



CHIMES

Central United Methodist Church

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

JANUARY 6, 2019

SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:15 am- The Conversation

10:30 am - Sanctuary Worship

UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

Epiphany Sunday. Pastor Jack's message is "Re-Solutions for the New Year."

We'll ring in the New Year with a festive hymn sing.

Happy New Year Church!

I am writing this greeting on the 7th day of Christmas, which means that I need to add Seven Swans a Swimming to my Six Geese a Laying, Five Golden Rings, Four Calling Birds, Three French Hens, Two Turtle Doves and that Partridge in a Pear Tree. You know how the song goes!

The 12 days of Christmas ends with Epiphany on January 6. Epiphany is observed as a church festival commemorating the appearance of the Magi to the baby Jesus, as well as Mary and Joseph. We also recognize this meeting as the first presentation of the Christ Child to Gentiles. The word "epiphany" means an appearance or manifestation, especially of a divine being. It also means an intuitive grasp of reality through something (such as an event), usually simple and striking; an illuminating discovery, realization, or disclosure.

As I have had time to sit down and review this past week, I have experienced an epiphany of the latter sense. In my most prideful reflections, I want to share with you that we nailed our Christmas Eve services: the music was phenomenal (thank you Kevin, Jun and choir), the dancers were inspiring (thank you Katie and dancers); I even had a few people praise my message (thank you David Field, Bishop David Bard and Bishop Michael Curry). Our attendance was up along with our spirits!

On second and perhaps third reflections, I have to say that I found our Blue Christmas service and our family-friendly Christmas Eve service very meaningful (thank you Rev. Cora and Jun). Through those worship experiences we met the needs of those who are grieving losses in their lives, and we met the needs of young families with children. There were some silly moments and there were some profoundly sacred moments during both of those services.

My epiphany is that we need both the grand gestures of worship to celebrate the majesty and awe of our loving God and Savior. We also need the assurance of God's love and presence found in a comforting hug, a kind word or a silly encounter with a child.

As we enter 2019, I am thankful for you, my church family, for your faith and witness in grand and small gestures. I trust that 2019 will continue to bring blessings to us all.

Because of Christ,

Pastor Jack

Movie Message Series

- Jan. 20th—Aquaman
- Jan. 27th—Mary Poppins Returns
- Feb. 3rd—On the Basis of Sex

Watch for opportunities to go as a group to see the films.

Jan. 5th, 9am - Unhanging of the Greens

Jan. 5th, 6pm - Central Cinema

Jan. 6th, 11:45am & 5:45pm - C3 Study Begins

Jan. 9th, 7pm - C3 Study Begins

Jan. 10th - Central Cafe and Rehearsals Resume

Jan. 10th, 6:30pm - C3 Study Begins

Jan. 14th, 9:30am - Mom's Connect

Jan. 14th, 7:30pm - Finance Mtg.

Jan. 14th, 7:30pm - Church Council Meeting.

Jan. 17th, Noon - Harvesters Gathering

Jan 20th, 4:30-7:30pm - Volunteer Opportunity at Micah 6

Harvesters!

Thursday, Jan. 17th @ Noon

Join us at the church for a showing of the film "The War Room."

Bring a snack to share.

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The deadline for the Sunday, January 20th issue of *Chimes* is Wednesday, January 9th. Please send all of your articles, thank you notes and address changes to the Church office or e-mail them to rdanek@waterfordcumc.org.

Men's Summit January 25th–27th

The weekend-long event will be at the Judson Collins Retreat Center. This year's study will be the four-part DVD series "Your Move." Cost is \$95 per person. Sign up outside the office or see Mark Strobel or John Pierre for more info.



Join Us in Serving Our Community!

Sunday, January 20th from 4:30-7:30 pm

Join our youth in volunteering with Micah 6 (Micah6community.org), a faith-based nonprofit looking to improve Pontiac through access to healthy food, affordable housing, and job skills. We will help paint, sand, and clean up one of Micah 6's apartments that they will soon be renting affordably to a family in Pontiac. We could especially use some volunteers who have experience painting or doing light repair work. Bring your work gloves and your positive energy; Rev. Cora will provide the pizza! Contact Rev. Cora if you plan to attend or sign up outside the church office.

Address Changes

Please note there are new mailing addresses and/or phone numbers for:

Sherri Keller
Waterford Oaks W. #20
3385 Pontiac Lake Rd.
Waterford, MI 48328

Jack Chettleburgh
12410 Maple Road
Goodrich, MI 48438
(248) 568-6840

Ignatz Mamayek
6875 Elizabeth Lake Rd.
Waterford, MI 48327-1726



**Happy New Year from
the Staff of Central
Church!**



If you are doing a direct disbursement to the church from one of your investment accounts, please notify the church office. **We have recently received an unmarked disbursement payment. Please contact our bookkeeper, Sue Newill, at (248) 681-0040 or snewill@waterfordcumc.org so that we can properly credit it to your giving account. Thank you.**

Christmas Giving

Thank you for all of your support of Central's Christmas programs, including:

- Baldwin Holiday Store
- Methodist Children's Home
- Baldwin Ham Drive
- Christmas Cantata
- Holiday Blood Drive
- Christmas Cards for Inmates
- Clothe-a-Child
- Christmas Poinsettias
- Hats & Mitten Donations
- Carols & Beer

Additionally, Central has received thank-you cards and letters from::

- Open Door Outreach Center for a gift of \$500
- Lighthouse of Oakland County for a gift of \$400
- The Baldwin Center for a gift of \$670

And a special thank you from the Staff of Central Church for the generous Love Offering!



Do You Play Chess?

Join the Oakland County Chess Club the first Sunday of the month from 3-6pm in Fellowship Hall, beginning January 6th. All skill levels are welcome. For more information, visit: [facebook.com/oaklandcountychessclub](https://www.facebook.com/oaklandcountychessclub)



**Thank You To
Everyone Who
Helped Un-Hang
the Greens.**



Results from our Creating a Culture of Calling (C3) survey:

A few months ago members were invited to fill out a C3 survey to act as a benchmark as we embark on a three-year project of creating a culture of calling. This survey helped highlight aspects of faith and call that our congregants feel are our strengths, as well as areas to be strengthened.

Collectively, Central UMC survey-takers strongly agreed that they exercise moral responsibility by applying Christian ethics, virtues, and values to making moral decisions. They also generally have experienced a calling from God through their gifts, talents, and interests. Many indicated that they strongly felt they have a calling from God that they live out in marriage, parenting, or single life. Members felt strongly that CUMC provides support to help members live out their calling in everyday life and that the church celebrates people's callings.

Collectively, Central UMC survey-takers indicated the following as places where we could grow: devoting time to reading and studying the Bible, being involved in ways to promote social justice and address injustice in the world, developing a career that will give their lives meaning.

Central's Youth group also took a benchmark survey with similar themes. They indicated that they feel strongly that God cares for them, that they want to pursue careers that give meaning and purpose to their lives, and that CUMC gives them opportunities to use their God-given gifts in the church and the world. The youth group survey revealed the following growth areas: Devoting time to reading and studying the Bible, sharing their faith with others, and understanding God's purposes for their lives.

C3 Survey Results	Adults	Youth
Strengths 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exercise moral responsibility by applying Christian ethics, virtues, and values to making moral decisions. • Experience a calling from God through my gifts, talents, and interests. • Live out a calling in marriage, parenting, or single life. • Feel that CUMC provides support to help members live out their calling in everyday life and that the church celebrates people's callings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feel strongly that God cares for them. • Want to pursue careers that give meaning and purpose to their lives. • Feel that CUMC gives them opportunities to use their God-given gifts in the church and the world.
Growth Areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Devoting time to reading and studying the Bible. • Being involved in ways to promote social justice and address injustice in the world. • Developing a career that will give my life meaning. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Devoting time to reading and studying the Bible. • Sharing their faith with others. • Understanding God's purposes for their lives.

Creating a Culture of Call (C3) Studies Will Begin the Week of January 6th

We are offering small group book study opportunities based on the book *The Stories We Live*. Sign up today outside the office or online at waterfordcumc.org/join-a-c3-study/ for the class that best fits your schedule.

- Sundays after worship from 11:45am–12:45pm
- Sundays from 5:45pm–7:30pm (includes dinner)
- Wednesday from 7:00pm–8:30pm
- Thursdays from 6:30pm–7:30 pm
- There will be online options for young adults/college students and snowbirds (time TBD by interested participants).
- An alternative option is *The Stories We Live* two-session retreat, which will meet on Saturday, January 19th and Saturday, February 2nd from 9am–1pm.

Another Great Holiday for Clothe-a-Child

The team delivered another great year for this local program. On Monday, December 3rd volunteers packed countless articles of clothing into bags, then delivered the bags to local schools. This year, 397 children in three Waterford elementary schools—Donelson, Riverside and Beaumont—took home a bag of age-appropriate clothing to help get them through the school year.

The Clothe-a-Child program is a major undertaking and involves volunteer time throughout the year to shop for clothing during retail sale times. During the holiday, the effort steps up as the clothing is sorted and organized, labeled, packed into individual bags and delivered to the schools.

Thank you to Central's Clothe-a-Child team and the many volunteers who shopped, packed and delivered the clothing.

Monetary donations to Clothe-a-Child are welcome throughout the year and holiday giving is still welcome to offset costs of this year's program.



Clothe-a-Child volunteers packing and delivering clothing to local schools.

Thank You

Hi Central Family!

What a glorious treat we enjoyed when you came over as Carolers last night.

Your presence, smiles, good wishes, and hearty singing was a bright uplift for our spirits and filled the house with joy.

Thank you to all who came as well as those who facilitated your efforts. You are truly appreciated for your gift of Christmas spirit in song and visit.

—Marcia + Bob Swartz

Thank you for the card and plant from the Caring Core Angels. It certainly brightened the holiday

—Barbara J. Burns

Thank you Central United Methodist for all of the love and support that you show our families at Donelson Hills.

—Donelson

Methodist Children's Home Society

Thank you to everyone who provided gifts for the boys at the Methodist Children's home in Redford. Wishes for 48 boys were fulfilled, and there were even some extra gifts for the children in the foster care program. Each boy also received a \$25 gift card, and there were extras of those as well. Those card will be used for various programs during the year. The gift card total was \$1370! The gift cards were purchased through the Scrip program, and that benefits Central, too! A double blessing! The staff was delighted when we delivered the gifts, knowing how excited the boys will be on Christmas morning. Central continues to be a very giving and caring congregation. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

—Diana Carter for the Eschtruth Circle

To Clothe-a-Child Team from the Alberys. Thanks much for all your good work!

—Nancy

Thank you so very much for all of the wonderful supplies you provided for me, my classroom and our school! We have been so thankful for the wipes, paper towels, water bottle, gift card and more! Thanks for all your support for Riverside Elementary.

—Mrs. Curry's Second Grade Class