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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

This Sunday is Pentecost, so wear red! Pastor Jack's message will be "God Our Guide." Music by the Chancel Choir and Carol & New Joy Choir.

HOPE Shelter Volunteers—You Make a Difference

130 People Helped by Central's Ministry

On April 23rd and 24th, 20 compassionate volunteers from Central provided welcoming Christian hospitality over two days to guests of the HOPE Shelter in Pontiac. The shelter was filled to capacity both days.

This ministry continues Central Church's tradition of serving at Hope Shelter. The ministry began with Don Hosler in 2003, when the HOPE Warming Shelter resided at Place of Hope in Pontiac. It is an important ministry that allows us to live out our mission of connecting with God, others and changing our world with Christ's love.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered or donated, and to organizers Cheryl Hinsberg, Debra Schmid and Shiela Strang.

We will be serving again at HOPE Shelter on September 21, 22 and 24, 2018. Please consider joining us!



Margaret and Daniel Hazlett serving at HOPE Shelter



Rummage Sale 2018

Despite some rainy days, we had a record year! \$8825 dollars was raised—a 10% increase over last year—and we had 59 volunteers who helped with this year's sale.

Thank you to everyone who donated and helped out in making this a tremendous success!



Blessing of the Bikes

Saturday, May 19th
9:30 - 11am, Blessing @ 10am
Fellowship, Food & Live Music
Everyone Welcome!




Thank you to everyone who gave a memorial gift in honor of beloved friends and family who recently passed on, including:

- Sandy Payne
- Mary Wilson
- Donna Rose
- Raymond Mathie

June 17th

We will go to one service at 10am



Join us on Memorial Day as "Band of Misfits" (The Conversation Band) plays in the Waterford parade. Parade begins at 10am.

CONNECT WITH CENTRAL

Web: waterfordcumc.org

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

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

The deadline for the Sunday, June 3rd issue of *Chimes* is Wednesday, May 23rd. 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

New Member Classes

May 20th, 6:30 pm

May 21st, 6:30 pm

This is the last printed issue of the Chimes! Contact the office to continue receiving a printed version.



Sat. June 2nd, 6pm
He Named Me Malala



Men's Softball Schedule



Come out for a game and support Central's team!

| Date | Time | Field |
|------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 6/4 | 6:15pm | 2 - St. Trinity |
| 6/11 | 7:30pm | 4 - First Missionary |
| 6/18 | 6:15pm | 4 - First Missionary |
| 6/25 | 7:30pm | 1 - Clarkston Community |
| 7/9 | 6:15pm | 3 - New Hope |
| 7/16 | 7:30pm | 4 - First Missionary |
| 7/30 | 7:30pm | 1 - Clarkston Community |
| 8/6 | 6:15pm | 3 - New Hope |
| 8/11 | Tournament @ Rotary Park | |

Upcoming Sunday Celebrations

- June 3rd - History of Church Music
- June 10th - Graduation Sunday
- June 17th - Rev. Kathy's Farewell Celebration

Sympathies To

Leslie and Paul Tobakos on the death of her brother Steven C. Parker.
Carol Nelson on the death of her sister, Hazel Ann Stileski.

Opportunities to Serve & Grow

Support Central's Memorial Garden

Memorial Day marks the unofficial start to summer and is a time for us to reflect on those lost in service to our country, as well as other loved ones who have passed on.

Central's Memorial Garden provides an opportunity to demonstrate this respect with a monetary donation or donation of time. Please mark checks "Memorial Garden" on the memo line.

Give Blood

May 21st, 2018

Sign up in the Chapel hallway to donate or volunteer, or visit Redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code: centraluni.

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.

Donate to Central When You Buy Graduation Gifts

Keep Central in mind as you're planning graduation gifts. If you're planning to purchase gift cards, consider purchasing them through Central's Scrip program. Scrip has \$10 denomination cards available. Or, if you're purchasing from Amazon.com, start your shopping at Amazon Smile. Central receives funds from both of these programs. For more information, visit

smile.amazon.com

or

shopwithscrip.com

or pick up a Scrip order form in the office or online. Please place Scrip orders by Sunday, June 3rd for pickup on Sunday, June 10th.

Dear Central Congregation,

Thank you so much for the recent delivery of flowers and the beautiful prayer shawl. Also, I wish to thank the Purple Threads and others for their many notes and cards. I truly appreciate your kindness and thoughtfulness.

Sincerely, Gladys Periard



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

- William Svenkesen, 6/3
- Winbert Bordeaux, 6/7
- Jay Young, 6/9
- Herbert Alsup, 6/15
- Marilyn Sue Waltz, 6/15
- Barbara Johnston, 6/19
- LaVonne Long, 6/21
- Florence Anderson, 6/25
- Margaret Mariner, 6/28

Central 50+ Anniversaries

Congratulations to:

- James & Alice Alt, 6/15 50 yrs.
- Bruce & Beverly Lax, 6/16 56 yrs.
- Ken & Deanna Bowers, 6/24 59 yrs.
- Charles & Shirley Tindall, 6/25 58 yrs.

| Sunday | | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | | | | | | |
|--|---|--|---|--|---|--------|--|--|---|---|---|----------------------|--|
|  <p>JUNE</p> | | <div style="background-color: #FFD700; padding: 10px; border: 1px solid black;"> <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> </div> | | | | | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 2 |
| | | | | | | | 8:30 am - Chapel 10 am - The Conversation 10:30 am - Sanctuary 11:45 am - Youth Ensemble 5:45 pm - Youth Group | 9 am - Little Sprouts Summer Camp 10:30 am - Chair Yoga 6:15 pm - Men's Softball @ St. Trinity 7:30 pm - Boy Scouts | 9 am - Little Sprouts Summer Camp 1 pm - Hutchinson's Circle | 9 am - Little Sprouts Summer Camp 10 am - Keller-Fitz Book Study 7 pm - Leader Dog Training | 8 am - Fix-It Crew 9 am - Little Sprouts Summer Camp | Church Office Closed | 6 pm - Central Cinema "He Named Me Malala" |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | | | | | | | |
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| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | | | | | | | |
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| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | | | | | | |
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Dear Friends,

What a treat this past Sunday (Mother's Day) when our oldest son, Jeremiah, and his wife, Sara, along with our grandson, Liam, spent some time with us through the wonder of "video chatting." Liam was testing out his vocabulary as we chatted with Jeremiah and Sara. He pretty much has "Poppa" perfected while "Oma" sounds a little like "Elmo" and "Uncle Ben" (Spiderman references and retorts welcomed) is not fully recognizable yet.

Of course we would be derelict in our duty as loving parents if we didn't inquire about Sara's condition; number two grandson is on the way – due date in early June. The arrival of a child is an incredible blessing; however, we all know that the birth process is difficult and always painful. Paul mentioned the pain of childbirth in his letter to the Romans (8:22-28).

Paul uses the image of birth pangs, applying that image to creation itself,

then the church and then to our Spirits. Paul is compelled to explain that life is often painful – especially during transitional times of our lives as new life emerges from us, our community and our world.

I am mindful of the pain of transition as so much new life is emerging around us. Rev. Kathy is embarking on a new career as part of our conference leadership. Of course we are experiencing the pain of saying farewell. Our Staff Parrish Relations Committee is involved in finding someone to work in ministries currently lead by Rev. Kathy. A new profile has been created, the job posted and we anxiously await responses to those postings as we ponder our uncertain future. Fear of the unknown future is painful.

We are wading into the deeper waters of our "Creating a Culture of Calling" project begun in January. We've conducted a couple "focus groups" to discern where we are in our ministry together. Part of that discernment

process is discovering what people think and feel, hear, say, do and see as well as determine our "Pains and Gains." Fear of making changes is held in tension with the fear of declining ministries. The anxiety produced by that tension is painful.

While there is anxiety, fear and pain present as we travel through these transitions in our ministry at Central Church, there is much for which we can be thankful. Eight youth joined the church on Mothers' Day as we received this year's Confirmation Class into membership. We are receiving applications for our Director of Lifelong Faith Formation position. We are moving forward with new program ideas as we work on our "Creating a Culture of Calling" project. It is a painful time, it is an anxious time, and it is a wonderful time to be in ministry with you and with our God!

I look forward to seeing you in worship as we celebrate Pentecost – the birth of our church!

Pastor Jack