



CHIMES

Central United Methodist Church

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

MARCH 17, 2019

SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:15 am- The Conversation

10:30 am - Sanctuary Worship

UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

Second Sunday in Lent. Pastor Jack continues his *Listen* message by series. Worship arts presented by the Alleluia Dancers and Chancel Choir.

Dear Friends in Christ,

It is always difficult when there is disagreement within the church. I regret that the church, in more recent years, has lost the ability to have open and honest communication; to agree to disagree, then move on, realizing that the essentials of our faith bind us together. I believe those essentials are our need for God's grace, which is met most clearly through the life, teachings, example, death and resurrection of Jesus the Christ. I further believe that Jesus gave us insight into the mission of God on earth being love; Jesus said there are only two commandments that matter: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." (Matthew 22:37-40)

On Sunday, March 3, in response to the 2019 General Conference decision to retain the current language of our Discipline, I said that the current language of the Discipline states that homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching. I went on to say, "I find exclusivity to be incompatible with Christian teaching." There was applause, and I believe I should have calmed that reaction in respect to those who disagree. I apologize for not doing so, while at the same time I do not apologize for what I said. I do not think that the church should seek to exclude anyone, especially given the fact that our Sacramental Theology is inclusive of everyone.

The Communion Table during United Methodist worship is open to all; it is a means of God's grace and cannot be denied to anyone.

The scripture upon which I base my comment about exclusivity is I Timothy 2:1-6 which contains the words, "God wants everyone to be saved and to know the whole truth, which is,

There is only one God, and Christ Jesus is the only one who can bring us to God." (Verse 4-5, Contemporary English Version)

This is one of those scriptures that causes me pain because while I believe God truly wants everyone to be saved, God will not get what God wants. Not everyone will come to the truth about God's love and Jesus Christ, who is the greatest expression of that love. That's on us folks. When the church begins to exclude people—for any reason—then we are working against God's desire. Simple truth.

I know that not everyone agrees with me, and I hope that those who don't hear me clearly—I love you. I don't want to exclude you, either. We need the conversation to continue—this is not a done deal. Much of the Traditional Plan that was adopted must go before our denominational Judicial Council because there are portions of the plan that are unconstitutional, according to our United Methodist Church Constitution. My suggestion for all I've written about—I pray and listen for God's wisdom, peace and love to guide us.

Because of Christ,

Pastor Jack

The deadline for the Sunday, March 31st issue of *Chimes* is Wednesday, March 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.



March 17th, 11:30am - Rock CF Breakfast Fundraiser

March 19th, 7pm - Purple Threads

March 20th, Noon - Lenten Devotional Luncheon at Canterbury-on-the-Lake

March 21st, Noon - Harvesters

March 25th, 9:30am - Moms Connect

March 25th, 7pm - SPRC Meeting

March 26th, 7pm - Trustees Mtg.

March 27th, Noon - Lenten Devotional Luncheon at Christ Lutheran Church

March 27th, 4pm - Little Sprouts Open House

April 2nd, 1pm - Hutchinson Circle

April 4th - NO CENTRAL CAFE

April 6th, 6pm - Central Cinema

April 7th, 3-6pm - Oakland County Chess Club

April 8th, 6:30pm - Finance Mtg.

April 9th, 7pm - Tuesday Musicale Program

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VBS June 24th - June 28th

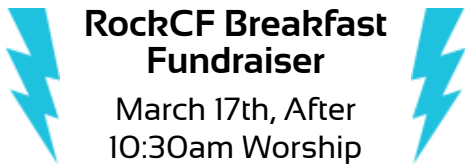
Your chance to journey to Mars and Beyond is here! Vacation Bible School will make its landing at Central UMC on June 24-28. We invite children 3-1/2 years old through those finishing 5th grade to five fun-filled days discovering the limitless power and love of God. Youth and adults are needed to help navigate, lead, and support our journey! You can sign up to volunteer or register your voyagers at myvbs.org/waterfordcumc. There is no cost to attend, but donations are always welcome.

A note from Mars and Beyond: Your empty frosting containers and old CDs will be of assistance! Hold on to these items to assist our VBS voyagers!

Harvesters Luncheon

March 21st @ Noon

Lunch will be \$6. Sign up outside the church office.



RockCF Breakfast Fundraiser

March 17th, After 10:30am Worship

Please Pick Up Your Statements by March 31st

They are available in the Chapel hallway.

Please Indicate Funds on Offering Envelopes

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.

Lenten Services

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

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday

April 14th, 9:15 & 10:30am

Listen Message Series: Finding Your Purpose: Listening to Your Heart.

Scripture: Matthew 26:36-46

Maundy Thursday

April 18th, 7pm

Service commemorating the Last Supper with Holy Communion.

Good Friday

April 19th, 7pm

Service led by Pastor Jack Mannschreck.

Easter Sunday

April 21st, 8:00, 9:15 & 10:30am
8:45-10:45am — Breakfast

Message: "Shut Up" or Speak Up.

Scripture: Mark 16:1-20

Save These Spring Dates!

Holy Humor Sunday

April 28th

Central will hold its 2nd annual Holy Humor Sunday services.

Confirmation Sunday with Potluck Reception

May 5th, after 10:30 Worship

A celebration of Central's newly confirmed youth.

Youth Arts Picnic

May 19th, After 10:30am
Worship

Youth will gather for a festive picnic on the lawn outside Fellowship Hall.

Spring Choral Cantata

May 19th During 10:30am
Worship

Central's Chancel Choir and guest musicians will perform the beautiful and moving Coronation Mass K. 317 by Mozart.



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 are new mailing addresses for:

Kimberly Kennedy
2230 Woodview Dr. Apt. 342
Ypsilanti, MI 48198

Earline Huntley
23196 Dowsett Trl.
Atlanta, MI 49709-9695

Kathy Jewell
3685 Windmill Dr. Apt. 421
Waterford, MI 48329

UMC Camping Update

As Central celebrated youth and camp Sunday on February 24th, we were sad to announce that The Board of Directors of Michigan Area United Methodist Camping voted to suspend operations at four sites for the summer of 2019. The four sites affected are Albright Park Camp & Retreat Center (Reed City), Camp Kinawind (Boyne Falls), Crystal Springs Camp & Retreat Center (Dowagiac), and Myers Lake (RV) Campground (Byron). (<https://michiganumc.org/news-stories/2019/02/22/camp-board-acts-2019-site-use/>)

We acknowledge that we do not know what the future holds for these four campgrounds. Some of the camping programs operated in these locations are seeking out new campgrounds from which to run their summer programs, but other camp programs held in these sites will not run this summer. If you have trouble connecting with a camp you'd like to attend, Rev. Cora would be glad to help discover if that camp program is taking place elsewhere.

We celebrate the many camping experiences that will continue. Several of our youth attend Choir Camp at Camp Lake Louise, which is unaffected by these changes. Michigan Area United Methodist Camping will still operate five camp and retreat centers this summer, so there is still much camping fun to be had! You can find these camps at umcamping.org.

Central Church knows the impact Christian camping has on the lives of children, youth, and adults. We remain committed to providing camp scholarships to our youth. We welcome your designated donations for camp scholarships in the church office or offering plate.



Save Your
Items for Our
Rummage Sale

May 2nd, 3rd & 4th
Accepting donations April
28th beginning at noon.

Lenten Devotionals for all ages
are now available in the
Chapel Hallway

Lenten Pretzel Party

Sunday, April 14th, 11:45am – 1:30pm

Did you know the pretzel can be symbolic for Lent? Children, youth, and adults of all ages are welcome to join Rev. Cora for pretzel baking, accompanied by a salad and soup lunch and time to prepare for Holy Week. Sign up outside of the office to ensure enough food for all. Donations are welcome, but not required.

EASTER LILIES

If you wish to order Lilies for the altar on Easter Sunday,
please fill out the information below and turn the form into the church office along with your payment.
Please print clearly so we are able to correctly spell the names of your loved ones.

DEADLINE FOR ORDERS: Sunday, March 31, 2019 **COST PER PLANT:** \$6.25

Name of Donor(s) _____

Phone Number _____

IN HONOR OF: _____




IN MEMORY OF: _____

I will take after the 10:30 a.m. Easter Service _____ Please deliver to a shut-in _____

Amount Enclosed: Number of Plants _____ X \$6.25 = \$ _____

Please do not include monies for the plants with your regular offering. Thank you.

April 2019 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
	1 10:30 am - Chair Yoga	2 1 pm - Hutchinson Circle 7 pm - Purple Threads	3 10 am - Keller-Fitz Book Study 7 pm - Leader Dog Training	4 8 am - Fix-It Crew NO CENTRAL CAFE 6:25 pm - Agape Ringers Rehearsal 7:30 pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal	5 Church Office Closed 8 pm - Pontiac Theater Performance of "You Can't Take It with You"	6 2 pm - "You Can't Take It with You" 6 pm - Central Cinema "The Zookeeper's Wife" 8 pm - "You Can't Take It with You"		
7 9:15 & 10:30 am - Worship 9:15 am - FaithLink 11:45 am - BotR Rehearsal 11:45 am - C3 Study 3 pm - OC Chess Club 5:45 pm - Youth & C3 Class	8 9:30 am - Moms Connect 10:30 am - Chair Yoga 6:30 pm - Finance Committee Mtg. 7:30 pm - Boy Scouts	9 6:30 pm - Girl Scouts 7 pm - Eschtruth Circle 7:30 pm - Tuesday Musicales Program	10 10 am - Keller-Fitz Book Study	11 8 am - Fix-It Crew 4 - 9 pm - Central Cafe 6:30 pm - Thursday Eve. C3 Study	12 Church Office Closed	13		
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21 8 am 9:15 am & 10:30 am Worship 8:45 am - Easter Breakfast 9:15am - FaithLink 	22 Church Office Closed	23 7 pm - Trustees Meeting 7 pm - Purple Threads	24 10 am - Keller-Fitz Book Study	25 8 am - Fix-It Crew 4 - 9 pm - Central Cafe 6:30 pm - Thursday Eve Study	26 Church Office Closed 4 pm - 4H Fashion Show	27 9 am - Divine Peace Retreat		
28 9:15 & 10:30 am - Worship 9:15 am - FaithLink 11:30 am - Rummage Sale Setup 11:45 am - BotR Rehearsal 4:30 pm - Conf. Class 5:45 pm - Youth Group	29 9 am - Rummage Sale Setup 10:30 am - Chair Yoga 7:30 pm - Boy Scouts	30 9 am - Rummage Sale Setup	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Central Cafe</p> <p>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 7:30-9:00 pm Jubilate Dancers Chancel Choir</p> </div>				<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Support Groups</p> <p>Alcoholics Anonymous: Monday 11:00 am, Wednesday 6:00 pm & Fridays 7:30 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> </div>	