



Dear Central Church Family,
 It has been a busy summer, as it certainly felt as if the pace didn't slow down for our church through the longer days of summer. We have been involved in many different projects and developed systems through which we will conduct our ministry with greater efficiency, as well as effectiveness. I've spent the summer months preaching on these systems developed by Rev. Dr. Nelson Searcy, Pastor of The Journey in New York City. As I've shared numerous times, Searcy writes that SYSTEM can be an acrostic that stands for Saves You Stress, Time, Energy and Money.

We certainly hope to experience less stress, save time, energy and money as we move forward into a busy fall. We will have our annual Rally Day on September 8, with a potluck lunch following one worship service that morning at 10:30 a.m. For a half hour before that service, The Band of Misfits, our contemporary worship team, will offer a time of praise music. Come and join in on this time of praise and singing. That performance will be the last performance by The Band of Misfits, as we will discontinue our banded (contemporary) worship service called "The Conversation."

We are presently putting together a team of people who will study the demographics of the area surrounding our church, as well as our own Church's demographic. That study will help us discern who we should reach out to, and how we should shape our worship services to be bridges into the greater community. It is my hope that we will be better at reaching all people in our area as we learn the skills to reach out to a particular population. We will be

aided in this work by The Rev. Cathy Townley, a worship specialist, who visited with us late July. Cathy will be coaching me, our staff and Church in order to make the most of our efforts in the months to come. Given the necessary work that needs to be done, we may be able to create and launch a new worship experience in six to twelve months. (There are several opportune times to launch a new worship experience in a one-year cycle.)

In September we will conduct our Generosity Campaign as we seek to provide support for our ministry in the year 2020! A series of three messages will begin on Rally Day, and we will receive Generosity Cards on September 22. This year's theme is based on the Wizard of Oz story, and we will have fun together as we look forward to the ministries we will be about in 2020.

I am asking you, Central Church family to do one thing—pray. Pray for the leadership of our church as we take bold action to move forward in the creation of a new worship service. Pray for me as your Pastor and pray for our church in general. Thank you in advance for those prayers! I look forward to seeing you in worship.

Because of Christ,
Pastor Jack

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

Holy communion Sunday. Pastor Jack's message is "So...What Time is It?" Back to School Blessing. Special music by Sally Hart & Tamara Luesse.



- September 1st during Worship** - Back to School Blessing
- September 2nd** - Labor Day; Church Office Closed and No Chair Yoga
- September 3rd, 1pm** - Hutchinson Circle Fall Kick Off
- September 5th, 6pm** - Chancel Choir Kick Off and Potluck
- September 7th, 6pm** - Central Cinema
- September 8th, 10am** - Rally Day and Potluck after Worship
- September 9th, 6:30pm** - Finance Committee Meeting
- September 9th, 7:30pm** - Church Council Meeting
- September 12th** - Central Cafe and Worship Arts Rehearsals Resume
- September 15th, during Worship** - 3rd Grade Bible Sunday
- September 15th, 11:45am** - Built on the Rock Rehearsals Resume
- September 15th, 3pm** - Oakland County Chess Club
- September 15th, 5:45pm** - Youth Group Kick Off
- September 17th, 6pm** - Purple Threads Kick Off
- September 17th, 9am** - Moms Connect Kick Off
- September 19th** - Children's Choir Rehearsals Resume

The deadline for the Sunday, September 15th issue of *Chimes* is Wednesday, September 4th. Please send all of your articles, thank you notes and address changes to the Church office or e-mail them to rdanek@waterfordcumc.org.

Fall Programming Kicks Off

To join any group, contact the leader or just attend the first session.

Worship

Rally Day Is Sunday, Sept. 8th

ONE SERVICE ONLY! Join us for a special “back to church” Sunday, featuring special music beginning at 10:00am, followed by worship at 10:30am. There will be a good old-fashioned church potluck after worship, so plan to stay for a delicious lunch.

Worship Arts

Chancel Choir Kicks Off Thursday, Sept 5th

Bring a dish to Pastor Jack’s house at 6pm for food and fellowship. There will be a short rehearsal following dinner.

Back to Rehearsal on Sept. 12th

Thursday, September 12th marks our **return to regular fall rehearsals** for most Worship Arts groups. Join us for creative expression and fellowship.

- Alleluia Dancers—4pm
- Good New Ringers—5pm
- YTBN Ringers—5:45pm
- Agape Ringers Rehearsals—6:25pm
- Jubilate Dancers—6:30pm
- Chancel Choir—7:30pm
- **Sunday September 15th at 11:45am** will be the kick off of Built on the Rock Youth Ensemble.

Please note that the children’s choirs—the Carol Choir, New Joy Choir and New Joy Singers—will begin rehearsals on Thursday, September 19th.

- Carol Choir—5:30pm
- New Joy Choir & Singers*—6:30pm

*The New Joy Singers stay an extra 30 minutes every other week for fellowship and the introduction of more complex elements of music.

For info on any worship arts group, contact Music Director Kevin Naeve (knaeve@waterfordcumc.org)

Fellowship

Central Cinema Kicks Off Saturday, Sept. 7th, 6pm

Our first showing will be the film “The Game Plan,” about a professional quarterback who finds out he has a young daughter from a previous relationship. Through interactions with his child, Joe discovers the importance of family over fame and wealth.

Central Café – First Dinner Thursday, Sept. 12th

We’re back to serving a delicious meal at Central Café. Our first meal will be a spaghetti dinner with all the trimmings. Please sign up outside the office so we can plan the food. There is a nominal cost for Central Cafe (\$5 adults, \$3 children, \$3 salad bar only).

Children and Youth

Confirmation Sign Up

Confirmation class is recommended for 7th and 8th grade students as a way to practice putting their faith into words and learning more about our United Methodist Faith. Please register for Confirmation class by September 22nd at waterfordcumc.org/confirmation.

Confirmation class for 2019-2020 will be primarily held through 24-hour “retreats” at church or Rev. Cora’s parsonage.

- Old Testament retreat, October 12th–13th
- New Testament retreat, December 6th–7th
- Service Weekend at Cass Community, January 17th–19th
- What United Methodists Believe, March 22nd 3:30–5:30pm
- What I Believe Class, March 29th 3:30pm–5:30pm
- Closing Meal, May 2nd 5–7pm
- Confirmation Sunday, May 3rd 10:30am Service

Youth Group Kick Off Sunday, Sept. 15th, 5:45pm

4th through 12th grade students and their families are invited to youth group kick off! We’ll get to know one another over good food and fun. Rev. Cora will share plans for the school year and opportunities to get involved. Please contact the church office (248-681-0040 or info@waterfordcumc.org) to let us know if your youth and family can be part of our kick off.

3rd Grade Bible Sunday, Sept. 15th, during Worship

Please let Rev. Cora know by September 5th if you know a 3rd Grader who would like to be presented with a Bible.

Book and Bible Studies

Purple Threads—Tuesday, Sept. 17th, 6pm

The first session will begin with a potluck in the parlor. Our next study will be *Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times* by Adam Hamilton. Fear is a complex emotion. Sometimes it saves us. More often it robs us of the life we want. But we can take our lives back. Why are there so many tragedies? we wonder. What will happen next? Hamilton shows how believer and unbeliever alike can develop sustaining spiritual practices and embrace Jesus’ recurring counsel: “Do not be afraid.” Study books are \$13.65 and will be available in the church office. A video will be shown at each session, followed by discussion. Sue Shipley is our teaching leader. The class dates for fall are: September 17 - 6:00pm with a potluck. The remaining sessions begin at 7:00pm: Oct. 1, Oct. 15, Nov. 5, Nov. 19. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Diana Carter, 248-309-2490 or dianacarter@comcast.net ASAP so we can order a book for you.

(Fall Programming continued)

Thursday Evening Study—Sept. 26th, 6:30pm

This fall, the Thursday Night Study Group will explore *God Unbound: Wisdom from Galatians for the Anxious Church* by Elaine Heath. Heath looks to the wisdom of Galatians to help us have faith for our church in this rapidly changing world. Participants can read along by purchasing the book for \$8 in the church office. Reading is encouraged, but weekly videos will help non-readers jump into our discussion.

This Fall's Thursday Study Group will meet 6:30-7:30 in the Parlor on the following dates: 9/26, 10/3, 10/10, 10/24, 10/31, 11/7, 11/21, 12/5, (and 12/12 if needed).

For more info, contact Rev. Cora (cglass@waterfordcumc.org)

Fall Programming Changes

Moms Connect

The Moms Connect group will be moving to the first and third Tuesday of every month from 9:30–11am. **The group's first meeting will be Tuesday, September 17th**, not September 23rd as was published in the last *Chimes*. Contact Rainy Stephenson (rainstep@aol.com) for info or to join.

New Young Adult Group

1st and 3rd Sundays 12–1:30pm beginning Sept. 15th

Rev. Cora will be leading a new small group for young adults aged 18-40. The group will run from September through December. All young adults are invited for table fellowship and discussion.

On the first Sundays we will journey to a local restaurant for lunch. On the third Sundays we will eat at the church and use the *Traveling the Way of Love* video series to facilitate discussion.

Join us September 15th in the parlor after worship for our first gathering. The group is open to everyone, so invite family and friends. Contact Rev. Cora (cglass@waterfordcumc.org) for more info or to join.

FaithLink

FaithLink adult Sunday school class will not meet this fall. It may be replaced later in the fall as a weekly informal discussion session on current social issues, perhaps with a goal of taking specific action. Stay tuned!

From the Music Director Creating Art

Can you believe that our kids and youth are back to school this week? And that, of course, means fall programming at Central Church gets into full swing! We have many exciting things planned in all of our groups this year, as well as some opportunities to combine our groups for truly unique worship experiences. Our arts staff continues to utilize their creativity to come up with things that are exciting and fun, whether you are sitting in the pews or making art in service. There is nothing that touches hearts like being able to bond over creating art, so I would like to extend a special invitation to you this year. If you have ever been touched by the arts here at Central Church, consider lending your talents to touch someone else this year. It doesn't matter what your background or experience, we have a place for you. Come talk to me and help me to find a way to let your light shine at Central Church this fall!

-Kevin Naeve, Music Director

Address Change

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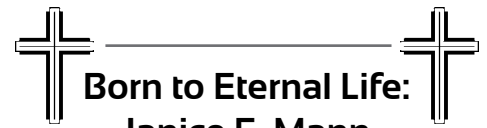
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Annual Informational Program

Sunday, September 29th, 3-5pm @ Waterford Central UMC

Learn how to take action to welcome refugees to our Waterford Community. Everyone welcome! For more info, contact Barb Spiece.



Born to Eternal Life: Janice E. Mann

November 23rd, 1943 –
August 20th, 2019

Member since October 27, 1996

Our deepest sympathies

To Beth, Rick and Abigail DeBano on the death of Beth's mother. To Derek Mann on the death of his mother.

To Wally and Doris Cortese on the death of Doris' sister. To Ken & Kelly Cortese and family on the death of Ken's aunt.

Sympathies also to Larry and Barbara Scheib on the death of Barbara's aunt Earline Huntley.

Thank You

Open Door Outreach Center thanks you for your monetary gifts. Your generous support is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your monetary gift from your 2019 rummage sale proceeds. Your generosity allows us to serve even more children and families than ever before!

-Methodist Children's Home Society

Thank you so much for your gift to the UMRC Foundation's Benevolent Care Fund. Your caring and thoughtfulness mean so much to families.

-United Methodist Retirement Communities

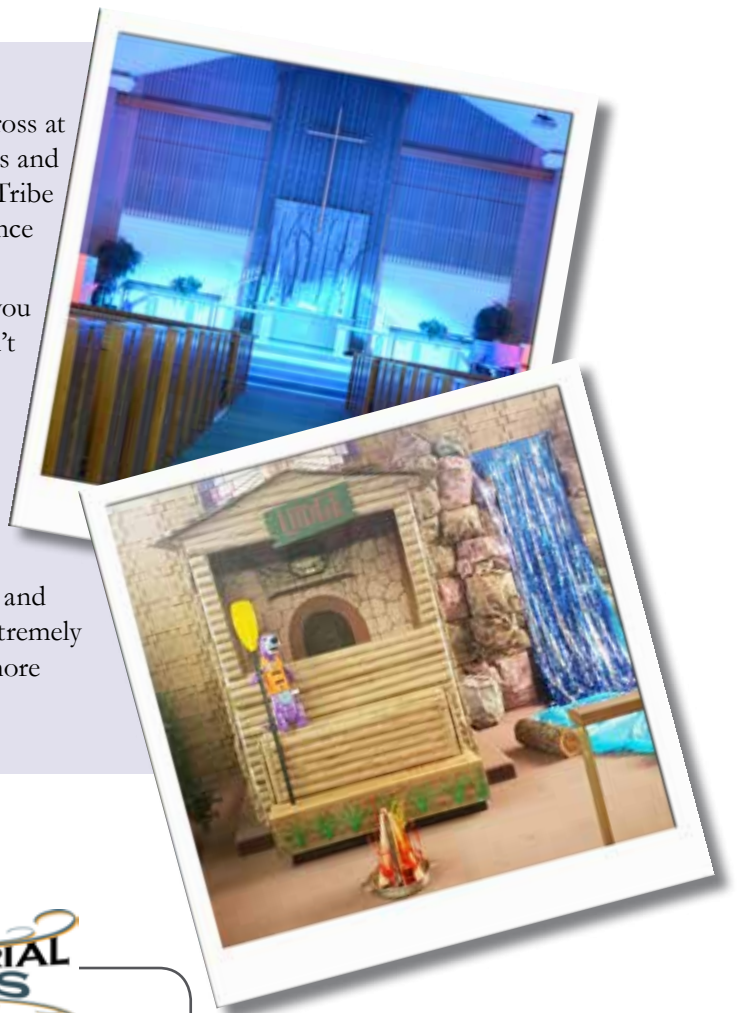
Tribe of Daniel—Worship Arts Ministry

Do you remember seeing the giant flame draped over the altar cross at Pentecost? How about the Dark Wood on the sanctuary windows and altar area? Or VBS and Trunk or Treat? This is the work of our Tribe of Daniel. We create worship art displays that are meant to enhance sermon series and liturgical seasons like Advent and Lent.

How would you like to be part of this team of creators? I know you might think, “I’m not creative,” or “I’m not artistic.” I say, “Don’t sell yourself short!” Everyone can paint, cut, fasten and glue.

We use a wide variety of resources like wood, foamboard, fabric, paint, etc. to create these displays. As projects are planned, I will send out an email explaining everything and laying out the timetable and meeting dates and times. From there, whoever is available can join us as their schedule allows to complete the project. We are a fun-loving group and have become friends; and there’s always room for more friends! So consider joining this extremely satisfying ministry to help elevate our worship experience. For more information, contact Myke Robson, dejoker1@att.net.

Thanks, Myke Robson



Oakland County Chess Club

September 15th, 3-6pm

After a summer hiatus the chess club will resume. All level of players are welcome, so invite friends and family.

For more information, visit:

facebook.com/oaklandcountychessclub



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

- Earline Huntley
- LaVonne Kaul
- Lorraine Mannschreck
- Elizabeth Sawyers

Harvesters Planning Meeting

September 19th @ Noon

Please bring a dish to share. We will be planning for the upcoming year.

Sunday School Child Check-in

This fall Central Church will launch our new child check-in station. This station will enhance the hospitality and safety of our Sunday School program. The system will help us ensure children are picked up by a trusted caregiver after worship. Those bringing children to church on Sunday will be required to check-in their children and will receive two name tags per child. One name tag is for the child to wear so that we can greet them by name. We hope this name tag can also alert Sunday school volunteers to allergies and emergency contact information. The second name tag will be kept by the parent/guardian/caregiver and act as verification to pick children up after service.

When children are released to Sunday School after the children’s message, volunteers sometimes find it difficult to identify who brought which child to church. As a church community, we might currently feel familiar enough with our congregation that this doesn’t feel like a pressing issue, but starting this process now with our members and weekly attendees will help communicate to guests and friends that their child’s safety is a priority at Central Church. Look for our child check-in station at church this fall!

