



Dear Friends,

While the church—our church—finds itself in uncertain times in terms of inclusion issues concerning the LGBTQIA community, finances, and working with other Waterford churches to create a vital presence of the UMC in the area, I want to assure you that on a daily basis there is plenty for our church to do. It's a challenge to juggle all these concerns with day to day ministry, but initiatives are under way to make us more effective.

Last November, part of our staff attended the Reach Summit in Lansing. Those who participate in this summit were invited to participate in various network groups throughout the following year. Since January of this year, Rev. Cora has been in a group for youth ministry. Robin Danek, our Marketing and Community Relations Coordinator, and I signed up for the “ministry systems” group that has met monthly since January. The basis of this group is the work of Nelson Searcy, Pastor of *The Journey*, a large church in New York City. Prior to launching *The Journey*, Pastor Searcy was on the pastoral staff at Saddleback Church in California (Rick Warren, Lead Pastor).

Searcy identifies eight ministry systems that are critical to being fruitful in ministry: Assimilation System, Evangelism System, Worship Planning System, Ministry System, Small Group System, Strategic System, Stewardship System and Leadership System. Each of these systems is detailed in books by Searcy. Robin and I have been reading one of these books each month and participating in a meeting on the second Thursday of the month at a church that has implemented these systems. There are about a dozen churches participating with us in this group. Following lunch, the pastors in the group

meet for an additional hour and a half to discuss another book related to the topic of Searcy's book for that month.

We began to implement Searcy's systems about two years ago. My upcoming preaching schedule has been greatly influenced by Searcy's work. The Connection Cards we've used since September are a part of the Assimilation System that encourages people to be in ministry that is meaningful, and to participate in groups that meet throughout the year. As the various systems are implemented, the Connection Card becomes the conduit for communication and participation in ministries and events.

We have also implemented much of the finance and stewardship system (called the Maximize System) in our church. The “Offering Stories” we share during worship are a key piece, as is our ability for people to give via mobile and text message. Our Stewardship Campaign in September will be heavily influenced by this system.

Searcy is fond of saying that the word “System” stands for “Saving You Stress, Time, Energy and Money.” During this summer, my messages will be about several of these systems and how they will impact our ministry in the near future, and for years to come. I hope you will come to worship our God, who created all that is—systems you might say. The systems of God's creation should be reflected in the ministries of the church—our church. These systems will help us better manage all the concerns and ministries of the church that are for God's glory and our benefit. I look forward to seeing you in worship this summer!

Because of Christ,

*Pastor Jack*

The deadline for the Sunday, July 7th issue of *Chimes* is Wednesday, June 26th. 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

Pastor Jack preaching “The Future of the UMC – Exclusivity is Incompatible to Christianity.”

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- June 23rd, 11:45am** - VBS Decorating Party
- June 23rd, 3pm** - Langsford Men's Chorus
- June 24th - 28th, 9am - Noon** - Vacation Bible School (VBS)
- June 24th, 6:15pm** - Men's Softball @ First Missionary
- June 25th, 7pm** - Trustees Mtg.
- June 26th, 10am** - Keller-Fitz Group
- July 1st, 7:30pm** - Men's Softball @ New Hope
- July 3rd, 10am** - Keller-Fitz Group
- July 4th** - Church Office Closed - Happy Independence Day
- July 8th - 10:30am** - Chair Yoga
- July 8th - 6:15pm** - Men's Softball @ Clarkston Community
- July 8th, 6:30pm** - Church Council Meeting
- July 10th, 10am** - Keller-Fitz Group
- July 12th, 6:30pm** - Hymns & Beer at Rustic Leaf Brewing Co.
- July 13th, 8am - 1pm** - Cass Community Social Services

**CONNECT WITH CENTRAL**

**Web:** [waterfordcumc.org](http://waterfordcumc.org)  
**Facebook:** [waterfordcumc](https://www.facebook.com/waterfordcumc)  
**Phone:** (248) 681-0040  
**Address:** 3882 Highland Rd. Waterford MI 48328

## Central's Rummage Sale Benefits Over Ten Non-Profits

Every spring, Central's rummage sale brings people from all over the Waterford area to purchase items donated for the sale. The proceeds from this sale are then distributed to non-profit organizations that Central supports. Distribution for this year's proceeds (\$7800) includes:

- Clothe-a-Child
- Good Samaritan Collection
- Baldwin Center
- Hope Shelter
- Open Door of Waterford
- Haven Women's Shelter
- Liberia Missions
- Lighthouse of Pontiac
- Waterford Refugee Welcome Alliance
- Oakland Hope
- Little Sprouts
- Methodist Children's Home
- Methodist Retirement Community

Thank you to everyone who donated and volunteered for this great program!



Twenty pints of blood were collected by the Red Cross during Central's spring blood drive. Thank you to everyone who donated and/or volunteered.

### It's Time Again for Hymns & Beer

Friday, July 12th,  
6:30-8pm

Join us for a good ole' hymn sing at Rustic Leaf Brewing Company. If you have a hymn suggestion, let Robin Danek know by June 30th by emailing her at [rdanek@waterfordcumc.org](mailto:rdanek@waterfordcumc.org). Rustic Leaf is located at 7200 Highland Rd, Waterford Twp, MI.



## The Langsford Men's Chorus

Sunday, June 23rd, 3pm

Join us for the first concert in the Marv and Mary Wilson summer concert series. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the door.

### Upcoming Concerts:

- Matt Ball: The Boogie-Woogie Kid, Sunday, July 28th at 3pm
- Nuevo Jazz Detroit: Cool Latin Vibe, Sunday, August 25th at 3pm

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

- Marian Hansen, 7/3
- Bonnie Byadiah, 7/14
- Virginia Hudnell, 7/16
- Jean Ostrander, 7/17
- James March, 7/23
- Vivian Eddy, 7/26
- Barb Burns, 7/28
- James Schilb, 7/28

## Opportunities to Serve & Grow

### Donate to Help Local Refugees

Central's Justice Ministry, in association with the Waterford Refugee Welcome Alliance, is collecting diapers and feminine hygiene products 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.

### Volunteer with Us

Saturday, July 16th, 9am-1pm

Meet at Central at 8am to carpool to Cass Community Social Services, where we will volunteer for a morning. Sign up outside the church office.

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

## Address Changes

Please note there are new mailing addresses for:

### June MacLennan

Inn at Cass Lake # 325  
900 North Cass Lake Rd.  
Waterford, MI 48328

### Mark & Toni Stephens

1211 E Reid Rd  
Grand Blanc, MI 48439-8835



## 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:

### 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 live 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](mailto:littlesprouts@comcast.net).

## Memorial Gardeners!

Thank you to Cheryl Malin for leading the crew to plant flowers and spruce up the Memorial Garden. Thanks also to Ruth Greene, Sally Hart, Sue Waters, Carol Kozel, Kathy Scaruri, Larry Spiece, and to Marge Frazier for the refreshments. Watch for other work dates this summer; many hands make light work.

The Memorial Garden is a place for remains of loved ones and a place for meditation and reflection. Contributions to the garden for upkeep and maintenance are always welcome. Envelopes are available in the church office, or write “Memorial Garden” in the memo line of your check. Thank you, Diana Carter.



## Congratulations! To Central's Recent Graduates High School

- Blake Beedle, Clarkston High School
- Kaitlyn Joyner, Clarkston High School
- Maria Kuhn, Waterford Kettering High School
- Sarah Tindall, Waterford Mott High School

### College

- Jessica Arnold, Columbia University, Master of International Affairs with specialization in United Nations Studies
- Ethan Strobel, University of Michigan, Bachelor of Chemistry

## Scholarship Recipients Include:

### High School

- Maria Kuhn and Sarah Tindall; the Edward J. Kuhn Scholarship
- Maria Kuhn and Sarah Tindall; the Richard and Sally Kuhn Scholarship

### Continuing College

- Anna Kuhn; the Richard and Sally Kuhn Scholarship
- Angela Arnold; the Thomas and Barbara Laing Scholarship
- Collin Murphy and Patrick Murphy; the Virginia Selle Scholarship
- Anna Lain and Alina Gillette; the Margaret Luther Scholarship.



**HESS - HATHAWAY  
CONCERTS  
in the PARK**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 27**

**BAND OF MISFITS  
6:00–6:45 pm**

Join us as Central's Band of Misfits opens for Itchycoo Park.

**ITCHYCOO PARK  
7:00–9:00 pm**

Itchycoo Park specializes in creating a festival-like experience for audiences of all ages featuring the magical music of the late 60's and early 70's.

**Save the Date!**  
For our annual outing to

**Cedar Point**



**Monday, July 29th**

Thank you to the Purple Threads, Caring Core, and others that sent cards and prayers. Knowing so many were praying is a wonderful feeling.

-Barbara Johnston



July 2019 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	<b>1</b> 10:30 am - Chair Yoga 7:30 pm - Men's Softball @ New Hope	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 10 am - Keller-Fitz Book Study 7 pm - Leader Dog Training	<b>4</b> Church Office Closed 	<b>5</b> Church Office Closed	<b>6</b>	
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<b>28</b> 9:15 & 10:30 am - Worship 3 pm - Summer Concert Series - Matt Ball: The Boogie Woogie Kid	<b>29</b> 6am - 10pm - Cedar Point Trip 10:30 am - Chair Yoga 7:30 pm - Men's Softball @ Clarkston Comm.	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 10 am - Keller-Fitz Book Study				<b>Support Groups</b> 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