



SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

Holy Humor Sunday. Pastor Jack preaching. Entertaining music and skits by musicians and members of the congregation.

Dear Friends,

Can you remember the last time your faith got shaken up? For our six confirmation students, each confirmation class during the last year was a time to ask questions, revisit what we know, and explore our faith more and more. Some classes shook us up more than others and I'm not quite sure if, on confirmation Sunday, all the disruption will be settled. To be fair, our faith should always be in a process of shaking and settling. So, rather than ascribe answers to all the confirmands' questions (and there were many) we've learned some new skills to be able to discuss our faith, and what it means for how we live in the world.

In September, we blessed our confirmands and connected them with mentors from our faith community. In addition to coming to class on Sunday nights, confirmands and their mentors were tasked with doing additional activities to explore their faith, like exploring our hymnal and reading scripture. The pairs also did acts of service like baking cookies and sending cards to homebound members.

In January, confirmands visited Micah 6 in Pontiac for a night of service. They helped prepare an apartment for painting in order that a low-income family might have a new place to live. In February, confirmands had an overnight retreat that focused on prayer. We explored different types of prayer that we find in scripture, crafted our own prayers, and looked at prayer traditions from different cultures and faiths.

Now we are nearing confirmation Sunday, where we will welcome these confirmands as full members of our church. They will profess their faith in Jesus Christ and vow to participate in the life of our church.

But they will not be the only ones affirming their faith! As a congregation, we will remember our vow to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love that we pledged to them over the waters of baptism. These young people will need more than their parents and mentors to journey with them as they continue to strengthen their faith and claim it as their own. I hope you'll take some time to consider how you will walk along side these young people—through prayer, through volunteering with our youth programs, through service alongside them, through worshiping with them, and so much more! But I'll warn you now, just when you think you'll be strengthening their faith with your presence, their wisdom and questions will shake up your beliefs and make your faith that much stronger.

Blessings,

Rev. Cora

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

April 28th, 5:45 pm - Youth Group

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 2nd - NO CENTRAL CAFE

May 4th, 6pm - Central Cinema

May 4th, 6pm - Confirmation dinner and rehearsal

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

May 5th, 5:45 pm - Youth Group

May 6th, 10:30am - Chair Yoga

May 7th, 6pm - Purple Threads

May 7th, 1pm - Hutchinson Circle

May 8th, 10am - Keller-Fitz Book Group

May 8th, 7pm - Wednesday Bible Study Begins

May 9th, 6:30pm - Thursday Evening Study

May 11th, 9:15am - Oakland Hope Volunteer Opportunity

May 12th - HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

The deadline for the Sunday, May 12th issue of *Chimes* is Wednesday, May 1st. Please send all of your articles, thank you notes and address changes to the Church office or e-mail them to rdanek@waterfordcumc.org.

Confirmation Reception and All-Church Potluck May 5th

Let's show some great Central hospitality to our newest members and their families during the all-church potluck and reception following the 10:30am service.

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



Coming to Central
May 2nd—4th

Donation Dates:

- April 28th - May 1st @ Noon
- Large item pickup will be April 28th. Call the office to schedule a pickup

Sale Dates:

- **Thursday, May 2nd, Noon–6pm**
Early Bird Sale Noon–1pm (\$2 Admission for Early Bird)
- **Friday, May 3rd, 10am–4pm**
25% Off Sale
- **Saturday, May 4th, 9am–Noon**
Bag Day; 1 for \$3, 2 for \$5;
unbagged items 50% Off

There's Still Time to Volunteer!

There are still volunteer opportunities for helping with setup, cleanup and running the sale. Sign up at the table in the Chapel hallway.

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

- George Johnston, 5/2
- Annabelle Closson, 5/6
- Helen Beason, 5/18
- Mary Ellen Brown, 5/18
- Maye Jennings, 5/29
- Mary Lou Pagen, 5/29
- Jack Chettleburgh, 5/31

Central 50+ Anniversaries

Congratulations to:

- Bud & Penny Leverenz, 5/11, 51 yrs.
- And a Belated Happy Anniversary to John & Joyce Merle, 4/19, 50 yrs.

Address Changes

There is a new mailing address for:

Joyce Lund
Autumn Ridge Memory Care
5700 Water Tower Pl., Rm #31
Clarkston, MI 48346

There is a new phone number for:

Jerry & Kathy Chao
248-931-7768

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.



Volunteer!

Saturday, May 11th,
9:15am - 3pm

Meet at the church at 9:15am to carpool, or just meet us at Oakland Hope at 9:30am. Sign up outside the office. Contact Rev. Cora for more info.

Sympathies

Our sympathies and prayers to Debra and Sharon Wilson on the death of their father, James Wilson on April 14th, 2019.

New Member Classes

Interested in joining Central? Plan to attend on of our new member classes to learn more.

- Sunday, May 5th, 12:30–3 pm
- Monday, May 6th, 6:30–9 pm
- Thursday, May 9th, 6–8:30 pm



Join a Study

Thursday Night Studies 6:30 - 7:30pm

Join us for our last three Thursday night studies of the season! We meet from 6:30-7:30 in the Parlor. Each lesson will feature a short thought-provoking "Animate: Practices" video featuring a contemporary Christian leader, followed by a time of discussion. Each lesson will stand alone, so join us for one week, or all three!

- April 25th – Worship (featuring Mike Slaughter)
- May 9th – Sacraments (featuring Phyllis Tickle)
- May 16th – Prayer (featuring Brian McLaren)

Immersion Bible Study: Romans

Wednesdays, May 8th – June 19th, 7 - 8:30pm*

Journey inside the pages of scripture to meet a personal God who enters individual lives and begins a creative work from the inside out. Shaped with the individual in mind, *Immersion* encourages simultaneous engagement both with the Word of God and with the God of the Word to become a new creation in Christ.

Books are available in the church office for \$13, or on Kindle by Amazon for \$9.

*Class will not meet on Wednesday, May 29th.



"Wonder"

This extraordinary drama follows the story of Auggie, a boy with facial differences who enters 5th grade attending a mainstream elementary school for the first time. PG

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!

Scrip Cards Make Great Graduation Gifts!

The arrival of spring means the school year is winding down. Keep Central's Scrip program in mind when buying gifts for teachers, staff, and graduates of all ages. Select Scrip retailers are offering low denomination gift cards for all of your needs. Available right now are \$5 gift cards to Blimpie, Coldstone, Panera, Starbucks, Taco Bell, and Barnes and Noble. Also available are \$10 cards for Amazon, Applebee's, CVS, Home Depot, iHop, Meijer, Outback, Red Lobster, Target and Walmart. See Deb or Rainy to place your order for these cards.

We have extra Scrip cards in inventory for the following stores and restaurants; Bath & Body Works, JC Penny, Michaels, Office Max, Rite Aid, Staples, Chipotle, Red Robin, Chili's, & Olive Garden. If you shop at these stores, stop by the Scrip table on Sunday after worship or on Thursday during Central Café and pick up a Scrip card to use for your next purchase.

Youth Arts Picnic

May 19th, after 10:30am
Worship



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

Harvesters!

May 16th @ Noon

Save the date for a time of fellowship and conversation with friends.



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.

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; contact the office at (248) 681-0040.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Central Cafe 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 7:30-9:00 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>Support Groups 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>	<p>7 1 pm - Hutchinson Circle 6 pm - Purple Threads Potluck 6:30 pm - Girl Scouts</p>	<p>1 8am - Rummage Sale Setup 10 am - Keller-Fitz Book Study 7 pm - Leader Dog Training</p>	<p>2 12 pm - 6 pm - Rummage Sale 8 am - Fix-It Crew 4 - 9 pm - Rehearsals NO CENTRAL CAFE</p>	<p>3 Church Office Closed 10 am - 4 pm - Rummage Sale</p>	<p>4 9 am - 12 pm - Rummage Sale 6 pm - Central Cinema 6 pm - Confirmation Rehearsal</p>
<p>5 9:15 & 10:30 am - Worship 9:15 am - FaithLink 11:45 am - All Church Potluck 5:45 pm - Youth Group</p>	<p>6 10:30 am - Chair Yoga 7:30 pm - Boy Scouts</p>	<p>7 1 pm - Hutchinson Circle 6 pm - Purple Threads Potluck 6:30 pm - Girl Scouts</p>	<p>8 10 am - Keller-Fitz Book Study 7 pm - Wednesday Bible Study</p>	<p>9 8 am - Fix-It Crew 4 - 9 pm - Central Cafe 6:30 pm - Thursday Eve. Study</p>	<p>10 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>11 9 am - 7 pm - Girl Scouts Harry Potter Event 9:30 am - 3 pm Oakland Hope Volunteering</p>
<p>12 9:15 & 10:30 am - Worship 9:15 am - FaithLink  MOTHER'S DAY!</p>	<p>13 9:30 am - Moms Connect 10:30 am - Chair Yoga 6:30 pm - Finance Committee Mtg. 7:30 pm - Church Council Mtg. 7:30 pm - Boy Scouts</p>	<p>14 12 pm - Tuesday Musicales Program 7 pm - Eschtruth Circle</p>	<p>15 10 am - Keller-Fitz Book Study 7 pm - Immersion Bible Study</p>	<p>16 8 am - Fix-It Crew 12 pm - Harvesters 4 - 9 pm - Central Cafe 6:30 pm - Thursday Eve. Study</p>	<p>17 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>18 9 am - 12 pm - Church Clean Up</p>
<p>19 9:15 & 10:30 am - Worship 9:15 am - FaithLink 11:30 am - Youth Arts Picnic 5:45 pm - Youth Group</p>	<p>20 10:30 am - Chair Yoga 7:30 pm - Boy Scouts</p>	<p>21 6:30 pm - Girl Scouts</p>	<p>22 8 am - 6 pm - Lifeline Screening 10 am - Keller-Fitz Book Study 7 pm - Immersion Bible Study</p>	<p>23 8 am - Fix-It Crew 12 pm - Harvesters 5:45 pm - YTBN Ringers 6:25 pm - Agape Ringers 6:30 pm - Jubilate Dancers</p>	<p>24 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 9:15 & 10:30 am - Worship 9:15 am - FaithLink</p>	<p>27 Church Office Closed </p>	<p>28 12 - 6 pm - Blood Drive 7 pm - Trustees Mtg.</p>	<p>29 10 am - Keller-Fitz Book Study No Immersion Bible Study</p>	<p>30 8 am - Fix-It Crew 9 am - 1 pm - Little Sprouts Picnic 5:45 pm - YTBN Ringers 6:30 pm - Jubilate Dancers</p>	<p>31 Church Office Closed</p>	