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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

Join us as Pastor Jack continues his sermon series with "Momentum for Life – Investing in Relationships"

Support for Liberia

Recently Cheryl Malin and the members of the Keller-Fitz Study Group raised funds to provide a sewing machine to Margretta Sieh, children's ministry coordinator at Bishop Judith Craig's Children's Village in Liberia. Earlier this month the sewing machine reached its destination with Robert and Margretta during their return trip to Liberia. Thank you to Cheryl Malin and everyone who donated money, time and support to make this possible. Below is a heartfelt thank you from Margretta, who will use the machine to sew clothing and teach others to sew.

Good morning Cheryl,

Hope you and your group are doing very well, as we are. Please extend my thanks and appreciation to the entire group members that made it possible for me to receive an electrical sewing machine, may God continue to bless you all. Well by the grace of God we will be going back to Liberia on this week Saturday on the 19 of August. And yes, I am using the machine and its stitches well, and the DVD player also helped me to understand more about the machine, so thanks so much to you all. I say hello to every one of you and may God bless you all. Thanks,

--Margretta Sieh

Cookies & Encouragement

If you have a family member heading to college or in the military, let us know their address and we'll include them

in our "cookies & encouragement" program!

Please get the address to us by Monday October 9th by calling the church office, emailing info@waterfordcumc.org or filling out the online form at:

News=>Cookies and Encouragement

Donate Supplies or Funds to Help Hurricane Victims

Central United Methodist Church is a collection site for UMCOR flood bucket and hygiene kit supplies. The supplies will be sent to the UMCOR Midwest Mission Distribution Center for assembly. Once assembled, the kits will then be shipped to Texas and Florida to help victims of hurricanes Harvey and Irma. UMCOR is also taking donations to assist with disaster relief.

For a list of supplies needed and details of drop-off times, please visit our website and go to **News=>Hurricane Relief**. There is also information on making a financial contribution.

Attention Scholarship Recipients!

We are in the process of sending checks to the schools for scholarship recipients. If you have been awarded a scholarship and have not yet provided us with your information, please email Sue Newill at snewill@waterfordcumc.org with the following info:

- Full name
- Student ID
- School name and address where to send the check on your behalf

Once we receive this information we will make every effort to process checks within 10 business days.

Support Central While You Shop

Did you know that many retailers, including gas stations, grocery stores, movie theaters, restaurants, drug stores and more participate with Central in a program called Scrip? You purchase gift cards at face value (\$10, \$25, \$50, etc.) to use for your shopping needs, and these organizations donate varying percentages of each gift card to Central for our ministries. Learn more at our website at:

News=>Donate When You Spend!

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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, October 8th issue of *Chimes* is Wednesday, September 27th. 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

Happy Birthday to Our Members Who Will Reach 80+ Years This October

- Marie Wilson, 10/3
- Larry Quick, 10/4
- Marion Gonzalez, 10/14
- Barbara Jacobson, 10/15
- Virginia Mueller, 10/20
- Beatrice Blomquist, 10/26

Cradle Roll

Graham Riker Andrew Meuser
Born September 9, 2017
Son of Brian & Megann Meuser
Grandson of Bill & Tina Graham
Great-grandson of Marge Jones
Nephew of Ben & Elizabeth Graham
Cousin of Drew Graham

Central 50+ Anniversaries

Congratulations to:

- Jay & Dorothy Young, 10/17, 66 yrs.

Address Changes

Please note there is a new mailing address for:

Mary E. Brown
4491 Shangrila Dr.
Pinckney, MI 48169-9375

There is a new phone number for:

Carol Nelson
248-681-3057

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

Opportunities to Serve & Grow

Become a Prayer Partner. Last year we started Prayers for Students, a prayer ministry that matched up students with adults to pray for one another. It was received so well that we are continuing it this year. If you would like to participate either as a student or as an adult, please sign-up at <https://goo.gl/forms/gEu6lvisYXtWIIhz1>.

There will be a Prayer Partner Meet & Greet this Sunday (9/24) after the 10:30am service.

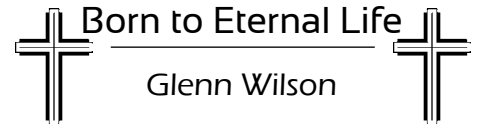
Bake Cookies for our “cookies and encouragement” program for college students and military personnel. Sign up outside the office, then drop the cookies off in the main kitchen by Wednesday, October 11th and mark them students/service.

Join a Study Group. The Keller-Fitz Group is studying *Where the Water Goes Around: Beloved Detroit* by Bill Wylie-Kellermann. Purple Threads is studying *Not a Silent Night* by Adam Hamilton. FaithLink will be discussing *Wonder Woman & Faith*.

Thank You

To everyone who helped make this year's Rally Day a success! It was a fun morning that kicked off our fall programming in style.

A sincere thank you from the Waterford Coalition for Youth to everyone who donated school supplies to Project Backpack.



June 14, 1928 -
September 6, 2017

Our deepest sympathies to Marie Wilson on the death of her husband.

Upcoming CUMC Events

Fall Faith Formation Programming

There are a number of opportunities this fall to grow in faith and fellowship. Established groups will continue and several new groups and classes are forming. Fall studies, classes and events are now at the website at:

Faith Formation=>2017 Fall Programming

Or, pick up a brochure in the Chapel Hallway

Central Cinema

Come to the movies on Saturday, October 7th at 6 pm for a showing of “Coach Carter.” Bring the family and the popcorn!

2017 CROP Walk Oct. 1st

Join us in raising funds to help eliminate hunger locally and around the world. This year's walk will begin at 2pm (registration is 1:30pm) at Christ Lutheran Church. We need walkers and sponsors. To walk or be a sponsor, see Janice Mann. Donations can also be made during the offering (mark envelopes/checks CROP Walk). The names of walkers will be posted in the chapel hallway.

For more info, see Janice Mann at the table in the Chapel Hallway, or call her at (248) 738-6702. For more info on CROP walk, visit our website at:

News=>2017 CROP Walk

October 2017 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>8:30 am - Chapel Worship 9:15 am - FaithLink 10:00 am - The Conversation 10:30 am - Sanctuary Worship 1:30 pm - Crop Walk 5 pm - Youth Choir 7:30 pm - Defying Gravity</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:30 am - Chair Yoga 7 pm - Spiritual Direction 8:15 pm - Nominations Committee Meeting</p>	<p>3</p> <p>1 pm - Hutchinson Circle 7 pm - Purple Threads 7 pm - Defying Gravity</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10 am - Keller-Fitz Book Study 11:30 am - Olive Mae Glenn Circle 7 pm - Disciple Fast Track</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8 am - Fix-It Crew 10 am - Disciple Fast Track 11 am - Harvesters Outing 4 - 9 pm - Central Cafe 6:30 pm - Central Friends & Faith 6:30 pm - Thurs. Eve. Study 7:30 pm - Covenant Discipleship</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Church office closed</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6:00 pm - Central Cinema "Coach Carter"</p>
<p>8</p> <p>8:30 am - Chapel Worship 9:15 am - FaithLink 10:00 am - The Conversation 10:30 am - Sanctuary Worship 4:15 pm - Confirmation Class 5 pm - Youth Choir 5:45 - Youth Group 6 pm - Tween Group 7:30 pm - Defying Gravity</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:30 am - Chair Yoga 6:30 pm - Finance Meeting</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7 pm - Eschtruth Circle 7 pm - Defying Gravity</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10 am - Keller-Fitz Book Study 7 pm - Disciple Fast Track</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8 am - Fix-It Crew 9:15 am - Moms with a Mission & Mom's Connect cookie packing 10 am - Disciple Fast Track 4 - 9 pm - Central Cafe 6:30 pm - Central Friends & Faith 6:30 pm - Thurs. Eve. Study 7:30 pm - Covenant Discipleship</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Church office closed</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>8:30 am - Chapel Worship 9:15 am - FaithLink 10:00 am - The Conversation 10:30 am - Sanctuary Worship 4:15 pm - Confirmation Class 5 pm - Youth Choir 5:45 - Youth Group 6 pm - Tween Group 7:30 pm - Defying Gravity</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:30 am - Chair Yoga</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7 pm - Purple Threads 7 pm - Leader Dog Training 7 pm - Defying Gravity</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10 am - Keller-Fitz Book Study 7 pm - Disciple Fast Track</p>	<p>19</p> <p>8 am - Fix-It Crew 10 am - Disciple Fast Track 11 am - Harvesters Potluck 4 - 9 pm - Central Cafe 6:30 pm - Central Friends & Faith 7:30 pm - Covenant Discipleship</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Church office closed</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>8:30 am - Chapel Worship 9:15 am - FaithLink 9:45 am - All About My Church 10:00 am - The Conversation 10:30 am - Sanctuary Worship 4:15 pm - Confirmation Class 5 pm - Youth Choir 5:45 - Youth Group 7:30 pm - Defying Gravity</p>	<p>23</p> <p>10:30 am - Chair Yoga 7 pm - Staff Parrish</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6 pm - Girl Scouts 7 pm - Trustees Meeting 7 pm - Defying Gravity</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10 am - Keller-Fitz Book Study 7 pm - Disciple Fast Track</p>	<p>26</p> <p>8 am - Fix-It Crew 9:15 am - Mom's Connect 10 am - Disciple Fast Track 4 - 9 pm - Central Cafe 6:30 pm - Central Friends & Faith 6:30 pm - Thurs. Eve. Study 7:30 pm - Covenant Discipleship</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Church office closed</p>	<p>28</p> <p>1 pm - Girl Scouts 6:30 pm - Youth Overnight</p>
<p>29</p> <p>8:30 am - Chapel Worship 9:15 am - FaithLink 10:00 am - The Conversation 10:30 am - Sanctuary Worship 4 pm - Trunk or Treat</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10:30 am - Chair Yoga</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>Support Group Schedule Alcoholics Anonymous: Monday 11:00 am & Wednesday 6:00 pm Food Addicts in Recovery: Saturday 9:00 am Nar-Anon: Thursday 7:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous: Thursday 8:00 pm & Saturday 7:00 pm Lyme Disease: 2nd Tuesday @ 7:00 pm</p>			
<p>Central Café Schedule 4:00-5:00 pm Alleluia Dancers 5:00-5:45 pm Good News Ringers 5:15-6:30 pm Dinner served 5:45-6:25 pm YTBN Bell Ringers 6:25-7:15 pm Agape Ringers 6:30-7:30 pm New Joy & Carol Choirs 6:30-7:30 pm Jubilate Dancers 7:30-9:00 pm Chancel Choir</p>						

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Dear Friends in Christ,

It's difficult to believe that the Sandra Bullock and George Clooney movie, *Gravity*, was released nearly four years ago. It was one of those movies that I was not interested in seeing in the theater but rather waited for it to be released on video or Netflix. What I learned was with the beautiful "starscapes" and wonderfully written script, it would have been a wonderful experience on the large screen. Movie Reviewer, Matt Zoller Seitz, wrote:

“If anyone asks me what “Gravity” is about, I’ll tell them it’s a tense adventure about a space mission gone wrong, but once they’ve seen and absorbed the movie, they’ll know the truth. The root word of “Gravity” is “grave.” That’s an adjective meaning weighty or glum or substantial, but it’s also a noun: the place where we’ll all end up eventually. The film is about that moment when you suffered misfortune that seemed unendurable and believed all hope was lost and that you might as well curl up and die, and then you didn’t. Why did you decide to keep going? It’s

a mystery as great as any in physics or astronomy, and one we’ve all grappled with, and transcended.”

In the month of October, we’re offering a Stewardship Study and series of messages based on Pastor Tom Berlin’s book, *Defying Gravity: Break Free from the Culture of More*. Stewardship is often viewed as – to use the words of Zoller Seitz – a topic that is “weighty or glum or substantial.” While it is true that stewardship is a weighty and substantial topic, we need not necessarily be glum about it. I believe that there can be great joy in living out our lives with compassion, kindness and generosity. But in order to live like that requires us to do just what Berlin suggests by the title of his book: defying gravity and breaking free of the culture of more.

“Defying Gravity” requires us to recognize just what attracts us and why. Pastor Berlin cuts right to the crucial questions surrounding stewardship and generosity. One question he asks in his book is “What is it about money that creates difficulties for Christians?” Ponder that question for a moment.

Perhaps there will be as many reaction to that question as there are people reading these words.

I want to invite you to be part of a study of Berlin’s book during the month of October. Beginning on Sunday, October 1, there will be two studies during the first four weeks of October. Sunday evening classes will be at 7:30 p.m. on October 1, 8, 15 and 22 and Tuesday evening classes will be at 7:00 p.m. on October 3, 10, 17 and 24. I will be leading these studies which I pray will bring all of us closer to defying gravity and lead us toward living our lives for God’s greatest purposes.

This study and the Sunday morning messages on October 15, 22 and 29 will bring us to our Celebration Sunday (October 29) when our members and friends will be asked to bring their Estimates of Giving during our worship services as a sacrifice of worship. Here’s to a gravity-defying October! I look forward to seeing you in worship.

Because of Christ,
Pastor Jack