



# 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 be continuing Bible Stories 2.0 with "John the Baptist." Alleluia and Jubilate Dancers performing and Chancel Choir singing.

## Staff-Parish Relations Committee Update

*Pastor Jack*

I recently had a conversation with one of our members and it was mentioned that our Staff-Parish Relations Committee and I have not shared a great deal of what is being done to hire someone to take over the ministry that Rev. Kathy has been responsible for over the past 12 years. Others have asked questions and I apologize for not keeping our church family up to date.


After much consideration of our present need and the availability of qualified candidates, it has been decided that we are looking for a person to fill the position of Director of Lifelong Faith Formation. While it would definitely be a blessing to have an Ordained Deacon (like Rev. Kathy) we have titled the position as "Director" to leave open the possibility of a qualified lay person to fill that position. The position has been posted on two separate Deacon websites (state and nationwide) as well as at 14 United Methodist or United Methodist-related seminaries.

Please keep our SPRC in your prayers as we move forward in making this hire. We are also planning a joyful and fun Sunday (June 17) on which we will celebrate Rev. Kathy's ministry and say farewell.

## Memorial Garden Support

At the end of this month we will

The deadline for the Sunday, May 20th issue of *Chimes* is Wednesday, May 9th. 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).



**First Annual Blessing of the Bikes**

**Saturday, May 19th @ 9:30am - 11am**  
**Blessing at 10am by Pastor Jack**

Cyclists of all types—motorized and non-motorized—and all ages are invited to stop by for a special blessing before riding.

Coffee and Light Refreshments Served

Fellowship with Other Riders

Live Music by Band of Misfits (The Conversation Band)

**Open to the entire community, so invite your friends that ride!**

We're also looking for volunteer greeters and people to help with food and coffee. Sign up outside the church office.

remember those who gave their lives in service to our nation. Memorial Day weekend serves as a reminder of all those we've lost, not only recently but from our distant memory. As Memorial Day weekend approaches our Memorial Garden Committee works diligently to prepare our Memorial Garden for the summer; planting and weeding, updating the plaque and making sure our watering system is working. The promise made to those who place the remains of loved ones in our garden is that this beautiful final resting place will be perpetually cared for. At present the remains of 85 loved ones have been placed in our garden.

While we are good stewards of the funds received for that perpetual care, there are special projects and needs that require additional funding. As we near warmer weather and the unofficial beginning of summer (Memorial Day)



## Upcoming Sunday Celebrations

- May 13th - Confirmation Sunday
- June 10th - Graduation Sunday
- June 17th - Rev. Kathy's Farewell Celebration (and going to one service @ 10am).



*Memorial Garden continued*  
please consider giving of your time working in the garden and/or making a donation in honor and memory of your loved ones. Envelopes are available in the office and checks can be made to Central United Methodist Church and are tax deductible. Please put Memorial Garden on the Memo line. Thank you.

## CONNECT WITH CENTRAL

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# The Life of the Church

## The Memorial Garden

### A Tranquil and Serene Place

At the main entrance to the church is a Memorial Garden. In 1995 the garden was established as a place for interment of ashes following cremation. The Memorial Garden Committee maintains a permanent record book of the deceased. Following placement, a bronze plaque is placed on the wall with the name and birth and death years. Pre-placement fees are accepted and encouraged. The fee includes placement, bronze nameplate and garden maintenance. Placement fees are: Central members: \$425, non-members: \$625, children from infancy to one year: \$150 (to cover the cost of the nameplate.)

Information and placement/agreement forms are available in the church office or at the church web site. The Memorial Garden Committee will be planting flowers just before Memorial Day and each month during the summer we meet for weeding and trimming. We'd love to have your help. Please watch for our work dates! If you have questions regarding the garden, please contact Diana Carter, 248-309-2490.

## Sympathies To

Barb Burns on the death of her brother, Raymond Mathie.



**American  
Red Cross**

### Blood Drive

May 21st, Noon-6 pm

Sign up in the Chapel hallway to donate or volunteer, or visit [Redcrossblood.org](http://Redcrossblood.org) and use sponsor code: centraluni.



We are going to an all-digital Chimes beginning with the June 3rd issue. Contact the office if you want to continue receiving the print version.

## Thank You

### Rummage Sale 2018

Thank you to everyone who donated, hauled, priced, organized, collected money, cooked, served, prepped, manned or volunteered in any way—small or large—to make this year's rummage sale a success. A special shout-out to Rachel Pierre and Sheila Strang, the masterminds of the operation.

We will report on the results once we've dug out of the remaining stuff!

### Camp Sunday

Thank you to everyone who joined in with the silliness and shenanigans on Camp Sunday morning! We raised nearly \$1200 for camp scholarships! If you would like to give to our camp scholarship fund to support our campers, you may write a check to "CUMC" with "camp scholarships" in the memo line.

## Shop at Amazon, Donate to Central

Central is now part of the Amazon Smile program. This means that you can give to the church when you make purchases at Amazon. To participate:

- Designate Central United Methodist Church as your charity
- Begin each shopping trip at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)

Once you designate Central as your charity of choice, a percent of every qualifying purchase will be donated to Central UMC by Amazon.

### How to Designate Central for Donations

To get started, just go to our website and click on the banner (below). This will establish Central as your preferred non-profit to receive donations based on your shopping.

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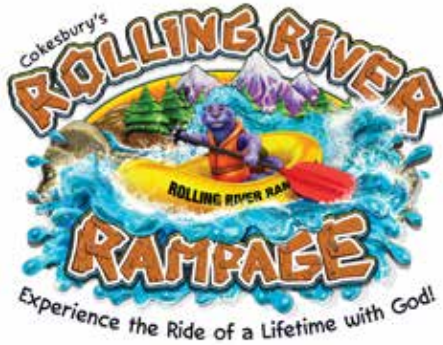
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*Bruce and I were a year apart but as close as twins growing up. Moving back in together these past years had brought us even closer. It's so hard to say goodbye, but the thoughts and prayers, the notes and cards, the calls and kind words from friends like you have been a true comfort to my sister Duffy and me.*

*—Sue Skipley*



## Upcoming at CUMC



Monday June 25th—  
Friday, June 29th

### Registration is Open!

Register on-line at [rrr.cokesburyvbs.com/waterfordcumc](http://rrr.cokesburyvbs.com/waterfordcumc) or pick up forms from the church. The snack donation board is posted by the Chapel and non-perishable items can be donated after the Rummage Sale. We do not charge a set fee for VBS to ensure that all families can participate. Your monetary donations make this possible! Volunteers are still needed; specifically people to guide groups from one area to another (no teaching required) and build community in the groups. For more information you can contact Rev. Kathy or Charlotte Murphy.

### College Scholarship Applications Are Due May 20th!

Applications are available in the office for scholarships for high school seniors, college students, and trade school students. Please contact Rev. Kathy if you have any questions.

### Summer Camps

Are you or your son or daughter interested in attending a UMC camp this year? Scholarships are available. For information on camps, or for a scholarship application, visit Central's camp table in the Chapel hallway.

## Opportunities to Serve & Grow

### Deacon Book Project

The Michigan Conference Deacons and Julie Bard are collecting monetary donations during Annual Conference in June to purchase new books for schools and organizations to give away. Central collected donations on Easter Sunday and raised nearly \$400!! If you would like to give to this collection, please see Rev. Kathy or write a check out to "CUMC" with "Deacon Books" on the memo line.

### Purchase Scrip Cards as Graduation Gifts

Graduation is upon us. If you're planning to purchase gift cards, consider purchasing them through Central's Scrip program. Central receives a portion of each purchase. For more information, visit [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com) or pick up an order form in the office or online.

### Spring Clean Up

May 20th, 12 pm - 2 pm

Do you enjoy gardening? Join us in getting the church grounds ready for spring and summer. Meet in Fellowship Hall after 10:30 am worship.

### Donate to the Food Pantry



Your support of Central's Food Pantry has helped 66 local families already this year. If you'd like to donate food, we can always use tuna, cereal,

Hamburger Helper, soup (not cream of), boxed potatoes, jelly/jam, spaghetti sauce and noodles, canned fruit, canned pasta, medium and large jars of peanut butter, toothpaste and paper towels. Donations can be dropped off at the church M-Th from 9am - 4pm or Sunday during worship.

## June 17th

# We will go to one service at 10am



## Upcoming New Member Classes



May 20th, 6:30 pm

May 21st, 6:30 pm



# Happy Mother's Day!

## From the Staff of CUMC

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**D**ear Friends,

Over the last seven months, eight eighth graders—Ashley Gibbs, Aubrey Gibbs, Jason Hinsberg, Ashlynn Kuhn, Richard Kuhn III, Alexis Miller, Matthew Sullivan, and Anna Tompkins—have been working with mentors and myself to learn about the Christian faith, put their faith in practice, and experience God’s love and grace. We watched goofy videos, engaged in deep conversation, worshiped with our Jewish brothers and sisters at Temple Israel (and met with one of the incredible Rabbis there), read Scripture, and built community together.

Confirmation is a rite of passage, a milestone event in the life of our church. But it is not a graduation. It is not the completion of learning about the church or faith or God. It is a process to help our students (and hopefully families and mentors) to learn about and grow deeper in their own

faith and in community. Confirmation was a formative experience in my life. My small confirmation class visited a Jewish Synagogue, a Hispanic inner-city Church, a Catholic Church, and a variety of other faith communities. We sat in the Pastor’s Study and learned about our names, our faith, theological concepts and faith stories. We met with our mentors. The moments that I remember are less about “learning” and more about “community.”

On Sunday, May 13th, our Confirmation students will stand up and profess their faith openly, and have the opportunity to continue their faith journey by becoming members of Central United Methodist Church. We, as a congregation, have the opportunity to remember our own vows of baptism and membership, and vow to walk with our students and newest members on their faith journey. We are one community. Our youth have so much insight, depth, story, and joy to share with us. Take a moment to listen to

their voices, their stories, and their insight.

I have been blessed eight-fold by this Confirmation Class. They have reminded me to have fun, to laugh, to be silly and to be in the moment. I have been inspired by the community they have formed regardless of which school they go to or which town they live in. I am proud of the work and commitment of this Confirmation Class and cannot wait to participate in their Confirmation Day.

***Rev. Kathy***