



# 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 for Central's first annual "Holy Humor Sunday." Message by Pastor Jack: "Now, That's Just Silly." Music by Pastor Jack and Kevin Naeve.



## It's Time for the Rummage Sale!

May 3rd—5th

The coming of spring brings one of Central's most popular events. This year's sale will be bigger and better than ever.

### To Donate Items

Donations will be accepted from Sunday, April 29th (after the 10:30am service) through noon on Wednesday, May 2nd. The following items are NOT accepted for donation: console TVs, major appliances

(small appliances that work are greatly appreciated), baby car seats, exercise equipment, computers, SOILED furniture (clean is good).

A U-haul will be available to pick-up larger items on **Sunday, April 29th only**. Availability of pick-ups is dependent upon volunteers and all items picked up will be at the discretion of truck volunteers. See Rachel Pierre or Sheila Strang for more information or to schedule a pick-up.

### We Need Volunteers!

In addition to donations, we need folks to help with picking up large items, with setup and cleanup and to help run the sale. Volunteers are needed April 29th through May 5th. You can volunteer for a shift or for multiple days. To volunteer, sign up at the table in the Chapel hallway.

This year's sale is going to be a great community event, so make sure to invite friends and family!



Wear casual, "camp" clothes to worship! A special collection will be taken to support camp scholarships for children, youth, and adults. In 2017, \$3,681.00 was donated for camp scholarships; a total of \$3,128.50 was given to 12 children, youth, and adults for camp. Camp ministry is extremely important throughout life and especially for the faith journey of our children and youth. Find out more about camps and scholarships at the table in the chapel hallway, or contact Rev. Kathy.

The deadline for the Sunday, April 22nd issue of *Chimes* is Wednesday, April 11th. 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).

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

## Severe Weather Awareness Week

April 8th - April 14th



There will be a special test and activation of the outdoor warning systems on Wednesday, April 11th at 1pm.

## CONNECT WITH CENTRAL

**Web:** [waterfordcumc.org](http://waterfordcumc.org)

**Facebook:** [waterfordcumc](https://www.facebook.com/waterfordcumc)

**Twitter:** [@waterfordcumc](https://twitter.com/waterfordcumc)

**eNewsletter:** Sign up at [waterfordcumc.org](http://waterfordcumc.org) or email [rdanek@waterfordcumc.org](mailto:rdanek@waterfordcumc.org).

### The Conversation

**Facebook:** [cumcconversation](https://www.facebook.com/cumcconversation)

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# The Life of the Church

## THE CONVERSATION



*On Palm Sunday, Conversation musicians were joined by guests (from L. to R.) Lindsay Schnute on vocals and keyboard, Rachel Allen on bass and Alex Struble on electric guitar.*

*Youth-led Easter Worship was a joyous celebration of the resurrection.*



## SUNRISE SERVICE

*The Little Sprouts were busy helping the Tribe of Daniel with the "blooming" of the Dark Wood for Easter.*



## LITTLE SPROUTS

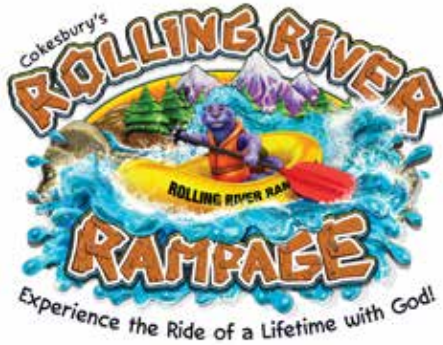
### Address Changes

Please note there is a new mailing address for:

Charles & Marion Steeber  
2350 Watkins Lake Rd. #224  
Waterford, MI 48328-1426



## Upcoming at CUMC



We are getting ready for an exciting VBS June 25-29! We are looking for several items to use as props, including inflatable rafts, small camping tent, small/medium artificial Christmas trees, paddles/oars. These items will be returned following VBS. The snack and craft donation information will be available soon. "Guides" for classes (no teaching) and assistants (middle/high school youth) are needed. Please contact Rev. Kathy or Charlotte Murphy for more information.

## College Scholarship Applications Available

Central UMC offers several scholarships for high school Seniors, college students, and trade school students. Applications are available in the office. The deadline is May 20, 2018. Please contact Rev. Kathy if you have any questions.

## Sympathies To

Paul and Bea Blomquist on the death of her brother, Ben Hunter.

## Opportunities to Serve & Grow

### Central is Hosting at HOPE Shelter

Monday, April 23rd and  
Tuesday April 24th

Join us as we host at HOPE Shelter in Pontiac. Volunteers are needed to prepare a hot meal at Central, transport it to HOPE Shelter, serve guests and clean up. Volunteers are also needed to help with guest intake, monitor the shower schedule and distribute hygiene items to guests. Volunteers must be 18 years or older.

Monetary donations are also being accepted to cover the cost of food and supplies for 80 meals.

For more information, contact

**Deb Schmid**, 248-705-8546 or  
debra.hs@att.net

**Cheryl Hinsberg**, 248-376-1803 or  
mrjiminmi@aol.com

### Join the New Thursday Evening Study: The Call

Thursdays at 6:30pm  
April 12th–May 17th

From the road to Damascus to the sun-drenched lands of modern day Greece and Turkey to a Roman prison, go with Adam Hamilton as he follows the journeys of Paul in this six-week DVD study about Christianity's

greatest teacher and missionary. You'll see exactly where some of the most dramatic events in the spread of Christianity took place, and through Hamilton's insightful and colorful teaching style, you'll quite likely gain a better understanding of Paul's missionary travels than if you had covered the many miles in person.

### Diaper Donations

Central's Justice Ministry, in association with the Waterford Refugee Welcome Alliance, is collecting unopened packages of diapers through the month of April. Please put donations in the blue bins in the Chapel hallway.

### Summer Camps

Are you or your son or daughter interested in attending a UMC camp this year?

- Awesome fun for elementary, middle and high school campers
- "Up North" adventure trips for teens, young adults, adults and seniors
- Grandparent-grandchild camps
- Bible-based learning in Christian community
- Specialized camps like Choir Camp

For information on camps, visit Central's camp table in the Chapel hallway or go to [umccamping.org](http://umccamping.org) Scholarships are available.

*Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.*

*– Psalm 51:10, NIV*

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**D**ear Friends,

I'm writing this letter to you the day after Easter. We've had a very meaningful Lent utilizing Pastor Eric Elnes' book, *Gifts of the Dark Wood*, and we've had a wonderful Easter Day celebration. For a few years now our staff has taken off the day following Easter and the office has been closed. There is this feeling as we take that time off that is summed up in the words, "What now?" This year I don't have that feeling. There is much to do as we enter a time of transition, preparing to celebrate Rev. Kathy's 12 years of ministry at Central Church and bid her farewell and God's blessing in her new ministry with our Michigan Area of the United Methodist Church.

It is because of Rev. Kathy's work with the Vibrant Faith Institute that we have been invited to participate in a four-year, grant-funded program to promote a congregational culture of calling that helps our members and friends

of all ages to discover their calling throughout life. This program will seek to equip our members and friends to live their calling in our church community, at home, and in the world.

Rev. Kathy, Rainy Stephenson and I will be attending the first convocation for this program this week after Easter in Baltimore. We will be meeting with 23 other congregations that reflect a diversity of location, size, denomination and ethnicity. We were selected for this program because we have demonstrated the ability to provide high quality worship and faith formation for all ages and generations.

As we move forward with the program, titled "Creating a Culture of Calling," we are creating a home team to share in creating a project specific to our church context and community. That project will be designed to move us toward implementing a comprehensive program that will create opportunities for our members to discover meaningful ways of living

out their faith. This two-year process will involve our education, worship and fellowship ministries.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our congregation and I believe it is a natural follow-up to Rev. Kathy's efforts in developing our Congregation's Faith Growth Pathway. In my very first message at Central Church I shared my long-held belief that all people are called to meaningful ministry as a part of the living body of Christ in the world today. I am thankful for this wonderful opportunity that Rev. Kathy's work has brought to our congregation.

Please pray for our church as we move forward in this new opportunity of Creating a Culture of Calling! You will no doubt hear more about this program as we build on past efforts and look to a hopeful future! I look forward to seeing you in worship!

Because of Christ,

*Pastor Jack*