



CHIMES

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

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

New member Sunday. Pastor Jack will continue his C3 message series with "The Stories We Live—Called As..." Music by Built on the Rock.

Dear Central Family,

I know that we have some winter sports fans in our church; people who love the snow and the games and sports we play in the cold of winter. Ruth and I watch the Olympics with great interest and I particularly enjoy trying to appreciate sports that I really don't fully understand. One such sport is the luge. It looks very dangerous and I'm certain there is skill involved; however, I must admit that to my untrained eyes it looks as if the rider on the sled is completely out of control and at the mercy of ice and gravity!

Having established that image, I want to share with you something Ruth said to me recently as we were trying to coordinate the upcoming holidays with our family and friends. When I suggested that we really needed to get moving on creating our schedule, Ruth agreed saying, "Yes—because the luge of the holidays will soon be upon us!" Isn't that a great image for the holidays? We make plans, and in the church we prepare for extra services and events; yet it seems that Thanksgiving weekend is the tipping point for the holiday, and we're suddenly hurling through those last days of November and December at breakneck speed.

While I commiserate with everyone who tries to do too much in so few days, I do want to offer you the perspective that perhaps a study group or a special worship service might offer you rest and respite in the midst of the hustle and bustle of the holidays. Perhaps taking the

time to be with others studying scripture or worshipping together can help you focus on the deepest meaning of this time of year—that love came down that first Christmas in the form of the Christ child.

In addition to the special services and events we are hosting at Central Church are the many ways in which you can support a variety of local ministries. Please look through this issue of the *Chimes*, or refer to the Advent/Christmas brochure you will receive within the next week with a letter outlining the missions that will benefit from our Advent/Christmas Special Offering.

In the meantime, let me offer you—even in the middle of November—a hearty Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas! May the weeks ahead be more like a peaceful sleigh ride than a luge! I look forward to seeing you in worship.

Because of Christ,

Pastor Jack

**Service Times Will
Be Changing
Effective Sunday,
December 2nd**

We will be going to a
two-service format.

**9:15am - The Conversation
10:30am - Sanctuary Worship**



- Nov. 18th** - New Member Sunday
- Nov. 22nd** - Thanksgiving Day; Church Office Closed
- Nov. 23rd, 12 - 6pm** - Blood Drive
- Nov 24th, 9am** - Hanging of the Greens
- Nov. 25th** - United Methodist Student Day
- Nov. 26th, 7pm** - SPRC Mtg.
- Nov. 27th, 7pm** - Trustees Mtg.
- Nov. 29th, 6:30pm** - Advent Study "The Gift of the Nutcracker" Begins
- Dec. 2nd** - Service Time Change; Advent Begins
- Dec. 2nd, 12pm** - Advent Lunch & Learn
- Dec. 8th, 7:30pm** - Jackson Chorale Christmas Concert
- Dec. 10th, 6:30pm** - Finance Committee Meeting
- Dec. 11th, 7:30pm** - Tuesday Musicales Christmas Program
- Dec. 16th, 5:30pm** - All Church Caroling

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The deadline for the Sunday, December 2nd issue of *Chimes* is Wednesday, November 21st. 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



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

- June MacLennan, 12/10
- Earline Huntley 12/12
- John Radenbaugh, 12/12
- Gil Waters, 12/25
- John Pagen, 12/27

Central 50+ Anniversaries

Congratulations to:

- John & Nancy Radenbaugh, 12/20, 60 yrs.
- John & Elizabeth Sawyers, 12/28, 61 yrs.

Address Changes

Please note there is a new mailing address for:

Emily Wendt
1223 Windsong Dr.
Waterford, MI 48327

Moriah & Kristie Jade
9250 Little Farm Dr.
White Lake, MI 48386



Stewardship 2018

Thank you to everyone who has turned in your pledge card. As of mid-November we have received 110 pledge cards representing 18 new contributions and an increase in giving by 42 households. You can still put pledge cards in the offering or drop them off at the office.

Hanging of the Greens

Saturday, Nov 24th, 9am

Help decorate the church for the Christmas season. Enjoy a light lunch after the decorating is done. Sign up outside the church office or contact Jannette Deszell for more info.



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. Contact Rev. Cora for childcare.

Advent Lunch & Learn

Sunday, Dec. 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.

Christmas Cantata

Sunday, Dec. 9th at 10:30am
Worship

“What Child Was This?” will be presented by the Carol & New Joy Choirs and features the New Joy Singers Youth Ensemble

Advent Devotionals

Devotional guides and resources for all ages will soon be available in the Chapel Hallway.

Holiday Mission and Giving Opportunities



Holiday Shopping for Good

Keep Central in mind while you're planning your holiday gift-giving.

Scrip Cards

When you buy gift cards from Central a portion of each purchase goes to support the church. Get cards on Sunday or during Central Cafe at the Script table.

Amazon Smile

Designate Central as your non-profit, then start your online shopping at smile.amazon.com. A portion of what you spend will be donated to Central.

Kroger Rewards

Sign up and select Central to receive a donation based on your Kroger shopping.

Gifts to Our Little Sprouts

We've built a "wish list" at Amazon for items needed! You can access it from the Little Sprouts Facebook page. Remember to use smile.amazon.com to also support Central!

Sympathies To

Janice Caldwell on the death of her brother, Annabelle Closson on the death of her brother-in-law, and Leah Helpin and family on the death of her uncle, Jason Closson.

Kevin and Leslie Naeve on the death of his grandmother, Marion Ryder.

Don and Mary Lou Osborn on the death of his sister, Ruby Rush.



Thank you to everyone who gave a memorial gift in honor of beloved friends and family who have passed on, including:

- Sue Barnes
- Jason Closson
- Joanne Green
- Colin Strang

Holiday Blood Drive

Friday, November 23rd
Noon-6pm

Give blood to someone besides retailers this holiday. Sign up to donate or volunteer in the Chapel hallway. Appointments are available throughout the day. We also need donations of snacks.

Compassionate Christmas Cards

Purchase cards beginning
Sunday, November 25th

Cards can be purchased in the Chapel hallway or from the church office. Proceeds will go to support various Central missions.

Clothe-a-Child

Donate to help provide winter clothing to Waterford students. Donate through Compassionate Christmas Cards, or write a check to CUMC with "Clothe-a-Child" in the memo line.

Hats and Mittens/Gloves

Donate a matched set of a hat plus mittens or gloves to go to a Waterford student through the Clothe-a-Child program (please no scarves).

Christmas Poinsettias

Order by November 25th

Order a poinsettia to decorate the sanctuary. Order forms are available in the office.

Jail Ministry

Cards Due by December 2nd

Help a prisoner stay in touch with family this holiday by donating blank Christmas cards with stamped envelopes.

Baldwin Holiday Store

Donations Due by Sunday,
December 9th

Purchase new items to donate to the Baldwin Center Holiday Store and make Christmas brighter for a local family. For a list of items, visit Central's website at News=>Baldwin Central Holiday Store.

Christmas Wishes for Methodist Children's Home

Donations Due by Sunday,
December 9th

Take a snowman ornament from the window in the Narthex and purchase a gift for a boy in the Methodist Children's Home.




Baldwin Center Ham Drive December 9th

We will be collecting 5-7 lb. boneless hams for Baldwin Center to use in their holiday food baskets. If you'd like to donate, please bring a ham and leave it on the counter in the kitchen to be delivered to the Baldwin Center. For more information, contact John Lawrence.



CROP Walk Support

We are \$200 short of our goal this year for CROP Walk. On Sunday, Nov. 18th we will be collecting additional contributions to help us meet our goal. Please mark checks "CROP Walk."

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2 9:15 am - The Conversation 9:15 am - FaithLink 10:30 am - Worship 11:45 am - BotR 12 pm - Advent Lunch & Learn 4:30 pm - Conf. Class 5:45 pm - Youth Group</p>	<p>3 10:30 am - Chair Yoga 7:30 pm - Boy Scouts</p>	<p>4 6:30 pm - Girl Scouts</p>	<p>5 10 am - Keller-Fitz Book Study 7 pm - Leader Dog Training 7 pm - FastTrack Bible Study</p>	<p>6 8 am - Fix-It Crew 10:30 am - Advent Study 4 - 9 pm - Central Cafe 6:30 pm - Thurs. Eve. Advent Study</p>	<p>7 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>1 10 am - Carol & New Joy Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm - Jackson Chorale Christmas Program</p>
<p>9 9:15 am - The Conversation 9:15 am - FaithLink 10:30 am - Worship 11:45 am - BotR 4:30 pm - Conf. Class 5:45 pm - Youth Group</p>	<p>10 9:30 am - Moms Connect 10:30 am - Chair Yoga 6:30 pm - Finance Committee Mtg. 7:30 pm - Boy Scouts</p>	<p>11 7:30 pm - Tuesday Musicale Program "Let Heaven and Nature Sing"</p>	<p>12 10 am - Keller-Fitz Book Study 7 pm - FastTrack Bible Study</p>	<p>13 8 am - Fix-It Crew 10:30 am - Advent Study 4 - 9 pm - Central Cafe 6:30 pm - Thurs. Eve. Advent Study</p>	<p>14 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16 9:15 am - The Conversation 9:15 am - FaithLink 10:30 am - Worship 11:45 am - BotR 4:30 pm - Conf. Class 5:30 pm - All Church Caroling 5:45 pm - Youth Group</p>	<p>17 10:30 am - Chair Yoga</p>	<p>18 6:30 pm - Girl Scouts 7 pm - Leader Dog Training</p>	<p>19 10 am - Keller-Fitz Book Study 7 pm - Blue Christmas 8 pm - FastTrack Bible Study</p>	<p>20 8 am - Fix-It Crew 10:30 am - Advent Study 4 - 9 pm - Central Cafe 6:30 pm - Thurs. Eve. Advent Study</p>	<p>21 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23 9:15 am - The Conversation 9:15 am - FaithLink 10:30 am - Worship 11:45 am - BotR 4:30 pm - Conf. Class 6:30 pm - Family Christmas Service</p>	<p>24 Church Office Closed at Noon 8 pm - Carols & Candlelight Service 11 pm - Carols & Communion Service Christmas Eve</p>	<p>25  Christmas Day Church Office Closed</p>	<p>26 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>27 8 am - Fix-It Crew NO CENTRAL CAFE OR REHEARSALS</p>	<p>28 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30 9:15 am - The Conversation 9:15 am - FaithLink 10:30 am - Worship</p>	<p>31 10:30 am - Chair Yoga  New Years Eve</p>		<p>Support Groups Alcoholics Anonymous: Monday 11:00 am & Wednesday 6:00 pm Food Addicts in Recovery: Saturday 9:00 am Nar-Anon: Thursday 7:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous: Thursday 8:00 pm & Saturday 7:00 pm Lyme Disease: 2nd Tuesday @ 7:00 pm</p>	<p>Central Café 4:00-5:00 pm Alleluia Dancers 5:00-5:45 pm Good News Ringers 5:15-6:30 pm Dinner served 5:45-6:25 pm YTBN Bell Ringers 6:25-7:15 pm Agape Ringers 6:30-7:30 pm New Joy & Carol Choirs 6:30-7:30 pm Jubilate Dancers 7:30-9:00 pm Chancel Choir</p>		