



CHIMES

Central United Methodist Church

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

MARCH 3, 2019

SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:15 am- The Conversation

10:30 am - Sanctuary Worship

UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

Message by Pastor Jack. Worship arts presented by the Jubilate Dancers and Chancel Choir.

Dear Friends,

There are times you just can't do it all. I felt that way while leading worship on February 24 when I shared openly with the congregation that it had been a tough week. Our church family lost a beloved member of our church, whose life we celebrated on Friday, February 22. We lifted up Wes Tindall's life—sharing stories that brought laughter and smiles to many—while acknowledging our loss. Thursday, I learned that a camp to which I had volunteered a week of my life for over thirty years was closing—the end of an era for our entire family. I learned on Friday that the wife of a colleague I once mentored passed away earlier in the month, and on Saturday I learned that my former brother-in-law had committed suicide.

I shared with worship attenders that it was a “crappy week!” I rhetorically asked, “Can your pastor share that with you?” and people nodded and, I believe, appreciated my honesty. My comment about not being able to do it all relates to the other side of having a “crappy week.” I am still standing firm in my faith, and I live with the knowledge that we are not alone in our grief and disappointments; God is with us and we have each other for support. Yes, it was a challenging

week but, as Psalm 23 professes, God's presence and comfort is with us.

As we once again approach Lent, with Ash Wednesday on March 6, I am well aware that many look at this time in our Christian calendar as a “bummer”; a solemn time in which we give something up and there are all sorts of extra expectations put upon us in the church—extra services, extra small groups to participate in and extra service projects to support. I suggest that we look at the other side of this concept of Lent, and consider it to be an opportunity to grow in our faith, to be aware of God's presence and deepen our appreciation for each other as we journey together through this holy time of year.

I respectfully and prayerfully ask you to consider what it would mean to focus on deepening your faith during this Season of Lent. Let's travel together, thankful for each other and the relationships that God desires with us. I look forward to seeing you in worship.

Because of Christ,

Pastor Jack



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

March 2, 6pm - Central Cinema

March 3rd, 3pm - OC Chess Club

March 5th, 7pm - Purple Threads

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, 9:30am - Moms Connect

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

March 11th, 7:30pm - Church Council

March 16th, 9:15am - Oakland Hope Volunteer Opportunity

March 19th, 7pm - Purple Threads

March 25th, 9:30am - Moms Connect

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The deadline for the Sunday, March 17th issue of *Chimes* is Wednesday, March 6th. Please send all of your articles, thank you notes and address changes to the Church office or e-mail them to rdanek@waterfordcumc.org.

Lift Your Voice in Song!

Lent is just starting, and that means that Easter is not far behind. With Easter comes a great celebration, and some of the most enjoyable music to sing of the church year. This year, the choir wants you to be a part of our joy. So we are inviting each of you who has the spirit for it to raise your voices with us this Holy Week. We will start rehearsals for Holy Week on March 28th at 7:30pm in the choir room.

If schedules don't allow you to join us for Holy Week though, you may like to try something a little different by joining us for the cantata. This year, we will be doing Mozart's Coronation Mass K. 317. It is a beautifully moving work, and it will be a special moment to be a part of this year. You can join us in rehearsals for the cantata starting on April 25th at 7:30pm, and "help tracks" will be available for you to get a head start on it as well.

To be involved, let Music Director Kevin Naeve know by calling the church office or emailing him directly at knaeve@waterfordcumc.org.

Little Sprouts Open House

Wednesday, March 27th
4-6pm

Meet the teachers and Director and learn more about our Little Sprouts Preschool and child care center. Invite friends and family!

Address Changes

Please note there is a new mailing addresses for:

Julia Stephenson
880 N. Alameda St. #408W
Los Angeles, CA 90012
rethinkd@yahoo.com

Please note the Buz Leverenz's area code is incorrect in the new church directory; it should be (248).

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



Wednesdays @ Noon

All programs begin at 12pm and are followed at 12:30pm with a soup and sandwich luncheon. A free will offering will be taken to benefit Open Door Outreach Center.

March 13th led by Rev. Jack Mannschreck

Community Presbyterian Church
4301 Monroe Ave., Waterford

March 20th led by Rev. Jen Hermann

Canterbury-on-the-Lake
5601 Hatchery, Waterford

March 27th led by Rev. Carolyn Mobley

Christ Lutheran Church of Waterford
5987 Williams Lake Rd., Waterford

April 3rd led by Rev. Dale Milford
Grace and Peace Community Church
451 Kennett Rd., Pontiac

April 10th led by Rev. Glen Morrison
Bethel United Church of Christ (w/
Divine Peace)
6650 Elizabeth Lake Rd., Waterford

Camp Scholarships

Thank you to everyone that gave to Central's camp scholarship program. Donations can still be made during the offering or in the office (mark checks for camp scholarships). Contact Rev. Cora with questions.



A Roof for St. Mark's UMC in Liberia

St. Mark United Methodist Church in Kakata, Liberia and Waterford Central UMC began a partnership in ministry in 2013. The two congregations pledged to exchange people, information, and prayer. A key ministry project was to rebuild St. Mark's church, which was destroyed in the civil war. The congregation of St. Mark UMC has been worshipping in a high school for more than 15 years as their new church has been slowly rising from the ruins.

Central has kept its pledge to reconstruct the church; since we created the partnership with St. Mark UMC we have sent \$24,760 for reconstruction of their church building. When we started the church was little more than an outline on the ground and a hand-painted idea of what the new church building would look like. Today, thanks to your generosity, the walls are up to the roof line, and ready for the galvanized corrugated metal roof.

Our new goal is to secure \$18,000 in funding for the roof. To achieve this, Central has developed a CrowdRise page that we are asking members to share with friends and family via social media, word of mouth, email, Christmas cards or whatever means work for you! Use the URL www.crowdrise.com/liberiarooft to share it. Or, simply click "share" it from Central's Facebook page or group. A few pointers for sharing on Facebook:

- "Tag" friends and family that you think would be likely to support this effort. That ensures they will see it.
- Share more than once; not everyone will see your post the first (or second or third) time. Sharing one a week is a good recommendation for this type of "social fund raising."

If you would like to donate to this initiative, please do so via the CrowdRise page, the Sunday offering plate or online at Central's website or mobile giving site. If donating outside of CrowdRise, just mark your donation "Roof for St. Mark's," or designate "Liberia - St. Mark's Roof" in online or mobile giving.

Thank you for your support of this mission to get the congregation of St. Mark's into their new church home. A special thank you to everyone who attended and helped host the potluck on February 17th. \$2,443 was raised in support of this ministry. What a great start!

A New Church Rises from the Ashes



Save Your
Items for Our
Rummage Sale

May 2nd, 3rd & 4th

Accepting donations April
28th beginning at noon.



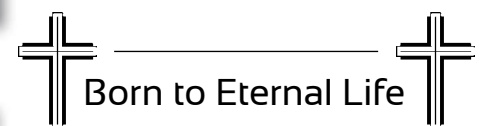
VBS June 24th - June 28th

If you're interested in
volunteering, please
contact Rev. Cora!

**RockCF Breakfast
Fundraiser**

March 17th, After
10:30am Worship

Come for a delicious breakfast in Fellowship Hall. Donations will be accepted to support the Rock Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. There will also be a bake sale so you can take yummy treats home!



Born to Eternal Life

Charles "Wes" Tindall

August 24, 1937 - February 18th, 2019
Member since September 22, 2002

Our deepest sympathies to his wife Shirley, sons Bruce and Randy and his many family members and friends.

Opportunities to Serve and Grow

Jail Ministry Easter Baskets

The Harvesters are collecting Easter Basket items for children of prison inmates. Please put new or gently used items in the bin in the Chapel Hallway by March 31st.

Suggested items include baskets, games, individually wrapped candy, puzzles, art supplies, books, small toys, stuffed animals, bubbles. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

Volunteer in the Community

Serve at Hope Shelter March 1st, 3rd or 4th @ 7pm

It's not too late to sign up as a back-up to help out at Hope Shelter in Pontiac. Sign up online or outside the office.

Help at Oakland Hope on Saturday, March 16th, 9:30am - 1pm

Please meet at the church at 9:15 to carpool, or meet us at Oakland Hope at 9:30am.

Oakland Hope requests all volunteers wear a white top (shirt, hoodie, etc.) so that we can be identified as volunteers. Plan to dress warmly (hat, gloves, layered clothing). Sign up outside the office or see Rev Cora for more info.

Help Central's Homebound Members

We have had requests for assistance by a few of our homebound members. We would like to begin gathering names of people interested in volunteering to help these members with a variety of activities—from transporting them to church to helping with household repairs and chores. If you're interested in this ministry, please contact Rev. Cora or Robin Danek at (248) 681-0040 or cglass@waterfordcumc.org (Cora) or rdanek@waterfordcumc.org (Robin.) Thank you!

A Few Bookkeeping Notes

Please notify the church of any disbursements from your IRA/401k accounts. We've had disbursements come to us with no name, and we're not able to credit them properly.

If you are giving to different funds during the Sunday (or any other) offering, please indicate this on your offering envelopes. If nothing is marked otherwise, funds will be applied to the current operating fund.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact bookkeeper Sue Newill in the church office or via email at snewill@waterfordcumc.org.

Scholarship Applications Are Now Available

You can find them online at Central's website under the link to "forms," or pick one up in the office. Completed applications are due by May 6th. Please contact Rev. Cora with questions.

Harvesters March Gathering

March 21st @ Noon

Harvesters is open to everyone! Come have lunch and enjoy a time of friendship and laughter. Cost is \$6 for lunch.

Thank You

What a wonderful surprise when Tom Lewis dropped by to visit and gave me such lovely flowers. It's a great treat when a church friend finds the time (or makes the time!) to stop and chat. Thank you very much for your thoughtful visit.

Stop by any time!

—Marcia Swartz

Thank you for believing in the work we do! It is a privilege to partner with you in bringing our vision to life.

We rely on our donors, volunteers and community partners so much, which is why your donation of \$300* on 1/10/2019 is truly appreciated.

—The Baldwin Center

*This donation was made from Central's Christmas offering.

Free Money!

There are several ways Central can earn money from your regular shopping. The best part is, it doesn't cost you a cent (well, other than what you're buying)!

Kroger Community Rewards. Currently 36 households participate in this program and Central earned \$600 in 2018, which is up over 5% from 2017. If you shop at Kroger with your Kroger card, simply sign up at Krogercommunityrewards.com and use organization number SM012. This is a new number, so if you're currently giving through this program, please check your account to make sure you're using this new number.

Scrip Cards. Central has pre-paid cards available for hundreds of retailers. We purchase these at a discount, sell them at the full card value and retain the difference to apply to our ministries and operations. They're great for gifts or regular spending (like gas and other consumables). To purchase cards visit the Scrip table on Sunday mornings or during Central Cafe on Thursday evenings.

Amazon Smile. You can donate to Central simply by shopping at smile.amazon.com. To get started, just click the box on our website home page. Then, shop at smile.amazon.com; you can even change from amazon.com to smile.amazon.com in the middle of your shopping. It's like magic!

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