

**UPCOMING IN WORSHIP  
(10:30am)**

Pastor Jack continues his *Journey of Generosity* series with "The Tin Man's Tale—Finding our Hearts." Special music provided by the Chancel Choir. Third Grade Bible Sunday.

**D**ear Central Church Family,

In April of last year, we began the journey of discovering God's call for all people. An important part of understanding God's calling is that God calls *all* people; God's calling is not just for clergy types like Rev. Cora and me. And God's calling is not just for the various ministries of a church; God calls us to relationships and in a variety of situations; God calls us through others and for service to others.

Last fall we had an eight-week series of messages based on Dr. Kathleen A. Cahalan's book, *The Stories We Live*. Cahalan is Professor of Practical Theology at Saint John's School of Theology and Seminary in Minnesota. "Christian vocation," says Kathleen, "is about connecting our stories with God's story."

In *The Stories We Live*, Cahalan rejuvenates and transforms vocation from a static concept to a living, dynamic reality. The subtitle of Cahalan's books is *Finding God's Calling All around Us*. The idea is that we discover our greatest purpose by telling the stories of our lives, and by how we interact with God and others.

We have offered several opportunities for people to study Cahalan's book, and will offer that study again this fall on two Saturday mornings—September 28 and October 5. This opportunity is a wonderful time to discover how God calls each of us throughout our lives. Please prayerfully consider attending these two sessions that meet from 9am to noon.

Throughout our journey of *Creating a Culture of Calling*, we have had a wonderful Coach, Melissa Cooper, a Deacon in

the United Methodist Church who, in addition to her coaching vocation, works on the staff of St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Orlando, Florida. Melissa will be with our Central Church family the weekend of September 27-29. She will be participating in the September 28 *Creating a Culture of Calling* session. She will then lead a special afternoon workshop (from 1:00–2:30pm), "Creating Your Story," which will follow lunch. Even if you have taken a C3 session before, you are welcome to come to the C3 class, lunch and/or Melissa's special afternoon session—any combination; the choice is yours.

To sign up for the C3 class, use the Connection Card or sign up online at [waterfordcumc.org/small-group-sign-up](http://waterfordcumc.org/small-group-sign-up). If you'd like to attend lunch and/or the afternoon session, sign up outside the office.

Melissa has graciously offered to preach on September 29. Then, beginning in October, I will begin a new message series on "Sharing Our Stories." Please make plans to be with us on Saturday, September 28 for this special opportunity to discover God's call upon our lives.

I look forward to seeing you in worship!  
Because of Christ,

*Pastor Jack*

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- September 15th, 11:45am** - Built on the Rock Rehearsals Resume
- September 15th, Noon** - Young Adult Group Kick Off
- September 15th, 3pm** - Oakland County Chess Club
- September 15th, 5:45pm** - Youth Group Kick Off
- September 17th, 9:30am** - Moms Connect Kick Off
- September 17th, 6pm** - Purple Threads Kick Off
- September 19th** - Children's Choir Rehearsals Resume
- September 19th, Noon** - Harvesters Planning Meeting
- September 22nd** - Confirmation Class Sign Up Deadline
- September 23rd, 7pm** - SPRC Meeting
- September 24th** - Harvesters Outing to the Bauer Farm
- September 26th, 6:30pm** - Thursday Evening Study Begins
- September 24th, 7pm** - Trustees Mtg.
- September 28th** - 9am–Noon, *The Stories We Live* Retreat; Noon–1pm Lunch; 1–2:30pm; "Creating Your Story" Workshop
- September 29th, 3pm** - "Ask a Refugee," Waterford Area Refugee Alliance Informational Program

The deadline for the Sunday, September 29th issue of *Chimes* is Wednesday, September 18th. 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).

# Small Groups are Forming!

The Top Three Reasons to Join a Small Group

# #1

**Make  
New  
Friends**

# #2

**Grow  
Closer  
to God**

# #3

**Have  
Fun!**

To join a small group, pick up the *Small Groups Brochure Fall 2019*, then sign up for any group using a Connection Card or online at:

[waterfordcumc.org/small-group-sign-up/](http://waterfordcumc.org/small-group-sign-up/)

Our goal is to have everyone join a small group!

## Summer Concert Series a Great Success!

This summer has been extra busy and very exciting. Our concert series finally launched, and after 12 months of planning and three concerts, we have completed our first year. I'm proud to say that the job the committee did in getting this project off the ground has been an exemplary example of humble service and dedication. Each of our concerts was well attended for an inaugural year, and I am looking forward to growing it in the years to come. We started with the Langsford Men's Chorale in June, had Matt Ball in July, and ended with Nuevo Jazz returning to us in August after playing Rally Day in 2018. Each concert was full of energy and excitement, and you—as an audience and a congregation—made all of our guests, on stage and off, feel welcomed into our church, which is the real success of a church concert series. More than anything else, this was an opportunity to invite the community through our doors, and to show them a piece of what makes us special. I was very proud to be among you, demonstrating that to our community.

Final numbers aren't in yet, but I can say with confidence that our concert series ended in the black, will continue next year, and if we as a congregation can help it to grow, perhaps it can do more than just perpetuate itself. We have the legacy of Marv and Mary Wilson to thank for it. If you attended any of the concerts and have any feedback for the committee, please send me an email or drop a note in my mailbox. This is a series to serve you and our community at large, so it is important that we hear from you about what you liked or what you'd like to see done differently.

Finally, I'd like to give a special thank you to all of our volunteers, whether you gave up an afternoon so that our church could be at its best, or if you gave us a year of meetings to bring this to life, we couldn't have done it without your smiling faces and great ideas. And if you'd like to add your voices, please contact me or any committee member about joining our planning committee over the next year. It is a fun way to make something special happen at Central Church!

-Kevin Naeve, Music Director

## Confirmation Class is Forming!

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](http://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

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

4th through 12th grade students and their families are invited to Rev. Cora's home for good food and fun. Please let Rev. Cora know if you are planning to join us!

## Young Adult Group Kick Off Sunday Sept. 15th @ Noon

Rev. Cora will be leading a new small group for young adults aged 18-40. Join us September 15th in the parlor after worship for our first gathering. The group is open to everyone, so invite family and friends.

For more info on either group, contact Rev. Cora at [cglass@waterfordcumc.org](mailto:cglass@waterfordcumc.org).

## Book Studies Are Beginning

### Purple Threads, Tuesday Sept. 16, 6pm

Join us for a potluck in the Parlor. We will be beginning a study of *Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times* by Adam Hamilton. New members please contact Diana Carter at 248-309-2490 or [dianacarter@comcast.net](mailto:dianacarter@comcast.net) ASAP so we can order a book for you.

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

This fall, the group will explore *God Unbound: Wisdom from Galatians for the Anxious Church* by Elaine Heath. For more info, contact Rev. Cora ([cglass@waterfordcumc.org](mailto:cglass@waterfordcumc.org)).

## Waterford Refugee Welcome Alliance



### "Ask a Refugee" Educational Program

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

At a time when we are facing the largest global refugee crisis in recent history, we must continue the tradition of welcoming those fleeing persecution and seeking refuge, and maintain our humanitarian leadership as a community. Our mission remains more urgent than ever. Learn how to take action to welcome refugees to our Waterford Community.

You will have an opportunity to listen to a panel of prior refugees share their own experience and answer questions from the audience.

Everyone welcome! For more info, contact Barb Spiece.

## VBS Donations Make a Difference!

During "To Mars and Beyond" Vacation Bible School, voyagers and their families brought in cases of water and monetary donations for Flint water relief. The cases of water were donated to Court Street UMC for their Family Block Party in Downtown Flint. The monetary donations were sent to Bethel UMC. Bethel's Pastor, Rev. Dr. Andrew Allie, expressed his gratitude for the gift.

"We appreciate your kindness, prayers and donation. It will surely help with the Flint water crisis as we go forward to continue our mission. We have over 30 volunteers weekly helping with our water distribution, clothing give-away and personal needs supplies. You have made our day and put smiles on our faces."

Thanks for your generosity that has allowed us to live into our mission to connect with God, connect with others, and change our world with Christ's love!

Save the date for "Knights of North  
Castle" Vacation Bible School on  
June 22-26, 2020.



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

- Natalie Dimov
- Roy Glidden
- Janice Mann
- Renyon Painter

## Address Changes

Please note there are new mailing addresses for:

**Marie Wilson**  
Magnolia By The Lakes  
1700 Cass Lake Rd Apt 3035 (S.)  
Keego Harbor, MI 48320

**Sally Hon**  
3377 English Hills Dr.  
Grand Rapids, MI 49544



## 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](https://facebook.com/oaklandcountychessclub)



## Harvesters!

Planning Meeting, September 19th @ Noon

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

Fall Outing, September 24th

Join us for a visit to the Bauer's farm. The time is still being finalized; check on the sign up sheet outside the office for the details. Please note that this is a date change from what was previously published in the *Chimes*.

*Thank you to Central's Memorial Gardeners...*



*...for once again beautifying the garden for the fall.*

## 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. 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!

