

UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

Rev. Cora continues our *Making Change* message series with "Stress Is Bad." Music by the Women's Choir and Children's Choirs.

Dear Friends in Christ,

A few weeks ago a document was released by a group of United Methodist Clergy and laity that represented a mediation-based solution to resolve the long held differences within our United Methodist Denomination over the issues of inclusivity in regards to the LGBTQIA community. The name of that document is "Protocol of Reconciliation & Grace through Separation." The group that created the document represented those on both sides of the issue and were led by mediation lawyer Kenneth R. Feinberg.

In an article that appeared January 3, 2020 in *The New York Times*, Bishop Cynthia Fierro Harvey of Louisiana was quoted as saying, "We tried to look for ways that we could gracefully live together with all our differences; it just didn't look like that was even possible anymore." The *NYT* article continued, "In the months following [last year's specially called General Conference], Bishop Harvey and 15 other church representatives came together in an informal committee that determined separation was 'the best means to resolve our differences, allowing each part of the church to remain true to its theological understanding.'"

Rev. Keith Boyette, a more traditional United Methodist pastor said, "People of all theological perspectives have grown very weary of the conflict and don't have a vision for how it can end." And while he profoundly disagrees with the "centrists and progressives" on certain matters, he said people cannot be compelled to leave the Methodist church. So the traditionalists are agreeing to do so voluntarily. (Also from the *NYT* article.)

What does this mean? It means that United

Methodists are once again in the path of a General Conference that will be looking for a "way forward" to settle this decades-long battle over the issue of LGBTQIA inclusion. I am wondering, along with many of you, what will be left in the wake of this year's General Conference.

During the summer of 2018 we held classes for those who wanted to discuss the issues before the 2019 General Conference. About 25 people attended those sessions, and perhaps another dozen read the book we were distributing for those sessions.

Frankly, I am as weary as anyone else over this issue and I have stated my stance in a June 23, 2019 message. To be clear once again, I will be on the side of inclusivity when the dust settles—if the dust settles—around this issue. I will provide anyone interested with a copy of the message mentioned. To be exceedingly brief, I don't want to be a part of a denomination that is defined by who it will exclude, and I do not believe the church behaves well when it actively seeks to exclude any group of people.

I am looking for a way forward in addressing this issue and have some ideas on what that looks like. More to come in weeks ahead. I invite you to be in conversation with me and each other as we wait for the actions of the General Conference in May. In the meantime, we will continue our great ministry and presence in the communities in which we live, work, play and pray! I look forward to seeing you in worship.

Because of Christ,

Pastor Jack



Jan. 27th, Feb. 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th, 10:30am—Chair Yoga

Jan. 27th, 7pm—SPRC Meeting

Jan. 28th, Feb. 4th & 11th, 6:30pm—Building Worship Bridges

Jan. 28th, 7pm—Trustees Meeting

Jan 29th, Feb. 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th, 10am—Keller-Fitz Study Group

Jan. 30th, Feb. 6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th, 8am—Thursday AM Fix-It Crew

Feb. 1st, 6pm—Central Cinema

Feb. 2nd, 3pm—New Member Class

Feb. 2nd, 6pm—Super Bowl Party

Feb. 3rd, 5pm—Serve at Cathedral of Valor

Feb. 3rd, 7pm—Preaching 101 Class

Feb. 5th, 6:30pm—New Member Class

Feb. 9th, 10:30am—Scout Sunday

Feb. 10th, 9:30am—Moms Connect

Feb. 10th, 6:30pm—Finance Committee Mtg.

Feb. 11th, Noon-6pm—Blood Drive

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The deadline for the Sunday, February 9th issue of *Chimes* is Wednesday, January 29th. Please send all of your articles, thank you notes and address changes to the church office or e-mail them to rdanek@waterfordcumc.org.



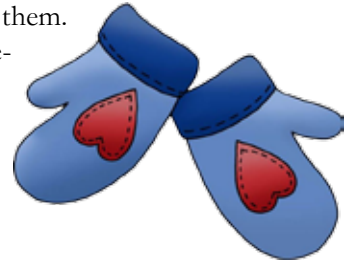
Spotlight on Ministry Knit for Kids

A big thank you to everyone who helped provide warm clothing through the Knit for Kids program. Since the program started in November of 2005, we have sent 1451 sweaters, 789 baby hats, 83 baby blankets, 195 kids hats and 47 pairs of mittens. Items are sent to children in this country and around the world through World Vision. In 2019, they received over 126,000 handmade items and shipped them to Afghanistan, Burundi, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Lesotho, Mali, Nicaragua, Swaziland and Zambia as well as locations in the US. If you wish to participate, knit and crochet patterns and yarn are available on a table outside the brides room just beyond the narthex. Once your project is complete, please place it on the table. If you have questions, please contact Diana Carter, 248-309-2490.



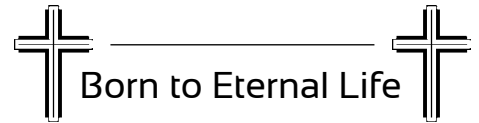
You Can Still Donate Hat and Mitten/Glove Sets to Clothe-a-Child!

With nearly 400 children to clothe each year, we still need lots of hat/mitten and hat/glove sets for Waterford School children. Sizes can be from infants to adults. This time of year stores will have sales or be putting these items on clearance. PLEASE BRING THEM IN MATCHED SETS. If you buy a hat, please find appropriate-sized gloves or mittens to match. If you buy gloves or mittens, please find the appropriate-sized hat to go with them. Please safety pin them together; this will save the Clothe-A-Child shoppers lots of time trying to find matches. Please place the items in the narthex; you may hang them on the wooden tree in the window or place in the collection box underneath. Thank you for your continued support in keeping children warm!
-Blessings, Diana



Super Bowl Party

Sunday, February 2nd, 6pm
Games, Games & More Games!
Enjoy the big game with friends! Bring a snack to share and your favorite board game (if you're not into the football game). Invite a friend; everyone is welcome! Hot dogs will be provided.



Born to Eternal Life

Marlene Mae Fisher

January 2nd, 1933–January 15th, 2020
Member since February 22, 1976

Our deepest sympathies to her daughter and son-in-law Diane and Fred Beedle, her other children, grandchildren, extended family members and friends.

Sympathies To

Ashley and Aubrey Gibbs and family on the death of their grandfather, David Gibbs.

-AND-

Barb Scheib and family on the death of her husband, Larry Scheib, and with Stacie Rose on the death of her father.

Our prayers are with the families

Small Groups are Forming!
Join a Small Group.
Connect with God
and Make New Friends!

2019 Giving Statements Have Been Mailed!

If you have questions or don't receive your statement in the next week or so, please contact bookkeeper Sue Newill at (248) 681-0040.

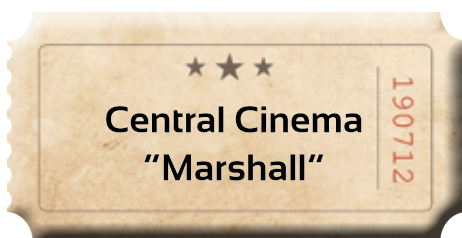
PICK UP A SMALL GROUPS BROCHURE AND SIGN UP USING YOUR CONNECTION CARD OR ONLINE AT NEWS=>SMALL GROUPS ARE FORMING.



Financial Peace University Begins Wednesday, Feb. 12th, 7-8:30pm

Are you tired of money stress? Then you're ready to join more than five million people whose lives have been changed by Financial Peace University (FPU)! This nine-lesson course taught by Dave Ramsey, Chris Hogan and Rachel Cruze helps you work a plan to nail a budget, defeat debt, and free yourself from money worries! You'll join a small group, facilitated by Jack and Ruth Mannschreck, for discussion and lessons—all rooted in biblical wisdom and common sense. The cost for the course is \$50 (scholarships are available) and includes your member workbook and a free year of Financial Peace Membership, with online tools created to support your journey. To sign up for Financial Peace University, indicate your interest on your Connection Card, or online at:

News=>Small Groups are Forming
Contact Pastor Jack at 248-681-0040 for more info or to request a scholarship.



Saturday, February 1st @ 6pm

For African-American history month, our film tells the story of Thurgood Marshall, the crusading lawyer who, in 1967, was appointed by President Lyndon Johnson to be the first African-American Supreme Court Justice. This film deals with the themes of racism and justice. Join us to discuss issues of importance, both then and now. PG-13.



Central 50+ Anniversaries

Congratulations to:

- Lewis & Judith Bradbury, 2/1, 61 yrs.
- Russell & Barbara Jacobson, 2/12, 65 yrs.
- Bob & Marcia Swartz, 2/22, 51 yrs.
- Larry & Doris Quick, 2/25, 59 yrs.

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

- Daniel Aldrich, 2/2
- Marshall Rice, 2/10
- Phyllis Liming, 2/25
- Janice Caldwell, 2/6
- Joyce Clarkson, 2/12
- Dawn Davis, 2/25
- Marjorie Jones, 2/15

BELONG

NEW MEMBER CLASSES

- Sunday, February 2, 3-6pm
- Wednesday, February 5, 6:30-9:30pm

If you are interested in joining Central Church, please indicate Small Group #65: New Member Class on your Connection Card or online at **News=>Small Groups Are Forming**, or call the church office at (248) 681-0040.

Thank you to everyone who gave generously to the Christmas Offering. \$3228 was given. 20% will go to Oakland Hope and Baldwin Center.

FEBRUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
<p>2 10:30am - Worship</p> <p>3pm - New Member Class</p> <p>6pm - Youth Group</p> <p>6pm - Super Bowl Party</p>	<p>3 10:30am - Chair Yoga</p> <p>5pm - Cathedral of Valor Serving</p> <p>7pm - Preaching 101 Class</p> <p>7:30pm - Boy Scouts</p>	<p>4 6:30pm - Girl Scouts</p> <p>6:30pm - Building Worship Bridges Mtg.</p>	<p>5 10am - Keller-Fitz</p> <p>6:30pm - New Member Class</p> <p>7pm - Leader Dog Training</p>	<p>6 8am - Fix-It Crew</p> <p>4 - 9pm - Central Cafe Schedule</p>	<p>7 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9 10:30am - Worship</p> <p>11:45am - Built on the Rock Rehearsal</p> <p>5:45pm - Youth Group</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SCOUT SUNDAY</p>	<p>10 9:30am - Moms Connect</p> <p>10:30am - Chair Yoga</p> <p>6:30pm - Finance Committee Mtg.</p> <p>7:30pm - Boy Scouts</p>	<p>11 12pm - 6pm - Blood Drive</p> <p>6:30pm - Building Worship Bridges Mtg.</p>	<p>12 10am - Keller-Fitz</p> <p>7pm - Financial Peace University</p>	<p>13 8am - Fix-It Crew</p> <p>4 - 9pm - Central Cafe Schedule</p> <p>6:30pm - Thurs. Eve. Study</p>	<p>14 Church Office Closed</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>15</p>
<p>16 10:30am - Worship - New Member Sunday</p> <p>11:45am - Built on the Rock Rehearsal</p> <p>5:45pm - Youth Group</p>	<p>17 10:30am - Chair Yoga</p> <p>6:30pm - Harmony Healing Cooking Class</p> <p>7pm - Preaching 101 Class</p>	<p>18 6:30pm - Girl Scouts</p> <p>7pm - Purple Threads</p> <p>7pm - Leader Dog Training</p>	<p>19 10am - Keller-Fitz</p> <p>7pm - Financial Peace University</p>	<p>20 8am - Fix-It Crew</p> <p>12pm - Harvesters</p> <p>4 - 9pm - Central Cafe Schedule</p> <p>6:30pm - Thurs. Eve. Study</p>	<p>21 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>22 2pm - Cub Scout Pack 61 Blue & Gold Banquet</p>
<p>23 10:30am - Worship</p> <p>11:45am - Built on the Rock Rehearsal</p> <p>12pm - Preaching 101</p> <p>5:45pm - Youth Group</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CAMP & YOUTH SUNDAY</p>	<p>24 9:30am - Moms Connect</p> <p>10:30am - Chair Yoga</p> <p>7pm - SPRC Mtg.</p> <p>7:30pm - Boy Scouts</p>	<p>25 7pm - Trustees Mtg.</p>	<p>26 6:30am - Drive Thru Coffee & Ashes</p> <p>9am - 12pm - Ashes Avail. in the Chapel</p> <p>10am - Keller-Fitz</p> <p>7pm - Ash Wed. Service</p>	<p>27 8am - Fix-It Crew</p> <p>4 - 9pm - Central Cafe Schedule</p> <p>6:30pm - Thurs. Eve Lenten Study</p>	<p>28 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>29 9am - 5pm - Cub Scout Pack 61 Pinewood Derby</p>
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <p>Central Café Schedule</p> <p>4:00-5:00pm Alleluia Dancers</p> <p>5:00-5:45pm Good News Ringers</p> <p>5:15-6:30pm Dinner served</p> <p>5:30-6:00pm Carol Choir</p> <p>5:45-6:25pm YTBN Bell Ringers</p> <p>6:25-7:15pm Agape Ringers</p> <p>6:30-7:30pm New Joy Choir & Singers</p> <p>6:30-7:30pm Jubilate Dancers</p> <p>7:30-9:00pm Chancel Choir</p> </div>		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Support Groups</p> <p>Alcoholics Anonymous: Mon. 11am, Wed. 6pm & Fri. 7:30pm</p> <p>Food Addicts in Recovery: Sat. 9am</p> <p>Nar-Anon: Thurs. 7:30 pm</p> <p>Narcotics Anon: Thurs. 8pm & Sat. 7pm</p> <p>Lyme Disease: 2nd Tues. @ 7pm</p> </div>				