

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

Message by special guest and C3 Coach, Melissa Cooper. Music provided by the Chancel Choir.

Dear Central Church Family, I imagine that you may get tired of me saying that fall is my favorite time of year. While the flowers wither and the tree lose their leaves I seem to gain energy as both Ruth and I celebrate birthdays and Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas, all within a two-month period of time. It's a very exciting time of year. And this year, with some new program starts, as well as our Generosity Campaign, I can't remember a busier September!

One of the emphases of our local congregation is the sense of God's call throughout our lives and our many pathways—from hearing affirmation from family and friends, to responding to certain circumstances in our lives. We've been a part of a national network of 24 churches exploring what it means to "Create a Culture of Calling" (C-3) within a local church setting. My awareness of God's calling has become a filter through which I view the scriptures for Sunday worship; and many of our church family now mention when they hear God's call upon their lives or see opportunities to discern and respond to God's calling.

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 participate in the September 28 *Creating a Culture of Calling* session on Saturday morning and will offer an afternoon workshop on "Creating Your Story," with lunch in between from 1:00-2:30 pm.

If you are new to Central Church and haven't heard of our *Creating a Culture of Calling* program, or just haven't had the time to get involved, the weekend of September 28 and 29 is a great opportunity to jump in and begin to see where God is calling you—to relationships, to help others and to be of service in a variety of mission and ministries at Central Church. Also, on Sunday, Rev. Cooper will be sharing the message. I look forward to introducing her to you as we continue to seek God's guidance in all that we do. I look forward to seeing you in worship!

Because of Christ,

Pastor Jack

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- Sept. 28th** - 8:30am–Noon, *The Stories We Live* Retreat; Noon–1pm Lunch; 1–2:30pm; "Creating Your Story" Workshop
- Sept. 29th, 3pm** - "Ask a Former Refugee," Waterford Area Refugee Alliance Educational Program
- Sept. 30th, 7pm** - SPRC Meeting
- Oct. 1st, 9:30am**–Mom's Connect
- Oct. 1st, 1pm**–Hutchinson's Circle
- Oct. 1st, 7pm**–Purple Threads
- Oct. 2nd, 9am**–Parlor Committee
- Oct. 2nd & 10th, 10am**–Keller-Fitz
- Oct. 2nd, 5:30pm** - Little Sprouts Board Meeting
- Oct. 2nd & 9th, 7pm**–Lay Ministry Group
- Oct. 3rd & 10th, 6:30pm**–Thurs. Eve. Study
- Oct. 5th, 6pm**–Central Cinema
- Oct. 6th, 11:45am**–Liberia Support Luncheon
- Oct. 6th, 12pm**–Young Adult Group
- Oct. 6th, 1pm**–Crop Walk
- Oct. 6th, 3pm**–Chess Club
- Oct. 7th, 10:30am**–Chair Yoga
- Oct. 7th, 5pm**–Serve at Cathedral of Valor
- Oct. 7th, 7:30pm**–Nominations Committee Meeting
- Oct. 8th, 7pm**–Eschtruth Circle

The deadline for the Sunday, October 13th issue of *Chimes* is Wednesday, October 2nd. Please send all of your articles, thank you notes and address changes to the Church office or e-mail them to rdanek@waterfordcumc.org.



C3 Retreat and Workshop Saturday, September 28th

This fall we are continuing our three-year initiative of “Creating a Culture of Calling.” This weekend you will have the opportunity to participate in a special day of understanding and following your calling.

The Stories We Live study is being offered once again as a **two-session retreat on Saturday, September 28th and Saturday, October 5th, from 8:30am – Noon.**

Also on Saturday the 28th our C3 coach—Melissa Cooper—will be in town and conducting a “Creating Our Stories” workshop from 1:00-



Asparagus for Liberia

Thank you to everyone who purchased lettuce and asparagus. Over \$400 was raised to support the building of a roof on St. Mark UMC in Kakata, Liberia. Special thanks to Ernie and Francine Bauer for their support.



**Saturday, October
5th @ 6pm**

This month’s film is the story of an astronaut who becomes stranded on Mars. After his team assumes he is dead, he must rely on his ingenuity to signal Earth that he is alive. Community, cooperation and courage are a few of the topics covered in this film. PG 13.

2:30pm. Melissa’s focus for this time will be on telling our personal stories and reclaiming testimony, a lost art. She will give us some easy ways to share those stories of how God has been present throughout our life.

We hope that everyone will join us for either or both of these sessions. Between sessions (noon-1pm) we will be sharing lunch and fellowship and all are invited!

Melissa will also be preaching on Sunday, September 29th, so plan to attend worship for this special guest message.

To sign up for *The Stories We Live* Retreat, use your Connection Card or visit the website at WaterfordCUMC.org/small-groups-are-forming/. For lunch and the afternoon workshop, sign up outside the church office or call the office at 248-681-0040. We know you will enjoy meeting Melissa and learning more about telling your story.

Sympathies To

Tom and Trina Eddy on the death of their future son-in-law Danny Nestorovski.

Katey, Megan, Alyson, Eric and Adam Gay on the death of their father, and Pam Gay on the death of her former husband, John Gay.

Ernie and Francine Bauer on the death of her father, Frank Hedrick.



Cathedral of Valor Service Opportunity

Central has established a relationship with Cathedral of Valor in Pontiac and is serving meals to the homeless the first Monday of every month at 5pm. Five volunteers are needed per month. If you are interested in participating in this ministry, contact Pastor Jack. You do *not* need to serve every month. Our next date to serve will be 10/7.

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

- Marie Wilson, 10/3
- Larry Quick, 10/4
- Russell Jacobson, 10/15
- Virginia Mueller, 10/20
- Beatrice Blomquist, 10/26
- Catharine Hazen, 10/27

Central 50+ Anniversaries

Congratulations to:

- Don & Monique Payne, 10/24, 50 yrs.

Address Changes

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2018 CROP Walk

Sunday, October 6th

Join us in raising funds to help eliminate hunger locally and around the world. This year's walk will begin at 2pm (registration is 1:30pm) at Christ Lutheran Church. We need walkers and sponsors. To walk or be a sponsor, visit the CROP Walk sign up table. Donations can also be made during the offering (mark envelopes/checks CROP Walk) or online at crophungerwalk.org/waterfordmi. The names of walkers will be posted in the Chapel Hallway.

For more info, see Rev. Cora or email her at cglass@waterfordcumc.org. For more info on CROP walk, visit our website at:

[News=>2019 Waterford Area CROP Walk](#)



Advent by Candlelight 7-9pm, Wednesday, December 4th

A ladies evening of fellowship and dessert before the holiday gets into full swing. There will be opportunities to

participate, host, or attend and bring friends. Watch for more information soon.



Serve at Oakland Hope

9am-3pm, Nov. 2nd

Join us for a day of volunteering at the Oakland Hope thrift store and food pantry. Watch for more information and sign up.



Without a Song: Concert Featuring Linda Freeze and Mike Dempsey

Sunday, Oct. 20th at 3pm

Come join Linda, Mike, and friends as they perform some of their favorite music, with refreshments to follow. This concert will benefit our Marv & Mary Wilson Memorial Concert fund, and will determine what we are able to provide for you during our concert series. The fund also honors the contributions of Marv and Mary Wilson to the musical life of Central UMC. A free will offering will be taken. All are welcome to join us for an afternoon of fun as we build the concert series into a greater part of our outreach ministries at Central Church.

Generosity Campaign Update

Thank you to everyone who has turned in your Generosity Card. Please drop your cards in the offering plate, at the office, or mail them to the church. Thank you!



From the Bookkeeper

In 2019 we changed church management systems and a few of you have notified me of issues with your 2019 statement, specifically regarding spouse names and prior balances. These issues have been resolved. Thank you to those of you who contacted me so that they could be corrected. You will see the corrections reflected in your next statement. Just to clarify, your 2018 statements were generated by the old system, so those were correct.

Liberia Support Luncheon



Sunday, October
6th, after Worship

“Eat in” with your church family and support our UMC brothers and sisters in Liberia. A free will offering will be taken and donations of \$40 or more will be matched!

Menu:

Lasagna (meat, veggie or gluten free), salad, garlic bread, dessert



Sunday, October 27th,
4-6pm

Central's Trunk or Treat is an important outreach ministry that touches the lives of hundreds of families in the Waterford and Pontiac areas. Now is your chance to be an important part of this ministry! We need people to cook and serve food, decorate cars and hand out candy, help decorate the church, staff the event and more! We're also taking candy and monetary donations.

Trunk or Treat is a wonderful opportunity for everyone to get involved in giving to our community. See the sign up sheet outside the church office and let us know how you'd like to be involved!



Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
<p>Central Café Schedule 4:00-5:00pm Alleluia Dancers 5:00-5:45pm Good News Ringers 5:15-6:30pm Dinner served 5:30-6:00Ppm - Carol Choir 5:45-6:25pm YTBN Bell Ringers 6:25-7:15pm Agape Ringers 6:30-7:30pm New Joy Choir & Singers 7:30-9:00pm Jubilate Dancers 7:30-9:00pm Chancel Choir</p>		<p>1 9:30am - Moms Connect 1pm - Hutchinson Circle 6:30pm - Girl Scouts 7pm - Purple Threads</p>		<p>2 9am - Parlor Committee Mtg. 10am - Keller-Fitz 5:30pm - Little Sprouts Board Mtg. 7pm - Congregational Lay Ministry Group</p>		<p>3 8am - Fix-It Crew 4 - 9pm - Central Cafe Schedule 6:30pm - Thursday Eve. Study</p>		<p>4 Church Office Closed</p>		<p>5 6pm - Central Cinema - The Martian</p>			
<p>6 10:30am - Worship 11:45am - Liberia Support Luncheon 11:45 - Built on the Rock Rehearsal 12pm - YA Group 1:30pm - Youth Group @ Crop Walk</p>		<p>7 10:30am - Chair Yoga 5pm - Cathedral of Valor Serving 7:30pm - Nominations Committee Mtg.</p>		<p>8 7pm - Eschtruth Circle</p>		<p>9 10am - Keller-Fitz Study Group 7pm - Congregational Lay Ministry Group</p>		<p>10 8am - Fix-It Crew 4 - 9pm - Central Cafe Schedule 6:30pm - Thursday Eve. Study</p>		<p>11 Church Office Closed 6pm - Confirmation Retreat</p>		<p>12</p>	
<p>13 10:30am - Worship 11:45 - Built on the Rock Rehearsal 5:45pm - Youth Group Game Night</p>		<p>14 10:30am - Chair Yoga 6:30pm - Finance Committee Mtg. 7:30pm - Boy Scouts</p>		<p>15 9:30am - Moms Connect 6:30pm - Girl Scouts 7pm - Leader Dog Training 7pm - Purple Threads</p>		<p>16 10am - Keller-Fitz Study Group 7pm - Congregational Lay Ministry Group</p>		<p>17 8am - Fix-It Crew 12pm - Harvesters 4 - 9pm - Central Cafe Schedule</p>		<p>18 Church Office Closed</p>		<p>19</p>	
<p>20 8am - Youth Group 10:30am - Worship 11:45 - Built on the Rock Rehearsal 11:45am - Young Adult Group 3pm - "Without a Song" Fundraising Concert</p>		<p>21 10:30am - Chair Yoga 7:30pm - Boy Scouts</p>		<p>22 7pm - Trustees Meeting</p>		<p>23 10am - Keller-Fitz Study Group 7pm - Congregational Lay Ministry Group</p>		<p>24 8am - Fix-It Crew 4 - 9pm - Central Cafe Schedule 6:30pm - Thursday Eve. Study</p>		<p>25 Church Office Closed</p>		<p>26 6:30pm - Youth Group Haunted Tunnel Overnight</p>	
<p>27 10:30am - Worship 4pm - Trunk or Treat</p>		<p>28 10:30am - Chair Yoga 7pm - SPRC Meeting 7:30pm - Boy Scouts</p>		<p>30 10am - Keller-Fitz Study Group 7pm - Congregational Lay Ministry Group</p>		<p>31 8am - Fix-It Crew NO CENTRAL CAFE 6:30pm - Thursday Eve. Study 7:30pm - Chancel Choir</p>		<p>HALLOWEEN</p>		<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>			