



SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

Palm Sunday. Pastor Jack concludes his *Listen* message series. Uplifting music presented by combined choirs with trumpet.

Dear Resurrection People!

I want to address you as Resurrection People first, because Easter is April 21, when we celebrate the anniversary of Jesus' resurrection. The second reason I address you as Resurrection People is because I truly believe that God calls us to live a "Resurrection Lifestyle," not just believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ!

What do I mean by a "Resurrection Lifestyle?" I mean a lifestyle that is marked by the belief that all things are possible because of Jesus' resurrection. (See Matthew 19:26 and Mark 10:27) When Jesus made this proclamation, he was in a conversation with his disciples concerning salvation and eternal life. But Jesus' words are not confined to the great hereafter. His words are for each day that we are alive—it's about lifestyle; living our lives in response to Christ's resurrection.

For nearly 35 years in ministry, I have seen great things happen among Christ's Resurrection People! I've witnessed people healed, marriages mended and families reconciled. Those are resurrection events!

Even when people are not healed and marriages are not mended; even when families are not reconciled I have seen resurrection faith work in those instances as well. People have moved on in their lives after difficulty, and experienced wholeness and peace after devastating events. Again, evidence of resurrection living!

A Resurrection Lifestyle is based on the belief that God loves and cares for us and that "for God all things are possible" (Mark 10:27) It is also predicated on the

belief that "I can do all things through him who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13) It is because God resurrected Jesus from the grave that we live in the confidence of God's promise of loving care and provision, as well as receiving life that is abundant and eternal!

We have spent this Season of Lent focused on how to listen to God. We've talked about the places that we find meaning—the caves of our lives where we seem to connect with God best. We've talked about our bodies and breathing and how our bodies are receptors of God's direction, we've considered the importance of scripture that informs our faith and considered the power of prayer and healing that leads us to wholeness and salvation. We've also talked about how each of us encounters God as individuals, finding the mystic within ourselves.

All this listening leads us to finding our own voice. That is what we will focus on Easter morning. The challenge for the church, and for each of us, is to bear witness to our being Resurrection People! I want to specifically invite you to our Easter morning worship experience. We will talk about finding our voice so that others may know our Resurrection Lifestyle. See you in worship!

Because of Christ,
Pastor Jack

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April 18th, 7pm - Maundy Thursday Service

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

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April 20th, 12:30pm - Harvesters

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

April 21st, 9-11am - Easter Brunch

April 22nd - Easter Monday; church office closed

April 23rd, 7pm - Trustees Meeting

April 23rd, 7pm - Purple Threads

April 26th, 4pm - 4H Fashion Show

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

April 29th & 30th, 9am - Rummage Sale Setup. **No Monday chair yoga!**

April 29th, 7pm - SPRC Meeting

May 1st, 10am - Keller-Fitz Book Group

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

May 4th, 6pm - Central Cinema

May 4th, 6pm - Confirmation dinner and rehearsal

May 5th, 10:30am - Confirmation Sunday and Potluck Reception

The deadline for the Sunday, April 28th issue of *Chimes* is Wednesday, April 17th. Please send all of your articles, thank you notes and address changes to the Church office or e-mail them to rdanek@waterfordcumc.org.

VBS June 24th - June 28th



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. Everyone is welcome, so let your friends and neighbors know!

Confirmation Sunday

May 5th at 10:30am
Worship

Join us for a festive celebration welcoming our newest members, followed by an all-church potluck to honor the confirmands and their families.

Help us make this day extra-special by bringing a dish or helping with setup and/or cleanup. If you can help, please sign up outside the office.



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

9:00am-11am — Breakfast

Message: "Shut Up" or Speak Up.

Scripture: Mark 16:1-20



Harvesters April Gathering

April 20th @ 12:30pm

This month's get together will feature a trip to the Old Redford Theater in Detroit 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.

Save These Spring Dates!

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.



Central Cafe Schedule

April 18th - No Dinner
(Maundy Thursday)

April 25th - Chicken Marsala

May 2nd - No Dinner
(Rummage Sale)

May 9th - Ham and Potatoes

May 16th - Ribs



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.



Address Changes

Please note there is a new mailing address for:

Tom & Trina Eddy
5050 Whitlow Court
Commerce, MI 48382

An Easter to Remember

Bring a Friend and Let's Celebrate!

Easter is a great time to bring a friend or family member to church to hear the good news of salvation. Most people attend church because they were invited. In fact, 76% of people attending a worship service for the first time are there because someone they know invited them.

This Easter, we invite *you* to invite a friend to church, and we have invitation cards to help make it easy. You can also use our Facebook event to quickly and easily invite friends and family to Easter service. There are three services on Easter—8am sunrise service, 9:15 The Conversation contemporary worship and 10:30am Sanctuary worship—as well as Easter breakfast from 9am – 11am.

Invite Card



Hospitality Is the Order of the Day

Easter is the number one day for church attendance. That means that we will have many guests to whom we can show hospitality. Be on the lookout on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday for new faces, and make sure to be welcoming and friendly. A few simple things you can do:



- Remember that they are Guests that we have prepared for, not unexpected visitors.
- Go out of your way to say “hi” to new people; the worse that will happen is that you’ll greet someone who’s been here before.
- If you see someone looking lost, help them find what they’re looking for. Perhaps they need to find the nursery or the Sunday school. Or, maybe they’re not sure where to sit...or where the restrooms are.
- Within five minutes before or after the service try to engage in conversation with someone new. Encourage them to visit the welcome table to pick up their free gift and more information on Central. Point out the coffee and refreshments station.
- Fill out the Connection Card—it’s how we connect with new people as well as with you. Every few weeks this card changes, and there are always new volunteer opportunities that can help you grow in discipleship.
- Remember that many of our Guests may not have been to church since Christmas, or since last Easter. Or, maybe they haven’t been to church since they were a child...or ever. Anything you can do to make them feel comfortable will go a long way.

Facebook Event



But mostly, just be friendly and welcoming, and let's make this an Easter that they'll remember!



 **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!

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.



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 or call the office at (248) 681-0040.

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!



Thank You!

CUMC Friends,

Jean and I would like to thank Purple Threads, caregivers and staff for all the caring cards and flowers sent to us. We really appreciate all the kindness and blessings.

Gratefully Yours,
Jean & Jack (Ostrander)

Do You Have An Extra File Cabinet?

We are looking for two 2-drawer file cabinets for the church office. If you have a spare one, please consider donating it. Thank you in advance!



Scholarship Applications Due May 5th!

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



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.



41 Easter baskets were assembled and delivered by the Hutchinson Circle group for children of prisoners. Thank you!



**Saturday,
May 18th
9am-12pm**

It's finally spring (or will be by May, hopefully) and it's time for spring cleaning and gardening. Bring your gloves, tools, favorite cleaning supplies and your bright smile, and help us get the church and grounds into shape. Sign up outside the office, or just show up for the fun.