



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

Pastor Jack will continue his *Gifts of the Dark Wood* Message Series with "The Gift of Temptation."

Holy Week "To Go" Boxes

Holy Week (Palm Sunday—Holy Saturday) and Easter is an important week in the life of the church. It can be easy to gloss over this week with children because it is uncomfortable and difficult to explain to them. This year, we have created boxes that you can take home with you that have a short message each day from Palm Sunday through Easter, to share the story of Jesus' last week in tangible ways for children. The boxes will be available on March 18th. They will be located outside the Chapel and are first come, first served. If you would like one reserved for your family, please contact Rev. Kathy. There is no cost for the box.

Good Friday Community Services

For the past two years we've had three half-hour, mid-day services at Waterford Central in observance of Good Friday. This year our speakers are:

- Noon - Rev. Charles Packer
- 12:30 pm - Rev. Diane Baker
- 1:00 pm - Rev. Dale Milford

Let friends and family know about these community services.

Refugee Book Drive a Tremendous Success

Nearly 600 Books Collected

Agencies like Samaritas (Lutheran) and the Syrian American Rescue Network

(SARN) are continuing to support southeast Michigan refugee families to help them become literate and successful citizens. During the recent book drive, Central donated two large bins of new and like-new children's books. Together with other agencies, the book drive collected close to 600 books. The books will be divided between the two agencies and be distributed to refugee families. Thank you for your generous support! The Waterford Refugee Welcome Alliance will be collecting diapers in April, so keep an eye out for the blue bins.

Learn more at the March meeting of the WRWA, which will be held at Central on Thursday, March 22nd at 6pm in room 104.

Thank you,
 Barb Spiece

Rolling River Rampage VBS

Team members are needed for a river adventure!! We're going Rolling on the River for VBS this year...and we need you to come along for the ride! We specifically need team members for science, assembly and as guides. VBS is June 25-29 from 9 am-12 pm. Contact Rev. Kathy for more information. Donation boards will be posted soon!

Camp Scholarships

We are blessed in Michigan to have many camps related to the United Methodist Church. Central offers scholarships to children, youth, and

adults for up to 50% of the camp registration fee for many of these camps. 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.

To learn more about the various camp options pick up information at the camp table in the Chapel hallway.



Save the Dates!

We will be providing and serving dinner at HOPE Warming Center. More info coming soon.

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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, April 8th issue of *Chimes* is Wednesday, March 28th. 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 April

- Beverly Chisnell, 4/1
- Katherine VanHoy, 4/4
- Jane Ellen Bussard, 4/16
- Mary Lou Osborne, 4/19
- Donald McMillen, 4/20
- Joseph Gonzalez, 4/25
- Barbara Heichel, 4/29

Central 50+ Anniversaries

Congratulations to:

- Bruce & Catharine Hazen, 4/8, 57 yrs.
- Samuel & Sharyn Osborn, 4/13, 50 yrs.

Thank You

Baldwin House

Thank you for your donation of \$115 on 2/6/2018. We rely on our donors, volunteers and community partners so much, which is why your donation is truly appreciated. Thank you for believing in the work we do! It is a privilege to partner with you in bringing our vision to life.

Elizabeth Longley
Executive Director

Thank You Blood Donors

Central registered 25 donors and collected 24 pints of blood during the February 20th blood drive. Thank you to everyone who donated and volunteered. The next drive will be May 21st.

Thank you Kroger Families

Your daily shopping helps raise funds for Central UMC. If you're a Kroger shopper, please sign up for Kroger Community Rewards and designate Central UMC to receive funds. Sign up at:

www.krogercommunityrewards.com

Born to Eternal Life

Douglas F. Zeilman

October 21st, 1951 - February 2018
Member since August 28th, 1994

Our deepest sympathies to his sister, Alice Zeilman and his friends.

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 Mannschreck.

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!

Servers Needed

If Communion is a ministry you would be interested in, please contact the church office.



Upcoming Events

Lenten Devotional Luncheon Series

You have one final opportunity to join fellow Christians for a special Lenten Devotional series. The program begins at 12 pm and is followed by a soup and sandwich luncheon. A free will offering will be taken.


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



Saturday, April 7th @ 6 pm

This month's movie is "The Boy in the Striped Pajamas," set in WWII and is a story about two boys that form a forbidden friendship. PG 13.

April 2018 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30 am - Chapel Worship 10 am - The Conversation 10:30 am - Sanctuary Worship 11 am - Brunch 	2 10:30 am - Chair Yoga 7:30 pm - Boy Scouts	3 1 pm - Hutchinson Circle 7 pm - Purple Threads	4 10 am - Keller-Fitz Book Study 7 pm - Disciple Fast Track 7 pm - Leader Dog Training	5 8 am - Fix-It Crew 11 am - Harvesters NO CENTRAL CAFE or Youth Rehearsals 7:30 pm - Chancel Choir	6 Church office closed	7 1 pm - Girl Scouts 6 pm - Central Cinema: The Boy In the Striped Pajamas
8 8:30 am - Chapel Worship 9:15 am - FaithLink 10 am - The Conversation 10:30 am - Sanctuary Worship 11:45 am - Youth Choir 5:45 pm - Youth Group	9 10:30 am - Chair Yoga 6:30 pm - Finance Meeting 7:30 pm - Boy Scouts	10 6:30 pm - Girl Scouts 7 pm - Eschtruth Circle 7 pm - Tuesday Musicales Program	11 10 am - Keller-Fitz Book Study 6 pm - Girl Scouts 7 pm - Disciple Fast Track	12 8 am - Fix-It Crew 9:15 am - Mom's Connect 4 - 9 pm - Central Cafe 6:30 pm - Thursday Evening Study	13 Church office closed	14 9:30 am - Cub Scouts Pack 61 10 am - Youth Cantata Rehearsal
15 8:30 am - Chapel Worship 9:15 am - FaithLink 10 am - The Conversation 10:30 am - Children's Cantata During Worship 11:45 am - Youth Choir 1 pm - Boy Scouts Pinewood Derby 4:15 pm - Confirmation Class 5:45 pm - Youth Group	16 10:30 am - Chair Yoga 7:30 pm - Boy Scouts	17 7 pm - Purple Threads 7 pm - Leader Dog Training	18 10 am - Keller-Fitz Book Study 7 pm - Disciple Fast Track	19 8 am - Fix-It Crew 12 pm - Harvesters Potluck 4 - 9 pm - Central Cafe 6:30 pm - Thursday Evening Study	20 Church office closed 6 pm - Lakeland Players Performance - The Odd Couple	21 10 am - Mary Wilson Memorial 6 pm - Lakeland Players Performance - The Odd Couple
22 8:30 am - Chapel Worship 9:15 am - FaithLink 10 am - The Conversation 10:30 am - Sanctuary Worship 11:45 am - Youth Choir 4:15 pm - Confirmation Class 5:45 pm - Youth Group 6 pm - Lakeland Players - The Odd Couple	23 10:30 am - Chair Yoga 6 pm - HOPE Hospitality & Warming Center 7 pm - Staff Parish Mtg. 7:30 pm - Boy Scouts	24 6 pm - HOPE Hospitality & Warming Center 6:30 pm - Girl Scouts 7 pm - Trustees Mtg.	25 10 am - Keller-Fitz Book Study 6 pm - Girl Scouts	26 8 am - Fix-It Crew 9:15 am - Mom's Connect 4 - 9 pm - Central Cafe 6:30 pm - Thursday Evening Study	27 Church office closed 6 pm - Lakeland Players Performance - The Odd Couple	28 12:30 pm - Lakeland Players - The Odd Couple 6 pm - Lakeland Players - The Odd Couple
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Central Cafe 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						

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Dear Friends,

I pray that the Season of Lent 2018 has been meaningful for you as we've considered the "Gifts of the Dark Wood." Certainly I've been pleased as I know that we have more members and friends engaged in this year's Lenten Study of Dr. Eric Elnes' book by same name as our message series: *Gifts of the Dark Wood*. We have also had many people purchase that book from our office, and I have been pleased to receive several positive comments on our Lenten Worship Services.

The Dark Wood may seem like a peculiar place to receive blessings, but it is precisely in the difficult times of our lives that we have opportunity for incredible spiritual growth. Because each of us has had difficult experiences, the idea of the Dark Wood has been very compelling for our faith community. When we walk through the difficulties of the Dark Wood, we examine our lives and discover courage and community through which we can navigate those challenges.

One of the more meaningful gifts from the Dark Wood is the gift of getting lost. We recognize that nations, communities and the church get lost as well. Dr. Diana Butler Bass, in an interview with Eric Elnes, connects some of the days of Holy Week with the "lostness" of the church.

Good Friday is connected with churches that focus on what has been taken away from them, or what they have lost, and the emotion connected with that loss is anger. These Christians and churches cry out, "They killed my Jesus!" and lament that someone is to blame for the eroding foundation of their faith.

Holy Saturday, the day between Good Friday and Easter is marked by uncertainty and angst. Dr. Butler Bass said that these Christians hunker down and hide like the disciples on that first Easter. Butler-Bass stated that this is where mainline churches generally find themselves.

Easter morning is when we discover and celebrate the resurrection. These

followers of Christ sense that God is moving in our lives, communities and our world. Life is different because of the resurrection and there is indeed hope for our world.

From the perspective of the Dark Wood, our Lenten Journey will take us through the challenges of Holy Week – from Christ's triumphant entrance into Jerusalem to his arrest, beatings and crucifixion. But Easter is coming! The resurrection does make a difference! May our lives and our church be marked by the hope of Easter, which is made even sweeter because of our journey through the Dark Wood of Holy Week. See you in worship!

Because of Christ,

Pastor Jack