



CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
A place to connect.

Small Groups Brochure Fall 2019

**Find a group that matches your interests,
form friendships and grow spiritually. You
are welcome to join any of the groups.**

We are many parts of one body, and we belong
to each other.

- Romans 12:56

Our Mission:

Connecting with God,

Connecting with Others,

Changing Our World with Christ's Love

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Central Church has many opportunities for you to participate in programs to help you grow spiritually, to grow in your faith, or to just enjoy social time with your church family. Some groups may require the purchase of materials/ resources or restaurant meals.

Serve Groups: Worship Arts

Central has a wide range of opportunities for those interested in singing, ringing, dancing or visual arts.

For Children and Youth

Group #10: Alleluia Dance Choir

Rehearses: Weekly, Thursday from 4:00 to 5:00pm During the School Year. Starts September 12.

Leader: Katie Gay–tinyballerina20@yahoo.com

Liturgical dance group for children in grades 2 through 6. Children learn some basic dance techniques, movement to different rhythms and how to express themselves prayerfully through dance. The group performs during worship every 6-8 weeks during the school year.

Group #11: Carol Choir

Rehearses: Weekly, Thursday from 5:30 to 6:00pm During the School Year. Starts September 19.

Leader: Jill Leek–yjill@att.net

This choir is open to all Children age 4 years through 1st grade. No previous experience is necessary. Children will learn the fundamentals of singing and choral performance. The group performs approximately every six weeks during the school year.

Group #12: New Joy Choir

Rehearses: Weekly, Thursday from 6:30 to 7:30pm During the School Year. Starts September 19.

Leader: Jill Leek–yjill@att.net

This choir is open to all Children age 2nd through 6th grade. No previous experience is necessary. Songs, stories, games, and rhythm instruments are used to engage children in learning musical concepts while singing in a variety of styles. The group performs every six weeks during the school year and will be presenting a children’s musical in April 2020.

Group #13: New Joy Singers

Rehearses: Weekly, Thursday from 6:30 to 7:30pm* During the School Year. Starts September 19.

Leader: Jill Leek–yjill@att.net

This group rehearses with New Joy Choir, adding harmonies and instrumentals to pieces in preparation for performing during worship every six weeks.

*The group stays an extra 30 minutes every other week for fellowship and the introduction of more complex elements of music.

Group #14: Good News Ringers

Rehearses: Weekly, Thursdays from 5:00--5:45pm During the School Year. Starts September 12.

Leader: Music Director Kevin Naeve–knaeve@waterfordcumc.org

Elementary and Middle School hand bell choir for grades 4 through 8. No previous musical experience is necessary. The group performs during worship every 6-8 weeks during the school year.

Group #15: Jubilate Dance Choir

Rehearses: Weekly, Thursday from 6:30 to 7:30pm During the School Year. Begins on September 12.

Leader: Katie Gay–tinyballerina20@yahoo.com

Liturgical dance group for youth in grades 7 through 12. Although the youth build on the basic dance techniques, rhythms and prayerful expression learned in the Alleluia Dance choir, no previous experience is necessary. The group performs during worship every 6-8 weeks during the school year.

Group #16: Built on the Rock

Rehearses: Weekly, after Sunday Worship During the School Year. Begins on September 15.

Leader: Music Director Kevin Naeve–knaeve@waterfordcumc.org

Built on the Rock is Waterford Central UMC's ensemble for youth from 6th to 12th grade. It is instrumentalists as well as vocalists, and provides a safe and accepting group to develop musical skills. Built on the Rock performs every 6-8 weeks during worship.

Group #17: Youth Hand Bell Choir–YTBN

Rehearses: Weekly, Thursday from 5:45 to 6:25pm during the School Year Begins on September 12.

Leader: Music Director Kevin Naeve–knaeve@waterfordcumc.org

For high school and college-aged grades 9 and up. Ringers in this group have generally rung in the Good News group and tend to be slightly more advanced, but prior bell participation is not necessary. The group performs every 6-8 weeks during worship.

For Adults

Group #18: Agape Ringers

Rehearses: Weekly, Thursday from 6:25 to 7:15pm, Fall through Spring. Begins on September 12.

Leader: Music Director Kevin Naeve

Adult hand bell choir for ages 18 and up. No prior experience is necessary. The ability to read music is helpful, but not required. The group performs during worship approximately every six weeks.

Group #19: Chancel Choir

Rehearses: Weekly, Thursday from 7:30 to 9:00pm, Fall through Spring. Begins on September 12.

Leader: Music Director Kevin Naeve

The Chancel Choir welcomes adults over the age of 18 who love to sing. No prior experience is necessary. The ability to read music is helpful, but not required. The choir sings during worship most Sundays and performs a Cantata each year as well.

Group #20 Tribe of Daniel

Meets: As Needed

Leader: Myke Robson–dejoker1@att.net

The Tribe of Daniel uses playful creativeness to decorate and accentuate the worship experience. They work with worship and ministry leaders to use visual arts to illustrate sermon series, seasonal themes, and special events or projects.

Serve Groups: Local, Regional & Int'l Ministry

Central supports several local organizations that provide assistance for families and communities. There are ample opportunities to volunteer with and/or donate materials or funds to these groups.

Group #30: Crop Walk

Sunday, October 6th, 1:30 to 4:30pm

Leader: Rev. Cora Glass—cglass@waterfordcumc.org

Crop Walk is an annual event that raises funds to help end hunger locally and across the world. Everyone can participate in this annual event that typically takes place one Sunday afternoon in early October. There are opportunities to raise funds and be a walker, or to support Central's team of walkers with a donation.

Group #31: Outreach Ministries

Timing: Ongoing

Leader: Various

Central provides many opportunities for members to become involved in local initiatives that are supported by the church. Opportunities range from volunteering, to donating supplies and materials. Ministries include: Project Backpack, Blessings in a Backpack, Baldwin Center, Oakland Hope, Hope Shelter, Cathedral of Valor Meal Program, Compassionate Christmas Cards, United Methodist Children's Home, Micah 6, Cass Community Social Service and others.

Group #32: Knit for Kids

Timing: Ongoing

Leader: Diana Carter—dianacarter@comcast.net

Knit for Kids provides sweaters, baby blankets, and baby caps for children in the U.S. and around the world. This ministry is done individually at home by each participant, and finished products are turned into the church throughout the year. Free patterns and yarn are available at the Knit for Kids table.

Serve Groups: Church Ministry

These ministries take place at or around the church. Many are seasonal and are good for people with limited volunteer time.

Group #40: Thursday Morning Fix-It Crew

Timing: Weekly, Thursday mornings

Leader: Bob Swartz—racerbob@comcast.net

This group meets for breakfast at a local restaurant and then does “handyman” work around the Church.

Group #41: Trunk or Treat Planning Committee

Timing: Weekly during October, Time TBD Based on Schedules

Leader: Rev. Cora Glass—cglass@waterfordcumc.org

This ministry plans and staffs this annual community event that offers a fun and safe place to trick or treat. Opportunities exist to decorate your car and hand out candy, serve food, decorate the church and more.

Group #42: Spring Rummage Sale Volunteer Team

Timing: May 7, 8 & 9, 9am–4pm

Leader: Rachel Pierre and Sheila Strang—info@waterfordcumc.org

This ministry provides low-cost shopping to the community to raise money for local, regional and national missions. Volunteers are needed to help run the event.

Group #43: Memorial Gardeners

Timing: As Needed, Spring through Fall

Leader: Diana Carter—dianacarter@comcast.net

The Memorial Garden is located at the South entrance to the church and is a place where members and friends can meditate and remember loved ones. Anyone who enjoys gardening and caring for sacred places is welcome to join in caring for the garden.

Group #44: Memorial Concert Planning Committee

Meets: Monthly, Time TBD Based on Schedules

Leader: Music Director Kevin Naeve–knaeve@waterfordcumc.org

During the summer Central offers a series of monthly concerts to the Southeast Michigan area. This concert series is organized by the planning committee. The committee also works on concert promotion and staffs the events.

Group #45: Congregational Lay Ministry Team

Meets: Wednesday Evenings at 7 p.m., October 2 – December 4

(Nine Meetings with November 27 off)

Contact: Pastor Jack Mannschreck and Pam Coleman-Gay–dancegrammy57@Yahoo.com

Do you possess a caring spirit and want to utilize that gift in tangible ways? Do you enjoy visiting those who are sick and encouraging others experiencing difficulties? Pastor Jack is building a Congregational Lay Ministry providing crucial training in the areas of prayer, listening, healthy boundaries, support ministries and visitation. Participants will be asked to serve one year by providing a caring presence to the members and friends of Central UMC. Additional training will be provided for those who want to continue serving in this important ministry.

Growth Groups

Group #50: Confirmation

Timing: Retreats and Meetings, Oct., Dec., Jan., March & May

Leader: Rev. Cora Glass—cglass@waterfordcumc.org

Confirmation is for students in 7th and 8th grade to grow deeper in their knowledge and love of God. It is also an opportunity for them to say the vows spoken on their behalf if they were baptized as a young child, and to join the church. Students who have not been baptized will also have the opportunity to be baptized. Confirmation class culminates with a special worship service and reception to welcome the new confirmands.

Group #52: Vacation Bible School (VBS) Planning and Volunteer Team

Meets: Weekly During June

Leader: Rev. Cora Glass—cglass@waterfordcumc.org

During VBS we invite children from our church and the community to enjoy an energetic and fun week of learning about God and connecting with others. The planning and volunteer committee organizes and staffs this community service event.

Group #52: Youth Group

Meets: Weekly on Sundays, Fall through Spring, 5:45–6:45pm

Leader: Rev. Cora Glass—cglass@waterfordcumc.org

Youth age 6th– 12th grade share fellowship over dinner, then age-appropriate worship and study. Youth also participate in special worship services, church events and community volunteer opportunities.

Group #53: Thursday Evening Study

Meets: Weekly, Thursday, 6:30-7:30pm. Starts September 26.

Leader: Rev. Cora Glass—cglass@waterfordcumc.org

This fall, the 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. Weekly videos will help non-readers jump into the discussion. Classes are open to all adults and young adults.

Group #54: Purple Threads

Meets: Bi-Monthly, 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 7–9pm. Starts September 17.

Leader: Diana Carter—dianacarter@comcast.net

A Bible book study and an intentional, intercessory prayer group for women. This fall's study will be *Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times* by Adam Hamilton. Purple Threads is open to all women.

Group #55: Keller-Fitz Book Group

Meets: Weekly, Wednesday from 10am–Noon.

Leader: Marshall and Jan Rice—ricecheks@outlook.com

An adult group dedicated to continuing faith development and spiritual growth. The group studies 1-2 books during each semester. This fall's studies will be based on *The Death and Life of the Great Lakes*, by Dan Egan and *First the Jews*, by Rabbi Meffic. Books can be purchased individually or from the church office.

Group #56: Creating a Culture of Calling (C3) Study

Meets: September 28 & October 5, 9:00am–12:30 pm.

Myke Robson—dejoker1@att.net

This adult and youth study is a continuation of Central's three-year initiative to help us understand God's call on our lives. The study is based on the book *The Stories We Live: Finding God's Calling All Around Us* by Kathleen A. Cahalan. Books are free from the church

office. Plan to attend both sessions, as chapters 1-4 will be covered during the first session and chapters 5-8 will be covered during the second session. Breakfast will be served from 8:30–9:00am and a light lunch will be provided.

Connect Groups

Group #60: Moms Connect

Meets: Bi-Monthly, 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 9:30–11:00am. Begins September 17.

Leader: Rainy Stephenson–rainstep@aol.com

Enjoy meaningful conversation, laughter, and friendship as you're supported in your journey thorough mom-hood. All moms welcome! This fall's curriculum will be based on the Moms Connect Year of Adventure study. Childcare is available with an RSVP.

Group #61: Hutchinson's Circle

Meets: Monthly, 1st Tuesday, 1-3pm. Begins September 3.

Leaders: Lynn Humphrey

A women's group that meets for fellowship and study. The group also conducts one or two mission projects around Christmas and Easter.

Group #62: Eschtruth Circle

Meets: Monthly, 2nd Tuesday, 7-9pm. Begins September 10.

Leaders: Diana Carter–dianacarter@comcast.net

A women's group that meets for fellowship and study. The group also conducts one or two mission projects around Christmas and Easter.

Group #63: Harvesters

Meets: Monthly, 3rd Thursday, Typically at Noon. Begins September 19.

**Leaders: Lynn Humphrey & Pam Gustafson–
pandagus1@gmail.com**

A fellowship group for retired people that offers varied programs both at the church and in the community. The group's first meeting will be a planning meeting. Bring a potluck dish to share.

Group #64: Chair Yoga and Easy Exercise

Meets: Weekly, Monday, 10:30-11:30am

Leader: Mary Skelley–maryaskelley@aol.com

Chair yoga and easy exercise for older adults. Bring your water and a mat or blanket if you'd like. Open to everyone in the community.

Group #65: Young Adult Group

**Meets: Bi-Monthly, 1st & 3rd Sundays, Noon-1:30pm. Begins
September 15.**

Leader: Rev. Cora–cglass@waterfordcumc.org

Adults ages 18-40 are invited for table fellowship and discussion. On the first Sunday of the month we will journey to a local restaurant for lunch. On the third Sunday of the month we will eat at the church and use the *Traveling the Way of Love* video series to facilitate discussion.

Becoming a Member

If you are interested in becoming a member of Central United Methodist Church, please indicate this on your Connection Card, or contact the church office at (248) 681-0040. New member classes are schedule throughout the year as needed. You may also transfer membership from another United Methodist Church.

Contact Information:

Staff Contacts:

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For other events and ministries, please contact the church office for leadership contact information.

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