



CHIMES

Central United Methodist Church

Connecting with God,

Connecting with Others,

Changing our World with Christ's Love

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Dear Friends,

It has been said that the perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing and the lawn mower is broken! The summer often offers some time off and an environment that expands our homes onto patios and decks and into yards—yet there is work to be done for sure. I hope this summer has offered rest and respite from your usual labors and burdens; at least a change of pace and perhaps venue! I also pray that the summer has allowed you time to enjoy the blessings of God in unique ways.

Wesley Taylor of Tigard, Oregon tells the story of one summer, in which a man spent the day on the beach in Jacksonville, Florida. The undertow was unusually strong that day, and more than once, lifeguards jumped down from their towers to rescue swimmers from the treacherous surf. Finally, the man went to the lifeguard station to express his appreciation for their dedication. When he walked inside, he noticed a sign on the wall in large red letters: If in doubt, go! The man mused, “Those same words should be on the walls of every church and on the wall of every person’s soul.”

While there are many enjoying the sand and surf of a beach there are those dedicated souls that keep a watchful eye to insure their safety. It’s the same for us. While we seek a time for rest from our busy lives and restoration for our souls, God is ever present,

watching that we don’t get caught up in dangerous undertows. Just as it is helpful to be aware of the lifeguards’ presence and not stray too far from their watchful eyes, it is to our benefit to be aware of God’s presence.

It has been a busy summer as we have been looking to the future of Central Church, welcoming and training new staff and planning worship services and programs. Rally Day will bring us the opportunity to officially welcome the Rev. Cora Glass as Director of Lifelong Faith Formation. We will have jazz musicians offering music for our service and we will enjoy a reception for Rev. Cora after worship that day. And then we’re off! Programs will be in full swing and before you know it we will be making plans for Advent.

I am thankful for the rest I’ve had this summer and I am looking forward to our fall beginnings and further blessings from our God. Wherever your summer plans have taken you, I hope you’ve looked for blessings, as well as the opportunity to express your thanks to God and faith to others. I look forward to seeing you in worship!

Because of Christ,

Pastor Jack

Attention Ministry Leaders

Please provide your information on fall programming to the office so that we can begin to promote your programs!

The deadline for the Sunday, September 2nd issue of *Chimes* is Wednesday, August 22nd. 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

10:00 am - Summer Worship

UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

Rev. Cora preaching on “Feeding on Jesus.” Pastor Jack is on vacation. Special music by Linda Freeze.



August 21st, 9am - Memorial Garden work day

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

August 27th, 5–6:30pm - Little Sprouts Meet & Greet

August 29th, 10am - Keller-Fitz Book Study

August 29th, 4–6pm, Riverside Meet & Greet

September 2nd, 10am - Back to School Blessing

September 5th, 10am - Keller-Fitz Book Study

September 9th, 10am - Rally Day

September 12th–14th, 2–9pm - LifeTouch Photo Sessions

September 15th, 10–5pm - LifeTouch Photo Sessions

September 16th, 6pm - Youth Group kick off party (4th–12th grade).

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THE CONVERSATION

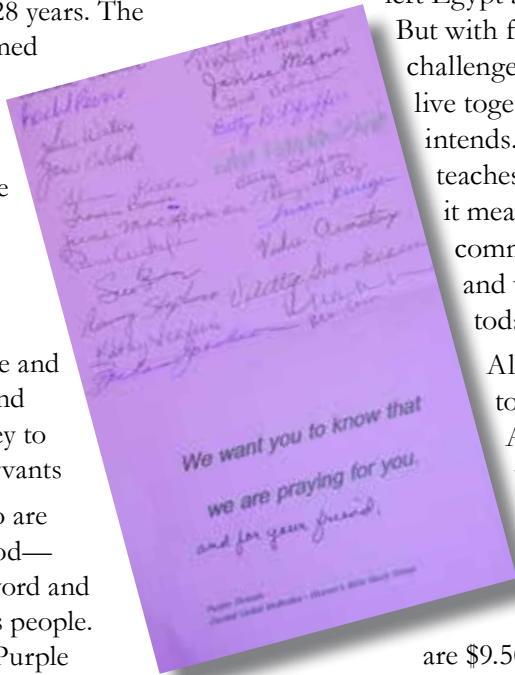
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The Life of the Church

Ministry Highlight: Purple Threads

This women's bible study and prayer ministry founded in 1990 has had over one hundred women participate over the past 28 years. The group was named for Lydia, a business woman and the first female convert on Paul's second missionary journey. Lydia sold purple dye and purple cloth and used the money to help God's servants. We feel we too are servants of God—studying his word and praying for his people. The ladies of Purple Threads mail prayer notes to those on their prayer list and on the church prayer list, so that they know someone is praying for them. The ministry averages 350 notes a year! On September 18th the group kicks off its fall study with a potluck at



6pm in the church parlor followed by a book and video study, *Fire on the Mountain: Displaying God to a Broken World* by Ray Vander Laan. The study focuses on the Israelites when they left Egypt and gained freedom. But with freedom comes a new challenge—learning how to live together the way God intends. Discover how God teaches the Israelites what it means to be part of a community that loves him and what that means for us today.

All women are invited to join Purple Threads. After September 18th the remaining fall classes are at 7:00pm on October 2 and 16, November 6 and 27th. Study books are \$9.50 and will be available

in the church office during the week and in the Narthex on Sunday mornings.

Sue Shipley is the teaching leader. If you are not already a member of the group and wish to join, please contact Diana Carter, 248-309-2490 or dianacarter@comcast.net.

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

- Carl Rose, 9/3
- Sue Pearsall, 9/4
- Paul Blomquist, 9/10
- William Wright, 9/19
- Evon Carlson, 9/22
- Lavonne Kaul, 9/27
- Bruce Lax, 9/29

Central 50+ Anniversaries

Congratulations to:

- Wilbur & Linda Meadows, 9/3, 51 yrs.
- John & Jean Ostrander, 9/16, 63 yrs.
- Garrith & Marlene Knaus, 9/18, 53 yrs.
- Donald & Mary Lou Osborne, 9/30, 62 yrs.



Confirmation

Call for Confirmands!

Rev. Cora is looking for the next class of confirmands. If you are entering 7th or 8th grade this fall, you are invited to begin this exciting process to join the church! Confirmation will run on Sundays throughout the school year from 4:30 to 5:30 pm, with youth group to follow. A letter will be sent out soon. Contact Rev. Cora with questions.



Thank you to Central's "Band of Misfits" for their summer concert series at local Waterford venues. The group did a great job taking Jesus' message into the community through contemporary Christian music!

Church Directory

Sign Up Now!
*It Won't Be Complete
Without You!*



Photo sessions are available September 12th - 14th, 2-9pm and 15th, 10am - 5pm. Sign up on Sunday before/after service or online from the church website.

**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.

Thank you to everyone who donated glue sticks to the Little Sprouts. We've been having fun unsticking the kids from the walls!



Dare to Inspire Festival

August 25 and 26th @ 9am

This year Central will be participating in the "Dare to Inspire" festival that takes place at the Riverwalk, an area along and under M-59 that has been designated as a walking and biking trail. The trail runs from the playground of Riverside Elementary, along the east bank of the Clinton River, then alongside Buffalo Wild Wings, where it goes under M-59. From there a barrier-free ramp runs up to the parking lot of Boston Market and hooks to the bike trail along M-59. It then proceeds north along the west bank of the Clinton River to the Mt. Zion skate park parking lot. Future plans for the walkway include linking it from the skate park to the existing sidewalk system along Crescent Lake Road and Tubbs Road, then on to the Drayton Plains Nature Center.



Several years ago the area beneath the Clinton River overpass became a blight in Waterford, with all-night parties and rude and vulgar graffiti spray painted on the overpass walls. In 1999 Waterford began a multi-year project to reclaim this area. Five years ago several local citizens began the "Dare to Inspire" festival to raise awareness of this recently reclaimed area. The festival will happen along the length of the path from Riverside to the parking lot between the skate park and Motor City Guitar and features live bands, crafts, street art, kayak rides, food, local vendors and more.

Waterford Central is supporting this initiative through sponsorship of a table on Saturday, August 25th, in the "Kid Zone." We will provide a craft for kids to do as they explore the pathway with their families. We invite you to come walk the Riverwalk, enjoy the festival, and learn about this beautiful stretch of walkway. We are also looking for people to man the table from 1-5pm. If you're interested in helping out, contact Rev. Cora at (248) 681-0040.

For more information, visit the [Waterford Riverwalk website](#) and the [Dare to Inspire website](#).

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.



Opportunities to Serve & Grow

Support the Riverside Meet & Greet

We're looking for organizers, readers, servers and helpers for the Riverside Meet and Greet (formerly the Riverside Ice Cream Social) on Wednesday, August 29th, 4 pm–6 pm. We need several volunteers, and there's something for everyone. Sign up online or in the Chapel hallway. We're also looking for donations of new or gently used children's books. Place books in the bin in the Chapel hallway.

Help with Central's Photo Directory

We need volunteers before and after Sunday service to help with sign ups and on the days of the photo shoots (September 12–15th) to provide hospitality and to check in families. Sign up online or outside the church office if you'd like to help.

Support the Dare to Inspire Festival

We're looking for a few good people to help with crafts and bubbles on Saturday, August 25th from 1-5pm. If you like kids, crafts and having fun, consider helping us support this great Waterford initiative.

Shop and Give!

As you're doing back-to-school shopping, consider purchasing gift cards through Central's Scrip program. Cards are available from virtually all major retailers! 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.



Beware this Church-Related Scam

A disturbing scam involving thieves posing as clergy and targeting elderly members of church congregations is spreading across Metro Detroit. The scammers are sending an email that appears to be from the pastor asking for donations for a sick family. But the email isn't from the church; it's from scammers asking victims to buy gift cards. In one case, the email appeared to be from clergy and asked members to send iTunes gift cards to help a friend of the clergy member with cancer.

A good way to protect yourself is to not open emails from addresses you don't recognize. Call police if you receive an email similar to those described above, and contact the church office so that we can alert other members.



Help Stock Central's Food Pantry

For the next three months Older Adult Ministries will be collecting items for Central's food pantry. We'll be focusing on specific donations, but other items* are welcome as well.

August

Cereal, Soup, Canned Fruit

September

Cereal/Oatmeal, Powdered Milk Packets, Jelly/Jam

October

Mac & Cheese, Soup, Tuna

Monetary donations are welcome as well, as each family receives ground beef, bologna/hot dogs, a frozen family meal, bread, buns, OJ and butter in addition to 2-3 bags of dry goods.

*Other dry goods needed are crackers, peanut butter, stuffing mix, baked beans, Manwich, canned green beans, canned corn, canned chicken, rice and paper towels.



Save the Dates!

September 21, 22 and 24

We will be hosting again at the HOPE Shelter. More details to come.



Little Sprouts Meet & Greet

August 27th, 5–6:30 pm

If you've signed up a child or grandchild for Little Sprouts, come by, meet the staff and learn about the 2018-2019 school year.

New Central Cafe Pricing

To better cover food expenses, Central Cafe pricing for fall of 2018 will increase to:

- Adults \$5.00
- Salad Bar \$3.00
- Children \$3.00