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Connecting with God,

Connecting with Others,

Changing our World with Christ's Love

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Dear Friends,

John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement that gave birth to the United Methodist Church—as well as other “Methodist-based” denominations—lived his entire life in the eighteenth century (1703-1791). Wesley lived in a turbulent time; the industrial Revolution began in the 1760s, eliciting concerns about the tremendous growth of cities, meeting people’s basic health care needs and child labor laws. The chasm between the rich and the poor grew as the Protestant movement shook the foundations of the Orthodox and Catholic Church, and hearts were opened to new religious ideas and practices.

Wesley was very concerned with the social issues of his day and how people behaved toward money and wealth—especially when caring for those marginalized in a quickly changing society. In his classic sermon, “The Use of Money,” Wesley defined some basic practices regarding money and wealth. He wrote, “Having, first, gained all you can, and, secondly saved all you can, then ‘give all you can.’” In his book, *Earn. Save. Give*, Pastor Jim Harnish offers Wesley’s wisdom in modern language: Earn all you can. Save all you can. Give all you can. (Pages 12 and 13)

Over two centuries after Wesley shared his concern, I have to say that, as a pastor in the Methodist stream of Protestantism, I remain concerned with people’s attitudes and behavior about money. It is one of my greatest concerns

as I work with young couples preparing for marriage. It is of great interest and concern as I work with the financial leaders of our church; trying to do more with less and maintaining our beautiful facilities. More than those concerns about what we might call the “mechanics” of money, I am concerned about people’s heart, priorities, attitudes and struggles when it comes to talking about money.

As our annual stewardship campaign in October begins, I invited you to be involved any number of ways available to you. During the four Sundays of the campaign I will offer messages based on Pastor Harnish’s book. There is a companion devotional book you may purchase and read throughout the month. You can also participate in one of three studies offered beginning on September 30. Those studies are outline in this issue of the Chimes. All I ask is that you get involved with our Stewardship Program in October at the level with which you are comfortable, but with the encouragement to stretch your faith.

It is my hope that we can grow together in our understanding of stewardship as part of living faithfully, as we seek to follow Jesus the Christ at Central Church. I look forward to seeing you in worship.

Because of Christ,

Pastor Jack



SUNDAY WORSHIP

- 8:30 am - Chapel Worship
- 10:00 am - The Conversation
- 10:30 am - Sanctuary Worship

UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

September 23rd

Rev. Cora preaching while Jack is away.

Music by the Chancel Choir.



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

Sept. 30th, Oct. 2nd & Oct. 4th - *Earn. Save. Give.* Studies Begin

October 6th, 6pm - Central Cinema “Lars and the Real Girl”

October 7th, 2pm - CROP Walk

October 8th, 6:30 pm - Finance Committee Meeting

October 8th, 7:30 pm - Church Council Meeting

October 10th, 7 pm - FastTrack Bible Study Begins

October 11th, 6:30 pm - “God’s Messy Family” Study Begins.

October 22nd, 7 pm - SPRC Meeting

October 23rd, 7pm - Trustees Meeting

October 28th, 4pm - Trunk or Treat

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The deadline for the Sunday, October 7th issue of *Chimes* is Wednesday, September 26th. 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 Spotlight: HOPE Warming Center

HOPE Hospitality and Warming Center, Inc. (previously called Place of HOPE) was founded in 1998 as a community response to a person freezing to death in downtown Pontiac. Since this time, the center has provided seasonal emergency shelter for individuals in northern Oakland County, turning no one away.

The shelter hosts guests each night, providing warmth, an evening meal, a shower, a safe place to sleep, and—on many mornings—a light breakfast. The center also provides its guests with hygiene kits and dry socks and underwear.

Central Church has a 15 year tradition of serving the homeless at the HOPE Shelter. Volunteers prepare dinner in the church kitchen for approximately 80 guests, serve the meal and clean up. Central volunteers also assist with shower sign up and the distribution of personal hygiene kits. **This fall, Central will be serving Friday September 21st, Saturday Sept 22nd and Monday September 24th.** Volunteers leave the church at 6:30pm, ride together to HOPE and return about 9:45pm.

Central's HOPE Shelter Ministry is led by Cheryl Hinsberg, Deb Hayden-Schmid and Shiela Strang. This ministry provides an opportunity for Central's members to live out our mission of connecting with God, connecting with others and changing our world with Christ's love. Prayers are appreciated for the clients, staff and

volunteers at HOPE Shelter.

Monetary donations are also being accepted. It takes about \$200 per night to prepare dinner and provide paper products for the meal. If you would like to help, please bring your donation to the church office or put it in the offering plate. Label check donations with "HOPE Shelter."

About HOPE Shelter

Hope Shelter serves 500 individuals per year, of which 32% are homeless for the first time. HOPE Shelter is more than a nightly meal and place to sleep. Its comprehensive service model provides guests with wide-ranging support to help them find a permanent path out of homelessness.

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

2018 CROP Walk

Sunday, October 7th

Join us in raising funds to help eliminate hunger locally and around the world. This year's walk will begin at 2pm (registration is 1:30pm) at Christ Lutheran Church. We need walkers and

sponsors. To walk or be a sponsor, visit Janice Mann at the CROP Walk sign up table. Donations can also be made during the offering (mark envelopes/checks CROP Walk) or online at crophungerwalk.org/waterfordmi. The names of walkers will be posted in the chapel hallway.

For more info, see Janice Mann at the table in the Chapel Hallway, or call her at (248) 738-6702. For more info on CROP walk, visit our website at:

[News=>2018 CROP Walk](#)



Welcome to Central's New Organist/Accompanist

Jun Bernier



Please say hello when you see her in worship!

Central Golf Outing
Sunday, September 30th
2:00 p.m.
Springfield Oaks Golf Course
\$27.00 per person
Sign up outside the Church office.

2018 Stewardship Study

Earn. Save. Give.

John Wesley boils fiscal responsibilities down to just three rules: Earn all you can. Save all you can. Give all you can. Sounds simple, right? Yes, but not easy, especially in today's culture of consumerism. This twenty-first century translation of Wesley's money management philosophy will give everyone in a new way to think about money.

There will be three sessions; please sign up in the office or online for your preferred day and time. Books will be available in the office for \$10.

- Sundays, 7 pm on 9/30, 10/7, 10/14 & 10/21
- Tuesdays, 7 pm on 10/2, 10/9, 10/16 & 10/23
- Thursdays, 10 am on 10/4, 10/11, 10/18 & 10/25

Thursday Evening Study A New Study Begins October 11th, 6:30-7:30 pm

Thursday Night Bible Study will begin "God's Messy Family" on October 11th. This study will take a look at the lives of Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Rebekah, Jacob, and Esau. As we meet these "messy" families in the stories in Genesis, you'll recognize a pattern to their lives: they are called, they mess up, and God continues to redeem them. Sound familiar? Find out how your "messy" family fits into God's family and how you are part of God's plan for the world. All are invited!



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

- Marie Wilson, 10/3
- Larry Quick, 10/4
- Marion Gonzalez, 10/14
- Russell Jacobson, 10/15
- Virginia Mueller, 9/20
- Beatrice Blomquist, 10/26
- Catharine Hazen, 10/27

Sympathies To

The family and friends of Rev. Susan Bennett Stiles, who passed away on August 31st, 2018.

Bob Stephenson and family on the death of his mother Betty Stephenson.

Thank You

Dear Central Family,

A word of thanks to Pastor Jack for his visit to my mother and phone call inquiring of her well being when she was in Beaumont Hospital. The note from Purple Threads was a highlight, too. Healing and stress made a little easier with our "family" support. Thank you! Thank you Central Family!

-Jan & Marshall (Rice)

Dear Central UMC,

Thank you for your contribution to the Deacons and Julie Bard Book Drive at this year's Michigan Annual Conference. Our goal was 1,000 books for children, and we collected over 2,600! Your contribution helped us exceed this goal. Thank you and God bless you.

-Michigan Order of Deacons

A special thank you to St. Paul's United Methodist church for their donation to Central's food pantry.

Opportunities to Serve & Grow

Make a Stewardship Pledge

Support Central's mission to "Connect with God, Connect with Others and Change the World with Christ's Love" with a monetary pledge for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

Mentor Children and Youth

Rev. Cora is looking for adults 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.

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.

Join a Study or Discussion Group



FaithLink. Sundays at 9:15am. This group hosts discussions that connect the Bible, United Methodism, and life today.

Purple Threads. Tuesdays at 6pm. This women's group is studying *Fire On the Mountain: Displaying God to a Broken World*.

Keller-Fitz. Bible and book study meets Wednesdays at 10am.

Disciple Fast Track. Wednesdays at 7pm. Bible study for the time challenged.

Thursday Evening Studies. Bible and book study meets Thursdays at 6:30pm.

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