

UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

Pastor Jack delivers the final message in his *Making Change* message series with "Tomorrow Matters." Music by the Chancel Choir and dance by the Alleluia Dancers.

Dear Friends in Christ,

It has been an incredibly busy January! As I find myself still reveling in a wonderful and meaningful Advent and Christmas Season, our staff and leadership is beginning plans for our Lenten Season. I very much enjoyed sharing the Advent series of messages utilizing the imagery from *The Nutcracker*, and our Christmas Eve services were well attended. Our "Christmas Eve Eve," designed for young families, doubled in attendance from the previous year and Rev. Cora led an incredibly engaging worship experience!

But when the calendar turned from December 2019 to January 2020, I have to tell you I panicked! Our church jumped into 2020 with both feet on the ground. We are continuing our work with the *Creating a Culture of Calling* Program, as well as working with worship specialist Cathy Townley on creating a new service that will meet the needs of both members and friends, as well as the greater community we serve.

Members of our Building Worship Bridges Team have been meeting weekly with Rev. Townley, studying her book *Building Worship Bridges – Accelerating Neighborhood Connections through Worship*, watching videos, and making plans toward creating a new worship experience for our church. This dedicated team will conclude the "Learning Phase" on February 18, and then we will begin the "Launch Phase" of this effort.

This Launch Phase will begin with an effort to train our members and friends

in the art of inviting and welcoming guests to our church and ministry. Just as we have been working on creating a culture of calling, we will expand those efforts to becoming a missional church focused on the needs of our greater community, inviting and welcoming new people into our community of faith.

In an effort to keep our community informed about this process, we will have a Town Hall Meeting after worship on March 1st. All are welcomed to this meeting as we share some of the key concepts the Building Worship Bridges Team have learned, as well as the next steps for our congregation. There will also be a series of messages in the spring on why we need to create worship bridges and launch this new worship service at Central Church.


This effort will take time, energy and resources. While it will be necessary to dedicate some financial resources toward this effort, I do want to share with you that we have received a three-year grant from the Methodist Union of Detroit. We will need to look at technology needs, hiring people and create appropriate space for this new service to thrive.

For now, please pray for this new effort. Please set aside just 5 minutes a week to lift up the efforts of our Building Worship Bridges Team and the future of this new worship experience. God bless you and God bless our church. I look forward to seeing you in worship.

Because of Christ,

Pastor Jack

The deadline for the Sunday, February 23rd issue of *Chimes* is Wednesday, February 12th. Please send all of your articles, thank you notes and address changes to the church office or e-mail them to rdanek@waterfordcumc.org.



Feb. 9th, 10:30am—Scout Sunday
Feb. 9th, 3pm - Free Tuesday Musicales Concert, "Spotlight on Youth"
Feb. 10th, 9:30am—Moms Connect
Feb. 10th, 17th & 24th, 10:30am—Chair Yoga
Feb. 10th, 6:30pm—Finance Committee Mtg.
Feb. 11th, Noon-6pm—Blood Drive
Feb. 12th, 19th & 26th, 10am—Keller-Fitz Study Group
Feb. 12th & 19th, 7pm—Financial Peace University
Feb. 13th, 20th & 27th, 8am—Thurs. AM Fix-It Crew
Feb. 13th & 20th, 6:30pm—Thursday Evening Study
Feb. 14th - Happy Valentine's Day!
Feb. 16th, 10:30am—New Member Sunday
Feb. 17th, 6:30pm—Harmony Healing Cooking Class
Feb. 18th, 7pm—Purple Threads
Feb. 20th, Noon—Harvesters Get-Together

CONNECT WITH CENTRAL

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Phone: (248) 681-0040

Address: 3882 Highland Rd.
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Don't try to keep up with the Joneses!

Financial Peace University

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

It's not too late to sign up for FPU! Contact the church office at 248-681-0040 if you'd like to join the class.

Cradle Roll

Hugo Apollo Painter Beam

Born January 20, 2020

Son of Holly Painter and Emily Beam

Grandson of Bill and Christy Painter

CONGRATULATIONS!

Emergency Information

If you haven't updated your emergency information with us in a while, please fill out the card found in the office or use the online form at:

News=>Emergency Contact Update

Tuesday Musicale Presents

Spotlight on Youth

A free concert featuring piano, cello and violin

Sunday, February 9th, 3pm

Reception following in Fellowship Hall



UPCOMING SPECIAL DAYS

February 9th: Scout Sunday

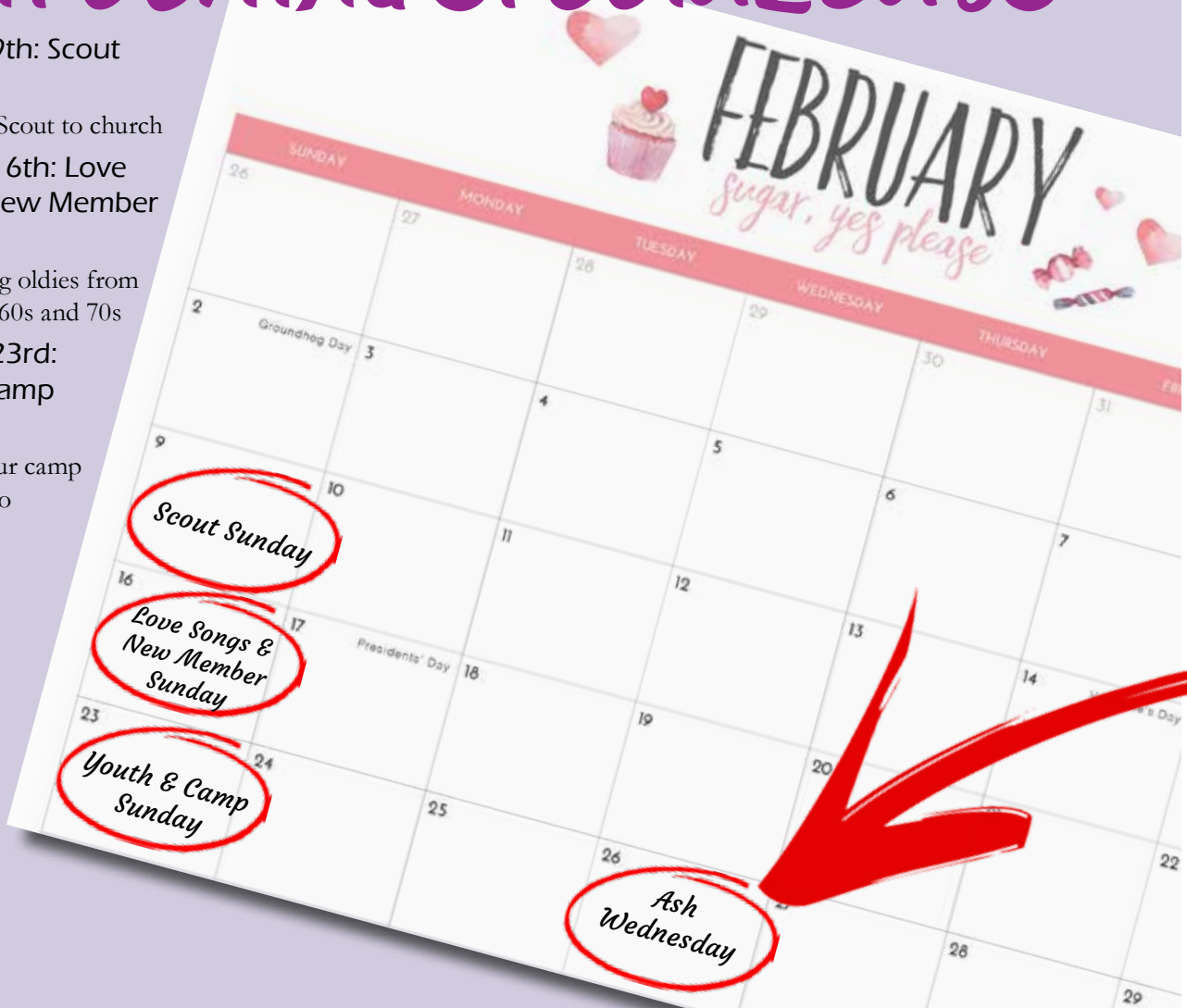
- Invite a Scout to church

February 16th: Love Songs & New Member Sunday

- Featuring oldies from the 50s, 60s and 70s

February 23rd: Youth & Camp Sunday

- Wear your camp clothes to church



2019 Recap

Thank you for your generosity

162 families

Central's Food Pantry

\$9400

to 69 families

Good Samaritan Program

\$425

Compassionate Christmas Cards to Baldwin Center, Blessings in a Backpack, Clothe-a-Child, Knit for Kids and Liberia Missions



Lenten devotionals for all ages are available in the Chapel hallway. Pick one up on Sunday.



Thank You

For the recent donation to the Good Sam fund in memory of Marlene Fisher.

Address Changes

Please note there is new contact information for:

Aimee Forcier
435 S. Livernois #203
Rochester Hills, MI 48307

Joyce Clarkson
The Inn at Cass Lake
900 N. Cass Lake Road Apt 1
Waterford, MI 48328-2385

Ash Wednesday Is Early This Year!

Wednesday, Feb. 26th

- 6:30am–9am: Drive Thru Coffee & Ashes
- 9am–noon: Ashes available in the Chapel
- 7pm: Service of Ashes

Fun With Harvesters!

Thursday, Feb. 20th at Noon

We'll enjoy lunch and games in the parlor. The cost is \$5 to cover lunch. Everyone is welcome!

Please sign up outside the office if you'll be joining us.

Because You Asked...

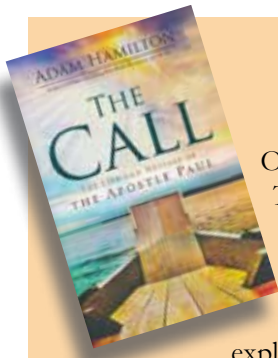
Leslie Naeve (Kevin's wife) will be performing in

Hansel & Gretel

Friday & Saturday, Feb. 14 & 15, 8pm and Sunday, Feb. 16, 2pm.

Riverside Arts Center
76 N. Huron Street
Ypsilanti, MI

Tickets are available at the door or online at a2tix.com.



Lenten Message Series

The Message of the Apostle Paul

Our Lenten message series is based on the book *The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul* by Adam Hamilton.

Follow the journeys of Paul, beginning with his dramatic conversion, as he spread the Gospel through modern-day Greece and Turkey. Travel to the early church sites and explore Paul's conversations with early Christians. In this six-week message series, you are invited to experience faith through Christ's greatest teacher and missionary.



New WOTA Transportation Service

Waterford now has bus service for seniors and disabled adults age 18+ who reside in Highland Township, Walled Lake, Waterford and White Lake. The West Oakland Transportation Authority (WOTA) is a door-to-door, on-demand transportation service operated in partnership with SMART through the Community Transit program. WOTA has 12 lift-equipped vehicles.

The service area includes approximately 290 square miles with the following boundaries:

NORTH - Northern Border of Highland & White Lake Townships, and Clarkston.

EAST - Orchard Lake Rd. between 12 & 16 Mile and Hiller Rd. to Telegraph between Pontiac Lake and Williams Lake Roads and into Pontiac for medical ONLY.

WEST - US 23 (Hartland) and Kensington Rd. and the west edge of Milford Township.

SOUTH - Grand River Ave. to 10 Mile & Haggerty.

Before using the service you must complete a Passenger Information Form and, if disabled, a professional care-giver (doctor, counselor, etc.) must complete the Professional Verification Form. Forms are available at the WOTA website at <https://www.ridewota.org/rider-guidelines/>. If you don't have Internet access, forms are available at the WOTA office or can be mailed to you. The process will generally take 2-4 days to be registered once all documents have been received.



Cooking Classes

Third Monday of Every Month at 7pm

Classes are held at Central UMC by Harmony Healing, LLC of Waterford, and are designed to help you understand how to prepare delicious meals featuring nutrients that promote healing and maintenance of health. 2020 classes include:

- **February:** Heart Health
- **March:** Chronic Fatigue Syndrome
- **April:** Cancer
- **May:** Lyme Disease
- **June:** Brain Health
- **July:** Auto-Immune Disorder
- **August:** Skin Health & Water Quality
- **September:** Healthy Aging
- **October:** Emotional Wellness
- **November:** Diabetes
- **December:** Immune System Support

Pre-registration and pre-payment required. Class is \$25 per person. Contact Gloria to register: 248.891.7712 or gloria@harmonyhealingllc.com.



Jail Ministry Easter Baskets

The ladies of Hutchinson Circle will once again be collecting items to make Easter baskets for children of prison inmates. Get in on the fun by donating new or gently used items. Place donations in the bin in the Chapel hallway between February 16th and March 22nd.

Suggested items include:

- Baskets
- Small games
- Individually wrapped candy
- Small puzzles
- Art supplies
- Play-Doh
- Books
- Small toys
- Stuffed animals
- Bubbles
- Jump ropes

Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.