

D^{ear Friends,}

As we once again approach Lent with Ash Wednesday on February 26, I am well aware that many look at this time in our Christian Calendar as a bummer—a solemn time in which we give something up and there are all sorts of extra expectations put upon us in the church—extra services, extra small groups to participate in and extra service projects to support. It's also a difficult time in our calendar in terms of weather—cold, windy, snowy days tend to dampen our mood.

May I suggest that we look at the other side of this concept of Lent and consider it to be an opportunity to grow in our faith, to be aware of God's presence and deepen our appreciation for each other as we journey together through this holy time of year. During Sunday morning worship this Lent we will be focusing on what it means to truly follow Jesus the Christ. We will be utilizing a resource from Adam Hamilton titled The Call: The Life and Message of The Apostle Paul. Throughout our Lenten Journey we will consider the theme of what it means to be called to follow Jesus, to go out into the world with a message of hope, to be called to suffer and love, to give and be faithful. The Apostle Paul's life will provide a template for these various calls upon our lives.

This Lenten Series of messages will complement our efforts in Creating a Culture of Calling—a project that we have been involved with for two and a half years. It is our hope that we will discover various calls upon our lives during different times and experiences of our lives. It would be my desire that Central Church become a place where people will come to discern and discover the callings of their lives, including God's call to be all that God intends for us.

Thank you for looking over the various Lenten programming options available at Central Church, and consider them to be an offering of opportunities for our growth as individual followers of Christ, and as a church dedicated to the ministry and mission of God in the world. I respectfully and prayerfully ask you to consider what it would mean to focus on deepening your faith during this season of Lent. Let's travel together, thankful for each other and the relationships that God desires with us.

I look forward to seeing you in worship.

Because of Christ,

Pastor Jack

"Building Worship Bridges" Town Hall Meeting

March 1st, after Worship

Join us for an update on the work of the Building Worship Bridges team.

CONNECT WITH CENTRAL

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The deadline for the Sunday, March 8th issue of *Chimes* is Wednesday, February 26th. Please send all of your articles, thank you notes and address changes to the church office or e-mail them to rdanek@waterfordcumc.org.

UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

Youth & Camp Sunday. Wear your camp clothes! Special youth message: *How Far Will They Go Among So Many?* Music by the Agape Ringers.



Feb. 23rd, 10:30am-Youth and

Camp Sunday Feb. 24th, March 9th & 23rd, 9:30am–Moms Connect Feb. 24th, March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th, 10:30am–Chair Yoga Feb. 24th, 7pm–SPRC Meeting Feb. 25th, 7pm–Trustees Meeting Feb. 26th, March 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th, 10am–Keller-Fitz Study Group Feb. 26th, 6:30am-9am–Drive Thru Coffee and Ashes Feb. 26th, 9am-12pm–Ashes in the

Feb. 26th, 9am-12pm–Ashes in the Chapel

Feb. 26th, 7pm–Ash Wednesday Worship Service

Feb. 26th, 8pm–Financial Peace University

Feb. 27th, March 5th, 12th, 19th, & 26th, 8am–Thurs. AM Fix-It Crew

Feb. 27th, March 5th, 19th & 26th, 6:30pm–Thursday Evening Lenten Study

March 1st, 11:45am–Building Worship Bridges Town Hall

March 2nd, 4pm–Cathedral of Valor Serving

March 3rd, 12pm–Hutchinson Circle

March 3rd, 7pm–Purple Threads March 3rd, 7pm–WRWA Meeting

Welcome New Members!

- Katherine Barton
- · Adam and Kristen Cairo
- · Walter and Joanne Fedison
- · Rose and William "Bill" Smith
- Tim and Linda Taylor

Little Sprouts Fundraising Luncheon and Art Auction Sunday, March 22nd Noon–2pm

An afternoon art museum and auction featuring artwork from Little Spouts students and Central Church members. Come get a bite to eat, browse some art that imitates the great masterpieces, and make a donation to support our preschool program. Sign up in advance outside the church office so we can prepare enough food for all attendees.

Daylight Savings Time Begins March 8th.

Remember to "Spring Forward."

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Central Cinema

"Waking Ned

Devine"

Saturday, March 7th (a) 6pm

Have you ever dreamed of winning

the lottery? What happens if you

aren't able to collect your prize? Join

us for this dramedy and find out what

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Lenten Services

February 26th—Ash Wednesday

- Drive Thru Coffee & Ashes— 6:30am–9am
- Ashes will also be available in the Church Chapel from 9am–noon
- Scripture: Joel 2:1-2,12-17
- 7pm Service of Ashes—Message: *Predictions: Problems or Promise?* by Pastor Jack Mannschreck

March 1st—First Sunday in Lent

- Scripture: Acts 9:1-16
- The Message of the Apostle Paul: The Call to Follow Jesus

March 8th—Second Sunday in Lent

- Scripture: Acts 13:1-15
- The Message of the Apostle Paul: The Call to Go into the World by Rev. Cora

March 15th—Third Sunday in Lent

- Scripture: Acts 16:16-40
- The Message of the Apostle Paul: The Call to Suffer

March 22nd—Fourth Sunday in Lent

- Scripture: Acts 13:1-8, 13
- The Message of the Apostle Paul: The Call to Love

March 29th—Fifth Sunday in Lent

- Scripture: Acts 19:23-41
- The Message of the Apostle Paul: The Call to Give

A Special Harvesters Outing March 19th

We have a unique opportunity to visit the Detroit Institute of Arts for free in March. They will provide a bus to transport us to the museum if we can get 25 people, aged 55+ confirmed. **Please sign up by March 4th (firm)** outside the office if you would like to participate. For more info, contact Lynn Humphrey.



Wednesdays @ Noon

Once again the Waterford Ministerial Association will be offering Lenten devotional luncheons. All programs begin at 12pm and are followed at 12:30pm with soup and sandwich. A free will offering will be taken to benefit Open Door Outreach Center.

March 4th led by Rev. Gail Simonds

Community Presbyterian Church 4301 Monroe Ave., Waterford MI 48329

March 11th led by Rev. Jack Mannschreck

Bethel United Church of Christ (w/ Divine Peace) 6650 Elizabeth Lake Rd., Waterford MI 48327

March 18th led by Rev. Beth Delaney

Canterbury-on-the-Lake 5601 Hatchery, Waterford MI 48329

March 25th led by Rev. Glenn Morrison

Christ Lutheran Church of Waterford 5987 Williams Lake Rd., Waterford MI 48329

April 1st led by Rev. Laurie Koivula Community of Christ 1990 Crescent Lake Rd., Waterford MI 48327



March 22nd, 3-6pm

Play chess; make a friend. All level of players are welcome, so invite friends and family.

For more information, visit facebook. com/oaklandcountychessclub

a community of Irish townsfolk did. Recommended by one of our Central Cinema regulars as an oldie but goodie. Rated PG.



Creating a Culture of Calling Lenten Disciplines Thursday Evenings and Saturdays During Lent

Join the Creating a Culture of Calling (C3) team to explore Lenten disciplines. Classes will be held Thursday Evenings from 6:30-7:30pm and on Saturday mornings from 9:30-11:30am. Each theme can be done independently so attend just one day or as many as you are able!

No prior preparation is necessary. Bring your C3 journal from a prior C3 class or

receive a free journal when you arrive! A continental breakfast will be provided

Thursday Evening Schedule:

- February 27—Holy Listening
- March 5—Self Awakening Questions
- March 12—No Class
- March 19—Examen
- March 26—Reflective Writing

during the Saturday morning series.

• April 2—Spiritual Gifts

Saturday Schedule:

- March 7—Holy Listening/Self Awakening Questions
- March 14—Examen
- March 21—Reflective Writing
- March 28—Spiritual Gifts



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

- Donna Ritchie, 3/4
- Garrith Knaus, 3/8
- John Sawyers, 3/12

Central 50+ Anniversaries

• Walter & Doris Cortese, 3/23, 66 yrs.



Rock CF Breakfast Fundraiser

March 15th, after Worship

Bring your appetite and help us improve the quality of life for people with Cystic Fibrosis. Donations will go to the Rock CF Foundation. For more information, contact Eric Beedle at ebeedle@umich.edu or 248-882-3014.



EASTER LILIES

As part of our Easter celebration, we will be ordering Lilies to use at the altar on Easter Sunday. These Lilies will be in a six-inch pot and have five or more blooms. If you wish to order Lilies please fill out the information below and turn the form into the church office along with your payment.

Please print clearly so we are able to correctly spell the names of your loved ones.



DEADLINE FOR ORDERS: Sunday, March 22, 2020 COST PER PLANT: \$6.25

 Name of Donor(s)

 Phone Number

IN HONOR OF:_____

IN MEMORY OF:

I will take after the 10:30 a.m. Easter Service _____

Please deliver to a shut-in _____

Amount Enclosed:Number of PlantsX\$6.25 = \$

Please do not include monies for the plants with your regular offering.

9am - 5pm - Cub Scout arel Fundraising Dinner Cinema-Waking 9:30am - C3 Lenten Pack 61 Pinewood Saturday 9:30am - C3 Lenten 9:30am - C3 Lenten 9:30am - C3 Lenten 8am - 5pm -Adult Scout 6pm - Kettering Training 6pm - Central Ned Devine Practices Practices Practices Practices Derby 28 4 5 Church Office Closed Church Office Closed Church Office Closed Church Office Closed Alcoholics Anonymous: Mon. 11am, Wed. 6pm & Fri. 7:30pm Food Addicts in Recovery: Sat. 9am Lyme Disease: 2nd Tues. @ 7pm Musicale Concert Fundraiser 7:30pm - Tuesday Support Groups Narcotics Anon: Thurs. 8pm, Friday Nar-Anon: Thurs. 7:30 pm Fri. 7:30pm & Sat. 7pm 20 27 Ś \underline{m} 4 - 9pm - Central Cafe 7pm - Financial Peace | 4 - 9pm - Central Cafe 4 - 9pm - Central Cafe 4 - 9pm - Central Cafe 6:30pm - Thurs. Eve. 6:30pm - Thurs. Eve. Thursday 6:30pm - Thurs. Eve. Study - C3 Lenten Study - C3 Lenten 8am - Fix-It 8am - Fix-It Study - C3 Lenten 8am - Fix-It Crew 8am - Fix-It Crew 12pm - Harvesters Crew Crew Schedule Practices Schedule Schedule Practices Practices Schedule **Central Café Schedule** 6:25–7:15pm Agape Ringers 6:30–7:30pm New Joy Choir & Singers 6:30–7:30pm Jubilate Dancers 4:00–5:00pm Alleluia Dancers 5:00–5:45pm Good News Ringers 5:15–6:30pm Dinner served 5:45-6:25pm YTBN Bell Ringers 26 <u>0</u> 7:30-9:00pm Chancel Choir $\overline{\mathbf{N}}$ ഹ 5:30-6:00pm Carol Choir 7pm - Financial Peace 7pm - Financial Peace 7pm - Financial Peace Wednesday 9am - 5pm - Lifeline 7pm - Leader Dog 10am - Keller-Fitz 10am - Keller-Fitz 10am - Keller-Fitz l0am - Keller-Fitz University University University Screening University Training 20 Л $\underline{\omega}$ 4 = 7pm - Purple Threads 6:30pm - Girl Scouts 7pm - Purple Threads ST. PATRICK'S DAY Little Sprouts Closed 6:30pm - Girl Scouts 7pm - Trustees Mtg. PRESIDENTIAL **7pm** - Leader Dogs Hutchinson Tuesday 7:30pm - Tuesday Musicale Concert PRIMARY 7pm - Purple 7pm - WRWA Circle - nooN Threads Meeting 0 24 m m 9:30am - Moms 11:45am - Built on the 10:30am - Chair Yoga 11:45am - Built on the 10:30am - Chair Yoga 10:30am - Chair Yoga 11:45am - Built on the | 10:30am - Chair Yoga 7:30pm - Boy Scouts 4pm - Cathedral of 6:30pm - Harmony Mtg. 7:30pm - Church Healing Cooking 7pm - SPRC Mtg. Monday 6:30pm - Finance Chair Yoga 10:30am -Valor Serving 9:30am - Moms Connect Council Mtg. Connect Class 9 0 m 23 N δ 5:45pm - Youth Group 5:45pm - Youth Group 5:45pm - Youth Group SAVINGS BEGINS Meeting 5:45pm - Youth Group 11:45am - Built on the 11:45am - Built on the Fundraiser Breakfast 3pm - OC Chess Club 3:30pm - Conf. Class 5:45pm - Youth Group 2pm - Little Sprouts 11:45am - "Building 3:30pm - Conf. Class 2pm - VBS Leaders Worship Bridges" 11:30am - Rock CF Sunday DAYLIGHT **Rock Rehearsal Rock Rehearsal** Town Hall Mtg. **Rock Rehearsal** 10:30am -**29** 10:30am -**Rock Rehearsal Rock Rehearsal** 10:30am -10:30am -Worship Worship Worship 10:30am Worship Worship Fundraiser 22 ក ω

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