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Connecting with Others,

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Central's ERTs in Action

On Saturday January 8th, 2018 several Central volunteers participated in UMCOR ERT (Early Response Team) training taught by Bob McCormick, the Michigan Conference's Early Response Team Coordinator. We learned when responding to floods or disasters we may need to tarp damaged roofs and/or clean and disinfect flooded homes. We learned about safety, and probably most importantly, about responding compassionately to those who have experienced a disaster. The importance of listening to disaster victims' stories was stressed throughout the training. Shortly after the Father's Day flooding in Houghton County, Bob notified local volunteers that he and his wife Lisa would be taking a trailer with flood buckets to the Houghton area, and that a volunteer response center was opened and operational. Last minute, Jim and I decided to respond to the call for help. We traveled to Houghton Friday night, made our way to the volunteer response center on Saturday morning, did a short safety session, picked up sunscreen, gloves and respiratory masks, and then anxiously headed out to our assignment. We were a little worried about having the stamina to do the physical labor that was most likely needed.

We volunteered in a quaint beach town called Hubbell. There was large machinery clearing and restoring roads and sewer lines on the street we were assigned to. Others in the town

were preparing food to take to the fire station that served as a meeting place. We and many others (up to 50 people) worked at a home where the flooding had filled the basement with six feet of sand and mud.

During the weekend most of the sand and mud was removed from the basement by hand using shovels and buckets. This is called a "bucket brigade." The homeowner still needed to have the basement cleaned, disinfected, and dried out before she could have her utilities restored. Jennifer (the home owner) was so grateful for the large number of volunteers (most she did not know) who helped out. Please keep Jennifer and other UP families affected by the flooding in your prayers.

It was a beautiful weekend where many people came together to help those needing a helping hand. It is such a simple idea!! Jim and I feel blessed to have been a part of it!

Debra Hayden-Schmid

More information on the UMC response can be found at the MI UMC web page at <http://news.michiganumc.org/2018/06/update-from-copper-country/>

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:00 am - Summer Worship

UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

Join us for special musical guests "The Moving Vans." Pastor Jack will be continuing his message series based on the Book of Hebrews.



July 23rd, 7:30 pm - Men's Softball @ First Missionary

July 25th, 7 pm - A Way Forward Study @ Rustic Leaf Brewing Co.

July 26th, 10 am - A Way Forward Study @ Tim Hortons

July 26th, 4 - 6 pm - Little Sprouts Open House

July 28th, 10 am-12:30 pm - Vocal Workshop with Leslie Naeve

July 29th, 11:15 am - A Way Forward Study (Parlor)

July 30th, 7:30 pm - Men's Softball @ Clarkston Community

July 31st, noon-6 pm - Red Cross Blood Drive

August 1st, 7 pm - A Way Forward Study @ Rustic Leaf

August 2nd, 10 am - A Way Forward Study @ Tim Hortons

August 5th, 11:15 am - A Way Forward Study (Parlor)

August 6th, 6:15 pm - Men's Softball @ New Hope

August 8th, 7 pm - A Way Forward Study @ Rustic Leaf

August 9th, 10 am - A Way Forward Study @ Tim Hortons

August 12th, 11:15 am - A Way Forward Study (Parlor)

The deadline for the Sunday, August 5th issue of *Chimes* is Wednesday, July 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

Riverside Meet & Greet

August 29th, 4 pm – 6 pm

Central will be participating this year in a “meet & greet” for Riverside Elementary School families (formerly the Riverside Ice Cream Social). As in previous years, we will be collecting new and gently used children’s books to allow students to select 1-2 books to add to their home library. Central is planning several activities where volunteers are needed. Below are the activities and estimated number of volunteers. As you can see, there’s something for everyone!

- Summer reading book return table—up to four volunteers
- Free book table—up to three volunteers
- Listen to a child read a book—up to three volunteers
- Read a story to a child or small group of children—up to three volunteers
- Drawing table—help a child draw a picture related to a book they read during the summer—up to three volunteers
- Facilitate activity cards—one or two volunteers
- Run a game—we will have four simple games for kids and their families—between four and eight volunteers
- Face painting—up to four volunteers

- Help hand out Popsicles to students and families—up to four volunteers
- Please put book donations in the bin in the Chapel hallway. If you would like to volunteer, please sign up outside the church office or contact Debra Hayden-Schmid at 248-705-8546 or Debra.hs@att.net.

Thank you to all of the office angels who manned the phones and helped out when Rachel was on vacation!

Join Us for an Epic Outing to



Monday, August 27th

\$43 per person

Sign-up outside the church office and pay by August 15th to reserve your spot. We will be going as a group by bus.

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

- Barbara Jacobson, 8/2
- Samuel Ritchie, 8/2
- Richard Donner, 8/4
- Virginia Abney, 8/8
- Lewis Bradbury, 8/10
- Marvin Jewell, 8/10
- Sally Kuhn, 8/11
- Elizabeth Sawyers, 8/18
- Gladys Periard, 8/21
- Charles Tindall, 8/24
- Doris Hays, 8/25
- Mary Biggs, 8/27
- Maurice Grant, 8/27

Central 50+ Anniversaries

Congratulations to:

- Durwood & Stephanie Shawl, 8/5, 57 yrs.
- Gary & Ruth Greene, 8/15, 54 yrs.
- William & Velette Svenkesen, 8/20, 57 yrs.
- Donald & Diana Carter, 8/26 51 yrs.
- Paul & Beatrice Blomquist, 8/27, 63 yrs.

Sympathies To

The family and friends of Frances “Sue” J. Barnes, who passed away on July 4th, 2018.

Barb Hiechel on the death of her son Craig Hiechel.




Dear CUMC Family,

Thank you all for making our last Sunday at Central phenomenal! We were so overwhelmed and blessed with your words, living stones, prayers, blessing, support and encouragement. Thank you for the generous love gift that we received, the gifts, and all the cards. Thank you for the kindness

and care that you gave my children. Thank you for the party you threw us to say farewell. The inflatable giant slide and slip ‘n slide were a perfect way to remember our ministry together! We have moved into our new home and are adjusting to life in Okemos. May you be blessed as you continue to grow with God and be the hands and feet of God to everyone you meet.

With Love and Gratitude,

Rev. Kathy, Rich, Elijah & Micah

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
<p>Support Groups</p> <p>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>		<p>10:30 am - Chair Yoga 10:30 am - Older Adult Ministry Gathering 6:15 pm - Men's Softball @ New Hope</p>		<p> State Primary Election Day</p>		<p>10:00 am - Keller-Fitz Book Study 7 pm - Leader Dog Training 7 pm - "A Way Forward" Study @ Rustic Leaf</p>		<p>8 am - Fix-It Crew 10 am - "A Way Forward" Study @ Tim Hortons 6 pm - Summer Disciple</p>		<p>Church Office Closed</p>		<p>4</p>	
<p>12 10 am - Summer Worship - The Conversation 11:15 am - "A Way Forward" Study in the Parlor</p>		<p>13 9 am - Little Sprouts Summer Camp 10:30 am - Chair Yoga</p>		<p>14 9 am - Little Sprouts Summer Camp</p>		<p>15 9 am - Little Sprouts Summer Camp 10:00 am - Keller-Fitz Book Study</p>		<p>16 8 am - Fix-It Crew 9 am - Little Sprouts Summer Camp</p>		<p>17 Church Office Closed</p>		<p>18</p>	
<p>19 10 am - Summer Worship</p>		<p>20 9 am - Little Sprouts Summer Camp 10:30 am - Chair Yoga</p>		<p>21 9 am - Little Sprouts Summer Camp 9 am - Memorial Garden Work Day 7 pm - Leader Dog Training</p>		<p>22 9 am - Little Sprouts Summer Camp 10:00 am - Keller-Fitz Book Study</p>		<p>23 8 am - Fix-It Crew 9 am - Little Sprouts Summer Camp</p>		<p>24 Church Office Closed</p>		<p>25 7:30 am - Scout Training</p>	
<p>26 10 am - Summer Worship 11 am - Usher Training</p>		<p>27 6:30 am - Cedar Point Trip 10:30 am - Chair Yoga</p>		<p>28</p>		<p>29 10:00 am - Keller-Fitz Book Study</p>		<p>30 8 am - Fix-It Crew</p>		<p>31 Church Office Closed</p>			



Pastor Jack hones his thespianism as "Romper the River Otter" during this year's VBS.

It's time Again for Project Backpack!

We are collecting school supplies to help Waterford students in need. Please put donations in the bin outside the Sanctuary by August 17th. We need:

- Backpacks
- Calculators
- Colored pencils
- Crayons (24 count)
- Erasers
- Glue sticks
- Highlighters
- Markers
- Notebooks and paper
- Pencils, pens and pencil boxes
- Pocket folders
- Post-Its
- Rulers



Aparagus for Liberia

During several Sundays in May and June the Liberia Support Team sold asparagus to benefit our brothers and sisters in Liberia. \$120 was raised to help with our ongoing support of Liberian ministries, which include our Partnership in Ministry with St. Mark-Kakata, scholarships for students of the C.W. Duncan UMC School and Wells for Liberia. Thank you to everyone who participated and those who purchased asparagus!



Opportunities to Serve & Grow

Join "A Way Forward" Discussion

Attend one of the sessions being lead by Pastor Jack and Rev. Cora as we discuss the denomination's upcoming stance on the rights and inclusion of members of the LGBTQ community in our churches and ministry.

Give Blood

Our next blood drive is July 31st. Please consider donating or volunteering.

Donate to Central's Food Pantry

We have helped over 90 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).

Donate to Central When You Shop!

Keep Central in mind as you're shopping. If you're planning to purchase gift cards for graduations, consider purchasing them through Central's Scrip program. Or, if you're purchasing from Amazon.com, start your shopping at Amazon Smile. And don't forget that Central participates in Kroger Community Rewards. We receive funds from all of these great programs. For more information, visit

krogercommunityrewards.com

or

smile.amazon.com

or

shopwithscrip.com

or pick up a Scrip order form in the office or online.

Save the Dates!
It Won't Be Complete Without You!



September 9 – 15th

We are putting together a new color photo directory and invite everyone to get your photo taken—you don't need to be a member. Every family that comes for a photo session will be given a free 8x10 and the option (but no obligation) to purchase additional photos. Watch for more details and sign-ups coming soon. We're also looking for volunteers to help; please see the sign-up sheet outside the office.