

## Christmas Services

### Blue Christmas

**Wednesday, December 19th, 7pm**

A service of remembrance and encouragement. Leave your pain, loss and discouragement at the altar in readiness to find peace this Advent season.

### Family Service

**Sunday, December 23, 6:30pm**

An intergenerational, family-friendly "candlelight" Christmas service that is interactive and engaging for all ages.

### Christmas Eve

**Monday, December 24**

8:00pm—Carols & Candlelight Service. Featuring the Jubilate Dancers and Chancel Choir.

11:00pm—Carols & Communion Service. Music by the Chancel Choir.

## Mission and Giving

### Clothe-a-Child

Help clothe children from the Waterford school district by making a monetary donation. Make checks payable to the Church with "Clothe-a-Child" in the memo. More information is available in the church office.

(See back for more opportunities)

## Baldwin Holiday Store

Donate items to the Baldwin Center Holiday Store to help make the holidays brighter for those in need. The deadline for donations is December 9th. For more info, contact Sally Lawrence.

### Compassionate Christmas Cards

Purchase Christmas cards beginning November 25th for a \$5 per card donation. Donations will go to various Central missions. Cards can be purchased in the hallway or from the church office.

### Jail Ministry

Central will collect Christmas cards with stamped envelopes for prisoners to send to family and friends. Please place donations in the Chapel hallway by December 2nd.

### Christmas Wishes for Methodist Children's Home

Take a snowman ornament from the window in the Narthex and bring a new unwrapped gift to the church by Sunday, December 9th to benefit boys in the Methodist Children's Home.

### Hats and Mittens/Gloves

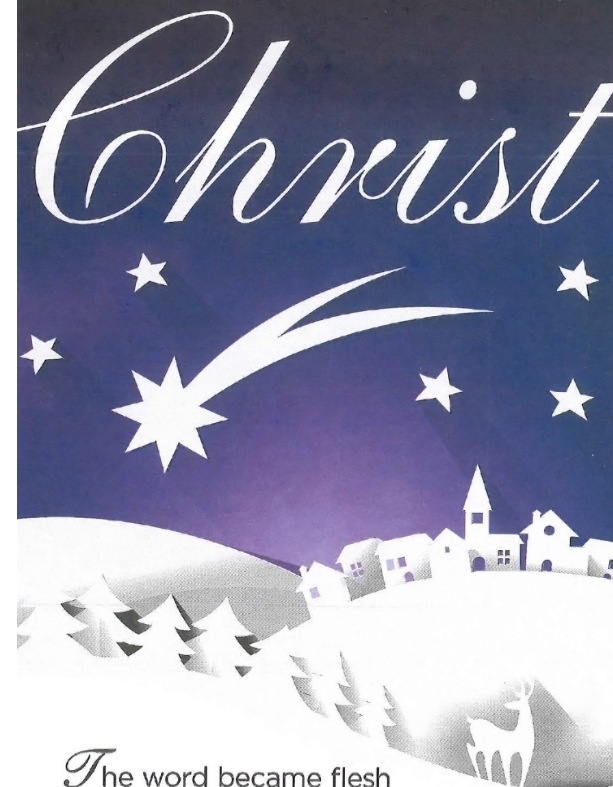
Donate a matched set of a hat + mittens/gloves after November 25th to go to Waterford School children through the Clothe-a-Child program (please no scarves).

### Advent Mission Project

Central UMC will tithe 10% of our Christmas Offering to local missions: Oakland HOPE and Baldwin Center.

## Celebrating Advent and Christmas 2018

Opportunities for Worship,  
Fellowship, Giving  
and Faith Growth



*The* word became flesh  
and made his home among us.

—JOHN 1:14

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## Advent Worship

### Creating a Culture of Calling Message Series

First Sunday in Advent  
**Sunday, December 2nd**

**Services at 9:15 and 10:30am**

Baby's First Christmas at the 10:30am service. Pastor Jack's message: "The Stories We Live—Called *For...*" Music by the Chancel Choir and Agape Ringers.

Second Sunday in Advent  
**Sunday, December 9th**

**Services at 9:15 and 10:30am**

Pastor Jack's message: "The Stories We Live—Called *Through...*" Christmas Cantata during 10:30 worship presented by the children and youth.

Third Sunday in Advent  
**Sunday, December 16th**

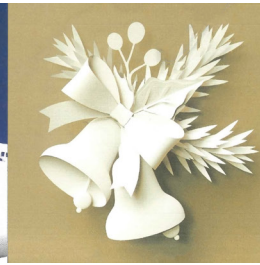
**Services at 9:15 and 10:30am**

Pastor Jack's message: "The Stories We Live—Called *In...*" Worship Arts featuring Chancel Choir and Alleluia Dancers.

Fourth Sunday in Advent  
**Sunday, December 23rd**

**Services at 9:15 and 10:30am**

Pastor Jack's message: "The Stories We Live—Called *Within...*" Music by the Chancel Choir and Good News Ringers.



## Faith Formation

### Advent Study *The Gift of the Nutcracker*

**Thursdays 11/29—12/20, 10:30am & 6:30pm**

This four-week study will explore the characters from *The Nutcracker* and apply them to our familiar Christmas narrative. Join us Thursdays in the Parlor. Contact Rev. Cora for childcare.

### Advent Lunch & Learn

**Sunday, December 2nd, 12–2pm**

What is Advent? How do I celebrate it? Everyone is invited to this afternoon of discovering what Advent is and how we can participate in it this year. Light lunch provided.

### #PictureAdvent

Join us for this engaging online journey and share Advent images with your church family. Watch for more info to come.

## Music and Fellowship

### Hanging of the Greens

**Saturday, December 1st, 9am**

Help transform the church for Christmas and enjoy a light lunch when our labors are done. Sign up outside the church office or contact Jannette Deszell.

### Jackson Chorale Concert

**Saturday, December 8th, 7:30pm**

Enjoy an evening of Christmas music with the critically acclaimed Jackson Chorale. Visit [www.jacksonchorale.org](http://www.jacksonchorale.org) for ticket information.

### Christmas Cantata

**Sunday, December 9th, 10:30am**

Join us during worship as the children present "What Child Was This?" Featuring solos from the New Joy Singers Youth Ensemble and Carol & New Joy Choirs with flute, piano and percussion accompaniment.

### Tuesday Musicale Concert

**Tuesday, December 11th, 7:30pm**

"Let Heaven and Nature Sing," a free Christmas performance by the Tuesday Musicale Chorus and Adele Thomas Bell Choir. There will be an afterglow immediately following the concert.

### All Church Caroling

**Sunday, December 16th, 5pm**

This youth-group sponsored event allows us to share Christmas cheer with our homebound members. Everyone is invited. Sign up outside the church office or contact Rev. Cora for more info.