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CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the following graduates! High School: Andrew Blomquist, Tyler Chewing, Yanan "Kelly" Lyu, Collin Murphy, Collin Sullivan, and Emma Woodrich. Congratulations to the following college graduate: Daniel Hoehn. Congratulations to Abby Bauer Finney who graduated from the Naturopathic Institute of Therapies and Education. Congratulations to Pastor Jack who graduated with his Doctor of Ministry degree.

SAVE THE DATE!

We have been asked by Riverside Elementary School to host the Ice Cream Social and Book Exchange again this summer. The date is Tuesday, August 8th from 6:00 p.m. -7:30 p.m. More information will be coming soon!

BIKES FOR REFUGEES

In conjunction with the Waterford Ministerial Association and the Waterford Refugee Welcome Alliance, Waterford Central UMC is sponsoring a bike drive for SARN – Syrian American Refugee Network. Many families rely on bicycles for transportation and we want to provide that simple means of transportation. This is an effort to support refugees so that they can get to work and other important appointments in a way that is economical and familiar to them.

We are looking for *adult* bikes in good condition or in need of slight repair. We are working with area bike repair shops to see if they will help with necessary repairs. Bikes can be dropped off in the courtyard of CUMC from June 19th through July 14th during normal office hours and worship service hours. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of those seeking to live in our wonderful and blessed country.

PICTURES IN COLOR
This Chimes will be available to download in full color at the church website.

HERO CENTRAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Join us June 19 - 23 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. for a fun week of games, science, stories, music, crafts, snacks, and more! Register now at <http://2017.cokesburyvbs.com/waterfordcumc>. Donations are still needed, too. Contact Rev. Kathy to learn more about how you can serve!



MEET UP & EAT UP

Waterford school district provides free breakfast and lunch for all children age 18 and younger. There are four school locations (Mason, Stepanski, Crary, and Riverside). For more information, visit waterford.k12.mi.us.

RUMMAGE SALE THANK YOU

Our annual rummage sale took place from May 4th through May 6th. We had a total of 89 volunteers who donated their time to ensure the sale was successful. Countless hours were spent collecting, setting up, sorting, organizing and pricing the donations, and preparing food for the volunteers. A big THANK YOU to everyone who donated treasures, worked at the rummage sale, prepared food or purchased items. Without each of you, it simply would not have been possible to accomplish such a successful event. Together we raised \$6,471.65 and the proceeds will be distributed among several charities. Of course, none of this would have been possible without the leadership of co-chairs Rachel Pierre and Shiela Strang who coordinated the efforts of our volunteers. Thank you Rachel and Shiela!

OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR SUMMER 2017!

We are pleased to announce that during this summer of 2017, we will continue with our regular schedule of three worship experiences on Sunday morning:

* 8:30 a.m. – Chapel Worship (40 minutes – with Holy Communion each week.)

* 9:55 a.m. – Sanctuary Worship (Traditional Worship with Special Music)

* 11:10 a.m. – The Conversation (Contemporary Style Worship in a relaxed setting.)

If you have plans on Sunday beginning mid to late morning or early afternoon, why not stop by to worship at our early Chapel Service? Or enjoy a leisurely breakfast and join us for The Conversation. Sanctuary Worship utilizes our beautiful pipe organ and inspirational music.

The messages this summer are a 10-part series on The Apostles' Creed. Come and find out how our beliefs affect our actions as individuals and as a church!

SUPPORT OUR PRAISE TEAM

– PLAYING AT HESS HATHAWAY PARK!

The praise team for The Conversation is called the Electric Connection and they are the opening act for the Magic Bus Band on Thursday evening, June 29. Electric Connection will play from 6:00-6:45 p.m. The Concerts in the Park are held at Hess Hathaway Park (825 Williams Lake Road, Waterford Twp., MI 48327). The concerts are free and fun! The Magic Bus Band performs psychedelic rock music of the sixties and seventies, paying tribute to the era of Woodstock.

Come support our musicians as they represent our church at the popular Concerts in the Park program sponsored by our Waterford Chamber of Commerce.

CENTRAL CELEBRATIONS!

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

The Conversation band played at the Waterford Memorial Day Parade with many cheers and much applause! Thanks to Ernie Bauer for the vehicles, The Conversation Band, and all those who donated candy and walked in the parade!



LITTLE SPROUTS

On Sunday, May 21st we celebrated Little Sprouts staff and families. Many thanks to Pam & Andy Gustafson, Tammy Hager, and Lynn Humphrey for their years of service to the Little Sprouts preschool. Pam & Andy have retired and this was Tammy's last year as director. Special thanks to Sally Lawrence, Diana Carter and the team that hosted the wonderful reception to celebrate the staff and their ministry.

We are excited to announce that Michele Hodge has been hired as the new Little Sprouts director. Michele's official first day is June 19th. Michele has past experience with Little Sprouts as a former teacher and her children attended Little Sprouts! She is very excited about starting at Little Sprouts. If you know of anyone looking for a great preschool program, share their phone number: 248.683.8759.



PRAY GROUND

The "Pray ground" space that we offer for children during The Conversation took a road trip to Annual Conference! It was highlighted and used to welcome children during worship on Saturday morning! The Bishop himself took advantage of the area as children played with blocks, colored, read books, shared the bread and fish, and were engaged in worship! If you haven't seen the "pray ground" space at The Conversation, please stop by and visit! We are offering radical hospitality to families!!





THE BISHOP'S STOLE

On Thursday's opening worship at Annual Conference, Bishop Bard wore the stole that Jannette Deszell made for him as a welcome to Michigan gift last fall.

DUCK DAY

In addition to offering hospitality to people in our community, we also are kind to our duck friends! Every year a pair of ducks build their nest in the courtyard! This year the Mama duck led 11 ducklings out of the courtyard, through the church, and out into the world!



GRADUATION SUNDAY

A long standing tradition at Central on Graduation Sunday is all those currently in Youth Choir and all Alumni gather to sing "Friends" at the end of worship. It is a wonderful way to honor the friendships that are made and continue long after high school ends.



SUMMER CAMP

Church camp changes the lives of children and young people every summer! It's not too late to sign-up! For more information about what is being offered through the Michigan Area Camps, stop by the table in the hallway outside the Chapel or visit umcamping.org. Scholarships from the camps and our church are available. Contact Rev. Kathy for details.

WEBSITE RELAUNCH

The new CUMC website has launched! We are excited about the fresh and clean design, updated information, and flexibility our new website provides us. Please browse through the new website. As you click through the site, please know that we are still making updates. If you see something that needs to be clarified or changed, please feel free to send an email to the church office. The calendar is a work in progress. It will take a few weeks for it to be fully updated. Thank you for your patience. www.waterfordcumc.org

SUMMER FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Creed (Adam Hamilton Study)
Tuesdays at 7:00pm beginning on June 27 (not meeting 7/4)

Psalms Bible Study
Thursdays at 10:00am beginning on June 29th

High School Girls Small Group
Dates and Time TBA

Faith Growth Pathway introduction or check-ins by appointment in July. Contact Rev. Kathy for more information about summer faith formation opportunities

Worship Notes

JUNE 25

- 8:30 a.m. - Chapel Worship
- 9:55 a.m. - Sanctuary Worship
- VBS CELEBRATION
- 11:10 a.m. - The Conversation

JULY 2

- 8:30 a.m. - Chapel Worship
 - 9:55 a.m. - Sanctuary Worship
 - 11:10 a.m. - The Conversation
- Led by Pastor Jack Mannschreck

JULY 9

- 8:30 a.m. - Chapel Worship
 - 9:55 a.m. - Sanctuary Worship
 - 11:10 a.m. - The Conversation
- Led by Ernie Bauer - Guest Preacher

JULY 16

- 8:30 a.m. - Chapel Worship
 - 9:55 a.m. - Sanctuary Worship
 - 11:10 a.m. - The Conversation
- Led by Pastor Jack Mannschreck

JULY 23

- 8:30 a.m. - Chapel Worship
 - 9:55 a.m. - Sanctuary Worship
 - 11:10 a.m. - The Conversation
- Led by Pastor Jack Mannschreck

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Bonnie Britton

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eNewsletter:

If you'd like to receive our bi-monthly newsletter, go to www.waterfordcumc.org and click the *Sign-up* button on the right hand column, or send an email to khenwood@waterfordcumc.org.

The Conversation

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Dear Friends in Christ,

We have returned from Traverse City and the Michigan Area Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. Rev. Kathy and I attended because we are clergy members of the Conference (as we are no longer a member of any single congregation). Myke Robson, Rainy Stephenson and Mark Strobel were Lay Delegates from our church. Angela Arnold and Nick Arnold attended as district-at-large members. Nancy Arnold and Cathy Hazen were there because of their work with our Conference Board of Ordained Ministry. Rich Pittenger and Kristen Gillette were also at Annual Conference because of their work as Conference staff. Hannah Hazen (Cathy's granddaughter and Sara's niece) was one of the photographers for the conference. What a beautiful place for God's people to gather!

Because we are not yet a single Annual Conference, there were moments when we experienced two Annual Conferences meeting at the same time! It was wonderful to work together with our sisters and brothers from the West Michigan Conference and there was a mix of anxiety

and blessing as we begin to work together bringing our unique ways and traditions together.

A definite highlight of the Conference was the leadership of our new Bishop. Bishop David A. Bard led our Annual Conference with wisdom, grace and humor. During his opening worship message, he proclaimed, "Your Bishop is a basket case!" He explained the stress of experiencing his election as Bishop, saying goodbyes and hellos, and the overall stress of all the transitions.

The scripture Bishop Bard reflected on was Luke 9:10-17, the Feeding of the Five Thousand; the only miracle that is recorded in all four gospels. It is a miracle that contains many miracles within it from the use of just five barley loaves and two fish to feed five thousand to the opening of the disciples' eyes to God's grace that works Jesus and through them, to the gathering of 12 baskets of leftover bread after all ate their fill. Bishop Bard, reflecting on this well known miracle transformed the image of himself as a basket case to a basket full of God's grace. He encourages all who follow Jesus to be containers full of God's blessings for others. I love this image! It reminds me of the age

old saying, "We are imperfect vessels of God's perfect grace." When the Apostle Paul asked God to removed his suffering, Paul heard a word from the Lord, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." Paul reflects, "So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me."

When I think about the fact that there has been so much work done to bring two Annual Conferences together and that there is so much more to do, I fully rely on Bishop Bard's proclamation that we are all basket cases – but that we are able to bear God's grace for one another and the world!

Join me in praying for our new Conference – The Michigan Area of the United Methodist Church. Join me in praying for our Bishop, the many clergy and lay leaders in our conference and for each church that is coming together to make our denomination a vital presence in our state and in our world! I look forward to seeing you in worship.

Because of Christ,
Pastor Jack