



## Overview of the 2019 Special Session of the General Conference

On Sunday, March 24th, a special meeting was held after worship so that the clergy of Central UMC could provide the congregation with an overview of the recent decision by a Special Session of the UMC General Conference regarding ordination of LGBTQ individuals and performing same-sex marriage within the UMC.

Prior to this meeting questions were received, and the presentation was designed to answer these questions. The question fell into four groups:

- What happened?
- Procedural questions regarding the next steps by the denomination
- What does this mean for us as a local church?
- Are LGBTQ people welcome at Central?

### What Happened?

The global United Methodist Church met in St. Louis, Missouri, February 23-26, 2019. During the four days together, delegates to the General Conference took a vote on whether United Methodists would change the wording in the *Book of Discipline* that restricts ordination of LGBTQ individuals and same-sex marriage. Two plans had been proposed and were voted on.

**The Traditional Plan.** This proposal would leave the current statements about homosexuality, same-sex marriage and the ordination of LGBTQ persons unchanged. Additionally, in this plan

penalties for going against these rules were strengthened.

**The One Church Plan.** This proposal would have left issues of same-sex marriages up to individual clergy and congregations, and the issue of gay ordination up to individual conferences.

The Traditional Plan was passed by a vote of 438 to 384. Progressive United Methodists are not, by and large, in agreement that this plan is the way for the denomination to move forward.

Also discussed and voted upon was proposal 90066, which would govern how churches might leave (or “disaffiliate from”) the denomination.

### What’s Next?

The Traditional Plan proposal will now be evaluated for constitutionality. The bishops have requested a ruling on the constitutionality of the disaffiliation plan, also. These issues will be addressed by the Judicial Council when they gather on April 23-25, 2019.

### What Does This Mean for Us as a Local Church?

We don’t yet know what will change, and what will not. Anything ruled unconstitutional can be addressed at the next regularly scheduled General *(Continued on back page)*

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The deadline for the Sunday, April 14th issue of *Chimes* is Wednesday, April 3rd. 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).

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:15 am- The Conversation  
 10:30 am - Sanctuary Worship

## UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

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



**April 2nd, 1pm** - Hutchinson Circle

**April 2nd, 7pm** - Purple Threads

**April 4th** - NO CENTRAL CAFE

**April 6th, 6pm** - Central Cinema

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

**April 8th, 9:30am** - Moms Connect

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

**April 9th, 7pm** - Eschtruth Circle

**April 9th, 7pm** - Tuesday Musicale Hand Bell Concert

**April 18th, 12:30pm** - Harvesters

**April 18th, 7pm** - Maundy Thursday Service

**April 19th, 12:30pm** - Community Good Friday Worship

**April 19th, 7pm** - Good Friday Service

**April 21st, 8am, 9:15am, 10:30am** - Easter Worship

**April 21st, 8:45–10:45am** - Easter Brunch

**April 23rd, 7pm** - Trustees Meeting

**April 23rd, 7pm** - Purple Threads Show

**April 26th, 4pm** - 4H Fashion Show

**April 28th, 11:30am** - Rummage Sale Setup

**April 29th & 30th, 9am** - Rummage Sale Setup

**May 2nd, 3rd, & 4th** - Rummage Sale



## VBS June 24th - June 28th

An out-of-this-world space adventure for children 3-1/2 years old through those finishing 5th grade. Sign up to volunteer or register your young Voyagers at [myvbs.org/waterfordcumc](http://myvbs.org/waterfordcumc). Everyone is welcome, so let your friends and neighbors know!



## Lenten Pretzel Party Sunday, April 14th 11:45am – 1:30pm

Join Rev. Cora for pretzel baking, accompanied by a salad and soup lunch, and learn how the pretzel is symbolic of Lent. Sign up outside of the office to ensure enough food for all. All ages welcome!



## Sing!

Everyone is welcome to sing with the Chancel Choir in this year's choral cantata on May 19th. Rehearsals will begin soon, so if you'd like to join, please let Kevin Naeve know by Easter Sunday. Email him at [knaeve@waterfordcumc.org](mailto:knaeve@waterfordcumc.org) or call the office at (248) 681-0040.



## Scholarship Applications Due May 5th!

Applications are available at Central's website or in the church office

## Lenten Services

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



## 2nd Annual Holy Humor Sunday

A Post-Easter Celebration

He is Risen! The celebration continues with laughter and jollity. If you'd like to share a joke, a song or participate in some way, contact Pastor Jack.

## Save These Spring Dates!

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.



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



## Have a Specialty Breakfast Casserole?

Share it with your church family during our Easter Brunch. Sign up outside the office. We're also looking for volunteers to serve and clean up.



Sat. April 6th, 6pm

"The Zookeeper's Wife"

The true account of the keepers of the Warsaw Zoo in Poland, whose courageous acts saved 300 Jews during the Nazi invasion of World War II.

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# It's Time for the Rummage Sale!

## May 2nd—4th

The coming of spring brings one of Central's most popular events. This year's sale will be bigger and better than ever.

### To Donate Items

Donations will be accepted from Sunday, April 28th (after the 10:30am service) through noon on Wednesday, May 1st. The following items are NOT accepted for donation: console TVs, entertainment centers, major appliances (small appliances that work are greatly appreciated), baby car seats, exercise equipment, computers, SOILED furniture (clean is good).

A U-haul will be available to pick-up larger items on Sunday, April 28th only. Availability of pick-ups is dependent upon volunteers, and all items picked up will be at the discretion of truck volunteers. See Rachel Pierre or Sheila Strang for more information or to schedule a pick-up.

### We Need Volunteers!

In addition to donations, we need folks to help with picking up large items, with setup and cleanup and to help run the sale. Volunteers are needed April 28th through May 4th. You can volunteer for a shift or for multiple days. To volunteer, sign up at the table in the Chapel hallway.

This year's sale is going to be a great community event, so make sure to invite friends and family!

### Harvesters April Gathering

April 20th @ 12:30pm

This month's get together will feature a trip to the Old Redford Theater for a showing of the classic film "Singing in the Rain," followed by a meal. Cost is \$5 for the movie plus your meal. Meet at the church to car pool to the theater.



### Oakland County Chess Club

Sunday, April 7th, 3-6pm

Everyone Welcome!



## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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IN MEMORY OF: \_\_\_\_\_

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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.**

## Thank You!

To my CUMC Family,  
We want to thank everyone for their kind words and all the wonderful cards we have received. Also, the many times I was asked about my sister, Barbara's health. She is missed; but, I know in a better place and without pain.

Sincerely,  
Larry & Doris Quick

We would like to offer a special thanks to the members of Central United Methodist Church. They have been behind the scenes, working throughout the year to make being a Riverside Racer even more special. From meet-n-greet, to Blessings in a Backpack to Clothe-a-Child, CUMC has been there to support us. Thank you CUMC! We are so glad you are here!

From the *Riverside Family Connection* newsletter

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Conference in Minneapolis on May 5-15, 2020.

Currently, the Bishops have recommended that local churches take a "wait and see" approach.

If the constitutionality of the Traditional Plan is upheld, United Methodists will be required to abide by the constitution, effectively banning LGBTQ clergy and same-sex marriage. For United Methodists not in agreement with this stance, some implications could be:

- **The denomination could split.** More progressive churches may splinter from the main body and form a new denomination.
- **Churches may disaffiliate from the denomination,** effectively becoming "independent" of United Methodism.
- **Churches can become a "welcoming" or "reconciling" congregation.** Individual churches can elect to go against the ruling and join the Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN) movement, which advocates for change within the denomination.

## RockCF Breakfast Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who attended and donated. Over \$1100 was raised to benefit the Rock CF Foundation.

## Oakland Hope

Thank you to the Central volunteers that helped eight families select food from the Oakland Hope food pantry. Volunteers also sorted clothing for the thrift store.

## Jail Ministry Easter Baskets

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Easter baskets for children of inmates.

Any action taken at the local church level would be a church-wide decision, and the full implications and ramifications would need to be explored and evaluated.

## Are LGBTQ People Welcome at Central?

LGBTQ people have not been banned by the United Methodist Church. Paragraph 4 of the Book of Discipline still reads:

"The United Methodist Church acknowledges that all persons are of sacred worth. All persons without regard to race, color, national origin, status, or economic condition, shall be eligible to attend its worship services, participate in its programs, receive the sacraments, upon baptism be admitted as baptized members, and upon taking vows declaring the Christian faith, become professing members in any local church in the connection."

We must recognize, however, that many LGBTQ people and their friends and families were hurt by this decision. At Central we believe ourselves to be an open and welcoming congregation and will continue to try and live out that mission.

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

- David Struble, 4/2
- Katherine VanHoy, 4/4
- Jane Ellen Bussard, 4/16
- Mary Lou Osborne, 4/19
- Barbara Heichel, 4/29

## Central 50+ Anniversaries

### Congratulations to:

- Bruce & Catharine Hazen, 4/8, 58 yrs.
- Samuel & Sharyn Osborn, 4/13, 51 yrs.

## Address Changes

Please note there are new mailing addresses for:

Zenon & Jill Tomyn  
5991 Vernon Rd.

White Lake, MI 48383

Jim Schilb's city has changed to  
Dayton, OH 48459

There is a new phone number for:

Tim & Linda Taylor  
317-441-4293

## Please Let Us Know the Results of Your Ministry Work

Many volunteers spend countless hours in ministry at Central. If you're a ministry leader, please fill out a Post Event Report so that we can share your good work with your church family. Paper forms can be found in the office, or you can download the form from our website. Just click the word "forms" at the top of the home page, then save the form to your computer. Once filled out, email it to the church office and we'll get the word out about your good work! Thank you.