



CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
A place to connect.

Small Groups Brochure Winter/Spring 2020

**Find a group that matches your interests,
form friendships and grow spiritually. You
are welcome to join any of the groups.**

We are many parts of one body, and we belong
to each other.

- Romans 12:56

Our Mission:

Connecting with God,

Connecting with Others,

Changing Our World with Christ's Love

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Central Church has many opportunities for you to participate in programs to help you grow spiritually, to grow in your faith, or to just enjoy social time with your church family. Some groups may require the purchase of materials/ resources or restaurant meals.

Serve Groups: Worship Arts

Central has a wide range of opportunities for those interested in singing, ringing, dancing or visual arts.

For Children and Youth

Group #10: Alleluia Dance Choir

Rehearses: Weekly, Thursday from 4:00 to 5:00pm During the School Year. Begins on January 9.

Leader: Katey Gay—tinyballerina20@yahoo.com

Liturgical dance group for children in grades 2 through 6. Children learn some basic dance techniques, movement to different rhythms and how to express themselves prayerfully through dance. The group performs during worship every 6-8 weeks during the school year.

Group #11: Carol Choir

Rehearses: Weekly, Thursday from 5:30 to 6:00pm During the School Year. Begins on January 9.

Leader: Jill Leek—yjill@att.net

This choir is open to all Children age 4 years through 1st grade. No previous experience is necessary. Children will learn the fundamentals of singing and choral performance. The group performs approximately every six weeks during the school year.

Group #12: New Joy Choir

Rehearses: Weekly, Thursday from 6:30 to 7:30pm During the School Year. Begins on January 9.

Leader: Jill Leek—yjill@att.net

This choir is open to all Children age 2nd through 6th grade. No previous experience is necessary. Songs, stories, games, and rhythm instruments are used to engage children in learning musical concepts while singing in a variety of styles. The group performs every six weeks during the school year and will be presenting a children's musical in April 2020.

Group #13: New Joy Singers

Rehearses: Weekly, Thursday from 6:30 to 7:30pm* During the School Year. Begins on January 9.

Leader: Jill Leek—yjill@att.net

This group rehearses with New Joy Choir, adding harmonies and instrumentals to pieces in preparation for performing during worship every six weeks.

*The group stays an extra 30 minutes every other week for fellowship and the introduction of more complex elements of music.

Group #14: Good News Ringers

Rehearses: Weekly, Thursdays from 5:00--5:45pm During the School Year. Begins on January 9.

Leader: Music Director Kevin Naeve—knaeve@waterfordcumc.org

Elementary and Middle School hand bell choir for grades 4 through 8. No previous musical experience is necessary. The group performs during worship every 6-8 weeks during the school year.

Group #15: Jubilate Dance Choir

Rehearses: Weekly, Thursday from 6:30 to 7:30pm During the School Year. Begins on January 9.

Leader: Katey Gay—tinyballerina20@yahoo.com

Liturgical dance group for youth in grades 7 through 12. Although the youth build on the basic dance techniques, rhythms and prayerful expression learned in the Alleluia Dance choir, no previous experience is necessary. The group performs during worship every 6-8 weeks during the school year.

Group #16: Built on the Rock

Rehearses: Weekly, after Sunday Worship During the School Year. Begins on January 12.

Leader: Music Director Kevin Naeve—knaeve@waterfordcumc.org

Built on the Rock is Waterford Central UMC's ensemble for youth from 6th to 12th grade. It is instrumentalists as well as vocalists, and provides a safe and accepting group to develop musical skills. Built on the Rock performs every 6-8 weeks during worship.

Group #17: Youth Hand Bell Choir—YTBN

Rehearses: Weekly, Thursday from 5:45 to 6:25pm during the School Year. Begins on January 9.

Leader: Music Director Kevin Naeve—knaeve@waterfordcumc.org

For high school and college-aged grades 9 and up. Ringers in this group have generally rung in the Good News group and tend to be slightly more advanced, but prior bell participation is not necessary. The group performs every 6-8 weeks during worship.

For Adults

Group #18: Agape Ringers

Rehearses: Weekly, Thursday from 6:25 to 7:15pm, Fall through Spring. Begins on January 9.

Leader: Music Director Kevin Naeve—knaeve@waterfordcumc.org

Adult hand bell choir for ages 18 and up. No prior experience is necessary. The ability to read music is helpful, but not required. The group performs during worship approximately every six weeks.

Group #19: Chancel Choir

Rehearses: Weekly, Thursday from 7:30 to 9:00pm, Fall through Spring. Begins on January 9.

Leader: Music Director Kevin Naeve—knaeve@waterfordcumc.org

The Chancel Choir welcomes adults over the age of 18 who love to sing. No prior experience is necessary. The ability to read music is helpful, but not required. The choir sings during worship most Sundays and performs a Cantata each year as well.

Group #20 Tribe of Daniel

Meets: As Needed throughout the Year

Leader: Myke Robson—dejoker1@att.net

The Tribe of Daniel uses playful creativeness to decorate and accentuate the worship experience. They work with worship and ministry leaders to use visual arts to illustrate sermon series, seasonal themes, and special events or projects.

Serve Groups: Local, Regional & Int'l Ministry

Central supports several local organizations that provide assistance for families and communities. There are ample opportunities to volunteer with and/or donate materials or funds to these groups.

Group #31: Outreach Ministries

Timing: Ongoing

Leader: Rev. Cora Glass—cglass@waterfordcumc.org

Central provides many opportunities for members to become involved in local initiatives that are supported by the church. Opportunities range from volunteering, to donating supplies and materials. Ministries include: Project Backpack, Blessings in a Backpack, Baldwin Center, Oakland Hope, Hope Shelter, Cathedral of Valor Meal Program, Compassionate Christmas Cards, United Methodist Children's Home, Micah 6, Cass Community Social Service and others.

Group #32: Knit for Kids

Timing: Ongoing

Leader: Diana Carter—dianacarter@comcast.net

Knit for Kids provides sweaters, baby blankets, and baby caps and hats and mittens for children in the U.S. and around the world. This ministry is done individually at home by each participant, and finished products are turned into the church throughout the year. Free patterns and yarn are available at the Knit for Kids table.

Serve Groups: Church Ministry

These ministries take place at or around the church. Many are seasonal and are good for people with limited volunteer time.

Group #40: Thursday Morning Fix-It Crew

Timing: Weekly, Thursday mornings, 8am–Noonish

Leader: Bob Swartz—racerbob@comcast.net

This group meets for breakfast at a local restaurant and then does “handyman” work around the Church. No experience is needed and no special abilities or tools are required. Open to both men and women.

Group #42: Spring Rummage Sale Volunteer Team

Timing: May 7, 8 & 9, 9am–4pm

Leader: Rachel Pierre and Sheila Strang—info@waterfordcumc.org

This ministry provides low-cost shopping to the community to raise money for local, regional and national missions. Volunteers are needed to help run the event.

Group #43: Memorial Gardeners

Timing: As Needed, Spring through Fall

Leader: Diana Carter—dianacarter@comcast.net

The Memorial Garden is located at the South entrance to the church and is a place where members and friends can meditate and remember loved ones. Anyone who enjoys gardening and caring for sacred places is welcome to join in caring for the garden.

Group #44: Memorial Concert Planning Committee

Meets: Monthly, Based on Schedules

Leader: Music Director Kevin Naeve—knaeve@waterfordcumc.org

During the summer Central offers a series of monthly concerts to the Southeast Michigan area. This concert series is organized by the planning committee. The committee also works on concert promotion and staffs the events.

Group #45: Caring Core Angels

Timing: Ongoing

Leader: Phyllis Liming—pliming@sbcglobal.net

The Angels contact people via personal home calls or sending cards to those members (and/or family members) who are currently ill or recovering, or are homebound. The Angels also send cards to members/former members who have moved away.

Growth Groups

Group #51: Vacation Bible School (VBS) Planning and Volunteer Team

Meets: Weekly During June

Leader: Rev. Cora Glass—cglass@waterfordcumc.org

During VBS we invite children from our church and the community to enjoy an energetic and fun week of learning about God and connecting with others. The planning and volunteer committee organizes and staffs this community service event.

Group #52: Youth Group

Meets: Weekly on Sundays, Fall through Spring, 5:45–6:45pm

Leader: Rev. Cora Glass—cglass@waterfordcumc.org

Youth age 6th– 12th grade share fellowship over dinner, then age-appropriate worship and study. Youth also participate in special worship services, church events and community volunteer opportunities.

Group #53: Thursday Evening Study

Meets: Thursdays, 6:30-7:30pm, January 16, 23, 30 and February 13, 20.

Leader: Rev. Cora Glass—cglass@waterfordcumc.org

This winter the Thursday night small group will take a deep dive into Mark 8:22-26, the first of two healing stories about blindness in

Mark's gospel. Join us as we explore what the Bible can tell us about this text. Bring your favorite study Bible or borrow one from Rev. Cora.

Group #54: Purple Threads

Meets: Bi-Monthly, 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 7–8:30pm, February through May, beginning February 18.

Leaders: Diana Carter–dianacarter@comcast.net and Sue Shipley–sesunionlake@comcast.net

A Bible book study and an intentional, intercessory prayer group for women. This spring's study will be *Simon Peter: Flawed but Faithful Disciple* by Adam Hamilton, beginning on February 18. Purple Threads is open to all women.

Group #55: Keller-Fitz Book Group

Meets: Weekly, Wednesday from 10am–Noon.

Leader: Marshall and Jan Rice–ricecheks@outlook.com

An adult group dedicated to continuing faith development and spiritual growth. The group studies 1-2 books during each semester. This winter's studies will be based on *Christ in Crisis: Why We Need to Reclaim Jesus*, by Jim Wallis, and *First the Jews*, by Rabbi Meffic. Books can be purchased individually or from the church office.

Group #56: Creating a Culture of Calling (C3) Study

Meets: Weekly, Thursday from 5:30pm–6:20pm, January 16 through February 20.

Leader: Rev. Cora Glass–cglass@waterfordcumc.org

This adult and youth study is a continuation of Central's three-year initiative to help us understand God's call on our lives. The study is based on the book *The Stories We Live: Finding God's Calling All Around Us* by Kathleen A. Cahalan. Books are free from the church office.

Group #57: Lenten Spiritual Practices for Calling

Meets: Weekly on Thursdays, February 27—April 2, 6:30—7:30

Leader: Rev. Cora Glass—cglass@waterfordcumc.org

Join the "Creating a Culture of Call" team as we develop our spiritual practices and discover our spiritual gifts in order to better discern where God is calling us this Lenten season.

Group #58: Preaching 101—Sharing Your Faith

Timing: Monday, 7-8:15pm February 3, 17, March 2, 7 and 30 and Sunday after worship, February 23, March 15 and 22.

Leader: Pastor Jack—jmannschreck@waterfordcumc.org

Spend some time discussing and learning about the practice of preaching and sharing your faith. You'll need a copy of Andy Stanley's book, *Communicating for a Change*, available through Amazon (Kindle Format also available), and you will receive a copy of Kathleen Cahalan's book *The Stories We Live – Finding God's Calling All Around Us*. Participants will spend eight sessions working through the process of sermon preparation and delivery techniques. Who should take this class? Anyone interested in creating and sharing their faith story or getting involved in worship leadership.

Group #59: Financial Peace University

Timing: Weekly, Wednesday, 7pm-8:30pm, beginning Feb. 12th.

Leader: Pastor Jack—jmannschreck@waterfordcumc.org

A 9-week video-based class that teaches you how to manage money the right way! In these 9 lessons, Dave Ramsey and a team of financial experts will walk you through all of the practical information you should have learned in high school, but didn't. As you learn about saving, budgeting, paying off debt, investing, giving, and so much more, this class will guide you through each step you need to learn and do, so you can finally start making your money work for you! This class is usually \$99 but it is available to participants in this class group for \$50. Scholarships are available.

Connect Groups

Group #60: Moms Connect

Meets: Bi-Monthly, 2nd & 4th Mondays, 9:30–11:00am. Begins February 10.

Leader: Rainy Stephenson—rainstep@aol.com

Enjoy meaningful conversation, laughter, and friendship as you're supported in your journey thorough mom-hood. All moms welcome! This season's curriculum will be based on the Moms Connect Year of Adventure study. Childcare is available with an RSVP.

Group #61: Hutchinson's Circle

Meets: Monthly, 1st Tuesday, 1-3pm, Fall through Spring.

Leader: Lynn Humphrey

A women's group that meets for fellowship and study. The group also conducts one or two mission projects around Christmas and Easter.

Group #62: Eschtruth Circle

Meets: Monthly, 2nd Tuesday, 7-8:30pm, April through June beginning April 14th.

Leader: Diana Carter—dianacarter@comcast.net

A women's group that meets for fellowship and study. The group also conducts one or two mission projects around Christmas and Easter.

Group #63: Harvesters

Meets: Monthly, 3rd Thursday, Typically at Noon

Leaders: Lynn Humphrey & Pam Gustafson—pandagus1@gmail.com

A fellowship group for retired people that offers varied programs both at the church and in the community. Everyone is welcome to any of the get-togethers; watch for sign up information.

Group #64: Chair Yoga and Easy Exercise

Meets: Weekly, Mondays 10:30-11:30am

Leader: Mary Skelley—maryaskelley@aol.com

Chair yoga and easy exercise for older adults. Bring your water and a mat or blanket if you'd like. Open to everyone in the community.

Group #65: New Member Class

Leader: Pastor Jack—jmannschreck@waterfordcumc.org

If you are interested in joining Central Church, plan to attend one of those classes which are 2 ½ to 3 hours long. Participants will learn about the history and theology of the United Methodist Church, the organization of Central Church and the many ministries and missions through which you can live out your faith. The New Member classes are listed below. In parenthesis are the New Member Sundays* during which new members are formally received.

- Sunday, February 2, 3-6pm (Sunday, February 16)
- Wednesday, February 5, 6:30-9:30pm (Sunday, February 16)
- Sunday, May 3 from 3-6pm (Sunday, May 17)
- Monday, May 4 from 6:30-9:30pm (Sunday, May 17)
- Sunday, August 30, 12-3pm. Lunch Provided (September 13)
- Monday, August 31, 6:30-9:30pm (September 13)
- Monday, November 16, 6:30-9:30pm (December 13)
- Sunday, November 22, 6:30-9:30pm (December 13)

*New Member Sunday attendance is not required for membership.

Group #66: Central Cinema

Timing: First Saturday of the month (unless otherwise noted), 6pm

Leader: Christy Painter—gliddenpaints@yahoo.com

Central Cinema is a free, family-friendly movie that inspires conversation around a topic relevant to Christian living. Enjoy an evening of entertainment and perhaps even make new friends!

Bring snacks to share and invite a friend; everyone is welcome for any of the monthly movies.

Group #67: Men's Softball Team

Timing: Weekly on Monday evenings

Leader: Church Office Coordinates–info@waterfordcumc.org

Central's men's softball team plays most Monday evenings throughout the spring and summer in a league that plays at fields located in Clarkston and includes teams from other area churches. The season culminates in a Saturday tournament in mid-August. All skill levels are welcome.

Joining a Small Group

If you are interested in any of the groups listed in this brochure, please indicate your interest on your Connection Card, or fill out the form found at:

<https://waterfordcumc.org/small-groups-are-forming/>

You will be contacted by the leader of the group(s) with more information.

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