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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 begin a new sermon series, "The Rest of the Story." Music by the Chancel Choir. It's Earth Day and Camp Sunday!

Thank You!

Dear CUMC family,

Thank you for your participation in the Cystic Fibrosis breakfast benefiting the Rock CF Foundation that my family and I organized. With your efforts and generous donations we were able to raise just over \$1000. That money will be put towards research through the Mayo Clinic and Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, provide running shoes to CF patients, cover race fees for CF patients, and help fund various other programs that help improve the quality of life of CF patients. Your support means the world to me.

—Eric Beedle

Easter Breakfast

Thank you to all of the volunteer servers, food donations and free-will donations for the Easter Sunday breakfast. Over \$400 was given by the 120 people who attended. These funds will go toward camp scholarships.

Deacon Literacy Program

The Michigan Conference Deacons, along with Julie Bard, are excited to promote awareness about, and action for, childhood literacy. Deacons around Michigan are working with organizations that need books and/or that distribute free books to children in their communities. Central UMC collected donations after worship on Easter morning for this initiative and raised \$350. This is the equivalent to about 90 books! Thank you to all who contributed. If you were unable to donate and would like to contribute, donations will be accepted through May 20th. Write "MAC literacy" on your check or envelope. Contact Rev. Kathy Pittenger with any questions.

Camp Sunday!

Special Offering for Camp Scholarships

On Sunday, April 22nd, wear your "camp" clothes to worship! Last year's offering provided a total of \$3,128.50 to 12 children, youth, and adults to help with camp fees. Camp ministry is extremely important for the faith journey of our children and youth, so please prayerfully consider giving to this special collection.

The deadline for the Sunday, May 6th issue of *Chimes* is Wednesday, April 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.

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The Life of the Church

Just In Time for Spring Cleaning!

Rummage Sale Donations Accepted April 29th (After 10:30 Service) Through May 2nd

Clean out your closets, garage, shed and/or attic and bring your gently used, clean toys, games, household items, clothing and more to Central for the annual church rummage sale. Sorry, but we can't accept console TVs, major appliances (small appliances that work are greatly appreciated), baby car seats, exercise equipment, computers and SOILED furniture (clean is good).

We'll Pick Up the Big Stuff

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!



Address Changes

Please note there is a new mailing address for:

Jim & Alice Alt
7829 Harrisburg Lane
Fort Wayne, IN 46835

Opportunities to Serve & Grow

Central is Hosting at HOPE Shelter

Evenings, Monday, April 23rd and Tuesday April 24th

Thank you HOPE Shelter volunteers! We greatly appreciate your willingness to help. We are still in need of additional volunteers for Tuesday evening to help with serving a hot meal, monitoring showers and distributing store items. Meet at the church at 6:15 to ride-share to and from the shelter.

Sign up information is available on the church web site or at the table between the Chapel and Narthex. For more info contact Deb Schmid (248-705-8546) or Cheryl Hinsberg (248-376-1803).

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.

Volunteer at VBS

Join the Rolling River Rampage as a guide (adults) or assistant (middle/high school youth). Or, donate items to use as props (they will be returned). See Rev. Kathy or Charlotte Murphy for more info.

Born to Eternal Life
Donna May Rose

March 24th, 1928 - April 5th, 2018
Member since September 24th, 2006

Our deepest sympathies to her husband, Carl Rose, her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and friends.

Sympathies To

Sue Shipley on the death of her brother, Bruce. Our prayers are with Sue.

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

- George Johnston, 5/2
- Annabelle Closson, 5/6
- Helen Beason, 5/18
- Mary Ellen Brown, 5/18
- Maye Jennings, 5/29
- Mary Lou Pagen, 5/29
- Jack Chettleburgh, 5/31

Central 50+ Anniversaries



Congratulations to:

- Louis & Penny Leverenz, 5/11, 50 yrs.



We will be taking a special offering on April 29th.

May 2018 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Central Café 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 7:30–9:00 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>1 9 am - Rummage Sale Setup 1 pm - Hutchinsons Circle</p>	<p>2 9 am - Rummage Sale Setup 10 am - Keller-Fitz Book Study 7 pm - Leader Dog Training</p>	<p>3 8 am - Fix-It Crew 9 am - Rummage Sale Setup 10:30 am - Book Study "The Call" 12 pm - Rummage Sale 12 pm - Harvesters 4 - 9 pm - Central Cafe rehearsals; no dinner 6:30 pm - Thurs. Eve. Study "The Call"</p>	<p>4 Church Office Closed 10 am - Rummage Sale</p>	<p>5 9 am - Rummage Sale 12 pm - Rummage Sale Clean Up</p>	
<p>6 8:30 am - Chapel Worship 9:15 am - FaithLink 10 am - The Conversation 10:30 am - Sanctuary Worship 11:45 am - Youth Ensemble 4:15 pm - Confirmation Class 5:45 pm - Youth Group</p>	<p>7 10:30 am - Chair Yoga 7:30 pm - Boy Scouts</p>	<p>8 12 pm - Tuesday Musicale Chorus & Bells Spring Concert and Luncheon 6:30 pm - Girl Scouts 7 pm - Eschtruth Circle</p>	<p>9 10 am - Keller-Fitz Book Study 5:30 pm - Boy Scouts NYLT Meeting</p>	<p>10 8 am - Fix-It Crew 9:15 am - Mom's Connect 10:30 am - Book Study "The Call" 4 - 9 pm - Central Cafe 6:30 pm - Thurs. Eve. Study "The Call"</p>	<p>11 Church Office Closed 4 pm - 4H Fashion Show</p>	<p>12 6:30 am - Scout Training</p>
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<p>20 8:30 am - Chapel Worship 9:15 am - FaithLink 10 am - The Conversation 10:30 am - Sanctuary Worship 11:45 am - Youth Ensemble 5:45 pm - Youth Group</p>	<p>21 10:30 am - Chair Yoga 12 - 6 pm - Blood Drive 7:30 pm - Boy Scouts</p>	<p>22 6:30 pm - Girl Scouts 7 pm - Trustees Meeting</p>	<p>23 10 am - Keller-Fitz Book Study</p>	<p>24 8 am - Fix-It Crew 10:30 am - Book Study "The Call" 4 - 9 pm - Central Cafe</p>	<p>25 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27 8:30 am - Chapel Worship 9:15 am - FaithLink 10 am - The Conversation 10:30 am - Sanctuary Worship 11:45 am - Youth Ensemble 5:45 pm - Youth Group</p>	<p>28 Church Office Closed </p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 10 am - Keller-Fitz Book Study</p>	<p>31 8 am - Fix-It Crew 4 - 9 pm - Central Cafe</p>	<p>Support Groups 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</p>	

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Dear Friends,

I wrote in the last issue of our *Chimes* newsletter that Rev. Kathy, Rainy Stephenson and I were headed to Baltimore for a conference with 23 other churches. The purpose of the conference was to begin the journey of “Creating a Culture of Calling” in our churches. We met people from all over the United States. It was invigorating to meet people interested in creating an atmosphere that inspires people toward meaningful ministry, and in connection with other followers of Jesus Christ!

It was a quick trip; we left on Wednesday morning and returned Friday evening. We spent Wednesday afternoon and evening listening to, and interacting with, Dr. Kathleen A. Cahalan, professor of practical theology at Saint John’s School of Theology and Seminary in Minnesota. The study of calling and Christian vocation is Dr. Cahalan’s area of interest and expertise. “Christian vocation,” she says, “is about connecting our stories with God’s

story.” In her most recent book, *The Stories We Live*, Cahalan rejuvenates and transforms vocation from a static concept to a living, dynamic reality. While we were in session with Dr. Cahalan, she mentioned—along with other instructors—that for the purposes of our program and project we are moving away from the language of vocation to the language of calling.

Calling is a much more dynamic word than vocation and frankly, I’m not sure we use the word “vocation” in our common, everyday language. While there is a current debate of calling vs. vocation in terms of a strong feeling of suitability for a particular career or job, calling offers the possibility of meaningful conversation. The subtitle of Cahalan’s books is *Finding God’s Calling All Around Us*. The idea is that we discover our greatest purpose by telling the stories of our lives and how we interact with God and others. Throughout our conference we referred to *The Stories We Live* as “the preposition book.” There are eight prepositions that will help anyone interested in

discovering God’s call for their lives: We are called **by** God, **to** follow, **as** we are, **from** grief, **for** service, **in** suffering, **through** others, **within** God.

Most likely, at least one or two of those prepositions resonates with your experience of God’s calling upon your life. Perhaps you feel called directly by God or through a trusted friend and fellow Christian. Maybe you are attracted to service in a particular ministry. These eight short words are meant to begin the conversation within our congregation as we begin the journey of “Creating a Culture of Calling.”

Please pray for our church and leadership as we assemble our team of people who will lead this effort in creating opportunities for all of us to become engaged in meaningful and purposeful ministry and lives! I look forward to seeing you in church.

Because of Christ,

Pastor Jack