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D^{ear Friends,}

As I write this letter to you, I am mentally packing to spend the remainder of this week in beautiful Traverse City for our Annual Conference with clergy and representatives from all over our state. The Michigan Area of the United Methodist Church Annual Conference is not unlike our annual Church Conference that we hold each fall. It is a time of celebrating the ministries of clergy who are retiring, remembering those who have died and welcoming clergy who will be Commissioned and Ordained on Sunday afternoon. It is a time of coming together to celebrate our past and plan for our future.

There is a moment during our Annual Conference when the Appointments will be read and affirmed by our Bishop. The way this portion of the Conference works is that just the change of appointments will be read, then the Bishop will "set" those appointments. This year I can only imagine how I and others from our church will feel as the name of The Rev. Kathy Pittenger will be read, and her appointment to the staff of our conference will be set.

Kathy has been a vital part of our ministry for nearly twelve years and we are thankful for her dedication and diligence in working with our children, youth and adults in the area of Lifelong Faith Formation. That is the title under which she will leave our church family, having served in the areas of Children and Family Ministries, Youth Ministry and having been integral to the work of creating our Faith Growth Pathway.

I want to invite you once again to worship with us on June 17 when Rev. Kathy will preach her final message as part of our staff and we will celebrate her ministry and the presence of her family in our church as we bid them farewell.

It will be a very busy summer as we welcome a new staff person who will pick up the mantle Kathy leaves and look to our future together by honoring the work begun by Rev. Kathy and creatively seeking opportunities for new ministry. It is my hope that we will be able to announce our new staff member no later than the middle of July.

Pray for our Annual Conference. Pray for the Pittengers. Pray for our new staff member, still unknown to us, and pray for our Staff Parish Relations Committee and me as we move forward in our selection work. I look forward to seeing you in worship.

Because of Christ,

Pastor Jack



The deadline for the Sunday, June 17th issue of *Chimes* is Wednesday, June 6th. Please send all of your articles, thank you notes and address changes to the Church office or e-mail them to rdanek@waterfordcumc.org.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:30 am - Chapel Worship 10:00 am- The Conversation at the Swartz Home 10:30 am - Sanctuary Worship

UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

This Sunday Kevin Naeve will be delivering the message "History of Church Music Part I: through 1600".





June 2nd, 6 pm - Central Cinema June 3rd, 10:30 am Worship -History of Church Music

June 3rd, 10 am Worship - The Conversation at the Swartz Home

June 4th, 6:15 pm - Men's Softball @ St. Trinity

June 7th, 12:30 am - Harvester's Outing to Cook's Dairy Farm

June 10th. 10:30 am - Graduation and New Member Sunday

June 11th, 7:30 pm - Men's Softball @First Missionary

June 13th, 7 pm - VBS Leader Training

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The Life of the Church

Rev. Kathy Farewell

Join us next Sunday (6/17) as we say goodbye to Rev. Kathy with a special celebration after worship. There will be



fun and fellowship, including a bounce house and a hot dog and hamburger luncheon.

Address Changes

Please note there is a new mailing address for:

Andrea Baxter 2705 Granite Hill Dr. Leander TX 78641

Sally Han 5601 Hatchery, Apt. 2015 Waterford MI 48329

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





Central's 2018 Confirmands (from L. to R., back to front); Ashley Gibbs, Aubrey Gibbs, Jason Hinsberg, Matt Sullivan. (Rev. Kathy), Ashlynne Kuhn, Richie Kuhn, Anna Tompkins, Alexis Miller.



Band of Misfits prepares to play the Waterford Memorial Day Parade. Thanks to everyone who played, walked, donated candy and helped out! Pictured from L to R: Ben Mannschreck, Ken Ferguson, Matt Berg and Gordy Gillette.

Band of Misfits Summer Tour

Join us this summer as "Band of Misfits" (the Conversation Band) plays in local Waterford venues.

Thursday, June 28th @ 6pm -Concerts in the Park (warming up for Mr. Moody)

Saturday, July 7th @ 7pm - Rustic Leaf Brewery (food truck night)

Tuesday, July 17th @ 7pm - Rustic Leaf Brewery

Saturday, August 11th @ 7pm -Rustic Leaf Brewery (food truck night)

Keep an eye on this section for more dates!



JUNE 28 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. MR. MOODY

Mr. moody is a high energy, "party music" type of band that does everything from Patsy Kline to Poison from Elvis to Metallica!

Local Talent Opening Act -Central United Methodist's Band "Band of Misfits" 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm

Member Spotlight: Jannette Deszell

Jannette has used her talent to dress our church for the changing seasons for many years. On Sunday, April 15, 2018, she also changed the life of one young woman at St. Mark UMC (Kakata, Liberia). During the service at St. Mark that morning, a sewing machine, fabric and sewing supplies—donated by Jannette—were dedicated. She raised the funds with various sewing projects. She provided funds for a second machine, fabric and supplies in May, and inspired the Keller-Fitz Book Study Group to fund a third. There are currently four young women at St. Mark learning to sew. The fourth awaits her machine. Each will keep their sewing machine after completion of the program.



Do you know of a Central member or ministry that we should acknowledge in the Member/Ministry Spotlight? Submit articles and a photo to rdanek@waterfordcumc.org.



It's Time for VBS! June 25th - 29th

Get ready for the Rolling River Rampage VBS adventure coming in June!! Kids age 3 ½ through completed 5th grade are invited for fun and learning in science, story, crafts, music, games, and delicious snacks! Romper the Otter will join us for opening and closing times! Registration is open! You can register online at rrr.cokesburyvbs.com/waterfordcumc or pick up a paper registration packet from the church office! Invite friends and neighbors to join the fun! A few more adults and youth are needed to stay with the groups of kids and rotate with them from activity to activity. Please contact Rev. Kathy if you want to join us! Leader training is on Wednesday, June 13th at 7:00pm.



Dear CUMC,

I want to thank everyone for the kindness that was shown to me at the time of my sister Hazel's passing. Whether it was a card, a phone call or visitation. A special thanks to Purple Threads; this was very much appreciated. I am so glad that I am a member of such a caring church.

Carol Nelson



Each Wednesday, the preschoolers at Little Sprouts join Rev. Kathy for "Chapel Time." We learn about God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. We learn about God's love. We learned about Christmas and Easter. Each week the children receive a special blessing and reminder that they are a blessing.

Little Sprouts Summer Camps

Do you have a little one looking for some fun this summer? Consider one of the many summer camps offered by Little Sprouts. Each camp runs Monday-Thursday from 9am – 1pm, so campers will need a sack lunch! Here's the fun lineup.

June 4-7 - Wait!! I'm Not Ready for School to be Over!!

Outdoor activities and group games, including relay races, wet and wild obstacle course, and good old fashion mud pies.

June 11–14 – Cooking 101

Age-appropriate culinary activities to help foster a love of cooking, including hands-on time; measurements, table settings, cooking terms, and nutrition. Camp includes a chef hat and apron.

June 18–21 – Dinosaurs

Preschoolers love dinosaurs! Campers will dig for fossils, learn dinosaur names, and pretend to be paleontologists.

July 9–12 – Robots

A hands-on camp designed to spark your child's interest in robotics. This camp will be challenging, fun, and help our youngest get excited about STEM. (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics).

July 23–26 – Legos

Legos help children practice essential skills such as patterning, colors, counting, fine motor skills, position and ordering, all while having fun!! Campers will enjoy showing off their creativity daily.

August 13–16 – Sports

This camp introduces preschoolers to a wide variety of recreational sports like soccer, t-ball, jump rope, and kickball. Sports camp will encourage good sportsmanship and foster a love of sports while exploring new activities.

August 20–23 – Camping

Preschoolers will learn fun camp songs and campfire safety, even make a s'more. We will have large tents set up to enjoy one last week of summer!

Camps are open to children ages 3–6. Campers do not need to be current enrollees of the Little Sprouts, but spaces are limited. The cost is \$66 per camp/week. To register, call the Little Sprouts office at (248) 683-8759 or email us at littlesprouts@comcast.net.

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.

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.

Donate to Central's Food Pantry

We have helped 82 local families so far this year. Help us help others by donating to the food pantry. We are always in need of tuna, canned fruit and soup (not cream of).



To everyone who donated and volunteered for the blood drive on May 21st. 14 pints of life-saving blood were collected.