowship.

Because of Christ,

Pastor Jack