



# CHIMES

Central United Methodist Church

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

FEBRUARY 17, 2019

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:15 am - The Conversation

10:30 am - Sanctuary Worship

## UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

Message "How Wonderful Life Is" presented by Pastor Jack, based on the theme of love. Music by Band of Misfits and the Chancel Choir.

Dear Friends,

We are in the final days of enlisting people to participate in our *Creating a Culture of Calling* small groups. Please prayerfully consider the many opportunities to journey with others seeking to understand God's call upon all of our lives. What is it that God wants you to be and do? How can you discover God's call? These questions and others will be considered during this eight-session study, offered over an eight-week period of time as well as a two-weekend experience.

We are marching forward toward March (pun intended) and Ash Wednesday on March 6. That will begin our Lenten program of Wednesday devotional luncheons (March 13, 20, 27 and April 3 and 10), and other special programs during Lent. The message series throughout Lent is simply titled *Listen*. This series of messages will complement our *Creating a Culture of Calling* small groups that are beginning soon and will meet throughout the Lenten Season.

During our *Listen* message series we will consider how God speaks to us through the special places we go in order to listen to God more deeply,

through scripture, through our bodies, through our emotions and meditation practices. Throughout the series we will consider several ancient spiritual practices that allow us to be open to God communicating with us even as we seek to communicate with God.

The resources for our *Listen* message series come from the same people who brought us *Gifts of the Dark Wood* (our study by Dr. Eric Elnes from last year's Lenten Season.) I am really excited about working with you on Sunday mornings to listen deeply to God's guidance and the direction of God's Holy Spirit. I invite you, as the liturgy for Ash Wednesday services states, "to observe a Holy Lent." May this time be fruitful, as we seek together to listen to our loving Creator.

I look forward to seeing you in worship!

Because of Christ,

*Pastor Jack*

The deadline for the Sunday, March 3rd issue of *Chimes* is Wednesday, February 20th. Please send all of your articles, thank you notes and address changes to the Church office or e-mail them to [rdanek@waterfordcumc.org](mailto:rdanek@waterfordcumc.org).



**Feb. 17th, Noon** - All Church Potluck to Benefit Liberia Missions

**Feb. 19th, 7pm** - Purple Threads Study Begins

**Feb. 21st, Noon** - Harvesters

**Feb. 24th** - Youth & Camp Sunday

**Feb. 25, 7pm** - SPRC Meeting

**Feb. 26, 7pm** - Trustees Meeting

**March 1st, 3rd & 4th, 7pm** - HOPE Shelter Volunteering

**March 2, 6pm** - Central Cinema

**March 3rd, 3pm** - OC Chess Club

**March 6th** - Ash Wednesday

**March 6th, 6:30-9am** - Drive Thru Coffee and Ashes

**March 6th, 9am-Noon**, Ashes available in the Chapel

**March 6th, 7pm** - Ash Wednesday Service

**March 9th, 9am** - C3 Retreat

**March 11th, 6:30pm** - Finance Committee Meeting

**March 11th, 7:30pm** - Church Council

## CONNECT WITH CENTRAL

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## Lenten Study: Creating a Culture of Call (C3)

It's not too late to sign up for one of the many C3 small group study sessions based on the book *The Stories We Live*. Sign up outside the office or online.

- 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 (dates TBD)
- *The Stories We Live* two-session retreat, Saturday, February 23rd and Saturday, March 9th from 9am–1pm.



Wednesdays, March 13th through April 10th @ Noon

Practice intentional discipleship by joining fellow Christians for a special Lenten Devotional series. Programs begin at 12pm and are followed with a soup and sandwich luncheon. A free will offering will be taken.

Luncheons will occur at local Waterford- and Pontiac-area churches and venues. Mark your calendar with these dates and we will make more information available as plans are firmed up.



## Youth and Camp Sunday

February 24th

Join us for a special celebration of Central's youth ministry and UMC camping. Worship will be lead by the youth of the church. Music will feature Built on the Rock and Good News Ringers. A special offering will be taken to support camp scholarships. Wear your camp clothes.

## Lenten Services

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 6th, 7pm

*Listen* Message Series: Finding your Life: Listening Deeply

Scripture: Luke 1:9-15

First Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 10th  
9:15 & 10:30am

*Listen* Message Series: Finding Your Cave: Listening Spaces

Scripture: I Kings 19:11-12

Second Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 17th  
9:15 & 10:30am

*Listen* Message Series: You Breath: Listening to our Bodies

Scripture: Romans 8:26-30; 38-39

Third Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 24th  
9:15 & 10:30am

*Listen* Message Series: Finding a Word: Listening to the Texts

Scripture: Proverbs 1:20-23

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 31st  
9:15 & 10:30am

*Listen* Message Series: Finding Your Power: Listening for Healing

Scripture: Mark 5:24-34

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, April 7th  
9:15 & 10:30am

*Listen* Message Series: Finding your Mystic: Listening Beyond the Voices

Scripture: Romans 12:2-12

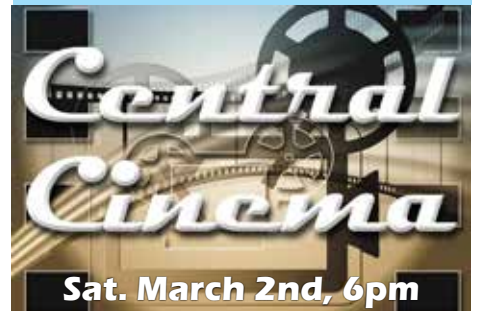
## Happy Birthday to Our Members Who Will Reach 80+ Years This March

- Donna Ritchie, 3/4
- John Sawyers, 3/12
- Richard Britton, 3/23

## Harvesters Game Day

Thursday, Feb. 21st @ Noon

Join us for lunch and an afternoon of games. Cost is \$5 for lunch. Sign up outside the office. Everyone welcome!



"Victoria & Abdul"

Queen Victoria of England strikes up an unlikely friendship with a twenty-four year old Indian clerk named Abdul Karim. As their friendship deepens, the queen begins to see a changing world through new eyes, joyfully reclaiming her humanity. Based on an extraordinary true story. PG-13.

## All Church Potluck

February 17th, 11:30am

Bring your favorite dish to share. Proceeds to benefit Liberia Missions.

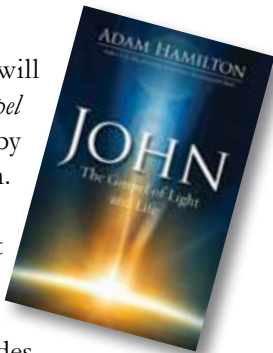
## Purple Threads Study

Begins Tuesday, Feb. 19th,  
7pm

Our next study will be *John: The Gospel of Light and Life* by Adam Hamilton.

The Gospel of John is the most deeply spiritual of the four gospels. It includes some of the loftiest and most loved verses in all the Bible. But John notes that his aim in writing the gospel is that his readers will not only believe in Jesus Christ but that they “may have life in his name.” Experience a season of spiritual growth and life-changing renewal as you follow the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus and rediscover the context of some of the best-known verses in the New Testament.

The study book is \$11.00 and is available in the church office. A video will be shown at each session, followed by discussion. Other class dates are March 5 & 19, April 2 & 23 and May 7. If you would like to join us, please contact Diana Carter, 248-309-2490 or [dianacarter@comcast.net](mailto:dianacarter@comcast.net)



## March Volunteer Opportunities

### Hope Shelter March 1st, 3rd and 4th

Central Church has a 15-year tradition of serving the homeless at Hope Adult Shelter in Pontiac. Central volunteers prepare dinner in the church kitchen (we plan for 80 guests), serve the meal at Hope Shelter and cleanup. We also help with shower sign up and the distribution of personal hygiene products. We will be serving Fri. Mar. 1, Sun. Mar. 3 and Mon. Mar. 4. We leave the church at 7:00 ride together to Hope and return about 9:30 or 9:45.

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. Hope's comprehensive service model provides guests with wide-ranging support to help them find a permanent path out of homelessness. They currently have bunk beds for 61 guests and can accommodate 10 more in chairs.

Monetary donations are accepted, we determined it take about \$200 per night to prepare dinner for 80 and provide paper products for the meal.

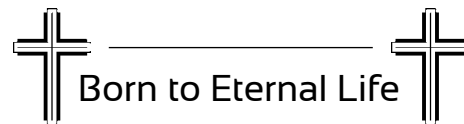
To volunteer, sign up outside the office or online at our website.

### Oakland Hope March 16th, 10am - 1pm

Food insecurity is a real and growing problem in Oakland County. Oakland Hope takes donations of items, merchandises them in its thrift store and uses the proceeds to purchase food for their pantry. They also secure food donations via partnerships with Forgotten Harvest and Gleaner's Food Bank. Because the pantry is more like a grocery store, allowing clients to select items, there is less food waste and it is more conducive to families that may have food allergies.

Central has a history of supporting Oakland Hope; in 2018 a portion of the proceeds from Central's rummage sale was donated to the organization to support their mission. This will be Central's first opportunity for hands-on volunteering with Oakland Hope, so let's make a good showing of it!

To volunteer, sign up outside the office or contact Rev. Cora for more information.



**Born to Eternal Life**

Barbara J. Burns

Jan. 10th, 1933–Feb. 2nd, 2019  
Member since April 13th, 1986

Our deepest sympathies to Larry and Doris Quick on the death of her sister, and to Barbara's many family and friends.

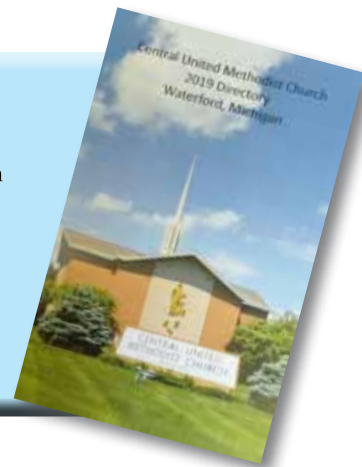


## The New Directories are Here


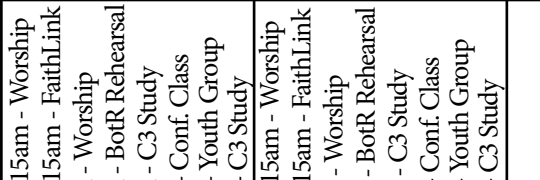
If you had a photo taken or submitted a photo, pick up your directory from the Chapel Hallway. If you did not get a photo taken but would like a directory, they're available from the office for \$10.

## The Directory is Now Available Online

Away from home and don't have your directory? You can now look up other members online. Go to Central's website, click the link for "Church Directory" and use the access code CUM51.



March 2019 Calendar

Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<p><b>3</b> 9:15 &amp; 10:30 am - Worship 9:15am - FaithLink 11:45 am - BotR Rehearsal 11:45 am - C3 Study 3 pm - OC Chess Club 4:30 - Conf. Class 5:45 pm - Youth &amp; C3 Class 7 pm - Hope Shelter</p>		<p><b>4</b> 10:30 am - Chair Yoga 7 pm - Hope Shelter 7:30 pm - Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>5</b> 1 pm - Hutchinson Circle 7 pm - Purple Threads</p>	<p><b>6</b> 6:30 am - Drive Thru Coffee &amp; Ashes 10 am - Keller-Fitz Book Study 7 pm - Service of Ashes </p>	<p><b>7</b> 8 am - Fix-It Crew 4 - 9 pm - Central Cafe 6:30 pm - Thursday Eve. C3 Study</p>	<p><b>1</b> 7 pm - Hope Warming Shelter Volunteering</p>	<p><b>2</b> 6 pm - Central Cinema "Victoria &amp; Abdul"</p>	
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<p><b>31</b> 9:15am - Worship 9:15am - FaithLink 10:30 am - Worship</p>							<p><b>Central Café</b> 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 &amp; Carol Choirs 7:30-9:00 pm Chancel Choir</p>	