



SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:15 am- The Conversation

10:30 am - Sanctuary Worship

UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

Memorial Day Sunday. Pastor Jack preaching "Finishing Strong." Music by the Agape Ringers.

Dear Friends,

Can you celebrate too much? According to the National Football League, you can. The excessive celebration penalty came to be after several over-the-top celebrations occurred in the NFL. When NFL player Chad Ochocinco, formerly Chad Johnson, played for the Cincinnati Bengals, he performed CPR on a football after scoring a touchdown. He also got down on one knee to propose to a cheerleader, and swung a pylon like a baseball bat in celebration of a big play. When Steve Smith of the Carolina Panthers scored a touchdown, he did a snow angel in the end zone. These instances, among others, prompted officials to create an excessive celebration rule. (From Catherine Copeland, "What does the NFL penalty for excessive celebration mean?" *eHow*, ehow.com)

Get ready to throw a flag on this letter because I'm about to celebrate excessively! I am writing this the day after our Cantata Sunday in which we heard Mozart's Coronation Mass. It was received by a standing ovation and those gathered clapped for over a minute for the soloists, for Kevin Naeve, our Music Director, and for Jun Bernier, our Organist/Choir Accompanist. It was truly a musical offering worth celebrating.

It's been a couple of weeks since Mother's Day, which was only three weeks after Easter. We had musical offerings from our children's choirs that numbered 15 on Palm Sunday and Mother's Day. The Mother's Day performance was accompanied by three teenagers playing bells. Our Holy Humor Sunday, the week after Easter, allowed us to laugh and celebrate Christ's victory over death and our resurrection faith—it truly was a fun

and lively day. The first week in May we received six youth into our membership, and their first act as new members was to serve Holy Communion.

We are now entering into a variety of "Special Sundays" that will usher us into our Summer: Memorial Day Sunday, Graduation Sunday/Pentecost Sunday, Father's Day and VBS Celebration. It will be a strong finish to a really wonderful year of celebrating who we are and *whose* we are; we recognize our ability to celebrate with each other the blessings that God has provided.

In the midst of all this celebrating, I will be sharing a message on Sunday, June 23, on how our church will move forward; addressing our welcoming of all people, inclusive of the LGBTQ community. During that message I will introduce several systems that we are putting in place that I believe will create space for all people at Central Church, calling us to be the church that God intends. First Timothy 2:1-4 and Matthew 25:31-46 provide the basis for that message. As we celebrate—even to excess—in our church, we have a mission and ministry to align with God's vision for the church. These are exciting days! I look forward to seeing you in worship!

Because of Christ,

Pastor Jack

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May 27th, 10am - Memorial Day Parade. CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED.

May 28th, Noon-6pm - Blood Drive

May 28th, 7pm - Trustees Meeting

May 29th, 10am - Keller-Fitz Book Group

May 29th - NO BIBLE STUDY

May 30th, 9am - Little Sprouts Picnic

June 1st, 2nd & 3rd, 7-9:30pm - Serve at Hope Shelter in Pontiac

June 2nd, 2pm - Rev. Cora's Ordination (in Traverse City)

June 2nd, 3pm - Oakland County Chess Club

June 3rd, 10:30am - Chair Yoga

June 3rd, 7:30pm - Men's Softball @ Clarkston Community

June 4th, 1pm - Hutchinson Circle

June 4th, 7pm - Waterford Refugee Welcome Alliance

June 5th, 10am - Keller-Fitz Book Group

June 5th, 7pm - Immersion Bible Study

June 8th, 4pm - Big Chief Chorus Ice Cream Social

June 8th, 6pm - Central Cinema

June 9th, 10:30am - Graduation Sunday

The deadline for the Sunday, June 9th issue of *Chimes* is Wednesday, May 29th. Please send all of your articles, thank you notes and address changes to the Church office or e-mail them to rdanek@waterfordcumc.org.

Memorial Garden Support

On Monday, May 27th we will remember those who gave their lives in service to our nation. Memorial Day weekend serves as a reminder of all those we've lost, not only recently but from our distant memory. As Memorial Day approaches, our Memorial Garden Committee works diligently to prepare the garden for the summer; planting and weeding, updating the plaque and making sure our watering system is working. The promise made to those who place the cremains of loved ones in our garden is that this beautiful final resting place will be perpetually cared for. At present, the cremains of 89 loved ones have been placed in our garden.

While we are good stewards of the funds received for that perpetual care, there are special projects and needs that require additional funding. As we near warmer weather and the unofficial beginning of summer (Memorial Day) please consider giving of your time working in the garden/and or making a donation in honor or memory of your loved ones. Envelopes are available in the office and checks may be made to Central United Methodist Church and are tax deductible. Please put Memorial Garden on the memo line. Thank you.

Central United Methodist Church Summer Concert Series

Through a generous memorial donation, Central UMC is honored to offer the Marv and Mary Wilson Memorial Concert Series to the southeast Michigan area. The series will feature highly-acclaimed musicians from metro Detroit. The concerts vary widely in musical style and format, so there is sure to be something for everyone.

The Langsford Men's Chorus Sunday, June 23rd at 3pm

With a generous repertoire of songs, you will be mesmerized by the vocal blending and range of these amazingly talented gentlemen.

Matt Ball: The Boogie-Woogie Kid Sunday, July 28th at 3pm

Matt performs a family-friendly program of New Orleans boogie, blues, swing and song favorites from the 20s, 30s and 40s.

Nuevo Jazz Detroit: Cool Latin Vibe Sunday, August 25th at 3pm

The rhythms of Brazil, Cuba, Mexico and Argentina blend with straight-ahead jazz in classic and new songs that bring you the cool side of Latin Jazz.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for students. Group ticket pricing is also available. Tickets will be available at the door, or after worship beginning in June.

The Langsford Men's Chorus will perform the first concert in the Marv and Mary Wilson Memorial Concert Series.



Harvesters!

June 20th @ Noon

Join us for an outing to Kensington Metropark for a tour by boat. Meet at Central at noon to carpool. Boat ride is \$4 for 65 and up. We'll stop for lunch after. Sign up outside the office. Everyone welcome!

Summer Soloists

Would you like to perform a vocal or instrumental solo this summer during worship? Contact Kevin Naeve for more information.



"License to Wed"

Meet Reverend Frank, who puts an engaged couple—Ben and Sadie—through a grueling marriage preparation course to see if they are meant to be married in his church. In this month traditionally designated as "the month of weddings," enjoy this romantic comedy. PG13.

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!



Opportunities to Serve & Grow

Donate to Help Local Refugees

Central's Justice Ministry, in association with the Waterford Refugee Welcome Alliance, is collecting laundry and cleaning supplies to help out Waterford area refugees. Please put donations in the bins in the Chapel hallway.

Soap for Hope

We are collecting soap of any type—shower gel, bar soap, laundry soap, dish soap—for Oakland Hope to use in their food pantry. Please put donations in the bin in the Chapel Hallway.

Give Blood

Tuesday, May 28th, Noon - 6pm

Central's spring blood drive will be held on Tuesday, May 28th. Please consider donating. Sign up in the Chapel hallway for a time slot.

Donate or Volunteer to Help with VBS

VBS is a great way to help children and youth in our community grow in faith. Sign up to donate items; a list is available at the VBS table in the Narthex. Or, contact Rev. Cora if you're interested in volunteering.

Help St. Mark UMC Put a Roof on Their Church

Give to Central's CrowdRise campaign to raise money to put the roof on St. Mark's UMC in Kakata, Liberia. Visit Central's Facebook page to donate, or mark checks "St. Mark's Roof" and place in the weekly offering.

Central is Hosting at Hope Shelter

**June 1st, 2nd & 3rd,
7-9:30pm**

Volunteers are needed to prepare a hot meal at Central, transport it to Hope Shelter, serve guests, clean up, help with guest intake, monitor the shower schedule and distribute hygiene items to guests. Monetary donations are also being accepted to cover the cost of food and supplies for 80 meals.

Sign up in the Chapel hallway, or online at <http://bit.ly/HopeSignUp0619>.

Volunteers must be 18 years or older.

For more information, contact **Deb Schmid**, 248-705-8546 or debra.hs@att.net, or **Cheryl Hinsberg**, 248-376-1803 or mrjiminmi@aol.com.



Congratulations to our newly confirmed youth (l. to r.) Becklyn Shanahan, Brayden Cornish, Samantha Burnham, (Rev. Cora), Lily Miller, Jaeden McCarthy and Daniel Taylor.

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

- William Svenkesen, 6/3
- Winbert Bordeaux, 6/7
- Jay Young, 6/9
- Claudia Crump, 6/12
- Herbert Alsup, 6/15
- Marilyn Sue Waltz, 6/15
- Barbara Johnston, 6/19
- LaVonne Long, 6/21
- Florence Anderson, 6/25
- Margaret Mariner, 6/28

Central 50+ Anniversaries

Congratulations to:

- Stephen & Nancy Albery, 6/14, 50 yrs.
- Larry & Barbara Spiece, 6/14, 50 yrs.
- Bruce & Beverly Lax, 6/16, 57 yrs.
- Richard & Lynn Vincent, 6/21, 50 yrs.
- Ken & Deanna Bowers, 6/24, 60 yrs.
- Ronald & Barbara Newman, 6/28, 50 yrs.

Our Deepest Sympathies

To Debra and Sharon Wilson on the death of their father, James Wilson.

To Dave and Diane Braden on the death of her mother Dorothy Holloway.

Our prayers are with the families.



Join us on Memorial Day as "Band of Misfits" (The Conversation Band) plays in the Waterford parade. Parade begins at 10am.

