

Christmas Services

Blue Christmas

Wednesday, December 15th, 7:00pm

A service of remembrance and encouragement. Leave your pain, loss and discouragement at the altar in readiness to find peace this Advent season.

Family Christmas

Thursday, December 23rd, 4:00pm

An intergenerational, family-friendly "candlelight" Christmas service that is interactive and engaging.

Christmas Eve

Friday, December 24th

Pastor Jack's Message: "The Journey: The Manger."

8:00pm—Carols & Candlelight Service. Featuring the Alleluia Dancers and Covenant Choir.

11:00pm—Carols & Communion Service. Music by the Covenant Choir.

Mission and Giving

Clothe-a-Child

Help clothe children from the Waterford school district by making a monetary donation. Make checks payable to the church with "Clothe-a-Child" in the memo. More information is available in the church office.

(See back for more opportunities)

Food Pantry Reverse Advent Challenge

Pick up a calendar and collect one item each day in December, then donate them in January to Central's Food Pantry.

Compassionate Christmas Cards

Purchase Christmas cards through Sunday, December 19th for a \$5 per card donation. Donations will go to various Central missions. Cards can be purchased in the Chapel hallway or from the church office.

Jail Ministry

This year Central will collect rolls or sheets of "Forever" stamps for the families of prisoners. Please drop donations of stamps off in the church office by December 12th.

Christmas Wishes for Methodist Children's Home

Once again Central will be donating Scrip gift cards so the Cottage parents can purchase gifts. Please give in denominations of \$25 at the Scrip table on Sundays, or drop off or mail a donation to the office by November 28th.

Hats and Mittens/Gloves

Donate a matched set of a hat + mittens/gloves after December 1st to go to Waterford School children through the Clothe-a-Child program (please no scarves).

Advent Mission Project

Central UMC will tithe 20% of our Christmas Offering to local missions: The Baldwin Center and Jail Outreach Ministry.

Advent and Christmas 2021

Opportunities for Worship, Fellowship, Giving and Faith Growth



Central United Methodist Church
3882 Highland Rd. Waterford
248-681-0040
www.waterfordcumc.org



Advent Worship

Message Series Based on Adam Hamilton's Book *The Journey*.

Worship at 10:30am In Person or Online at Live.WaterfordCUMC.org

First Sunday, November 28th

Baby's First Christmas. Pastor Jack's message: "The Journey: Mary of Nazareth."

Second Sunday, December 5th

Pastor Jack's message: "The Journey: Joseph of Bethlehem."

Third Sunday, December 12th

Rev. Cora's message: "The Journey: Mary's Cousin Elizabeth."

Fourth Sunday, December 19th

Pastor Jack's message: "The Journey: Mary and Joseph's Journey Begins."

Faith Formation

Advent Message Study
Wednesdays, 7:00–8:30pm
December 1st–December 29th

Join Pastor Jack for an in-depth discussion of the previous Sunday's message based on *The Journey*. This class will be conducted online. Contact Pastor Jack (jmannschreck@waterfordcumc.org) for the Zoom link.

Preparing Our Hearts for Christmas
December 9th & 16th, 6:30–7:30pm

A time of stillness, reflection on an Advent hymn, and prayer as we prepare our hearts for Christmas. People of all ages can join us to use these spiritual practices! Come for one or both sessions. Contact Rev. Cora (cglass@waterfordcumc.org) for more details.

Advent Devotionals

Pick up a devotional and practice daily prayer during this season of waiting. They are available outside the Chapel. Donations are welcome.

Music and Fellowship

Hanging of the Greens
Saturday, November 27th, 9:00am

Help transform the church for Christmas. Please sign up outside the church office.

The Advent Experience
December 5th, 3:00–4:30 pm

This special afternoon of worship for women will explore the art and music of Advent and

help prepare our hearts for this wonderful time of waiting and anticipation. Childcare will be available for preschool and nursery age children.

Jackson Chorale Concert
Saturday, December 11th, 7:00pm

An evening of Christmas music with the Jackson Chorale. Visit www.jacksonchorale.org for ticket information.

Tuesday Musicale Concert
Tuesday, December 14th, 7:30pm

A free Holiday Concert by the Tuesday Musicale Chorus and Adele Thomas Bell Ensemble.

Carols & Beer

Friday, December 17th, 4:30pm

Enjoy a festive Christmas carol sing-along at Rustic Leaf Brewing company in Waterford.

