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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

Sunday is New Member Sunday. Pastor Jack's message will be "Drawing the Line."

Advent at Central

Advent will be here before you know it, and at Central United Methodist we have a full month of Advent programming as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ.

Advent Services

Advent begins on Sunday, December 3rd. Pastor Jack's message series will be based on *The Redemption of Scrooge*, which explores the Christian themes found in this timeless classic. During Advent services there will be cause for festivity as well as reflection, as we celebrate Baby's First Christmas, baptism and enjoy a beautiful Christmas Cantata performed by our Chancel Choir.

Advent is an ideal time to practice intentional discipleship through faith growth and charitable giving. Central provides a wide variety of opportunities for both during the Advent season.

Faith Growth

- Devotional guides are available both online and in the Chapel hallway. Pick one up and commit to a daily devotion.
- A Peacemaker's Advent Event will take place on Sunday, December 3rd from 5-7:30 pm
- The Thursday study during Advent will be based on the book *Faithful*, which examines the Christmas story from the perspective of Joseph. The study will be held at 10:30 am and 6:30 pm.

Holiday Giving

Help make the Christmas season brighter for others by including a few of these opportunities to give.

- Clothe-a-Child
- Baldwin Holiday Store
- Compassionate Christmas Cards
- Christmas Cards for Jail Ministry
- Christmas Wishes for Methodist Children's Home
- Hat and Mitten Donations
- Poinsettias to the Homebound

Music and Fellowship

It wouldn't be the Christmas season without great music and the chance to get together with family and friends. Join your church family as we celebrate the Christmas season.

- Hanging of the Greens – Saturday, November 25th, 9 am
- Jackson Chorale Concert – Saturday, December 9th, 7:30 pm
- Tuesday Musicales Concert – Tuesday, December 12th, 7 pm
- Christmas Cantata, "For Us a Child Is Born" BWV 142 by Johann Kuhnau – Sunday, December 17th, 10:30 am Worship
- All Church Caroling – Sunday, December 17th, 5 pm

For more information about any of these programs or opportunities, visit the Central website or watch for our special Advent brochure in the mail.

Buy Your Holiday Gift Cards from Central

Giving gift cards this season? Consider purchasing them through Central's Scrip program. Just fill out a Scrip form or order gift cards online, give a check to one of Central's Scrip Coordinators; your cards will be here the following week. Through December 15th, Scrip is featuring low denomination cards that make great gifts for clients, co-workers, teachers and others on your list.

The annual **All-Church Conference** will be held November 19th @ 1:30 pm.

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.

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The Conversation

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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, December 3rd issue of *Chimes* is Wednesday, November 22nd. 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 December

- Irene Kuznecoff, 12/1
- John Radenbaugh, 12/12
- June MacLennan, 12/10
- Gil Waters, 12/25
- Earline Huntley 12/12
- John Pagen, 12/27

Central 50+ Anniversaries

Congratulations to:

- John & Nancy Radenbaugh, 12/20, 59 yrs.
- John & Elizabeth Sawyers, 12/28, 60 yrs.



Stewardship 2018

Thank you to everyone who has turned in your pledge card. As of mid-November our 2018 pledges are 17.5% below our pledges for 2017. Please prayerfully consider giving regularly to the mission and ministry of Central church.



Thank You

Through your generosity Central has made contributions to many worthwhile organizations, including:

- Haven
- Open Door Outreach Center
- Methodist Children's Home Society
- Lighthouse of Oakland County



Opportunities to Serve & Grow

Advent Study

Thursdays 11/30 – 12/21, 10:30 am & 6:30 pm

Based on the book *Faithful* by Adam Hamilton, which examines the Christmas story from the viewpoint of Joseph.

Holiday Blood Drive

Friday, November 24th

Give blood; it may be the most important gift you give this Christmas. Sign up on the sheets in the Chapel hallway. Appointments are available throughout the day. We also need volunteers and snacks.

Hanging of the Greens

Saturday, November 25th, 9 am

Help decorate the church for the Christmas season. Enjoy a light lunch after the decorating is done. Sign up outside the church office or contact Jannette Deszell for more info.

Brunch and Conversation

December 3rd, 9:30 am


Join us for a discussion of *The Redemption of Scrooge* during The Conversation worship experience. A light brunch will be served at 9:30.

Clothe-a-Child

Donate to help provide winter clothing to Waterford students. Donate through Compassionate Christmas Cards, or write a check to CUMC with "Clothe-a-Child" in the memo line.

Poinsettias for the Homebound

Order a poinsettia to decorate the sanctuary or to deliver to a homebound member. Order forms are available in the office. Please have orders in by November 26th.

Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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				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 YTNB Bell Ringers 6:25-7:15 pm Agape Ringers 6:30-7:30 pm New Joy & Carol Choirs 7:30-9:00 pm Jubilate Dancers 7:30-9:00 pm Chancel Choir		1	2
3	8:30 am - Chapel Worship 9:15 am - FaithLink 10 am - The Conversation 10:30 am - Sanctuary Worship 5 pm - Peacemaking Advent Event	4	5	6	7	8	9
		10:30 am - Chair Yoga 7:30 pm - Boy Scouts	1 pm - Hutchinson Circle	10 am - Keller-Fitz Book Study 11:30 am - Olive Mae Glen Circle 4:30 - Girl Scout Cookie Training 7 pm - Leader Dog Training	8 am - Fix-It Crew 10:30 am - Faithful Study 4 - 9 pm - Central Cafe 5:30 pm - Harvesters Outing 6:30 pm - Faithful Study	Church office closed	7:30 pm - Jackson Chorale Concert
10	8:30 am - Chapel Worship 9:15 am - FaithLink 10 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	11	12	13	14	15	16
		10:30 am - Chair Yoga 6:30 pm - Finance Meeting 7:30 pm - Boy Scouts Holiday Potluck	7 pm - Tuesday Musicales Holiday Concert	10 am - Keller-Fitz Book Study	10:30 am - Faithful Study 4 - 9 pm - Central Cafe 6:30 pm - Faithful Study	Church office closed	
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24	10 am & 10:30 am Worship 8 pm - Carols & Candlelight Worship 11 pm - Carols & Communion Worship	25	26	27	28	29	30
		 Church office closed		10 am - Keller-Fitz Book Study	8 am - Fix-It Crew NO CENTRAL CAFE OR REHEARSALS	Church office closed	
31	8:30 am, 10 am & 10:30 am Worship						

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Dear Friends,

I truly enjoyed sharing our three messages on *Defying Gravity*, the book on which we based our Stewardship Program this past month. We completed our Stewardship Campaign on Sunday, October 29 and I am very pleased with the results. At the time I am writing this *Chimes* letter, church members have generously committed \$306,522 to our mission and ministry in 2018. We have received 7 new pledges!

There are currently 58 members and friends who turned in an Estimate of Giving Card for 2017 but not for 2018. If those members and friends intend to give as much next year as they have given this year, then we will experience an increase in our estimated giving for next year over this current year! That is exciting news, and I want to thank all who have generously given throughout this past year and intend to give toward our ministry next year.

Letters have gone out to those who have turned in Estimate of Giving cards thanking them and confirming their

intentions to give toward our ministry next year. Another letter has gone out to those who have given to our ministry this year but haven't yet shared their intention to give next year. We are thankful for their present giving and pray that they will continue to support our ministry next year. In the next couple of weeks we will be following up our Stewardship Campaign with phone calls, making everyone aware that we would love to receive their plan for giving next year.

There is a third group of members and friends who have never informed our church of their giving plans. Some give toward our ministry and others do not—or they give without any designation or name.

There are several reasons for pledging to regular giving.

- Giving is a central Christian practice; we return to God a portion of what we have received.
- Giving supports the Central Church community; it is the primary way we fund our ministries.

- Giving helps other people in need—from providing groceries from our food pantry to financial assistance for repairs, gas or utility bills.
- Giving focuses our priorities. Just as God is generous, we are called to be generous. This is reflective of our Creator God, and it is in response to all that Jesus has given on our behalf.

My greatest wish is that we would have full support of our members and friends in “Defying Gravity!” I, for one, would love to see cards that show prayerful support of our ministry, as well as an intention to support our ministry with your time and talent. There is a space on our Estimate of Giving cards where you can show your prayerful support as well as give of your time and talent. Why not help our church by letting our leadership and staff know of your intention to support our many ministries in the New Year?

I look forward to seeing you in church!

Because of Christ,

Pastor Jack