

UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

Second Sunday in Lent. Rev. Cora continues our Lenten message series with *The Message of the Apostle Paul: The Call to Go Into the World*. Music by the YTBN Ringers and the Chancel Choir.

Dear Central Family,

As I walked into Central Church for the first time as your newly appointed pastor, I remember our District Superintendent saying to me, "There's a bit of work needed on the building. You'll have to spruce things up a bit." As I moved in to both the parsonage as well as the church building, I discovered that there were already a number of projects planned and approved by our church leadership.

The handicap-accessible doors at both our north and south entrances and handicap-accessible bathrooms were done quite quickly, and our elevator/lift was constructed within my first two years. We then had our first capital campaign during my time as your pastor and those funds, plus funds from the earnings on our endowment, allowed us to get new sound and lighting for our sanctuary. We have new signage allowing people to navigate our building better and television screens to share information about our many ministries—we are a "screen society!"

Smaller projects included painting the office, which the staff did, installing new shades for the office complex, replacing old vertical blinds. The education hallway was painted along with a couple of the Little Sprouts rooms. Thanks to the Taylor family, our children's library was painted and organized beautifully. There are plans to re-decorate our parlor with funds from our Memorials; these plans include new carpet, paint and shades.

Those are just the projects you can see. In the last seven years, many joints on the water pipes throughout the building have been replaced. The air handler

was replaced (remember not having air conditioning in the sanctuary in 2016?). Various mechanical issues have been addressed in these past seven years, as they have had to be addressed for many years before my time as your pastor.

The fact is, friends, we have a fantastic and very large church building to maintain, along with four other buildings (two parsonages, our caretaker's home and garage/storage facility) on our 39 acre "compound." The most pressing needs in our church building are a chiller (air conditioner) that needs replacing and the floor of our fellowship hall. That is why we are launching a capital campaign that we are calling "Community Central: The Big Chill!"

The goal of this campaign is to replace both the chiller and the floor of our fellowship hall without utilizing any endowment proceeds or Major Gift funds. Our Trustees have diligently sought out estimates for both projects and the total cost of these two projects is \$147,000. In a couple of weeks you will receive a letter outlining our campaign in detail and asking for your participation in making these projects a reality. The chiller is our priority, as we could very well be without air conditioning throughout our building very soon. Please begin praying about this effort now. In light of how much we and our community are blessed by God through our facilities, I am praying for an outpouring of support that will reflect that blessing.

I look forward to seeing you in worship!

Because of Christ,

Pastor Jack

The deadline for the Sunday, March 22nd issue of *Chimes* is Wednesday, March 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.



- March 7th, 9:30am**—C3 Lenten Spiritual Practices
- March 7th, 6pm**—Central Cinema
- March 8th**—Daylight Savings Time
- March 9th & 23rd**—Moms Connect
- March 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th, 10:30am**—Chair Yoga
- March 9th, 6:30pm**—Finance Mtg.
- March 9th, 7:30pm**—Church Council Meeting
- March 10th**—Presidential Primary
- March 10th, 7:30pm**—Free Tuesday Musicale Concert
- March 11th, 18th & 25th, 10am**—Keller-Fitz Study Group
- March 11th, 18th & 25th, 7pm**—Financial Peace University
- March 12th, 19th & 26th, 8am**—Thursday AM Fix-It Crew
- March 14th, 9:30am**—C3 Lenten Spiritual Practices
- March 15th, 11:30am**—Rock CF Fundraiser Breakfast
- March 15th, 12pm**—VBS Leaders Meeting
- March 16th, 6:30pm**—Harmony Healing Cooking Class
- March 17th**—Happy St. Patrick's Day
- March 17th, 7pm**—Purple Threads
- March 19th, 12pm**—Harvesters
- March 19th & 26th, 6:30pm**—C3 Lenten Practices

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

You can still participate in any of the Creating a Culture of Calling (C3) Lenten Disciplines sessions on Thursdays from 6:30-7:30pm or Saturdays from 9:30-11:30am. Each theme can be done independently, so attend just one day or as many as you are able! Sign up in the Narthex.

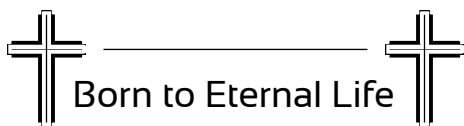
Thursday Evening Schedule:

- March 19—Examen
- March 26—Reflective Writing
- April 2—Spiritual Gifts

Saturday Schedule:

- March 14—Examen
- March 21—Reflective Writing
- March 28—Spiritual Gifts

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 during the Saturday morning series.



Born to Eternal Life

Jean Marie Ostrander

July 17, 1933 - February 21th, 2020
Member since January 27, 1963

Our deepest sympathies to her husband John, children Janet, John and Jimmy and her many family members and friends.

Sympathies To

Mary and Jim Sullivan on the passing of her mother, Florence Marie Tripp, and to Matt Sullivan on the passing of his grandmother.

AND

Tamara Luesse on the passing of her partner, Ronald "Ronnie" Leiter, and to Donnie Leiter on the passing of his father.

Lenten Services

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*

Holy Week Services

April 5th—Palm Sunday

- Worship at 10:30am
- Scripture: Acts 21:1-14 and Luke 19:28-40
- *The Message of the Apostle Paul: The Call to be Faithful*

April 9th—Maundy Thursday

- 7pm Service commemorating the Last Supper with Holy Communion, led by Pastor Jack Mannschreck

April 10th—Good Friday

- 12:00pm—Community Worship Service at Central UMC
- 7pm Service led by Pastor Jack Mannschreck

April 12th—Easter Sunday

- Sunrise Service at 8:00am
- Worship at 10:30am
- 8:45–10:45am—Breakfast
- Scripture: Acts 10:34-43 and Matthew 28:1-10
- Message: *The True Celebration of Easter*



Central Cinema: "Waking Ned Devine"

Saturday, March 7th @ 6pm

Join us for "Waking Ned Devine," a dramedy recommended by one of our Central Cinema regulars. Rated PG.

Lenten Devotional Luncheon

Wednesday, March 11th @ Noon

Led by Rev. Jack Mannschreck

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

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.

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. Please sign up in advance outside the church office so we can prepare enough food.

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Web: waterfordcumc.org

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Waterford MI 48328

An Update on "A Way Forward" Issue of LGBTQ Inclusion

Michigan Conference to Vote on Sending Proposed Legislation the General Conference

Bishop Bard has called for a special session of the Michigan Conference on Saturday, March 7th, at Albion College from 1:30 pm–4:30 pm. The purpose of this session will be to consider whether the Michigan Conference will send the legislation based on the "Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace Through Separation" to General Conference 2020 so that it might be considered by the delegates to the General Conference. Because the Protocol was finalized after the deadline for submitting legislation to be considered during the 2020 Session, it needs to be sent to General Conference by one or more Annual Conferences.

Under the rules of The Michigan Conference, general conference legislation is not amendable, so Annual Conference members at the special session will vote to send, or not to send, the legislation brought before them, as is, for action at the 2020 General Conference. It will be Michigan's eight delegates to GC2020 who will be among those voting on the substance of the Protocol and other legislation that comes before the body in Minneapolis, May 5-15.

Rev. Cora and three Central Church members are attending this special session of the Michigan Conference and will update our congregation on the outcome. It is important to note that this special session is not to consider the merits of the Protocol itself, but to determine whether the document will be forwarded it to the 2020 General Conference for consideration during the May General Conference session. Michigan Delegation Co-Chair Laura Witkowski clarified by saying, "We are not the body to determine the final outcome of the Protocol, we are the vehicle to get it to the table. What a blessing it is for the Michigan Conference to lead in this way."

About the Protocol

On January 3, 2020, a diverse, 16-member group of United Methodist bishops and other leaders offered a proposal that would preserve The United Methodist Church while allowing traditionalist-minded congregations to form a new denomination. The separating group would receive \$25 million in United Methodist funds and would keep its local church properties. For more information, visit <https://2020.michiganumc.org/special-session-faq-march-2020/>.

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 Plants _____ X \$6.25 = \$ _____

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



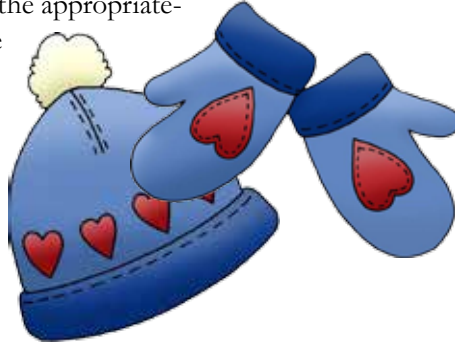
Make Way for the Swimsuits!

We still need hat/mitten and hat/glove sets for Waterford School children!

This time of year stores will be putting these items on clearance as they make room for spring merchandise. Sizes can be from infant to adult.

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!



Daylight Savings Time Begins March 8th

Remember to "Spring Forward."

VBS June 22nd - June 26th

If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Rev. Cora!



Camp Scholarship Applications are Available

Pick one up from the Chapel hallway if you have a camper interested in a scholarship.

Recently, I spent nearly a full day going to the hospital to visit several of our members; three different hospitals with over 70 miles of driving. It happened to be a beautiful sunny day and I enjoyed visiting with our homebound and hospitalized members and friends, offering fellowship and representing God's care and love. That day caused me to reflect on how pastoral care is offered at Central Church.

Both Rev. Cora and I visit our sick and homebound, and there are often times when we are challenged to get to everyone. We do our best to be at the hospital when surgery is taking place; however, with so much outpatient surgery these days, a telephone call or a quick home visit is often best. I am thankful for many members of our church who visit our membership in the hospital or care facilities; their visits represent the care and love of Christ.

I recognize that sometimes it is difficult to visit everyone who is in the hospital or a rehab facility; these visits seem to come in waves. The best way for Rev. Cora and me, as well as those I sometimes call upon, to plan visits is clear communication. While you can always call the church office, feel free to call my personal cell phone: 248-217-4004. If you are interested in being trained to offer care to our members and friends during hospitalizations or homebound care, call me. I would love to train a few more members of our church to offer the presence of Christ and Central Church during others' times of need!

-Pastor Jack

Save Your Items for Our Rummage Sale



May 7th, 8th & 9th

Accepting donations May 3rd beginning at noon.