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Connecting with Others,
Changing our World with Christ's Love*

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Dear Friends,

As I write this letter, a little over a week since I've returned from camp, the remnants of mosquito—and I have no doubt other bug bites—are still present on my arms and legs. But as I reflect on my week communing with nature and other Christians—both young and old—I realize that serving as a Camp Dean and Counselor each summer is a joy that I look forward to each year. Church Camp is a formative experience which many pastors share when they come before the Board of Ordained Ministry, on which I have served over the past eight years. Many ministry candidates have wonderful memories of camp that present a great picture of our faith community and the wonders of our Creator God.

I have seven reasons why I support the camping ministry of our Michigan Area of the United Methodist Church: First, it gives us the opportunity to unplug. In a recent message I shared the importance of unplugging from electronic devices that can take over our workdays and even intrude upon our time off from our daily toils. Second, camping allows us to commune with nature; to wonder at the beauty of a flower or tree, to listen to the waves of the lake, the whoooo of an owl or the mournful cry of a loon. Third, camping allows for an intergenerational experience of community, and to witness leadership of counselors, deans and camp staff. Camp is a microcosm of the

church, making clear the importance of relationships.

A fourth reason I support camp is the worship. Digging into scripture stories, singing joyful—sometimes silly—songs, and praying with one another allows for children and youth to learn to worship God in God's beautiful nature.



**Pastor Jack and the
Camp Kinawind campers**

A fifth reason I love camp is the food. It would not be a week of camp if not for French toast and bacon on buddy burners! (There is not enough space to explain buddy burners but feel free

to ask me.) Sixth is the play—and I would say holy play—that allows for campers to relax, be playful and enjoy building relationships during this special week in the life of young people. The seventh reason I support camp is the life-long relationships that are formed. This past Annual Conference, I had a young woman come up to me and share her experience of the camp I led and the memories she cherished. My own children still stay in contact with fellow campers from over ten years ago.

Thank you, Central Church family for supporting our denominational camp programs! You have planted and cultivated a harvest that knows no end! I want you to know you are a blessing as we continue to enjoy these summer days. I look forward to seeing you in worship.

Because of Christ,

Pastor Jack

SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:00 am - Summer Worship

UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

August 5th

Pastor Jack will be continuing his Book of Hebrews message series with "Not by Ourselves!" Special piano/organ duet by Kevin Naeve and Myra Trask. Myra's last Sunday with us.



August 5th, 11:15 am - "A Way Forward" study in the Parlor

August 6th, 9:30 am - Chair yoga

August 6th, 10:30 am - "Conversations with Cora" Older Adult Ministries gathering

August 6th, 7:30 pm - Men's Softball @ New Hope

August 8th, 7 pm - "A Way Forward" study @ Rustic Leaf Brewing Co.

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

August 11th, noon - Man's softball tournament @ Rotary Park

August 12th, 10 am - The Conversation worship experience

August 12th, 11:15 am - "A Way Forward" study in the Parlor

August 13th, 9 am - Little Sprouts "sports" camp begins

August 20th, 9 am - Little Sprouts "camping" camp begins

August 21st, 9 am - Memorial Garden work day

August 27th, 6:30 am - Cedar Point trip

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The deadline for the Sunday, August 19th issue of *Chimes* is Wednesday, August 8th. 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

Ministry Highlight: Tribe of Daniel

Tribe of Daniel is the ministry that decorates the church for worship and special events. The goal of this ministry is to enhance the worship experience through progressive theatrical staging that illustrates key elements of a sermon series or liturgical season (Lent, Advent, etc.), with the goal of increasing understanding and memorability. If you've noticed the props, artwork and lighting decorating the Sanctuary and/or Chapel, you're seeing Tribe of Daniel at work! They're also responsible for the large candles out by M-59 that light the night during Advent.

Tribe of Daniel is led by Myke Robson and includes Jeannette Deszell, Margaret Hazlett, Carol Kozel, Sue Krueger, Tamara Luesse, Betty Pfeiffer, Rainy Stephenson, Hannah Strobel and other volunteers throughout the years.

The ministry started out when Sara Hazen was responsible for worship arts for the UM Conference. Myke assisted Sara and realized the power that visual arts can have as part of the worship experience. Myke has always had a love of creativity, and felt called to bring this ministry to Central's worship services. He felt God calling as he began to notice creative installations, which would then get him thinking about ideas for enhancing worship. He decided to contact a few Central members to gauge interest, and found that other members loved the idea. They joined in and Tribe of Daniel was born.

Myke's greatest joy is when people notice the staging and artwork and comment on it, and conversation begins. He knows then that it has made a difference in that person's experience and understanding.

One recent installation that Myke feels was particularly successful was "The Dark Wood," which supported Central's 2018 Lenten study and message series. The Sanctuary began as an ominous, even "scary" place, then "bloomed" throughout Lent with flowers, birds and wildlife, culminating in Easter lilies and the cross. Other impactful projects were "Weavings of Faith," a tapestry woven throughout Lent and into Easter, and "Resurrection Jesus," which was a building up of a "stained glass" cross during Lent that revealed the risen Christ on Easter.

Myke's vision for the future of Tribe of Daniel includes the use of more audio/video elements as well as more individuals to help with envisioning and executing designs. There is creative power in groups, and Tribe of Daniel welcomes anyone who has a love for the visual arts to join in this Ministry. Myke stresses that you don't need experience in design or staging, just a love of creativity and a desire to help enhance the worship experience for others. To get involved with Tribe of Daniel, contact Myke Robson at (248) 214-9506 or at dejoker1@att.net.



Band of Misfits

Saturday, August 11th

@ 7pm

Rustic Leaf Brewing Company
(food truck night).

Rustic Leaf is at 7200 Highland Rd.
Waterford, MI 48327



Monday, August 27

We're renting a bus (special thanks to several generous donors) and have room for 56 people. The cost is \$43 per person which covers regular admission to the park.

Space is limited so sign up soon!

You can sign up outside the office or online. Payment is required to reserve your spot. Make your check out to Waterford CUMC and bring it to the church office by August 15th.

This trip is not limited to youth families—everyone is welcome!





Directory Photo Sessions Available Sept. 12 – 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.

We will begin signing up families/individuals on Sunday, August 5th before and after worship. You can also

sign up online by going to our website and clicking the sign up link. We're also looking for volunteers to help; please see the sign up sheet outside the office.

Older Adult
MINISTRIES

Monday, August 6th
10:30 a.m. in the Parlor

"Conversations with Cora"

- An opportunity to meet Rev. Cora and hear about her ministry.
- Update on area food pantries
- Cookies and Coffee

Opportunities to Serve & Grow

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.

Join "A Way Forward" Study

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.

Read the Book of Hebrews

Pastor Jack's summer sermon series is based upon the New Testament Book of Hebrews, so take time to review the

Book of Hebrews as part of your faith formation.

Volunteer for the Riverside Meet & Greet

We need many volunteers, and there's something for everyone! Read to a child, help with activities, do face painting and more! Sign up outside the office or at our website.



Attention Scholarship Recipients!

If you have not returned the College Scholarship Recipient Information form, please do so as soon as possible!



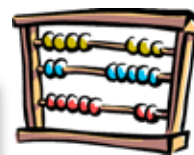
August 5th is Myra's last Sunday with us. We thank her for sharing her talent and wish her well in her next endeavor!

Chair Yoga Time Change August 6th, 9:30am

So that chair yoga doesn't conflict with "Conversations with Cora" we will begin at 9:30 am instead of 10:30 am. We will resume our regular 10:30 am start time on Monday, August 13th.

Back to School Blessing September 2nd

Bring your backpack, bag or briefcase to service for a special blessing. All students, teachers and staff are welcome, so invite family and friends.



Please note that the bookkeeper, Sue Newill, will only be available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays during the summer.

With summer and vacationing in full swing, please keep monthly pledge contributions up to date so that we can meet our monthly budget! Thank you.

A Big Thank You to Our "Memorial Gardeners"

Many thanks to the Memorial Garden volunteers who have been working in the garden this summer. They have planted and watered flowers, weeded, trimmed, repaired sprinklers and spent many hours power washing, cleaning, adding sand to the cracks and sealing the pavers. Many thanks to Don Carter, Cheryl and Skip Malin, Kathy Scafuri, Tina Graham, Gay Crump, Sally Hart, Janet Jensenius, Ruth Greene, Carol Kozel, Larry and Barb Spiece, John Lawrence and to Marge Frazier for refreshments.

The garden is a place for remains of our loved ones and a place for meditation and reflection. Information about



the Memorial Garden may be found in the church office or on the web site. Contributions to the garden for upkeep and maintenance are always welcome. Perhaps you would like to give a gift in memory of a loved one! Envelopes are available in the church office.

The next work bee will be on **Tuesday, August 21st, 9:00 am**. Please bring tools and something on which to kneel. Everyone is welcome. Light refreshments will be served. For more info, contact Diana Carter, Co-Chairperson at 248-309-2490.



2018 Choir Campers at Lake Louise with leader Sara Hazen

Giant bubbles with Steve Krupa at "Movies Under the Moonlight"

