

## UPCOMING IN WORSHIP (10:30am)

Second Sunday in Advent.  
The Chancel Choir and guest musicians will present *Christmas Oratorio, Op. 12* during worship.

Dear Church Family,

It's been a long day and I've decided to write this *Chimes* letter to you a few minutes before midnight as the first day of December, and the first day of Advent, draws to a close. After worship on this first Sunday in Advent, I've spent some time with two families who have lost loved ones, worked on some other writing for our special services this month, and Ruth and I have placed the lights and decorations on our Christmas tree. We just made the final touches about twenty minutes ago, placing the angel on top and hanging the popcorn garland. It's a rather rotund tree—a robust tree that is not so much cone-shaped, but rather barrel-shaped.

Our family trees over the 34 Christmases Ruth and I have been married actually provide a bit of a family history. There is an ornament that marks Ruth and my first Christmas as newlyweds (1986). We have several "Baby's First Christmas" ornaments from the years our children were born (1988, 1990, 1992, 1993). There are decorations our children have made at school and at church programs. There are also tons of homemade ornaments from friends and family. There's a dentist ornament representing Ruth and a pastor ornament representing me. There are precious ornaments that Ruth's mother painted; Ruth's mother is a porcelain artist.

Four couples from our first church (where I met and married Ruth) got together, and for our wedding collected and made ornaments to begin our

annual tree decorating. There is a collectible Rockwell ornament from the last year Rockwell was alive (1978). There are several quilted ornaments, as well as a World War II-era ornament made in 1945.

We reminisce and remember each year the many who have contributed to our family tree, many who have left this world but remain in our hearts. This tree reminds us of the many blessings in each of the churches I have served, as well the people I have loved and cared for as pastor and as a pastoral family.

As our staff and I put the final touches on the programs, worship services and events we will experience this month, I am reminded of the need to celebrate the wholeness and healing Christ brought into our world and into our lives. I pray you will be blessed by the fellowship of this church as we welcome others to join us in celebrating the birth of Christ.

I feel a sense of peace as I finish this letter, enjoying the light of the tree glowing a few feet away. I'm aware of the work to be done yet this month, but I must tell you that taking some time to enjoy the glow of a Christmas tree or a fire in the fireplace allows you to relax and enjoy the fruits of your labor, and the gift that God offers to us through Christ our Lord. I look forward to seeing you in worship and at other events throughout this season of Advent!

Because of Christ,

*Pastor Jack*

The deadline for the Sunday, December 22nd issue of *Chimes* is Wednesday, December 11th. 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).



**Dec. 8th, 10:30am**—Choral Cantata: *Christmas Oratorio, Op. 12*

**Dec. 9th & 16th, 10:30am**—Chair Yoga

**Dec. 10th, 7:30pm**—Free Tuesday Musicales Holiday Concert

**Dec. 11th & 18th, 10am**—Keller-Fitz Group

**Dec. 12th & 19th, 9am**—Thursday Morning Fix-It Crew

**Dec. 12th, 6:30pm**—Thursday Evening Study

**Dec 14th, 7:30pm**—Jackson Chorale Christmas Concert

**Dec. 15th, 3pm**—OC Chess Club

**Dec. 15th, 5pm**—All-Church Caroling

**Dec. 16th, 7pm**—Harmony Healing Cooking Class

**Dec. 17th, 9:30am**—Moms Connect

**Dec. 18th, 7pm**—Blue Christmas

**Dec. 19th, Noon**—Harvesters Holiday Potluck

**Dec. 20th, 7pm**—Carols & Beer at Rustic Leaf Brewing Co.

## CONNECT WITH CENTRAL

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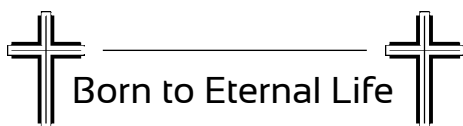
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## Interested in Sharing Your Story?

This fall, Pastor Jack preached about the importance of sharing our stories. These stories can help share our faith and build our relationship with God and others. The Creating a Culture of Call (C3) team has put together an online form to help us think through some of our stories of call. Anyone is welcome to respond to one or more of the story prompts. Then, let us know how you would like to share your story—in print, video, audio, or in worship! Stories can be submitted anytime, but Pastor Jack would love to start featuring more stories in January 2020; so share your story today!

Visit **News=>Share Your Story** to find the “Sharing Your Stories” online form. Or, contact Rev. Cora to discuss sharing your story.



Sally Hon

Feb. 11th, 1930–Nov. 28th, 2019  
Member since Jan. 9, 1944

Our deepest sympathies to her daughter Jerilyn Hon-Hawkins, son-in-law Chris Hawkins, her grandchildren and other family members and friends.

## Sympathies To

Lynn and Brian Humphrey on the death of their son, David Robert Humphrey, and with Joseph Humphrey on the death of his brother. Our prayers are with David’s family and friends.

There will be no chair yoga on Dec. 23rd & 30th. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

## Advent Services

*The Gift of the Nutcracker*  
Message Series

Second Sunday in Advent  
Sunday, December 8th

Christmas Cantata by the Chancel Choir: *Christmas Oratorio, Op. 12.*

Third Sunday in Advent  
Sunday, December 15th

Message by Rev. Cora: The Mouse King Within Us. Chancel Choir and YTCN Ringers.

Fourth Sunday in Advent  
Sunday, December 23rd

Message: The Greatest Gift. Chancel Choir and Agape Ringers.

## Christmas Services

Blue Christmas

Wednesday, December 18th, 7pm

A service of remembrance and encouragement. Leave your pain, loss and discouragement at the altar in readiness to find peace this Advent season.

Family Christmas

Monday, December 23rd, 6pm

An intergenerational, family-friendly “candlelight” Christmas service that is interactive and engaging.

Christmas Eve Services

Tuesday, December 24th  
8pm & 11pm

8:00pm—Carols, Lessons & Candlelight Service. Featuring the Jubilate and Alleluia Dancers and Chancel Choir.

11:00pm—Carols & Communion Service. Music by the Chancel Choir.



## Upcoming Holiday Events

### Christmas Cantata

Sunday, December 8th during Worship

Join us during worship as the Chancel Choir presents *Christmas Oratorio, Op. 12* by Camille Saint-Saëns. This expansive and glorious choral work will be in English with organ and five soloists from throughout the Greater Metro Detroit area.

### Tuesday Musicale Concert

Tuesday, December 10th,  
7:30pm

A free Holiday Concert by the Tuesday Musicale Chorus and Adele Thomas Bell Ensemble. There will be an afterglow immediately following the concert.

### Jackson Chorale Concert

Saturday, December 14th,  
7:30pm

Enjoy an evening of Christmas music with the critically acclaimed Jackson Chorale. Visit [www.jacksonchorale.org](http://www.jacksonchorale.org) for ticket information.

### All Church Caroling

Sunday, December 15th, 5pm

Share Christmas cheer with our homebound members. All are invited. Sign up outside the church office or contact Rev. Cora for more info.

### Harvesters Christmas Potluck

Thursday, December 19th, noon

Join the Harvesters in the church Parlor for a festive holiday potluck. Bring a \$5 gift for exchange and a dish to share.

### Carols & Beer

Friday, December 20th, 7pm

It’s time again for our annual holiday sing-along at Rustic Leaf Brewing Co. in Waterford. Bring friends and a dish to share with one another and other patrons.





Dear Central Church Family,

Thank you for your support of our family during John's battle with pancreatic cancer. The words of support, concern, cards and hugs have helped us more than you can know over the last 15 months.

-The family of John Gay

I want to thank everyone for all their prayers, cards and the beautiful crocheted throw. I appreciate everyone's kindness.

-Love always,  
Larry W. Quick

My blessings and heartfelt thanks to Purple Threads, Caring Core, Bible Study and CUMC for your sympathy card with 26 signatures expressing your comforting words in the loss of my dear daughter-in-law, Carole.

My youngest son Mark, Carole's husband, and their two sons are a devoted Christian family. Their church in Florida has been a very big part of helping with the struggle of Carole's cancer. Their faith in God will help them through their grief.

CUMC has continued to list Carole Radford with prayer concerns each week in the bulletin through her long illness with cancer, ending October 3rd, 2019.

The Rose Memorial Ceremony on (All Saints) Sunday was very much appreciated. My daughter Karen and I were very touched to have Carole's memory honored. The rose was a lovely tribute to Carole.

On behalf of my family and I, blessings and thank you.

-Margaret J. Mariner

PS: Also, my blessings to Phyllis Liming and Mary Skelley.

I'd like to express my deepest thank you to the Caring Core. Their prayers have surrounded me with love and the cards embraced me with words of hope. Thank you all for your unwavering thoughtfulness.

-Nancy Elton

**Advent devotionals are available in the Chapel hallway. Pick one up on Sunday.**



## Holiday Shopping for Good

Keep Central in mind while you're planning your holiday gift-giving.

### Scrip Cards

When you buy gift cards from Central a portion of each purchase goes to support the church. Get cards on Sunday at the Scrip table or online at [www.ShopWithScrip.com](http://www.ShopWithScrip.com).

### Amazon Smile

Designate Central as your non-profit, then start your online shopping at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com). A portion of what you spend will be donated to Central.

### Kroger Rewards

Sign up and select Central to receive donations based on your Kroger shopping.



## 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.

## Giving Envelopes are Here

2020 giving envelopes are available in the Chapel hallway. Please pick yours up Sunday when you're here for worship.

## Opportunities to Serve & Grow

**Donate to Clothe-a-Child** and 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.

**Purchase Compassionate Christmas Cards** for a \$5 per card donation. Cards can be purchased in the hallway or from the church office. Proceeds go to benefit various Central missions.

**Give a gift to a boy in the Methodist Children’s Home.** Take a snowman

ornament from the window in the Narthex and bring a new gift to the church by Sunday, December 15th. Or, purchase a gift card from the Scrip table.

**Donate a matched set of a hat and mittens/gloves** to go to Waterford School children through the Clothe-a-Child program (please no scarves).

**Give to Central’s Christmas offering.** Central will tith 20% of this year’s offering to local missions: Oakland Hope and Baldwin Center.



## Are You a “Handyperson”?

The Thursday Morning Fix-It Crew is looking for more volunteers. The group meets every Thursday at 9am for breakfast at a local restaurant, then comes to the church for a few hours to do miscellaneous jobs inside and outside the building. If you’d like to join the team, contact Bob Swartz at [racerbob@comcast.net](mailto:racerbob@comcast.net).



Thank you to everyone who helped with the Hanging of the Greens!

24  Pints Donated

Thank you to everyone who gave blood during the Black Friday Blood Drive.

## Congratulations to Central’s 50 Year Members!



**Back Row:** Marshall Rice, Bill Svenkesen, Barb Scheib, Bruce Crossman, Mike Kaul, Sue Shipley\*, Charles Steeber, Jack Chettleburgh

**Middle Row:** Don Osborne, Mary Lou Osborne, Lorna Pierre, Barb Laing, Karen Wilson, Thea Burby\*, Marion Steeber, Velette Svenkesen

**Front Row:** Rev. Cora Glass, Margaret Mariner, Ginny Mueller, Debra Cooper, Ruby Rickard, Barb Heichel, Sally Kuhn, Eleanor Snyder\*, Kay Van Hoy\*, Pastor Jack Mannschreck.

\*New 50 Year Members