



SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

Graduation Sunday, Pentecost and a special reception for our graduates and Rev. Cora's ordination. Pastor Jack preaching. Wear red for Pentecost!

Dear Friends,

Rabbi Shmuley Boteach, in his 2012 book, *Kosher Jesus* (Gefen Books, 2012), reflected on the term "Judeo-Christian." Boteach wrote:

“If I can leave my readers with one ringing message...it is this: The hyphen between Jewish and Christian values is Jesus himself. Both religions share him, looking to him from opposite sides of a chasm. He can bring us closer to one another, if only we are brave enough to allow for understanding him in a new light.

“At a time when the world flails in search of values, strangled by materialism, divisiveness, instability, doubt and unrest, we must return to the basic ideals we share in common. All of these are to be found in the life and lessons of Jesus of Nazareth, lover of Israel, rebel against Rome, Jewish hero, and the inspiration for innumerable acts of Christian charity.” (Kindle location 88% - 2928 of 3319)

Wow! What a positive statement of looking at what connects us rather than that which divides us. I am returning today from our Michigan Area Annual Conference more hopeful than when I left Waterford a week ago. So many people went to Traverse City with a feeling of dread and fear of conflict.

I'm not saying that there wasn't conflict, but for the most part people behaved themselves, and the parts of Annual Conference that I enjoy most (Worship and Preaching, Fellowship with Colleagues and the feeling of being part of something bigger than I) were still inspirational and well-presented. In addition to what I like best about Conference, our own Rev. Cora Glass

was ordained a Deacon and my son, Pastor Jeremiah Mannschreck, was ordained an Elder on Sunday, June 2.

Friends, there has been much conversation and concern about the future of the United Methodist Church. There will continue to be concerns for at least another year, in my opinion. I believe the 2020 General Conference of the UMC will offer a more concrete and hopeful plan for our denomination, and it will probably result in more than one denominational affiliation. The change in my heart and mind that calms my spirit and gives me hope is the thought that this is not the death of a denomination, but rather a birth.

That fact is, the church has experienced schisms for centuries; and the Methodist movement has had its share of those schisms. We split over the issue of slavery, we remained separate from other Methodist-based denominations to this day (Wesleyan Churches, African Methodist Episcopal Churches, the Nazarene Church).

Here's my thinking. If a Rabbi can see Jesus as a connecting point between Jews and Christians, we who proclaim to follow Jesus should be able to work toward a future in which the church of Christ continues—yes, through different paths and expressions—but continues none the less.

I encourage you to stand strong in your faith, pray for your church and trust that God is working for the good of all who love God. I look forward to seeing you in worship.

Because of Christ,

Pastor Jack



June 9th, 9am - VBS Volunteer Meeting

June 9th, 10:30am - Graduation Sunday and Pentecost

June 9th, 11:30am - Reception for the Graduates and Rev. Cora

June 9th, 5:45pm - Youth and Tween Group End-of-year Party

June 10th, 10:30am - Chair Yoga

June 10th, 6:30pm - Finance Mtg.

June 11th, 6pm - Eschtruth Circle

June 12th, 10am - Keller-Fitz Book Group

June 12th, 7pm - *Immersion* Bible Study

June 12th, All Day - Little Sprouts Fundraiser at Buffalo Wild Wings

June 16th - Father's Day

June 17th, 10:30am - Chair Yoga

June 17th, 6:15pm - Men's Softball @ First Missionary

June 19th, 10am - Keller -Fitz Book Group

June 19th, 7pm - *Immersion* Bible Study

June 20th, 12pm - Harvester's Outing

June 23rd, 11:45am - VBS Decorating Party

June 23rd 3pm - Langsford Men's Chorus

The deadline for the Sunday, June 23rd issue of *Chimes* is Wednesday, June 12th. Please send all of your articles, thank you notes and address changes to the Church office or e-mail them to rdanek@waterfordcumc.org.

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.

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



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

Upcoming Concerts:

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.



It Takes a Village...

To Host Vacation Bible School!

This summer's VBS is going to be an out-of-this-world adventure as we take our kids "To Mars and Beyond." But, we need your help! There are lots of opportunities to support the VBS team including:

- Help with setup, decorating and/or cleanup
- Donate supplies and materials. Visit the table outside the Sanctuary for a list of what is needed.
- Donate frosting containers (clean) or CDs to be used for a craft project
- Act as a leader (youth can use the time for community service hours)
- Take photos or video during VBS
- Tell friends and neighbors about our great VBS program

VBS is for children 3-1/2 years old through those finishing 5th grade. To volunteer, or to register your child(ren), visit myvbs.org/waterfordcumc. If you have questions, contact Rev. Cora. Hope to see you at VBS!

RUMMAGE SALE NET...

(DRUM ROLL, PLEASE)...

\$7800!

STAY TUNED FOR A LIST OF NON-PROFITS THAT WILL BE RECEIVING PROCEEDS!

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.

Help St. Mark UMC Put a Roof on Their Church

Donate 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 give, mark checks "St. Mark's Roof" and place in the weekly offering.



Little Sprouts Summer Camps

It's not too late to sign up for one (or more) of the fun camps being hosted by Little Sprouts this summer. All camps run M-Th from 9am - 1pm. The cost is \$66 per camp. This year's lineup is:

June 17-20—Dinosaurs 2.0

“We are the Dinosaurs Marching, Marching.” Dinosaurs are back! Dinosaurs 2.0 will meet all your dinosaur-loving expectations.

July 8-11—Under the Sea

“Baby Fish Do-Do-Do-Do-Do.” Come learn all about baby fish's friends, such as dolphins, whales, jellyfish, and where they live. The ocean is full of amazing and beautiful creatures!

July 22-25—Insects/Nature/Exploring

This camp will encourage kids to investigate nature through daily nature walks, exploring real bugs, and finding a true love for the outdoors.

August 5-8—Mad About Science

A little bit of physics, a little bit of chemistry, a smidgen of biology, a tad of math and more. Join us for four days of creative science and hands-on experiments.

August 19-22—Space/Astronomy

5-4-3-2-1 BLAST OFF! Explore the sun, moon, stars and planets as budding astronomers learn about our galaxy and solar system

To register, call the Little Sprouts office at (248) 683-8759 or email them at littlesprouts@comcast.net.



Celebrate!

June 9th @ 10:30am Worship

We will be celebrating Pentecost, our 2019 graduates and Rev. Cora's ordination. Join us for this festive service, and afterward for a special reception for the graduates and Rev. Cora. Wear red to celebrate Pentecost!



Thank You Volunteers!

On May 11th, nine volunteers from Central went to Oakland Hope and helped six families with their food needs. Oakland Hope runs a food pantry that is funded by their thrift store. The pantry provides a super-market style food selection experience, which helps families with food allergy and food sensitivity issues.

This is Central's third volunteer trip to Oakland Hope. There will be one more opportunity in 2019 to volunteer with this organization—Saturday, November 2nd, from 10am-1pm. Plan to join us as we show God's love in our community.

We also will have an opportunity to volunteer with Cass Community Social Services on July 13th, from 9am-1pm.

See Rev. Cora for more information on joining us for any of our volunteer efforts.



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!

Eat at Buffalo Wild Wings!

Wednesday, June 12th

Pick up a flyer at church, take it to Buffalo Wild Wings at 5223 Highland Road, order lunch or dinner, and **20% of your purchase will be donated to Little Sprouts Preschool.**



Sat. June 8th, 6pm

“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.

Dear Care-Giving Angels,

You are truly angels; thoughtful, kind and encouraging. The cards and notes have been a blessing to me. I sincerely thank *all* the angels!

God Bless and Sincerely,

-Margaret Mariner



Our Deepest Sympathies

To Terese Shepherd on the death of her mother, Diane Danville. Our prayers are with the family.



The men of Central perform "Is It I?" for Maundy Thursday service. Pictured (l. to r.) are Mark Strobel, Daniel Burby, John R. Pierre, Brook Strang, Myke Robson, Bryan Murphy, Kevin Naeve, Rich Peacock, John Pierre, Ben Mannschreck, Sam Osborn, Ken Cortese, Justin McCarthy.

The "Band of Misfits" performed in Waterford's Memorial Day Parade. Band of Misfits is (l. to r.) Matt Berg, Kevin Brandon (guest musician), Ken Ferguson and Gordy Gillette (not pictured).



The Little Sprouts had fun their last day of school with a family picnic, fun and games and face painting!

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