



SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

Pastor Jack continues his “Systems” message series. Special music by Linda Freeze and Barb Laing.

Dear Friends,

For the past year and a half, we have been implementing several church systems based on the work of Dr. Nelson Searcy, Lead Pastor of *The Journey* church in New York City. Searcy has written many books and is a consultant, coach and founder of www.ChurchLeaderInsights.com. Searcy identifies eight systems that every church possesses to some extent. They are 1) The Worship Service System, 2) The Evangelism System, 3) The Assimilation System, 4) The Small Groups System, 5) The Volunteer System, 6) The Stewardship System, 7) The Leadership System and 8) The Strategic System. Dr. Searcy often reminds his readers that the word “system” is an acronym for “**S**aves **Y**ou **S**tress, **T**ime, **E**nergy and **M**oney.”

Five staff members attended the REACH Summit last November and several of us have joined networks related to our relative positions on staff. Rev. Cora Glass is networking in the area of youth ministry. I am networking with clergy and laity interested in implementing Searcy’s systems in our local congregations and Robin Danek is working in the area of community research using a UMC tool called MissionInsite to understand our local community demographics and discern our mission field. It has been an exciting year!

Searcy’s systems have already begun to produce fruit in our congregation; at the very least in reducing stress. It is our plan to attend the REACH Summit again in October, and I want to create teams to attend the various workshops on Searcy’s Systems beginning in January of 2020. I am sharing these systems this summer so that our congregation is well-informed about them, and it is my hope that

members and friends of our congregation will join me in attending the workshops in 2020. If you are interested in a specific system, it is my hope that you will contact me and we can speak about the timing and your participation in those workshops.

While I am excited for all of the systems, I am particularly focused on the Small Group and Worship Systems. To that end, we have secured Dr. Cathy Townley to work with us in examining and improving our worship as an outreach to the wider community. Cathy will be coming to spend the weekend of July 26-28 with us. There is an all-church meeting on Saturday, July 27 from 9am to noon, as well as a meeting on Sunday after worship for those interested hearing Cathy’s impressions of our worship services. Please sign up by this Sunday, July 21, for either or both of these meetings, or contact the church office and let us know that you will be attending.

The summer is a growing season; please consider spending some time planting and nurturing seeds of potential growth this summer so that we may celebrate a harvest in the future! I look forward to seeing you in worship.

Because of Christ,

Pastor Jack

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July 22nd, 10:30am - Chair Yoga

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

July 24th, 10am - Keller-Fitz Group

July 27th, 9am–Noon - Worship Exploratory Session with Cathy Townley

July 28th, 10:45am - Worship Exploratory Session with Cathy Townley

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

July 29th, 6:30am - Cedar Point Trip

July 29th, 10:30am - Chair Yoga

July 29th, 7:30pm - Men’s Softball @ Clarkston Community

July 31st, 10am - Keller-Fitz Group

August 5th, 10:30am - Chair Yoga

August 5th, 6:15pm - Men’s Softball at St. Trinity

August 7th, 10am - Keller-Fitz Group

August 10th - Men’s Softball Tournament at Rotary Park (time TBD)

August 12th, 9am - 5pm - LifeLine Screening

August 14th, 10am - Keller-Fitz Group

The deadline for the Sunday, August 4th issue of *Chimes* is Wednesday, July 24th. Please send all of your articles, thank you notes and address changes to the Church office or e-mail them to rdanek@waterfordcumc.org.



Matt Ball: The Boogie-Woogie Kid

Sunday, July 28th, 3pm

Join us for the second concert in the Marv and Mary Wilson summer concert series. Matt performs a family-friendly 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 Concert:

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



Summer C3 Study

Wednesdays, July 17th–Sept. 11th, 10am–Noon

Another opportunity to explore Kathleen Cahalan's *The Stories We Live: Finding God's Calling All around Us* is beginning this summer. This will be an identical class to the ones we ran in February and March. The class explores a new understanding of calling that opens us up to hear God's voice in every interaction in our life. It's not necessary to attend every session; feel free to join in as you are able.

Book are available for free in the office, and participants are encouraged to read chapter one before the first class. Childcare is available; please contact Rev. Cora for more information or if you need childcare.



Monday, July 29th

\$50 per person includes:

- Entry to the park
- Free beverages (non-alcoholic)
- Transportation

We will leave the church for Cedar Point at 6:30am. The bus will leave Cedar Point around 7pm and return to the church around 10pm. Everyone is welcome, so bring a friend!

There is limited space, so sign up outside the office. Funds are due to the church office by Monday, July 22nd.



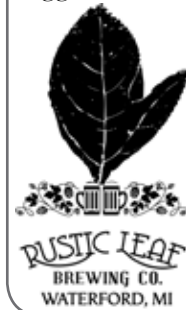
Happy Birthday to Our Members Who Will Reach 80+ Years This August

- Barbara Jacobson, 8/2
- Samuel Ritchie, 8/2
- Richard Donner, 8/4
- Virginia Abney, 8/8
- Lewis Bradbury, 8/10
- Marvin Jewell, 8/10
- Richard Lund, 8/10
- Sally Kuhn, 8/11
- Larry Payne, 8/20
- Gladys Periard, 8/21
- Doris Hayes, 8/25
- Maurice Grant, 8/27

Hymns & Beer

**Friday, August 16th,
6:30–8pm**

If you missed the hymn sing in July, we've got another one scheduled for August! If you have a hymn suggestion, let Robin Danek know



by emailing her at rdanek@waterfordcumc.org. We'll again be at Rustic Leaf, which is located at 7200 Highland Rd, Waterford Twp.

Address Changes

Please note there are new addresses/phone numbers for:

Stephanie Shawl

First and Main of Commerce
2500 Martin Rd., Room 303
Commerce Charter Twp., MI 48390
248-623-7572

Gary & Marlene Knaus

American House Oakland, Unit 024
1915 Baldwin
Pontiac, MI 48340
248-673-8622

Marjorie Jones

248-682-6175

Central 50+ Anniversaries

Congratulations to:

- Andrew & Pamela Gustafson, 8/9, 50 yrs.
- Gary & Ruth Greene, 8/15, 55 yrs.
- William & Velette Svenkesen, 8/20, 58 yrs.
- Donald & Diana Carter, 8/26, 52 yrs.
- Paul & Beatrice Blomquist, 8/27, 64 yrs.

Help Improve the Worship Experience at Central

Saturday, July 27th, 9am–Noon and

Sunday, July 28th after Worship

Central Church is in the process of adopting systems outlined in a series of books written by Nelson Searcy, Pastor of *The Journey Church* in New York. As an initial step, we will be conducting exploratory sessions on how to make worship more relevant, engaging and transformational to the congregation and the wider community. These sessions will be facilitated by worship expert Cathy Townley, who Pastor Jack has worked with previously, and the staff met last fall at the REACH Summit.

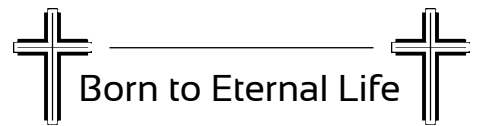
The Rev. Cathy Townley is a worship specialist, coach and consultant that works with new starts and existing churches to develop compelling, transformational worship services. She has started churches and worship services, and loves to coach new starts and turn-around projects of any kind. She has extensive experience in the Healthy Church Initiative (HCI), and her newest project is the book *Building Worship Bridges*, focused on how worship and ministry can impact local neighborhoods and grow more disciples for Christ.

Everyone is welcome to attend either or both of these sessions. Please sign up outside the church office or call 248-681-0040 to let us know if you're planning to attend.



Central UMC Serves in Detroit

Cass Community Social Services in Detroit serves over 700,000 meals a year to people suffering from poverty and food insecurity. However, they have few funds to help pay for all of these meals. To make their kitchen function, Cass Catering was created to help fund the meals served at the social services agency. On Saturday, July 13th, volunteers from Central UMC worked in the Cass Community Kitchen, preparing ingredients for both the catering orders and breakfast for clients of Cass Community. We prepared eggs, chopped veggies, cut bagels, and did lots of dish washing. Central's volunteers agreed that cleaning another's kitchen felt like one of the best acts of service possible; who really enjoys cleaning after a long day in the kitchen? We left Cass' kitchen cleaner than we found it. It was a great day of connecting with God and others.



Born to Eternal Life

Elizabeth R. Sawyers

August 18, 1932–July 12th, 2019
Member since March 26, 1961

Our deepest sympathies to her husband John, children John, Jean and Julie and her many family members and friends.

Sympathies also to Ken and Kelly Cortese and Wally and Doris Cortese of the death of Mark Cortese, beloved brother and son.

Donate to Project Backpack

We will again be collecting school supplies to be distributed to local school children through the Waterford Coalition for Youth's Project Backpack. Place donations in the bins in the Narthex by Friday, August 16th.



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.



Blessings in a Backpack Fund Raiser

On Monday, September 9th, Blessings in a Backpack-Waterford will hold their annual "Golfing FORE! Backpacks" golf outing at Oakhurst Country Club. This is a great opportunity for the community to support the Blessings in a Backpack program, which provides a basic need for children—food on the weekends.


Opportunities to participate in this fund raiser include:

- Sign up to golf in the outing; gather friends and make it a foursome.
- If you don't golf, sign up for the dinner that evening at 4pm.
- Become a sponsor; various levels of sponsorship are available.
- Make an in-kind donation of your company's products or services.
- Make a monetary donation to Blessings in a Backpack. \$100 will provide a backpack and food to one child each weekend for an entire school year.

To learn more or to participate, pick up information from the church office, or contact Barb Laing.

About Blessings in a Backpack

Blessings in a Backpack provides weekend food to Waterford school children who participate in the free or reduced fee lunch program. Results have been outstanding, and the program is making a significant difference in the lives of these kids! Results include improved test scores, increased attendance, improved attention span and class atmosphere, and a decrease in behavioral issues.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p>Support Groups Alcoholics Anonymous: Monday 11:00 am, Wednesday 6:00 pm & Friday 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>						
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<p>2</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>						
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