



Dear Friends,

While the summer days are longer and offer to us more time to relax and enjoy warmer weather and outdoor activities, there is much work that has been done and is being done so that Central Church can confidently move into our fall programming. Part of our work this summer was meeting with Cathy Townley of Townley Coaching this past weekend (July 26-28). Cathy is a worship specialist and a Deacon in the United Methodist Church. I have been aware of Cathy's work for over two decades. She is the author of a resource called *Come Celebrate!* that was used as a foundation for starting a new service in the church I was serving in the late 1990's.

Cathy's newest project is *Building Worship Bridges*, book and workbook, which she co-authored with Congregational Development Director Kay Kotan, Susquehanna District, and Bishop Robert Farr, of the Missouri Annual Conference. The subtitle of *Building Worship Bridges* is "Accelerating Neighborhood Connections through Worship." Out of Cathy's work in *Building Worship Bridges* is the concept of discerning the mission field to which we are called to be in ministry with, while offering compassionate ministry to others in our mission area.

Cathy met with our staff on Friday, July 26th and then drove around the area to get a sense of our community and how we might reach out to those living nearest to our church. Cathy mentioned in her time with us Jesus' words as recorded in Acts 1:8, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit

has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Cathy shared that we start with the people in our neighborhood and then, using the model expressed by Jesus, move outward towards the ends of the earth.

In the months to come, Cathy will be working with our staff and church leadership to create meaningful worship, while reaching out to the surrounding community. I have found her comments insightful as well as challenging. She has challenged me to make personal changes that I know will not be easy to make; however, her words also inspire toward those changes.

As she mentioned to those who took part in the workshop on Saturday, July 27, and the meeting following worship on Sunday, July 28, she will be with us for a long time. What does this mean? For right now, only one thing: prayer. Cathy asked the staff and the participants of the workshop and meeting to do one thing immediately. Pray five minutes a week for our church and our efforts to reach our community for God's purposes. Five minutes a week. Will you join us? Can you find five minutes a week—not necessarily even all at once—to pray for Central Church and our efforts to reach our "Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria to the ends of the earth?" I know you can! I look forward to seeing you in worship.

Because of Christ,

Pastor Jack

The deadline for the Sunday, August 18th issue of *Chimes* is Wednesday, August 7th. 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

Holy communion Sunday featuring a festive hymn sing, so bring your best voice and let us know your favorite hymns.

August 4th, 10:30am - Hymn Sing
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
August 16th, 6:30pm - Hymns & Beer Potluck at Rustic Leaf
August 19th, 10:30am - Chair Yoga
August 21st, 10am - Keller-Fitz Group
August 25th, 3pm - Nuevo Jazz Detroit in Concert
August 26th, 10:30am - Chair Yoga
August 28th, 10am - Keller-Fitz Group

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Nuevo Jazz Detroit: Cool Latin Vibe

Sunday, August 25th, 3pm

Join us for the final concert in the 2019 Marv and Mary Wilson summer concert series. 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; \$5 for students and are available at the door, online at Eventbrite or from the church office.



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.

Beware this Church-Related Scam

A disturbing scam involving thieves posing as clergy and targeting members of church congregations is hitting the Michigan UMC Conference. The scammers send an email that appears to be from the pastor asking for donations for a sick family/friend/congregant. But the email isn't from the Pastor; it's from scammers asking victims to buy gift cards. Recently, staff members received such an email from Pastor Jack.

A good way to protect yourself is to not open emails from addresses you don't recognize. Contact the church office if you receive an email similar to this, so that we may warn others.



Mark your calendar for this season's line up of free movies!

- September 7, 2019—The Game Plan
- October 5, 2019—The Martian
- November 2, 201—Miracles from Heaven
- December 7, 2019—The Nutcracker
- January 4, 2019—Pick of the Litter
- February 1, 2020—Marshall
- March 7, 2020—Waking Ned Devine
- April 4, 2020—Won't You Be My Neighbor?
- May 2, 2020—The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel
- June 6, 2020—Second Hand Lions

Everyone is welcome. After the movie there will be a short discussion. Bring a friend and a snack to share.

Purple Threads Begins September 17th

The group's next study will be: *Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times* by Adam Hamilton. Watch for further details in the next Chimes. Everyone is welcome! New members please contact Diana Carter, dianacarter@comcast.net.

Hymns & Beer Potluck

Friday, August 16th, 6:30–8pm

Our second summer hymn sing will also be a potluck. Bring your best appetizer or snack dish to share with fellow patrons! If you have a hymn request, let Robin Danek know



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

Save These Dates!

It's not too early to be thinking about fall.

Little Sprouts Open House

August 8th, 4-6pm

Come learn about Little Sprouts Preschool & Childcare Center.

Little Sprouts Meet & Greet

August 22nd, 4:30 - 5:30pm

This is an opportunity for parents with children enrolled in the program to meet the teachers.

Rally Day

September 9th, 2019

Harvesters Planning Meeting

September 19th @ Noon

Harvesters Fall Outing

September 26th

A special time at the Bauer's farm.

Sunday, August 4th we will be having a hymn sing. If you have a favorite to request, please email it to knaeve@waterfordcumc.org.

PROJECT BACKPACK 2019



School Supply Donation Drive

Collecting the following school supplies to help Waterford School District students in need now through **Friday, August 16th.**

Backpacks
Calculators
Colored Pencils
Crayons
Erasers
Glue Sticks

Highlighters
Markers
Notebooks
Notebook Paper
Pencil Boxes

Pencils
Pens
Pocket Folders
Post-Its
Rulers

Please place your donations in the bin in the Chapel hallway.



Born to Eternal Life: M. LaVonne Kaul



September 27th, 1918 – July 25th, 2019

Member since October 25, 1942

Our deepest sympathies to her son Michael Kaul and her many family members and friends.



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.



Thank you to everyone who has given a memorial gift in honor of beloved friends and family who have passed on, including:

- Barbara J. Burns
- Jane Leonard
- Marshall Rose
- Wes Tindall
- Elizabeth Sawyer
- James Wilson



Central's Youth enjoyed their week this summer at choir camp.



We had a great turnout of singers for the summer's first "Hymns & Beer" at Rustic Leaf Brewing Co.

