



# CHIMES

Central United Methodist Church

*Connecting with God,  
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 *Defying Gravity* sermon series with "Breaking Free."

## Practice Intentional Discipleship in 2018

As 2017 draws to a close we begin to think about the New Year. Many of us are involved in finalizing next year's budgets and planning for 2018. This time is ideal for us to also think about our "Faith Plan" for 2018.

As Methodists we are encouraged to practice "intentional discipleship," but what does that mean? From the book *Developing an Intentional Discipleship System: A Guide for Congregations* from Discipleship Ministries of The United Methodist Church:

"A disciple is one who knows Christ, is growing in Christ, serving Christ and sharing Christ."

This includes connecting to Christ in a personal way and being intentional about seeking out those ways to connect on a regular basis. During this season of Stewardship, examine your relationship with Christ and His church and ask:

- How can I put my God-given talents to work for His Kingdom?
- How can I personally grow closer to Christ through prayer and study?
- How can I practice generosity regularly throughout the year?

As you're thinking about your Faith Plan, keep in mind that Central offers a number of ways for you to grow in your faith and discipleship. These include:

- Invite a friend or family member to worship

- Join a prayer or study group or a ministry of the church
- Serve at events
- Work with Rev. Kathy on a personalized Faith Growth Pathway
- Provide leadership by serving on a committee or team.

## How Central Has Practiced Discipleship

As a church we also strive to practice intentional discipleship. Some highlights include:

### Reception for Bishop David Bard

Central was chosen by the Conference to host a service and reception to welcome our new bishop, David Bard. Worship was inspiring, and food and fellowship afterwards were wonderful. Jannette Deszell handmade the Bishop a personalized stole featuring icons of Michigan, which he wore at the Michigan Area Annual Conference in June. Many hands made work light for the success and to the delight of all.

### New and Revised Worship Schedule

The Conversation, our new contemporary service, was launched November 13th. The hallway outside Fellowship Hall has been spruced up to include a sitting area, chalk boards with inspirational Bible verses, and a prayer board. Our new Sunday service schedule is: Chapel 8:30, The Conversation 10:00, and Sanctuary 10:30. FaithLink and other classes are ongoing.

## Drawing People to Worship

The Tribe of Daniel continued decorating through Advent and Lent and in November also created a larger-than-life outdoor Advent wreath. The candles are 5-6 feet tall and shine their light all through the night. This will be an annual decoration with the hopes of drawing in new souls.

## Sharing of Faith through Music

We heard two cantatas. The Children's choirs gave us "Chimes in the Night" at Christmastime. Then in spring the Chancel choir performed "Our Father," a beautiful musical meditation of the Lord's Prayer.

## Faith Growth Methodology

We created a Faith Growth Pathway. A task force looked inward and imagined how we could grow in faith like a plant would grow, and what that pathway *(Continued inside)*

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The deadline for the Sunday, November 5th issue of *Chimes* is Wednesday, October 25th. Please send all of your articles, thank you notes and address changes to the Church office or e-mail them to [rdanek@waterfordcumc.org](mailto:rdanek@waterfordcumc.org).

# The Life of the Church

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

- Patricia Loomis, 11/1
- Mary Wilhoyte, 11/3
- Bruce Hazen 11/8
- John Nelson, 11/11
- Howard Shipley, 11/12
- Marilyn Bruce, 11/15
- Doris Quick, 11/17
- Judith Bradbury, 11/18
- Eleanor Snyder, 11/23

## Address Changes

Please note there is a new mailing address for:

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## Thank You

### Dear Central Friends

Thank you so much for the generous way you “treated” us at staff meeting today. We are so grateful for you and the way you support our work and our students.

Thank you!

-Riverside Teachers

### Thank you for the Cookies!

Thanks to all the bakers who made cookies for our students and service people. Thanks also to the “Moms” for packing and sending the cookies.

### Blessings in a Backpack

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, thank you for your recent contribution to the Blessings in a Backpack - Waterford NonEndowed Fund of the Community Foundation of Greater Rochester. Through the generosity of donors like you, the Foundation has grown into a meaningful resource that enhances the community and the lives of its citizens.

## Intentional Discipleship

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would look like. They developed icons to represent Planting, Nurturing, Shaping and Sharing, and applied them to Central’s ministries to illustrate the pathway. We have had a number of new FGP groups form and plans are expanding for more. The Faith Growth Pathway has been recognized by the Conference as a valuable tool for many congregations. In October 2017 Pastor Jack and Rev. Kathy delivered a sermon series on *Momentum for Life* by Mike Slaughter, which celebrated and explained more about the pathway.

We are on the road and excited about where it will take us. We invite you to become more intentional and to join us on this faith journey. Sunday, October 29th is Pledge Sunday, an ideal opportunity to commit to your Faith Plan by bringing your Pledge card to Sunday worship. The Pledges of the church will be received and celebrated as Central continues its mission of:

*Connecting with God.*

*Connecting with Others.*

*Growing Our World with Christ’s Love.*

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.

## Upcoming CUMC Events

### Liberia Luncheon

This Sunday (10/22) is our luncheon to benefit Central’s missions in Liberia, Africa. Come enjoy a lunch of lasagna (meat and veggie or gluten free), salad, garlic bread, dessert and beverages.

The luncheon will begin after the 10:30am worship service. A free-will offering will be taken. There’s not a better all-you-can-eat deal than this one!

### It’s Trunk or Treat Time! Sunday, October 29th 4-6pm

It’s time again to bring all the little ghosts and goblins to Central for some Halloween fun. The event is appropriate for all ages and will feature games, cider & donuts, a haunted tunnel and lots of CANDY! The event is open to the entire community, so invite friends and neighbors.

If you’d like to decorate your car and hand out candy or volunteer at the event, please sign up outside the office. We also need donations of candy and funds for cider and donuts.

### Central Cinema

Come to Central on Saturday, 11/4 at 6 pm for a showing of the delightful movie “The Meddler.”


### Holiday Blood Drive

Mark your calendars for Friday, November 24th, when we will be holding our annual holiday blood drive. Give blood; it just might be the most important gift you give this year. To donate or volunteer please sign up on the sheet located in the Chapel hallway.

### Clothe-a-Child

Please keep this important ministry in your planning this holiday season. We will have details on timing and giving in upcoming newsletters.

November 2017 Calendar

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday			
<p><b>Support Group Schedule</b>                      Alcoholics Anonymous: Monday 11:00 am &amp; Wednesday 6:00 pm                      Food Addicts in Recovery: Saturday 9:00 am                      Nar-Anon: Thursday 7:30 pm                      Narcotics Anonymous: Thursday 8:00 pm &amp; Saturday 7:00 pm                      Lyme Disease: 2nd Tuesday @ 7:00 pm</p>															
5	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 pm - Youth Group 5:45 pm - Tween Group	6	10:30 am - Chair Yoga 7 pm - Spiritual Direction 7:30 pm - Boy Scouts PCS & Leader Mtg.	7	1:00 pm - Hutchinson Circle 6:30 pm - Girl Scouts 7 pm - Purple Threads	8	10:00 am - Keller-Fitz Book Study 7 pm - Disciple Fast Track	9	8 am - Fix-It Crew 9:15 am - Moms Connect 4 - 9 pm - Central Cafe 6:30 pm - Thurs. Eve. Study	10	Church office closed 7 pm - Youth Overnight @ Connection '17	11		12	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
13	10:30 am - Chair Yoga 6:30 pm - Finance Meeting 7:30 pm - Church Council Meeting 7:30 pm - Boy Scouts	14	1 pm - Tuesday Musicale Program feat. The Birmingham String Ensemble 7 pm - Eschtruth Circle	15	10:00 am - Keller-Fitz Book Study 7 pm - Disciple Fast Track	16	8 am - Fix-It Crew 12 pm - Harvesters Potluck 4 - 9 pm - Central Cafe 6:30 pm - Thurs. Eve. Study	17	Church office closed	18		19	8:30 am - Chapel Worship 9:15 am - FaithLink 10:00 am - The Conversation 10:30 am - Sanctuary Worship 1:30 pm - Charge Conference 4:15 pm - Confirmation Class 5 pm - Youth Choir 5:45 pm - Youth Group 5:45 pm - Tween Group		
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27	10:30 am - Chair Yoga 7 pm - Staff Parish Meeting 7:30 pm - Boy Scouts	28	7 pm - Trustees Meeting	29	10:00 am - Keller-Fitz Book Study 7 pm - Disciple Fast Track	30	8 am - Fix-It Crew 10 am - "Faithful" Study 4 - 9 pm - Central Cafe 6:30 pm - Thurs. Eve. Study	<p><b>Central Café Schedule</b>                      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 YBN Bell Ringers                      6:25-7:15 pm Agape Ringers                      6:30-7:30 pm New Joy &amp; Carol Choirs                      6:30-7:30 pm Jubilate Dancers                      7:30-9:00 pm Chancel Choir</p>							

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**D**ear Friends,

As the leaves change color and temperatures cool, it is apparent that fall is fully upon us. I've been receiving reports from people who have recently traveled north that the leaves are providing a wonderful display of Creation, as the green forests yield to a palette of colors and hues. The word from our children in the UP is that the change to autumn colors is about two weeks behind. Lots of change that has happened, and a lot of change yet to come! Just as the world around us is changing our church has experienced a great deal of change, along with our usual increase in programs and events.

In August, our Music Director, Sara Hazen, accepted the Worship Director position at Clarkston UMC, and we celebrated her nearly 27 years of leadership on our staff in September. Since then, our Staff-Parish Relations Committee and a Selection Committee have been working on interviewing and hiring new personnel to facilitate our wonderful music and worship ministries. Beginning this Sunday (10/22) you

will see two of our new music staff in leadership. Kevin Naeve, our new Music Director, will be directing our Chancel Choir and Myra Trask, our new Organist and Accompanist, will be at the organ console and piano providing music for our worship experience. Soon Kevin and Myra, along with our other worship leadership – Katie Gay, Jill Leek, Sarah Klein and our Tribe of Daniel – will be making plans for the holidays, including our wonderful Christmas Eve Services!

These changes, along with new studies and groups, are providing wonderful opportunities for spiritual growth and the deepening of relationships with God and each other! You can see within the pages of this *Chimes* issue an invitation to be a part of our Faith Growth Pathway. Now is a wonderful time to make changes – along with all of Creation – that will add color and beauty to your life!

There are still the usual programs that excite our congregation and welcome the community to our fellowship. **Trunk or Treat** is happening Sunday evening, October 29th, from 4-6 pm, complete

with yummy goodies, games and our Haunted Tunnel! This is always well attended and good fun for children and adults alike! We are beginning to think about our annual **Clothe-a-Child Ministry** providing clothing for hundreds of children in our local schools. **Advent** will bring special studies and opportunities for Christmas Caroling, fellowship and our Christmas Eve services.

There is so much change going on in our world, and our church is a part of the transformation toward beauty and blessings. Join me in asking for God's guidance and presence as we travel through this time of change. I look forward to seeing you in worship!

Because of Christ,

*Pastor Jack*