

UPCOMING IN WORSHIP (10:30am)

Heritage Sunday honoring our 50-year members. Pastor Jack continues his "Hope in the Darkness" message series with *Waiting for God*.

Dear Friends,

On October 22 I led a meeting open to all our members and friends. About twenty people gathered to hear about our *Building Worship Bridges* program. Rev. Cora was in attendance as well as our Music Director, Kevin Naevé and our Marketing and Community Relations staff member, Robin Danek. As many of you know, until this past September we had at least two worship services at Central Church. Currently we are worshipping at 10:30 on Sunday mornings. This single service is choir-led with more traditional music and liturgy.

A great deal of our meeting on the 22nd was devoted to the explanation of an instrument called MissionInsite, a data tool developed by a para-church organization using the latest census information to determine the religious preferences and habits of those living in the area we serve as a local congregation. It also reports basic demographic information such as age, family type, income and education. Robin Danek and Rev. Cora have been working diligently with MissionInsite to deepen our understanding of who lives in our area so we can discern how best to reach out to them through worship.

With that demographic and religious preference information at our fingertips, I shared a basic plan for our church through October of 2020. Later this month, and into December, we will be making some changes in our 10:30 worship service to provide a more meaningful experience for our members and friends as well as newcomers. That is

the first step in our *Building Worship Bridges* program.

The second step is examining information from MissionInsite and studying the book, *Building Worship Bridges* by Cathy Townley. Cathy is a worship specialist who has helped many churches develop inspirational worship services, meeting the needs of the congregational community as well as the extended community. Cathy will be teaching 6-7 sessions on Tuesday nights in January and February to a group of people that will be commissioned in December to lead our church in creating our second worship service.

In March we will offer a study on how to reach out into our community to engage our determined mission field—those who we hope to connect with through worship and other programming.

There is a lot going on, and I realize that much of our work is behind the scenes. It is my pledge to you, our church family, that we will communicate that work on a regular basis. In the meantime, I want to ask you to pray for our church. Pray that we will create engaging worship experiences that "build bridges" into our community; so that we will be prepared for those God is entrusting to our caring church family. Please make the pledge to pray at least five minutes a week for this program. It will make all the difference in the world for our efforts!

I look forward to seeing you in worship!

Because of Christ,

Pastor Jack



- Nov 10th, 11:45am**—Small Group Leader Training
- Nov. 11th**—Veterans Day
- Nov. 11th & 18th & 25th, 10:30am**—Chair Yoga
- Nov. 11th, 6:30pm**—Finance Mtg.
- Nov. 11th, 7:30pm**—Church Council Mtg.
- Nov. 12th, 1pm**—Free Tuesday Musicales Concert: Gentlemen Songsters Barbershop Chorus
- Nov. 12th, 7pm**—Eschtruth Circle
- Nov. 13th, 20th & 27th, 10am**—Keller-Fitz Study Group
- Nov. 14th, Noon**—Harvesters Thanksgiving Dinner
- Nov. 17th, 12:15pm**—Special SPRC Mtg.
- Nov. 17th, 1pm**—Annual Church Conference
- Nov. 19th, 9:30am**—Moms Connect
- Nov. 19th, 7pm**—Purple Threads
- Nov. 20th, 9am–5pm**—Lifeline Screening
- Nov. 21st, 6:30pm**—Thursday Evening Study Group

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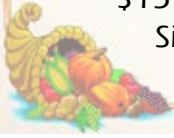
The deadline for the Sunday, November 24th issue of *Chimes* is Wednesday, November 13th. Please send all of your articles, thank you notes and address changes to the Church office or e-mail them to rdanek@waterfordcumc.org.

Harvesters Thanksgiving

Nov. 14th @ Noon

\$15 per person.

Sign up outside
the office.



Holiday Blood Drive

Friday, November 29th,
Noon - 6pm

This Black Friday,
give blood
to someone
besides retailers!
To donate or
volunteer please
sign up on the sheet
located in the Chapel
hallway or sign up online at [www.
redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and use the code
centraluni.



Stewardship 2020

Thank you to everyone who has
made a pledge to the church. We have
received several additional pledges.
If you haven't made a pledge, please
prayerfully consider regular giving to
support the mission and ministry of the
church.

2019 End of Year Giving

If you would like funds to be credited
to your 2019 giving, the funds must be
received at the church in 2019. Cash/checks
must be put into the offering plate or
received through the mail by December
31st (and checks must be dated in
2019). Funds from e-giving must be
received into the church's account by
December 31st. The only exception is a
mailed check that is dated in 2019 and
postmarked in 2019, but not received
until January 2020. These funds will be
credited to your 2019 account. All other
giving received after December 31st
will be credited to 2020.

If you have questions, call Bookkeeper
Sue Newill Tuesday–Thursday at (248)
681-0040.

Upcoming In Worship

November 10, 2019

Heritage Sunday honoring
Central's 50-year members.
Pastor Jack's message: "Waiting
for God," based on Habakkuk
2:1-3.

Advent Sermon Series

The Gift of the Nutcracker

Pastor Jack will begin his
Advent sermon series on
Sunday, December 1st.



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 have several 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.



Clothing Drive



Jason Hinsberg is requesting gently
used or new ladies or men's adult
clothing sized XL to 3X. The clothing
will go to the mentally ill, who are
often in adult foster care or nursing
homes, and have little or no money to
purchase clothing. Please help support
Jason for this school project that will
show God's love into the community.
Put donations in the drop box in the
Chapel hallway. Thank you.



Monday, November 11th

Thank you to all of our veterans!



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

- Ruth Denyes
- Liz Sawyers

Sympathies To

Margaret Mariner and family on the
death of her daughter-in-law, Carole
Radford. Our prayers are with you.

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

Hanging of the Greens

Saturday, Nov 30th, 10am

Help decorate the church for
the Christmas season. Sign
up outside the church office
or contact Jannette Deszell
for more info.



Holiday Giving Opportunities



Compassionate Christmas Cards

Purchase Cards December 1st through December 22nd

Cards can be purchased in the Chapel hallway or from the church office. Proceeds will go to support various Central missions.

Clothe-a-Child

Donate to help provide winter clothing to Waterford students. Donate through Compassionate Christmas Cards, or write a check to CUMC with "Clothe-a-Child" in the memo line.

Hats and Mittens/Gloves

Donate a matched set of a hat plus mittens or gloves to go to a Waterford student through the Clothe-a-Child program (please no scarves). Donations will be accepted after December 1st.

Jail Ministry

This year Central's Jail Ministry is collecting rolls and sheets of "Forever" stamps. Please drop donations off in the office.

Baldwin Holiday Store Donations Due by Sunday, December 1st

Purchase new items to donate to the Baldwin Center Holiday Store and make Christmas brighter for a local family. For a list of items, visit Central's website at News=>Baldwin Central Holiday Store.

Christmas Wishes for Methodist Children's Home

Donations Due by Sunday, December 15th

Beginning Dec. 1st, take a snowman ornament from the window in the Narthex and purchase a gift for a boy in the Methodist Children's Home.

Hosting an Event at Central?

The holidays bring many exciting events to Central Church. If you are an event coordinator and need a room set up for your event, please make sure to fill out an Event Setup form so that the staff knows what resources you'll need. You can find forms in the office or online at our website. Also, please make sure to fill out a Post Event Report after your event has happened. Thank you.

Thank You

I received the following text from my granddaughter Zoe after she received her box of "heavenly cookies."

“Tell your church that I said thank you for the care package. Everything looks delicious.”

Zoe's mom and dad are unchurched. Dad claims to be an atheist and mom believes but does not go to a church. My philosophy is to love them into the kingdom. And my prayer is that showing the love of Central Church to Zoe may lead her to find a faith community where she will meet Jesus. I am grateful to all who baked, packaged and helped supply a bit of God's love to our college students and those in the military

—Sally Hart

Advent by Candlelight



Wednesday, December 4th, 7-9pm

A special evening for women to become renewed and refreshed before the Christmas rush begins. This is an opportunity to relax and refocus on the season of Advent—a wonderful time of waiting and anticipation. In an elegant atmosphere, lit only by candlelight, guests are served a delightful dessert by a table hostess. The program includes uplifting Scripture readings, music and reflections focused on the Advent season.

Sign up by Nov. 10th to be a Table Hostess

As a table hostess, you'll host up to seven women that you invite to your table for the evening. You'll come early and decorate your table as you wish for the Season, with fine china or paper products; it's up to you! We'll provide the coffee and hot water; you'll provide any tea, desserts or other goodies you'd like.

There is a sign up sheet outside the church office.

Spotlight on Ministry: Caring Core Angels

Every week we receive letters and notes thanking Central's Caring Core Angels for their compassionate cards, prayers and support of members and past members that are struggling with health issues, the loss of a loved one or other personal challenges.

The Caring Core Angels make personal home calls and send "we care about you cards" to those members (and/or family members) of Central UMC who are ill, recovering, or are homebound. They also send cards to members/former members who have moved away.

The Caring Core Angels are coordinated by Phyllis Liming, who says "I thank God for the privilege of serving Him at my advanced age as a member of the Caring Core, and for all those who give of their time energy and resources to communicate with members of our congregation."

Phyllis maintains three active lists—the Continuing Health Concerns Prayer List which has 86+ names, the Health Concerns Prayer List and a list of 22 members/former members who are living out of the area.

There are three "Angels" who make personal calls to people on the prayer list. With three persons making four home calls each month and nearly 70 members on the list, each member receives a home call about once every four months, with members who are new on the Prayer List given preference each month. These visitors also take Prayer Shawls to members who are recently listed as having surgery or illness to remind them that we care about them and are praying for them.

There are 20 "Angels" who send cards to the people on the prayer lists and the out-of-area list. The names are rotated alphabetically so that folks receive a card from a different Angel each month. When a member is having a birthday or wedding anniversary this is also acknowledged by the Caring Core Angels.

Phyllis distributes the lists for the upcoming month in the narthex or via email the last Sunday of each month. She typically also includes an inspirational message or devotion with the list.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Phyllis and Barb Burns also crochet the Prayer Shawls that are delivered by the Angels to those on the prayer list. Recently, Barb has also embroidered flowers and other designs on fleece material for winter prayer shawls. Yarn and other materials have been donated by members of the congregation.

If you would like to become a Caring Core Angel, help with Prayer Shawls, or donate materials please contact Phyllis Liming at pliming@sbcglobal.net or 248-732-7736.



Poinsettia Order Form



As part of our Advent/Christmas celebration, we will be ordering Poinsettias to use as part of the decorations in the sanctuary. These plants will be in six-inch pots with gold wrappers. If you wish to place an order, please fill out the information below and return it to the Church Office with your payment. **(Please print your information)**



DEADLINE FOR ORDERS: November 24, 2019 COST PER PLANT: \$5.25

Name of Donor(s) _____

Phone: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

I will take **after** the 11:00 p.m. service on December 24th _____ OR Please deliver to a shut-in _____

Amount enclosed: Number of plants _____ x \$5.25 = _____

If you place your order in the offering basket please make sure to mark your check or envelope "Poinsettia Order". Thank you

☐ I am interested in delivering a Poinsettia to a shut in.