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Little Sprouts Preschool & Child Care Open House

Little Sprouts Preschool and Child Care will be hosting an open house on August 10th from noon – 6:30 pm. If you have children or grandchildren two to six years of age, consider this great program!

Little Sprouts is under the direction of Michele Hodge, who holds a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education and was a former teacher at Little Sprouts. Michele brings a new enthusiasm, as well as state-of-the art knowledge and experience to this faith-based, child centered independent learning environment. Her philosophy is to match the learning environment to the unique needs of each individual child to foster a life-long love of learning. Children will be encouraged to explore and learn at their own pace and in their own way.

During the open house parents, guardians and grandparents can take a tour and meet Michele to discuss her new direction for Little Sprouts. Light snacks will be provided and there will be activities for the kids. The open house will be located in the Little Sprouts rooms at Central UMC.

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 littlesprouts@comcast.net or (248) 683-8759.

The deadline for the Sunday, August 20th issue of *Chimes* is Wednesday, August 9th. Please send all of your articles, thank you notes and address changes to the Church office or e-mail them to rdanek@waterfordcumc.org. Thank you!

SARN Bike Drive a Huge Success

Bikes, Helmets, Locks and Funds Were Donated

Thank you to everyone that participated in the bike drive for the Syrian American Rescue Network (SARN). 28 bikes were donated along with 9 helmets, 10 bike locks and 10 monetary donations to SARN. The bikes will go to support families that have been resettled in southeast Michigan as part of the U.S. Refugee Resettlement Act, and will help families establish a solid foothold in their new location.

The drive was coordinated by Barb Spiece in conjunction with CUMC Justice Missions, the Waterford Refugee Welcome Alliance and the Waterford Ministerial Assn. Additional support and thanks also go to those helping with repairs and tune-ups.

Thank you Barb!

Back to School Blessing

The Back to School Blessing will be on Sunday, September 3rd at the 9:55am and 11:10am services. This special blessing is for students, teachers, and staff in the education field. Bring your backpack, bag, or briefcase. Students of all ages are invited to participate. Please share this with your friends. This is a great Sunday to bring a family!

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.

Save the Date

Rally Day 2017

The theme is "Welcome Home, Welcome Here." We're planning a day full of community outreach, so plan to come for a great morning of worship and fellowship. You may just learn something new about Central!

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.

Visit the Children's Library

Take advantage of our great library full of books for kids of all ages. The children's library is across from the nursery, next to the parlor.

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The Life of the Church



Pastor Jack and his group of intrepid campers at Camp Kinawind in Northern Michigan.



During Hero Central VBS kids were encouraged to bring friends, with the promise of taping Rev. Kathy to the wall if they met their goal. As you can see, they did! The additional funds generated were used to buy over 200 books for the Riverside Elementary School Book Exchange.



Bikes collected during the SARN bike drive will be given to Syrian refugees that have relocated to the Waterford area. Thanks to everyone who participated!



Central Anniversaries

Congratulations to:

- Paul & Beatrice Blomquist
- Durwood & Stephanie Shawl
- Gary & Ruth Greene
- William & Velette Svenkesen
- Donald & Diana Carter

Thank You Notes

Thank you to everyone for the cards, calls prayers and caring during Alice's hospitalization and the death of Jim's mom (Gertrude). We are eternally grateful for your love and support.

Jim and Alice Alt

To My CUMC Church Family,

I wanted to thank my church family for all your prayers, cards and telephone calls. Thank you, Pastor Jack, for taking the time to come to the hospital the day of my surgery. Also, the office staff for their prayers.

I appreciate the cards—the guide dogs reminding me one-step-at-a-time. Also, thank you to Tom Lewis for the muffins. How thoughtful. Thank you all for caring.

Sincerely,
Doris Quick

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for helping me go to choir camp. I was able to go to the Middle School Cabins. I was also in the Blessed Beyond Belief Choir. My favorite part was singing and both contract classes. My contract classes were drama and cake decorating. My favorite song was 4 chords. This year's theme was grace. I will do grace by doing God's will. Thank you again, I can't wait to go back next year.

From Becklyn Shanahan

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

- Samuel Ritchie
- Russell Jacobson
- Richard Donner
- Marvin Jewell
- Virginia Abney
- Sally Kuhn
- Lewis Bradbury
- Gladys Periard
- Elizabeth Sawyers
- Wes Tindall
- Doris Hays
- Mary Biggs
- Maurice Grant

Upcoming CUMC Events

Guest Musicians

August 13th @ 9:55 & 11:10 am

Join us in welcoming guest musicians **The Moving Vans** during the 9:55 service and The Conversation at 11:10.

Annual Golf Outing

September 17th @ 2 pm

Join us for our 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.

Opportunities to Serve & Grow

Donate to Project Backpack, an initiative of the Waterford Coalition for Youth that provides school supplies to youth in need. Put donations in the bin in the Chapel hallway.

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

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

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

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

Toiletries collection for the Waterford Refugee Welcome Alliance has been extended through August 13th. Place items in the collection bins in the Chapel Hallway.

Connect Across the Generations. Opportunities include 3rd Grade Bible Friends, Prayers with Students Ministry, and Confirmation mentors. If you are interested in one of these ministries, please contact Rev. Kathy.

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One of the ways that our congregation is building relationships in the community is through our partnership with Riverside Elementary School. Last year I asked the principal how we (CUMC) could partner with the school. The principal, Mrs. Grambush, suggested that they had not had a summer book exchange in many years and wondered if we might be able to do that. Last summer, we held a very successful Ice Cream Social that included a summer reading exchange for Riverside kids with tables full of free books! It was incredible! We have been asked to sponsor this event again this year.

Why do we do this? To create relationships with the people in our neighboring community. To share the love of Jesus in our community (through word and deed). To

advocate for children and literacy. To have fun and laugh!

Volunteers are needed before and during the event to organize and run games, gather prizes, serve ice cream, help at the book table, read to children and/or listen to them read, oversee the bounce house and help with setup and cleanup. The event details are below:

Tuesday, August 8th
6:00pm – 7:30pm

Location: Riverside Elementary School (5280 Farm Rd, Waterford, MI)

Who: All Riverside Students are invited and all those associated with CUMC are welcome to attend to help or come have fun

You can sign-up to volunteer on the web at this link:

signup.com/go/NWEicCD

or on the sign-up sheet outside the church office. Please feel free to share this information with others who might enjoy working at this event!

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information. Note that most of the “jobs” have a slot from 6-6:45pm and 6:45-7:30pm. You may sign up for one slot, two slots in the same category, or two slots in different categories.

If you would like to learn more about our partnership with Riverside, you may want to read this article:

news.michiganumc.org/2017/07/10718/

Blessings,
Rev. Kathy Pittenger