



UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

Sunday, October 17th is Generosity Sunday. Pastor Jack's message is "Enough: Generosity," based on I Timothy 6:17-19 and Matthew 22:34-40. Join us in person or online at our new streaming link, live.waterfordcumc.org.

Dear Friends,

This next Sunday, October 17, will be our Celebration Sunday as we conclude our message series on *Enough: Experiencing Joy through Simplicity and Generosity*. As part of our in-person worship service, we will ask our members and friends to bring their Generosity Cards forward to have them blessed and consecrated in support of our ministries in 2022. Of course, we want everyone to be safe and will ask people to come forward in the center aisle and return to your seat via the side aisles. We ask that you continue to honor the CDC Guidelines of wearing a mask inside our building and during worship.

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Coming forward is an act of worship that is a part of many of our ceremonies and rituals. We come forward with our infants and as adults to receive the sacrament of baptism; baptism is our recognition of God's grace in the lives of each of us created in God's image. We come forward to confirm our faith as we recite the membership vows to join our fellowship. We come forward to receive the elements of Holy Communion and be anointed. During weddings we ask the couple to be wed to "step forward" to proclaim their vows. Coming forward is symbolic of moving towards our God who calls us to be representatives of the Christian Faith in the world.

Of course, Covid-19 has changed a lot of these "coming forward" moments. We also want to be sensitive to those who do not have the ability to come forward. But the symbolism is not lost as people make commitments to Christ's ministry in the world from their seats or their homes.

As I've reviewed how we will come forward during our in-person worship this next Sunday, I want to share how we will include those who have already sent in their Generosity Cards or will send them in this week. The Generosity Cards that have been sent in will also be placed in the basket at the front of the church. Those cards, along with the others brought forward during worship, will be blessed and consecrated for the work we will do in 2022.

I want to thank you, our Central Church family, for your generosity throughout the Covid-19 pandemic and before the pandemic. As was mentioned in one of our Generosity campaign bulletin inserts, we had a great 2019 with the lowest ever distribution from our Endowment Fund in the past 15 years or more!

Please join me on Sunday as we celebrate moving forward—and hopefully out of the Covid-19 pandemic—into a new year of being blessed as we are a blessing to others. I look forward to seeing you in worship.

Because of Christ,

-Pastor Jack

A Word of Clarification

From Pastor Jack

I was asked after one of our worship services about our denominational giving. Our Ministry Shares (formerly called Apportionments) were mentioned in one of our bulletin inserts. We paid \$55,000 toward our Ministry Shares in 2021. The question asked was, "Do we really pay our Ministry Shares in full?" That

\$55,000 is not our full Ministry Share. That number is closer to \$85,000, which represents our share of the overall budget of the Michigan Area of the United Methodist Church.

We have not paid our Ministry Shares in full for four years now. We did increase our giving from 2019 to 2020 by about \$2,000. Ministry Shares represent the administrative cost of our Conference, the pension program (through which Rev. Cora, myself and other staff members benefit) and the missionary ministries of our United Methodist Church.

Required Minimum Distributions—A Great Way to Bless Our Church's Ministry

From Pastor Jack

Tom Laing offered me some wonderful information on giving toward the ministry of Central Church if you are 72 years of age or older. Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) were suspended in 2020 through the CARES Act. I did not know that. But they are back!

RMDs are required for everyone with a traditional IRA or employer-sponsored plans like 401 (k)s or Roth 401(k)s, starting at age 72. If you turned 72 in 2021 you have until April 1, 2022 to make your RMD. If you turned 72 previously to 2021, you have to make your RMD by December 31. Beware! If you wait until April 1, 2022, you'll have two withdrawals in 2022 that could create a high tax liability.

Failing to take your RMD by the due date comes with a 50% penalty. If you don't need the money, consider giving the RMD to a qualified charity such as Central United Methodist Church!

Thanks to Tom for this information. This brief article is not meant to provide financial advice, just information. You should always consult your financial advisors when making financial decisions.

Trunks Needed for Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 24th, 4:00–6:00pm

Nobody likes to be tricked! That's why we need more people to decorate their trunks and hand out candy at our Trunk or Treat. Dress up the trunk of your car and share candy with our community. Extra candy will be on hand to supplement your stash. Please sign up online at <https://bit.ly/trunkortreat-2021>. Volunteers are requested to arrive at 3pm and the community will be welcomed from 4-6pm. Contact Rev. Cora at cglass@waterfordcumc.org with any questions.

Online Worship Has Moved

Please join us for online worship at our new URL, <https://live.waterfordcumc.org> (do not put www in front of this URL). We have been simultaneously streaming to both this new location and Facebook, but **on October 24th we will NOT be streaming to Facebook**, due to licensing restrictions with the Facebook platform. Please plan to join us at our new URL on Sunday, October 24th.

How to Watch Recorded Worship

If you miss worship and would like to view it during the week, you will find the recorded worship services at <https://vimeo.com/waterfordcumc>. They can also be viewed at <https://YouTube.com/waterfordcumc>. **After October 24th, recordings will no longer be available at Facebook.**

Memorial Garden Benches

The new Memorial Garden benches have arrived. A big thank you to all those who contributed to make this possible. Thanks to Don Carter and Larry Spiece for assembling them and placing them in the garden. They can be used, but we want you to be aware that they have been temporarily anchored and will be permanently installed next spring.



Cookies!

If you signed up to donate cookies to our college student care packages, please deliver your cookies to the church kitchen by this Wednesday, October 13th.

If you would like your student to receive a cookie care package, please email their name and address to Rachel at info@waterfordcumc.org before Wednesday.

Thank You Blood Donors and Volunteers

During our recent blood drive 47 units of life-saving blood were collected (our goal was 37 units). Thank you for giving during this especially challenging time for Red Cross blood donations.

Central Cafe Is Starting Back Up

First Dinner on November 4th, 5:15pm - 6:30pm

As in previous years, we will follow the Waterford school district schedule of vacations and closures, so there will be no Central Cafe on November 25th (enjoy your turkey), December 23rd, December 31st and March 31st. The meal cost is the same as prior years: adult/youth (13+) are \$5.00, children (12 and under) are \$2.50.

Opportunities to Grow and Serve

- **Generosity Campaign—Enough: Experiencing Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity.** Please consider a pledge during our 2022 Generosity Campaign to support the work and ministries of Waterford CUMC. You can pledge online at <https://bit.ly/2022-pledge>. Thank you.
- **Food Pantry.** Your generous donations to Central's food pantry help keep food on the tables of our neighbors! Please see the [Food Pantry Needs flier](#) for a list of requested items.
- **Shoe Drive.** Central has teamed up with Waterford Youth Assistance as a drop-off location for their Shoe Drive. You can donate gently worn, used, and new shoes now through December 3rd. A donation box is located in the chapel hallway.
- **Supply Drive for Area Refugees.** The Waterford Refugee Welcome Alliance is collecting cleaning supplies, baby food & diapers. The collection box is located outside the Chapel.

Address Change

There is a new address for Randy and Jill Leek: 4750 Ramsey Rd., Oxford, MI 48371.

November Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to Our Members Who are Turning 80+:

- Patricia Loomis – 11/1
- John Nelson – 11/11
- Doris Quick – 11/17
- Bruce Hazen – 11/8
- Marilyn Bruce – 11/15
- Judith Bradbury – 11/18
- Eleanor Snyder – 11/23

And Happy 50+ Year Anniversary to:

- Steve & Sandi Krupa – 11/28, 52 yrs.

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Central's Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/waterfordcumc>. Find recordings of previous services, faith development videos and daily inspirations.

Central's YouTube Channel - <https://www.youtube.com/waterfordcumc/>. Find recordings of past services, choral and dance recordings, Pastor Jack's weekly devotionals and more.

Central's Facebook Group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/waterfordcumc/>. A private group that allows members to support one another with posts and inspiration.

Central's Website - <https://www.WaterfordCUMC.org>. Find recordings of sermons, upcoming events, the latest COVID re-opening plan and the online Connection Card.

Online Worship - <https://live.WaterfordCUMC.org>.