



CHIMES

Central United Methodist Church

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

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:15 am- The Conversation

10:30 am - Sanctuary Worship

UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

Third Sunday in Advent. Pastor Jack's message is "The Stories We Live—Called In..." Performance by the Alleluia Dancers.

Dear Church Family,

I recently read a story about a group of tourists visiting the Vatican. Their tour guide had told them about the famed Sistine Chapel: the place where the College of Cardinals meets to choose a new pope, the room whose ornate painted ceiling is Michelangelo's masterpiece.

One aspect of the Sistine Chapel comes as a surprise to most first-time visitors: its size. It's a rather small room. One young man was so eager to see Michelangelo's painted ceiling, he dashed in one end of the Sistine Chapel and out the other. He mistook the Chapel for some kind of antechamber. The tour guide had to chase after him, saying: "Come back, you missed it—and this time, remember to look up!" (From Homileticonline—Retrieved December 10, 2018)

The unknown author of the story makes the observation: "It's the sort of mistake that's so easy to make during Advent. It's so easy to confuse Advent with a waiting room: to dash through these four short weeks, arms laden with packages, eyes cast downward. Advent is a destination in its own right."

While it's true that we view Advent as our journey toward Christmas, it is also true that "Advent is a destination in its own right." After all, we spend more time in Advent than in Christmas—even if you count the Twelve Days of Christmas. Rather than the image of a waiting room, what if we considered Advent as the place

where the themes of our candle lighting liturgies reside: Hope, Love, Peace and Joy?

Hope allows us the exhilaration of expectation, wondering about the experience of once again welcoming the Christ Child into our midst. Love inspires us toward action for the benefit of others—those to whom we reach out with gifts, prayers and well-wishes; through our Clothe-a-Child program, the United Methodist Children Home gifts, our mission cards and hams for family meals distributed through the Baldwin Center (and more). Peace is what we seek in the midst of the hustle and bustle of these weeks, but it is also what we desire from our Prince of Peace—a contentment that God journeys with us in this place called Advent. Joy is that which carries us through the last week of Advent toward the birth of Jesus, and who doesn't experience joy at the sight of a baby?

These are busy weeks. I am busy. You are busy. I pray that this time—rather this place—of Advent will be a place through which you experience hope, love, peace and joy. I look forward to seeing you in worship.

Because of Christ,

Pastor Jack

There will be no Youth Group or Confirmation class on Sunday, Dec. 30th.



Dec. 16th, 5pm - All Church Caroling

Dec. 19th, 7pm - Blue Christmas

Dec. 20th, Noon - Harvesters Outing

Dec. 21st, 7pm - Carols & Beer at Rustic Leaf Brewing Co.

Dec. 23rd, 6:30pm - Family Christmas

Dec. 24th, 8pm & 11pm - Christmas Eve Worship

Dec. 27th - No Central Cafe or Rehearsals

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, 6:30pm - C3 Study Begins

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

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

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The deadline for the Sunday, January 6th issue of *Chimes* is Wednesday, December 19th. Please send all of your articles, thank you notes and address changes to the Church office or e-mail them to rdanek@waterfordcumc.org.



Deadlines...Deadlines!

Methodist Children's Home Gifts

Please have all gifts to the church by this **Sunday, December 16th** at noon.

Harvesters Christmas Outing

Please **sign up by this Sunday** for the Harvesters outing scheduled for December 20th at noon.

Scrip Card Orders

If you're planning to order Scrip cards, this **Sunday, December 16th** is the last day to order cards before Christmas. Cards ordered on the 16th will be available for pick up on Thursday, December 20th.



Central 50+ Anniversaries

Congratulations to:

- Raul & Kathleen Ochoa, 1/30, 53 yrs.



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

- Don McMillen
- Bill Wright
- Marion Ryder

Advent & Christmas Services

Third Sunday in Advent
Sunday, December 16th
9:15 and 10:30 am Worship.

Fourth Sunday in Advent
Sunday, December 23rd
9:15 and 10:30 am Worship.

Christmas Services

Blue Christmas

Wednesday, December 19th, 7 pm
A service of remembrance and encouragement.

Family Christmas Service
Sunday, December 23, 6:30 pm
An intergenerational, family-friendly "candlelight" service.

Christmas Eve

Monday, December 24
8:00 pm—Carols & Candlelight
11:00 pm—Carols & Communion



2018 End of Year Giving

Sometimes confusion exists on how year-end contributions are credited to your account. If you want funds to be credited to your 2018 giving, the funds must be *received at the church* in 2018. Cash/checks must be put into the offering plate or received through the mail by December 31st (and checks must be dated in 2018). Funds from e-giving must be received into the church's account by December 31st. The only exception is a mailed check that is dated in 2018 and postmarked in 2018, but not received until January 2019. These funds will be credited to your 2018 account. All other giving received after December 31st will be credited to 2019.

If you have questions, call Bookkeeper Sue Newill Tuesday–Thursday at (248) 681-0040.

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

- Marlene Fisher, 1/2
- Thomas Laing, 1/2
- Ethel Sinclair 1/5
- Raul Ochoa, 1/6
- Donald Osborne, 1/9
- Barbara J. Burns, 1/10
- Daniel Hosler, 1/14
- John Ostrander 1/14
- Shirley Tindall, 1/15
- Mary Jane Jewell, 1/21
- Mary McLintock, 1/21
- Glenna Mae Cox, 1/24
- Lillian Denyes, 1/27
- Ruby Rickard, 1/28
- Lorna Pierre, 1/31

Address Changes

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

Bill & Dianne Chewning
6580 Scenic Pines Ct.
Clarkston, MI 48346-4478

Phyllis Liming
1407 Skipper Dr. #320
Waterford, MI 48327

Earline Huntley
6024 Beach Rd.
Rogers City, MI 49779

There is a new phone number for:

Evon Carlson
248-761-8596



Holiday Office Hours

The church office will be closed from noon on 12/24 through 12/26 and will re-open on 12/27. The following week the office will be closed on New Year's Day. Thank you!

Upcoming Events

All Church Caroling

Sunday, December 16th, 5 pm

Share Christmas cheer with our homebound members. All are invited. Sign up outside the church office or contact Rev. Cora for more info.

Harvesters Christmas Outing

Thursday, December 20th, noon

Join the Harvesters at the home of Virginia Mueller for an afternoon of holiday fellowship. Sign up outside the church office.

Carols & Beer

Friday, December 21st, 7 pm

Bring friends and family to Rustic Leaf Brewing Co. for a holiday sing-along with the musicians of Central Church. Rustic Leaf does not serve food, so plan to bring a bite to eat or order in from your favorite eatery.



Creating a Culture of Call (C3) Studies Will Begin in January

Are you ready to apply our current sermon series to your own life and callings? If you are searching for new purpose, this study may help with your discernment. The Creating a Culture of Call (C3) team is excited to offer a variety of small group book study opportunities in 2019 on *The Stories We Live*, to allow you to reflect and dig deeper into how God

calls you. There is no cost for the books due to a generous grant from The Lilly Foundation.

Sign up today for the class that best fits your schedule. Our goal is to have 75 participants join an eight-week class or participate in our two-session retreat.

The Stories We Live eight-week small group options (beginning week of January 6th):

- 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
- Online option for young adults and college students (time to be determined by interested participants).
- Online option for adults and snowbirds (time to be determined by interested participants).
- An alternative option is *The Stories We Live* two-session retreat, which will meet on January 19th and February 2nd from 9am–1pm.

Show your interest in a small group or the two-session retreat by signing up outside the office or online.

A Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Opps to Serve & Grow

Donate to Clothe-a-Child to help with this year's program. Write a check to CUMC with "Clothe-a-Child" in the memo line.

Give to Central's Christmas offering.

Central will tithe 10% of this year's offering to local missions: Oakland Hope and Baldwin Center.

Sign up for this year's Men's

Summit, happening January 25th–27th 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.



**Thank You To
Everyone Who
Helped Hang the
Greens. The church
looks beautiful!**

We will "unhang" the greens on Saturday, January 5th at 9am.
Please join us!

Save the Date!

The Harvesters January meeting will be January 16th. More info to come.



Do You Play Chess?

Join the Oakland County Chess Club the first Sunday of the month beginning January 6th from 3-6pm in Fellowship Hall. All skill levels are welcome.

For more information, visit:

[facebook.com/oaklandcountychessclub](https://www.facebook.com/oaklandcountychessclub)

Advent Lunch and Learn

On Sunday December 2nd, 15 people in the morning and 10 youth at youth group participated in the Advent Lunch and Learn event. This event helped center people for the season of advent through worship and rotation stations including making a stress ball, adding prayers to a prayer chain, writing intentions on our bulletin board, and creating an Advent wreath. In addition, participants were invited to participate in the first prompt for #pictureadvent. #pictureadvent is a daily interactive devotional that includes a reflection from faith leaders, as well as a challenge to take a picture of the day's theme to share on social media. Join in on #pictureadvent anytime in December

by visiting @pictureadvent on Facebook or signing up at:

riotexas.org/pictureadvent

The #pictureadvent photo prompts are also available on the table outside the chapel along with other Advent devotions from a variety of authors.



Holiday Shopping for Good

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

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 Scrip 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!

January 2019 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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		1 Church Office Closed	2 10 am - Keller-Fitz Book Study 7 pm - Leader Dog Training	3 8 am - Fix-It Crew 6:30 pm - New Joy & Carol Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm - Jubilate Dance Choir Rehearsal	4 Church Office Closed	5 9 am - Unhanging of the Greens 6 pm - Central Cinema "A Bridge to Terabithia"
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