

## 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 series on The Apostles' Creed.

### Riverside Elementary Ice Cream Social and Book Drive

Tuesday, August 8th, 6-7:30 pm

As we continue our partnership with Riverside Elementary School, we have been asked to organize an Ice Cream Social and book exchange at the school on Tuesday, August 8th from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

We are collecting new and gently used children's books through August 6th. There is a collection box outside the Chapel for books. The books will be available for children to take at no cost during the event. Any extra books will be donated to the "Summer Slam" program for elementary age children.

Youth and adults are needed to serve at the event in the following ways: serve ice cream, bounce house attendants, games, book table, greeters, and at the registration table.

If you would like more information or would like to sign-up please contact Rev. Kathy or sign-up outside the church office.

#### Learn More

To learn more about CUMC and Riverside Elementary, check out the article *Partnering with Readers* by Rev. Kathy at the Michigan Area UMC website: <http://news.michiganumc.org/>

### Join Our Caring Core/ Corp Prayer Team

50+ Members Are In Need of Prayer

Did you know that there is a group of people who connect with those on our prayer list each month? You can join this important ministry to connect with one or more people a month by phone, card, or visit. Your ministry will make someone very happy.

**For more information, contact Phyllis Liming at 248-732-7736, or at [pliming@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pliming@sbcglobal.net). Thank you!**

### Little Sprouts Registration

Little Sprouts is CUMC's early-learning preschool program. Fall registration is now open. If you are interested in registering a child, please contact Michele Hodge at [littlestprouts@comcast.net](mailto:littlestprouts@comcast.net) or (248) 683-8759.

#### About the Program

- Begins September 5th
- Open year-round
- Preschool from 9 am to noon with an extended care option from 7 am to 6 pm
- Loving care in an educational, play-based, faith environment

**Please share the info about our great preschool program with friends, relatives, and neighbors!**

### Born to Eternal Life

Joanne B. Green

September 8th, 1932 - July 2, 2017

Member since November 17th, 1985

Our deepest sympathies to Lori and Bob McCracken, Andrew and Lindsay McCracken and Erika McCracken.

### Welcome New Central Staff Members

**Robin Danek**  
 Director of Marketing & Community Relations  
[rdanek@waterfordcumc.org](mailto:rdanek@waterfordcumc.org)

**Michele Hodge**  
 Director of Little Sprouts Preschool  
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#### The Conversation

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The deadline for the Sunday, August 6th issue of *Chimes* is Wednesday, July 26th. Please send all of your articles, thank you notes and address changes to the Church office or e-mail them to [info@waterfordcumc.org](mailto:info@waterfordcumc.org). Thank you!

# The Life of the Church



July 2- 8 found thirteen of our children and youth (and Sara Hazen) at Lake Louise Christian Community for Choir Camp. The theme of camp this year was Grace. Our kids learned more about grace from God, grace we give to others and grace that we give to ourselves. If you see one of our campers, ask them about their favorite song or about their "Contract Class." Thank you for supporting Choir Camp, and ALL of the camping programs.

We sang, played, learned, laughed, and enjoyed snacks during Hero Central VBS in June with 60 heroes and 45 youth and adult leaders.



A beautiful evening and great music from Electric Connection, CUMC's praise band from The Conversation.

## A Sincere Thank You Brass Banks

\$800 Was Raised!

Thanks to all of our members and friends who participated in the brass banks opportunity. The total raised was \$800. This will be divided between our local food pantry and our sister church in Liberia, Africa.

-Charles and Marion Steeber

## Bike Drive

18 Bikes Donated!

Thanks to everyone who donated a bike during the Waterford Refugee Welcome Alliance bike drive.

## Opportunities to Serve & Grow

**Donate toiletries and personal items** to the Waterford Refugee Welcome Alliance through July 31st. A collection bin is located in the Chapel Hallway.

**Help weed the Memorial Garden** on Thursday, July 27th or Thursday, August 24th. Contact Diana Carter for more info.

**Participate in CUMC's Think 10! Campaign.** Pick up a brochure in the office for more info.

**Work with Rev. Kathy on your personal Faith Growth Pathway.** Pick up a brochure in the Chapel hallway or see her for details.

**Donate to the Baldwin Center or HOPE Warming Center.** Collection bins are located in the Chapel Hallway.

**Donate to the food pantry.** We are in need of tuna, soup, cereal, baked beans, Manwich, rice, mac and cheese, boxed stuffing, toothpaste, paper towels and bars of soap.

August 2017 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 8:30 am - Olive Mae Glenn Circle - Parlor 7 pm - Planning Meeting Rm 104 8:15 pm - Covenant Discipleship (online)	<b>2</b> 10 am - Keller-Fitz Book Study Rm 108 11:30 am - Olive Mae Glenn Parlor	<b>3</b> 8 am - Fix-It Crew Breakfast 10 am - Immersion Bible Study: Psalms - Parlor 6:30 pm - Summer Disciples Parlor	<b>4</b> Church office closed	<b>5</b>
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## Greetings from the North Woods of Michigan!

I am writing you from Camp Kinawind where I am leading what is called the Vintage Woods Camp for older elementary children (Grades 4-6). Our son, Jonathan, and Charlotte Murphy are counseling with me. Our theme is Branching Out – Connecting Through Christ. Using the words of Jesus from chapter 15 in John's gospel, we are concentrating on the fact that there are special places in our lives. A special place that we don't often think about is ourselves – our bodies, minds and souls. So we are sharing with our campers that our very lives are "places" where good things can happen and that God and Jesus live within us.

Nature is a wonderful place to explore God's presence. Through creation we learn to trust the Creator. Jesus, when telling his followers not to be anxious about their lives, told them "Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?" (Matthew 6:26) We can begin to trust the creator because of the way in which nature cares for itself, is healed and gives life.

During our first swim time a young camper needed a "buddy" in the shallow area, so we were in the shallow area swimming—or rather splashing around—when we both spotted the shell of a crayfish. Crayfish molt their outer shell in late June. We retrieved the shell from the water and brought it to the shore to show others our new-found treasure. As we were approaching the other campers, my young friend found yet another crayfish shell! From that time on, we were Darwin and Cousteau exploring the shallow water for interesting rocks, shells, minnows and other marvels of God's good earth. I spotted a plant on the shore and asked my fellow scientist if she knew what it was; she didn't. I took a leaf from the plant, rubbed it between my fingers and invited her to smell it. Her eyes lit up and she nearly yelled, "Peppermint!"

This summer, we've begun a message series on The Apostles' Creed. By the time many of you receive this message we will be nearly a third of the way through those ten messages. I want to thank Ernie Bauer for sharing a message on the first part of that Creed: "I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth." That first part of the Creed is what has inspired my thoughts as I write to you from Camp. The Rev. Rich Peacock will

be speaking later in the series next month.

The purpose of the Creed is to recognize the beliefs that all followers of Jesus Christ hold in common. It is also a way to share the faith. It is my hope that you are enjoying the series as we talk about faith and how it affects our daily living. Creeds recognize all that God has done for us and are, in part, our loving response.

Before concluding, I want to share the thoughts of Father Killian J. Healy (1912-2003), who was a Carmelite priest. Father Healy shared that creation was God's first missionary. He uses the words of the Apostle Paul as a reminder: "Ever since the creation of the world his eternal power and divine nature, invisible though they are, have been understood and seen through the things he has made." (Romans 1:20a)

It is my prayer during these summer months that you will seek God in and through nature as we seek to understand all that God has done for us through our study of The Apostles' Creed. I look forward to seeing you in worship.

Because of Christ,

*Pastor Jack*