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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

Third Sunday in Lent. Pastor Jack will continue his *Gifts of the Dark Wood* Message Series with "The Gift of Being Thunderstruck."

Exciting Changes Coming to Youth Music

We are starting a new format for youth music at Waterford CUMC! It is still in the planning stages, but it will be exciting, and youth can still be involved, even if they didn't make it to our first meeting on February 25th.

Something that youth don't often have in their music ensembles is a place to perform with friends who play different instruments. We will be offering them a place where it doesn't matter if they sing, play guitar, are a violinist, or tuba player...or even if they don't play or sing yet. Everyone is invited and everyone will have a place at their level.

The format and music selections of the ensemble will be largely controlled by our youth, and we hope to establish this group as a place where youth music grows at Waterford CUMC

What parents and friends can do is make sure your youth know about it and that they can be involved Sundays from 11:45am-12:30pm. Let's give our youth a place to show their talents and connect to God, others and our church!

Rolling River Rampage Vacation Bible School

June 25-29, 2018

Lead kids on an action-packed VBS adventure! Cokesbury's Rolling River Rampage invites children on a white-water rafting adventure to experience

the ride of a lifetime with God! Along the river, children discover that life with God is an adventure full of wonder and surprise, and that they can trust God to be with them through anything. Relevant music, exciting science, creative crafts, fun recreation, and memorable Bible stories will help kids know that God is always with them as they ride the rapids of amazing grace!

Our 2018 VBS will be June 25-29. If you are willing to be on the VBS leadership team (helping with decorations, a station at VBS, a guide during VBS, or overseeing the program) please contact Rev. Kathy. Registration will be open in May. The donation board will be posted in April.

Rev. Kathy's New Opportunity

In worship on February 18th, it was announced that Rev. Kathy has accepted a new position as the Children's Initiatives Coordinator for the Michigan Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church. Rev. Kathy will be responsible for equipping, empowering, encouraging, and engaging with those who work with children in all of the United Methodist Churches in Michigan

The new position begins July 1, 2018. Rev. Kathy, Rich, Elijah, and Micah will be moving to the Lansing area, closer to the conference offices, in June. Rev. Kathy will be faithful to her

commitment to us over the next several months and we will celebrate her ministry with us and her family on June 17th. Plans for this celebration will be shared with you as they are finalized.

UMCOR Sunday

March 11th, 2018

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church. UMCOR strengthens and transforms people and communities by working globally to alleviate human suffering and advance hope and healing.

On March 11th we will take a special offering to support UMCOR's administrative costs. This insures that 100% of designated gifts will go to the program of the giver's choice. Please prayerfully consider giving to this critically important organization that profiles relief, care and aid to so many in times of crisis.

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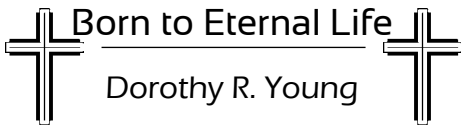
The deadline for the Sunday, March 18th issue of *Chimes* is Wednesday, March 7th. Please send all of your articles, thank you notes and address changes to the Church office or e-mail them to rdanek@waterfordcumc.org.

The Life of the Church

Address Changes

Please note there is a new mailing address for:

Debra Shear
1901 N. Telegraph Rd.
Waterford, MI 48328



Dorothy R. Young

September 30th, 1926 -
February 13th, 2018

Our deepest sympathies to her husband Jay Young, son Jay Young and daughter Amy DeSantis.

Sympathies To

Bryan Murphy and family on the death of his stepfather, Don Leckrone.



Summer Camps

It's not too early to start thinking about summer camps! Camps are designed for people of all ages, not just children and youth! We are blessed in Michigan to have many camps related to the United Methodist Church, including the Michigan Area UM camps, Lake Louise, Bay Shore, and Camp Michigamme. Central offers scholarships to children, youth, and adults for up to 50% of the camp registration fee for camps listed above. Scholarships are also available through each camp.

To support the Camp Scholarship fund, we will have a special offering on Camp Sunday, April 22nd. Scholarship forms are available at the church and on the website. Contact Rev. Kathy for more information.

Cradle Roll

Ryleigh Grace Cameron
Born February 8, 2018

Daughter of Elizabeth & Anthony
Cameron

Granddaughter of Al & Nancy Beedle
Niece of Robert & Rachael Maes,
Allen, Eric & Shannon Beedle

**Children's Cantata
Carol and New Joy Choir
presents.....**

**The
Sailor's
Bible**



Sunday, April 15th

at the 10:30 a.m.

Sanctuary Worship Service

Thank You

Central United Methodist Church,

Thank you so much for your donations! Myself and inmates here at the Oakland County Jail are very thankful that you thought of us, and care about us. God bless you and your families. We will keep you in our prayers.

Please pray for us. Please pray for me ... I am 29 and I have been incarcerated... since I was 11. I need God's guidance to help me stay out of jail and prison. I don't know how much more I can take of this. Please pray for me, and my family, that once I am released I maintain my freedom! Thank you!

Sincerely,
Joel



Lenten Services

Third Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 4th
8:30, 10 & 10:30am

Gifts of the Dark Wood Message Series:
The Gift of Being Thunderstruck.

Fourth Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 11th
8:30, 10 & 10:30am

Gifts of the Dark Wood Message Series:
The Gift of Getting Lost.

Fifth Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 18th
8:30 10 & 10:30am

Gifts of the Dark Wood Message Series:
The Gift of Temptation.

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday
Sunday, March 25th
8:30, 10 & 10:30am

Gifts of the Dark Wood Message Series:
The Gift of Misfits.

Maundy Thursday
Thursday, March 29th, 7pm

Service commemorating the Last Supper with Holy Communion.

Good Friday
Friday, March 30th

12, 12:30 and 1pm - Community
Worship Services at Central UMC.

7pm Service led by Pastor Jack
Manschreck.

Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 1st

Youth-led Sunrise Service at 8:30;
Services at 10am & 10:30am

Message: Jesus is Risen! No Kidding!
9-11am - Breakfast of pancakes, eggs,
sausage and more!

We will be going to an all-digital *Chimes* this summer. To continue receiving a print version, please contact the church office.

Upcoming CUMC Events

Lenten Devotional Luncheon Series

Wednesdays @Noon Through March 21st

Practice intentional discipleship by joining fellow Christians for a special Lenten Devotional series. Programs begin at 12 pm and are followed by a soup and sandwich luncheon. A free will offering will be taken.

March 7th led by Rev. Carolyn Mobley at Canterbury-on-the-Lake Retirement Community, Waterford.

March 14th led by Rev. Jack Mannschreck at Christ Lutheran Church, Waterford.

March 21st led by Rev. Beth Delaney at Bethel United Church of Christ, Waterford.

Central Cinema

Saturday, March 3rd @ 6pm
March is Women's History Month.

This month's movie, "Suffragette," chronicles the transformation of a working class mom into a radical feminist in 1912 England. Join us in celebrating the spirit of those who sought justice and equality for women. Rated PG 13.

Community Good Friday Services

Once again Central will be hosting a series of Good Friday services open to Waterford and the surrounding communities. Please let friends and family know of these services. This year's speakers are:

- Noon - Rev. Charles Packer
- 12:30 pm - Rev. Diane Baker
- 1 pm - Rev. Dale Milford



Opportunities to Serve & Grow

Participate in a Lenten study.

Gifts of the Dark Wood - Thursdays at 10:30 am or 6:30 pm through March 22nd with Rev. Kathy or Sundays at 7:30 pm through March 25th with Pastor Jack.

The Rewritten Life - Tuesdays at 7 pm through March 27th with Rev. Kathy.

Ask: Faith Questions in a Skeptical Age - Every other Tuesday at 7pm through April 17th with Purple Threads.

Help Central fund raise. **Designate the church as the recipient of your Kroger Community Rewards.** Sign up at krogercommunityrewards.com.

Volunteer to help plan or man this year's VBS program, Rolling River Rampage!

Order a lily to decorate the sanctuary, then deliver it to a homebound member.



EASTER LILIES

As part of our Easter celebration, we will be ordering Lilies to use at the altar on Easter Sunday. These Lilies will be in a six-inch pot and have five or more blooms. If you wish to order Lilies please fill out the information below and turn the form into the church office along with your payment. Please print clearly so we are able to correctly spell the names of your loved ones.



DEADLINE FOR ORDERS: March 12, 2017 **COST PER PLANT:** \$6.00

Name of Donor(s) _____
Phone Number _____

IN HONOR OF: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

I will take after the 10:30 Easter Service _____ Please deliver to a shut-in _____

Amount Enclosed: Number of Plants _____ X \$6.00 = \$ _____

Please do not include monies for the plants with your regular offering.

Thank you.

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Dear Friends,

Thank you! Thank you for your support and extending so much grace during my time of formation and spiritual growth leave. My time away was restful, productive, and incredibly fulfilling. The main focal points of my leave were to accomplish the following: complete the two on-line courses that I had fallen behind in and begin the last course; daily time with God in scripture, prayer, and journaling; exercise at least 4 days a week; worship in different churches with my family; rest and spend time with my family.

First, I completed course five about Missional Faith Formation. Our discussions were very similar to some of the creative ministries that our church did around Christmas, and ideas about extending outreach into the community. Next, I completed course four about Life Cycle Faith Formation, which I focused on children and family ministries. As part of this course I

worked on a website that can be used or adapted by our church. You can see the progress of the website by visiting here:

cumcfaithformation.weebly.com

Course six—Leading Faith Formation—started while I was on leave. Our required reading for this course is a book called *Canoeing the Mountains* by Tod Bolsinger. This was a great read about leadership when the tools and resources that we need for the trip don't work anymore, and we need to find new ways to lead. It is very relevant for modern leadership.

I also had the opportunity (thanks to my amazing husband, Rich, and several great friends: Terese, Shannon, Rachel & Sue, Bud and Pastor Jack who cared for the kids) to travel to Kentucky and Ohio. In KY I stayed with good friends from Seminary and took a few days to rest, visit friends, and read. My plans had to change because of weather and the flu, so I headed north to the Canton, Ohio region where I

attended Malone University. I met with my favorite professor from college and had the incredible opportunity to sit in on three of his classes. I was blessed to be a student—even for few hours—and soak in the learning! His current students thought I was crazy!!

Each Sunday my family worshiped together with a different congregation. I enjoyed this experience immensely, and so did my family. My kids asked when we got to come back to Central many times though, so we did miss you all!

Through my time of leave I discovered God in new ways. I renewed my love of reading and even chose to turn off the TV and music so I could immerse myself in a book. I exercised and energized my body, mind, and spirit. I thank you for honoring my time away. I thank you for your graciousness to my family.

Rev. Kathy