

# Greetings from Your Friends at "To Mars and Beyond" Outpost

We had a great week at "To Mars and Beyond" VBS! Fifty-five voyagers and thirty-six youth and adult crew members spent the week together to find out where God's power can take us. Our Vector Verse for the week was Ephesians 3:20, "Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us." It was also the inspiration for our VBS puppet's name, EP3-20.

On our first day together, we learned to "Go Beyond with Faith!" We studied the bible story of Daniel in the lion's den. Daniel had so much faith in God that he kept praying, even when he knew that would get him in trouble. Daniel trusted God would take care of him. We ate lion-shaped snacks and practiced our dance moves to the song "Even When the Lions Roar!"

On Tuesday, we learned to "Go Beyond with Boldness!" Voyagers studied the story of Queen Esther. She was so brave to talk to the King and help save her people, even though it risked her own life! We had recreation outside and made slime!

On Wednesday, we learned to "Go Beyond with Kindness!" Bible Story time helped us learn the story of the good Samaritan, and in science we made galaxies in a bottle to remind us of everything God has created. EP3-20 helped us learn that one small act of kindness can make a big difference.

Thursday taught us to "Go Beyond with Thankfulness!" We learned that Jesus can bring us back to health. Our preschool students had a great day in their classroom. Their favorite part of the day was the "recreation station," where they got to run around!

Our last lesson, on Friday, was "Go Beyond with Hope!" We talked about how we might not recognize Jesus when he is in our midst, just like the people in the 24th chapter of Luke's gospel. We should always be looking for Jesus around us. At snack, we ate Galaxy brownies and in science, we made and tested moon landers.

It was a great week at VBS! Thank you to all the volunteers, those who donated supplies, families that donated water for Flint water relief, and our CUMC staff who helped, too! Everyone went above and BEYOND!

Peace,

Rev. Cora



The deadline for the Sunday, July 21st issue of *Chimes* is Wednesday, July 10th. Please send all of your articles, thank you notes and address changes to the Church office or e-mail them to rdanek@waterfordcumc.org.

#### **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

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

#### **UPCOMING IN WORSHIP**

Pastor Jack begins his "Systems" message series. Communion Sunday and special music by Sue Waters.



July 8th - 10:30am - Chair Yoga

July 8th - 6:15pm - Men's Softball

@ Clarkston Community

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

July 15th, 10:30am - Chair Yoga

**July 15th, 6:15pm** - Men's Softball at First Missionary

July 17th, 10am - Keller-Fitz Group

July 22nd, 10:30am - Chair Yoga

**July 22nd, 6:15pm** - Men's Softball at St. Trinity

**July 24th, 10am** - Keller-Fitz Group

July 28th, 3pm - Matt Ball: The Boogie-Woogie Kid in concert

July 29th, 6am - Cedar Point Trip

July 29th, 10:30am - Chair Yoga

July 29th, 7:30pm - Men's Softball

@ Clarkston Community

July 31, 10am - Keller-Fitz Group

### **CONNECT WITH CENTRAL**

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# Spotlight on Ministry: Cass Community Social Services

In July, members of Central will be participating in a volunteer day at Cass Community Social Services (CCSS) in Detroit. CCSS has been active in the metro Detroit area under that name since 2002, but prior to that many of its programs started as a part of Cass Community United Methodist Church.

The Detroit-based agency works across the city in areas of concentrated poverty providing programs for food, health, housing and jobs.

- CCSS prepares and serves 700,000 meals annually.
- 300 homeless men, women and children currently stay in one of CCSS' warming shelters, emergency shelters or permanent supportive housing programs, which include the Cass Apartments (Antisdel & Brady) and the Cass House program.
- CCSS operates two weekly free medical clinics and a day program for 125 adults with developmental disabilities.
- 80 adults are currently employed in the agency's Green Industries which marry jobs with sustainability.

Cass Community Social Services is in the process of building 25 Tiny Homes (250-400sf) in Detroit. Each home will be on its own lot (roughly 30 x 100 feet) and most will have a front porch or rear deck to increase the living space. The homes will be rented to a wide range of residents that qualify as low-income. And while residents will initially rent the homes, anyone who remains for seven years will be given the opportunity to own the home and property.

Cass Community Social Services relies on volunteers to help accomplish its mission. Adults, youth and children assist in a variety of ways. Central's team of volunteers will serving on Saturday, July 13th from 9am – 1pm. We will meet at Central at 8am to carpool down to CCSS. We'll likely be performing a variety of light labor activities, so gloves and closed-toe shoes are recommended. Sign up to participate outside the church office. For more information contact Rev. Cora.



# **Take Central** Shopping!

Central has reusable grocery bags available for \$3 each or two for \$5. Purchase them from the Scrip table on Sunday mornings.



## **Attention Scholarship** Recipients!

If you have not returned the College Scholarship Recipient Information form, please do so as soon as possible! If you have questions, please email Sue Newill at snewill@waterfordcumc.org.



## Matt Ball: The Boogie-Woogie Kid

### Sunday, July 28th, 3pm

Join us for the second concert in the Mary and Mary Wilson summer concert series. Matt performs a familyfriendly program of New Orleans boogie, blues, swing and song favorites from the 20s 30s and 40s. With piano and song hits from today and yesterday, there is something for all ages.

Tickets are \$15 for adults; \$5 for students and are available at the door, online at Eventbrite or from the church office..

### **Upcoming Concerts:**

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





Congratulations to Ciro and Sarah Spigno (née Stutts) on their marriage on June 15th, 2019.

# **Address Changes**

Please note there is a new mailing address for:

> Ciro & Sarah Spigno 2741 Devonshire Leonard, MI 48367

Dear Beloved Church Family,

We are forever thankful for all your prayers and loving support over the last six months. You have never tired, or forgotten us.

It was a long, stumbling walk through a dark and tangled wood, but Jesus has led us out into the light. Praise God!

We are especially thankful for the uplifting encouragement of Purple Threads, Caring Core, Chancel Choir,

Eschtruth Circle and Pastor Jack, who has always been there for us.

You are our team, and we have won the victory! Amen!

Love in Christ, John and Joyce Merle

#### Dear CUMC,

Thank you for the graduation card and the Amazon gift card. Thank you for years of support, love, and community.

Sincerely, Kaitlyn Joyner

The Jayno 4-H club would like to thank you for letting us borrow your kitchen and your stage. Thank you so much!

From Bella W., Alan, Riley, Bella D., Madison B., Cecelia, Julieanna, Reese, Kate S., Zoey, Julianna, Jiannica, Erianne and Mrs. Lawrence



# 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.





Join us for a good ole' hymn sing at Rustic Leaf Brewing Company. If you have a hymn suggestion, let Robin Danek know by July 8th by emailing her at rdanek@ waterfordcumc.org.
Rustic Leaf is located at 7200 Highland Rd, Waterford Twp, MI.



# Last Chance for Little Sprouts Summer Camps!

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

### 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.



Once again Steve Krupa and his giant bubbles were a huge hit at Waterford's Movies
Under the Moonlight.
Thanks again Steve, and Rev. Cora, for representing Central in the community!

Central's Chancel Choir and guest musicians bring Mozart's Coronation

Mass K. 317 to life during the spring cantata.





Another great summer

VBS offers excellent

programming to Waterford

and Pontiac-area residents.