

UPCOMING IN WORSHIP (10:30am)

Pastor Jack begins a new C3 sermon series based on "Sharing Our Stories." Music provided by the Chancel Choir and Carol and New Joy Choir.

Dear Church Family,

During this time of year I often review the entire year and consider what has been accomplished in my personal life, in our church family life, and sometimes I review the major events of the past year. Part of the reason for these reflections is natural, as we enter the final three months of the year—which typically seem very short as there are so many holidays and special programs happening—and I tend to think through the past year.

The second reason I begin to review the past year is practical. This is the time of year when we prepare for our Church Conference, which is a meeting where our members and friends gather to review the past year. We review and evaluate, celebrate what God is doing through our church and prepare for future blessings.

As I prepare for the next three messages in October about sharing our faith as we tell our stories, I remember our Lenten Season that led up to Easter Sunday. The focus of our Lenten Season and the title of the Lenten Sunday morning messages was *Listen*. We explored the various ways in which we hear God speak to us; through prayer and meditation, worship, scripture reading, through other people.

The theme of the messages for the remainder of October is *Sharing*

Our Stories. This series of messages corresponds with the series of messages this past Lent, in that listening to God often encourages us to express our faith in meaningful ways. One of the most meaningful ways of sharing our faith is simply telling our stories. It's offering a word of encouragement, as you share with someone who is experiencing the same medical issue you've experienced, that prayer and meditation helped you. It's sharing an insight with someone that it is truly helpful to read the Psalms when you feel anxious. Perhaps it's simply sharing how you lived day to day after a loved one passed away.

This past month, we hosted our Creating a Culture of Calling coach, Melissa Cooper, who led a workshop on "Sharing Our Stories." She gave us insight into understanding how our stories impact the lives of others. I hope you will join us in these next three weeks as we explore and discover the power of our stories. I look forward to seeing you in worship.

Because of Christ,

Pastor Jack

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- Oct. 10th, 6:30pm**—Thursday Evening Study
- Oct. 11th, 6pm**—Confirmation Retreat
- Oct. 13th, 5:45pm**—Youth Group Game Night
- Oct. 14th, 10:30am**—Chair Yoga
- Oct 14th, 6:30pm**—Finance Meeting
- Oct. 15th, 9:30am**—Moms Connect
- Oct. 15th, 7pm**—Purple Threads
- Oct. 16th, 10am**—Keller-Fitz Group
- Oct. 17th, Noon**—Harvesters Outing to Diehl's Cider Mill
- Oct 20th, 11:45am**—Young Adult Group
- Oct. 20th, 3pm**—"Without a Song" Fundraising Concert
- Oct. 21st, 10:30am**—Chair Yoga
- Oct. 22nd, 6:30pm**—Trustees Mtg.
- Oct 22nd, 7:30pm**—"Building Worship Bridges" Meeting
- Oct. 23rd, 10am**—Keller Fitz Group
- Oct. 24th, 6:30pm**—Thursday Evening Study
- Oct. 26th, 6:30pm**—Youth Group Haunted Tunnel Overnight
- Oct 27th, 4pm**—Trunk or Treat
- Oct. 28th, 10:30am**—Chair Yoga
- Oct 28th, 7pm**—SPRC Meeting
- Oct 31st**—No Central Cafe. Happy Halloween!

The deadline for the Sunday, October 27th issue of *Chimes* is Wednesday, October 16th. Please send all of your articles, thank you notes and address changes to the Church office or e-mail them to rdanek@waterfordcumc.org.



Sermon Series begins October 13th

A series of messages on “Sharing Our Stories” following our time with our C3 Coach, Melissa Cooper, that explores how we can connect our Creating a Culture of Calling Program with key concepts of sharing our faith.

- October 13th - The Power of Words
- October 20th - Can I Get a Witness?
- October 27th - The Risky Business of Testifying

GIVE PLUS+

Please note that Central’s text to give phone number has changed to 844-934-0576. Please update your phone if you have it stored. Thank you.



Thank you Kroger Shoppers!

Central received \$148.70 from 37 households in Q2 of 2019. If you shop at Kroger, consider joining the Kroger Community Rewards Program and designating Central for donations. Our organization name is Central United Methodist Church-Waterford, and our number is SM012. You can enroll at: www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow/

Upcoming Worship Celebrations

November 3, 2019 – All Saints Sunday honoring those who have gone to their heavenly home.

November 10, 2019 – Heritage Sunday honoring Central’s 50-year members.

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

A ladies evening of fellowship before the holiday gets into full swing. Sign up to host a table for seven friends, or sign up to attend and we’ll put you at a table. Friends are welcome. The sign up sheet to hostess and/or attend is outside the office.



Address Changes

Please note there is new contact information for:

Linda Vest
Heritage Manor
G3201 Beecher Rd #324
Flint, MI 48832

John Sawyers
Clausen Manor
2400 Watkins Lake Rd. Apt 15
Waterford, MI 48328

Daniel & Kelly O’Hearn
Please note that their zip code was incorrect in the last Chimes. It should be 48350.

Knit for Kids Update

Thank you to the many knitters that continue to “knit for kids.” To date in 2019, Central and other local churches have provided lovingly created, warm clothing for children in the US and around the world, including: 43 sweaters, 96 baby hats, 5 baby blankets and 55 kids hats.

Funds for this ministry are raised through the Christmas Mission Card Project, so consider purchasing your cards from Central this year and help support this ministry of love and generosity.



The annual church conference will be on Sunday, Nov. 17th at 1pm. Please plan to attend this important meeting.



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 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.

About the Concert Series

The Marv & Mary Wilson Memorial Concert Series planned and hosted three concerts this past summer. 190 people attended and \$2735 was raised in ticket sales. This self-sustaining ministry will be repeated each summer, providing the community with quality programming and Central a key outreach opportunity.

Generosity Campaign Update

We have received 90 pledges, totaling \$244,098 of our required \$600,000. Twenty-four people have increased their giving this year! Thank you to everyone who has pledged. Pledge cards can still be sent to the office or placed in the offering plate on any Sunday.



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

- Virginia Glidden
- Dan Nestorovski
- Lloyd & Earline Huntley

Cradle Roll

Ryker Lee Bartleson

Born September 2, 2019

Son of Brett & Bonnie Bartleson

Grandson of Steve & Sandi Krupa

CONGRATULATIONS!

Harvesters Outing

October 17 @ Noon

This month we will be going to Diehl's Cider Mill. Meet at the church at noon to carpool. Cost is \$5. Everyone welcome!

Save These Dates for Upcoming Get-Togethers!

November 14th @ Noon

Thanksgiving Dinner

December 19th @ Noon

Christmas Party



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!



Opportunities to Serve & Grow

Make a Stewardship Pledge

Support Central's mission to "Connect with God, Connect with Others and Change the World with Christ's Love" with a monetary pledge for the 2020 fiscal year.

Serve at Oakland Hope 9am-3pm, Nov. 2nd

Join us for a day of volunteering at the Oakland Hope thrift store and food pantry. Sign up outside the church office.

Serve at Cathedral of Valor

The first Monday of every month from 4:30-6:30pm five volunteers from Central serve a meal to the homeless in Pontiac. 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 11/4.





BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK

Blessings in a Backpack in Waterford has its origins at Central UMC. The program, co-chaired by Judge Rich Kuhn and Barb Laing, provides weekend food for elementary school students who qualify for the free and reduced fee lunches during the week.

At Riverside Elementary school, the program fed just over 100 children for the weekends during the past school year. The result of this program is that children come back to school on Monday more rested and ready to learn because they did not go hungry over the weekend.

After a year of planning, the program is rolling out at Donelson Hills Elementary in October. This will more than triple the budget, due to the many children at Donelson Hills who are eligible to participate.

How Can You Help?

The addition of another school means that more donations will be needed to purchase food. It takes only \$100 to feed a child for one year. Donations are tax deductible and all donated funds go directly to help pay for the food; all overhead costs are absorbed

Cookies for Encouragement

It's time again to send cookies out to our college students and military men and women who are far, far away. **Give us your son or daughter's address** (even if it's the same as last year) and we'll make sure they get a package of cookies from their church family. Please fill out the form found in the Sunday insert (or online) **by Wednesday, October 9th.**

We also need cookies! Sign up outside the office if you can provide us with cookies. Please wrap/bag them in packages of two. You can also donate individually wrapped snacks. Please drop them off in the main kitchen, marked "Students/Service" **by Monday, October 14th.**

by individuals or grants. Checks can be made out to Central United Methodist Church, with "Blessings in a Backpack" in the memo line.

You can also volunteer at either school once a month to help unpack the truck that delivers food from Meijer, or come on Wednesdays to help pack backpacks. More volunteers are needed now that Donelson Hills is part of the program. For more information, contact Barb Laing, or call Rachel in the church office.

Is It Making a Difference?

Teachers tell Blessings personnel that kids return to school on Mondays more alert and ready to learn, and they hear from parents that the food helps their children. So, while it's about the kids, it's also about us. Will we sit quietly by and bemoan the fact that children in our community are hungry, or will we continue to answer Christ's call to compassion as part of our own spiritual journey?

Thank you for all of the donations and volunteer hours already given; please continue to donate, give time or offer prayers for Blessings in a Backpack.

Scrip Cards Make Great Gifts!

Keep Central's Scrip program in mind when planning your holiday giving. Scrip cards are also great for special events and as wedding gifts.

We also have extra Scrip cards in inventory for popular retailers. Stop by the Scrip table on Sunday after worship and pick up a Scrip card to use for your next purchase.



Shopping has begun, and we're on our way to another great year for the Clothe-a-Child program!

This year we are adding an additional school—Grayson Elementary—so we'll have over 400 children to clothe this season.

We are again asking our congregation to keep this amazing program in mind as you plan your Christmas budgets and holiday charitable giving. Checks can be made out to Central United Methodist Church (please write "Clothe-a-Child" on the memo line) and dropped off in the church office. If you have any questions, please contact the office or any of the C-A-C team members.

