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Connecting with God,

Connecting with Others,

Changing our World with Christ's Love

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Dear Friends,

I recently heard Labor Day weekend referred to as the “unofficial end of summer.” Technically that is an appropriate description of Labor Day; it is not the actual end of summer but it feels that way. School, if it has not already begun for some will begin the day after Labor Day, and there is a feeling among the American workforce that they are returning to the regular “grind” of work, with opportunities to enjoy the longer and warmer days of summer now past.

As I think about Labor Day being the “unofficial end of summer” I began to wonder about the “official” meaning of Labor Day. Labor Day was created in the late 1800s in response to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It is meant to be a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country. It became a federal holiday in the U.S. in 1894. It is actually a holiday in many nations, celebrated on May 1 rather than the first Monday in September.

Certainly, Central Church will be returning to a more regular schedule in this month as programs and group studies restart and we enter into our regular worship schedule. Just as we return to the “regular grind” of our jobs, I want to ask you about your work as a follower of Jesus Christ. What’s your “God job?” I don’t want to call our work as Christians our “unofficial job,” as that seems demeaning—just as it would be demeaning to call our efforts as

spouses, parents and community citizens “unofficial.”

As we enter into our fall schedule, I want to offer you the opportunity to view all the programming we offer to grow in our faith, to be in fellowship with one another and to worship our loving Creator each Sunday. There are studies you can attend, opportunities for meaningful service and fellowship, as well as to enjoy our time together in worship. As you peruse the many options to develop your faith—your “God job”—don’t just dismiss them, but rather evaluate them as chances to be in a better relationship with God and others. Get connected in some way that will benefit you, as your presence well may benefit others!

Because of Christ,
Pastor Jack



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SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:00 am - Rally Day! 10am Sanctuary worship.

UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

September 9th

Installation of Rev. Cora and special music by Latin Jazz group “Nuevo Jazz Detroit.” There will also be a reception for Rev. Cora after worship.



Sept. 8th, 6pm - Central Cinema, “Gifted”

Sept. 9th, 10 am - Rally Day and installation of Rev. Cora

Sept. 10th, 6:30 pm - Finance Committee meeting

Sept. 10th, 7:30 pm - Church Council meeting

Sept. 12th, 13th & 14th, 2-9 pm - Directory photos

Sept. 13th, 4-9 pm - Worship Arts Open House; All rehearsals begin

Sept. 13th, 6:30 pm - Thursday Evening Study begins

Sept. 15th, 10 am - 5 pm - Directory photos

Sept. 16th, 11:45 am - Confirmation Orientation meeting

Sept. 16th - Begin three services

Sept. 18th, 6 pm - Purple Threads Study begins

Sept. 18th, 6 pm - Youth Group kick-off

Sept. 21st, 22nd & 24th, 6 pm - HOPE Warming Center

Sept. 24th, 10:30 am - Older Adult Ministries gathering

Sept. 24th, 7 pm - SPRC Meeting

Sept. 25th, 7 pm - Trustees Meeting

Sept. 30th, 2 pm - Golf Outing

The deadline for the Sunday, September 23rd issue of *Chimes* is Wednesday, September 12th. Please send all of your articles, thank you notes and address changes to the Church office or e-mail them to rdanek@waterfordcumc.org.

Fall Programming Kicks Off

As the seasons change and the nights grow cooler the rhythm of life changes. School starts up, everyone is back to work, Rally Day brings us back to church and Central's fall programming gets into full swing!

Worship

Rally Day Is Sunday, Sept. 9th

Join us at 10 am for a special "back to church" Sunday as we officially welcome Rev. Cora to Central with a special service of installation. There will be a welcome reception after worship. We will also have music by the Latin jazz group "Nuevo Jazz Detroit."

Fall Services Begin Sept. 16th

- 8:30 am Chapel Worship
- 10 am – The Conversation
- 10:30 am – Sanctuary Worship

Worship Arts

Chancel Choir Kicks Off

Thursday, Sept 6th

Join us at 6 pm at Pastor Jack's house for food and fellowship. There will be a short rehearsal following dinner.

Back to Rehearsal on Sept. 13th

Thursday, September 13th marks our **return to regular fall rehearsals** for most Worship Arts groups. Join us for creative expression and fellowship.

- Alleluia Dancers—4 pm
- Good New Ringers—5 pm
- YTBN Ringers—5:45 pm
- Agape Ringers Rehearsals—6:25 pm
- Jubilate Dancers—6:30 pm
- New Joy and Carol Choir—6:30 pm
- Chancel Choir—7:30 pm
- **Sunday September 16th at 11:45am** will be the first fall rehearsal for Built on the Rock Youth Ensemble.

Worship Arts Open House

Thursday, September 13th will also be a Worship Arts Open House. Everyone is invited to wander in and out of rehearsals throughout the afternoon

and evening to see what we do, how we do it, and whether it might be something you (or someone you know) might enjoy.

Invite family and friends!

Fellowship

Central Cinema Kicks Off Saturday, Sept. 8th

Our first showing will be the film "Gifted," about a single man raising a child prodigy—his spirited young niece Mary—and his struggle with the demands of Mary's maternal grandmother and his desire to insure Mary a "normal" childhood.

Central Café – First Dinner Thursday, Sept. 20th

We're back to serving a delicious meal at Central Café. Come for dinner then stay for rehearsals. Please be aware that the cost of dinner is increasing slightly as follows:

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

Children and Youth

Confirmation Orientation Sunday, Sept. 16th

Confirmation class will begin with a blessing and informational meeting. The blessing will be at the 10:30 am service with the information meeting to follow. Confirmation is geared towards those in 7th and 8th grades and will meet on Sunday nights from 4:30–5:30pm throughout the school year. This is a chance for youth to grow in faith and become members of the church. See Rev. Cora for more information, or sign up at:

waterfordcumc.org/confirmation.

Youth Group Kick Off Sunday, Sept. 16th, 6 pm

4th through 12th grade students and their families are invited to Youth Group Kick Off! We'll get to know one

another over good food and fun. Rev. Cora will share plans for the school year and opportunities to get involved. Please contact the church office (248-681-0040 or info@waterfordcumc.org) to let us know if your youth and family can be part of our kick off.

3rd Grade Bible Sunday, Sept. 16th, 10:30 am Worship

Please let Rev. Cora know by September 5th if you know a 3rd Grader who would like to be presented with a Bible.

Book and Bible Studies

Fall is a great time to re-commit to God and your Faith Growth. Central offers something for everyone!

Purple Threads—Thursday, Sept. 18th, 7pm

This women's bible study and prayer group will begin a new study on *Fire on the Mountain: Displaying God to a Broken World* by Ray Vander Laan.

FaithLink—Sunday, Sept. 16th, 9:15am

This group connects faith and current events and will begin the fall season with a discussion on "The Truth About Immigration on Our Southern Border."

Thursday Evening Study—Sept. 13th, 6:30 pm

Runs through Thursday, Oct. 4th

We know that hope is central to our identity as Christians and we know that supreme hope is found in a relationship with Jesus Christ, but how does that relationship become real to us? In *Citizens of Hope*, a book and four-week small-group study, we'll be guided on a formative path of understanding who God is and who you are as God's children.

Don't see your favorite study or group listed? Not to worry; we're still working out fall plans for a few of the groups. We'll share the info as soon as it becomes available.

Worship the Lord with Gladness!

If you're looking for fun and fellowship while enhancing Central's weekly worship, there is no better place than the Church's



performing arts department. Kids can get involved in the Carol and New Joy Choir, Good News Ringers, or Alleluia Dancers, all offering an opportunity to learn together, build close bonds, and of course have lots of fun as they express themselves and their love for God, our community and the world.

Youth have the option of Jubilate Dancers, YTBN Ringers, or Built on the Rock. All are accepting new or continuing youth and offer more depth and challenging programming. As Built on the Rock is still new, we want to emphasize that this is an ensemble built by the youth (6th–12th grade), which means they choose the direction of the music both in style and substance. This year we plan on collectively writing a song in addition to exploring different styles of music. It is a great place to have your “voice” heard for instrumentalists and singers alike!

For adults, we have the Agape Ringers and the Chancel Choir. The most common response when asked about joining is “I could never do that,” but you CAN! We come together to work, but also to share laughs and fellowship. If you are willing to take instruction in a low pressure environment, both of these groups would welcome you with open arms.

We are close-knit groups because we know that ‘the whole is greater than the sum of its parts’ and if you know that too, you will find yourself around warm, amazing people doing greater things together than any of us could ever do alone. Come weekly and experience the joy and wonder of this with us!



Sympathies To

The Rev. Paul Gartor and family on the death of his wife Martha Gartor; members of St. Mark, Kakata UMC.

The family and friends of Beverly Chisnell.

Thank You!

To the organizers and bus sponsors of Central's epic trip to Cedar Point! If you missed this year, don't worry—plans are in the works for next year!



Opportunities to Serve & Grow

Volunteer to Help with Children and Youth

Rev. Cora is looking for adult mentors to help with 2018-2019 Youth Group and Sunday school. Please contact her for information or to volunteer.

Help Redecorate the Parlor

We're looking for a team to help us give the Parlor a face lift. If you have a flair for redecorating and would like to help, contact the church office.

Join Confirmation Class

7th and 8th Graders! Make a personal commitment to God and your faith growth by participating in the 2018-2019 Confirmation class.

Become an Usher

We are looking for friendly folks to help greet and seat people before



worship service on Sundays. Contact the church office if you're interested.

Central is Hosting at HOPE Shelter

Join us as we host at HOPE Shelter in Pontiac on Sept. 21st, 22nd and 24th. Volunteers are needed to prepare a hot meal at Central, transport it to HOPE Shelter, serve guests and clean up. Volunteers are also needed to help with guest intake, monitor the shower schedule and distribute hygiene items to guests. Volunteers must be 18 years or older.

Monetary donations are also being accepted to cover the cost of food and supplies for 80 meals.

For more information, contact **Deb Schmid**, 248-705-8546 or debra.hs@att.net, or **Cheryl Hinsberg**, 248-376-1803 or mrjiminmi@aol.com.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2</p> <p>10 am - Summer Worship; Back to School Blessing</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p> 	<p>4</p> <p>1 pm - Hutchinson Circle</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:00 am - Keller-Fitz Book Study</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8 am - Fix-It Crew 6 pm - Chancel Choir Kick-off & Potluck</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p>1</p> <p>6 pm - Central Cinema "Gifted"</p>
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