



UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

Sunday, March 6th, Pastor Jack continues the message series begun on Ash Wednesday with *Pass Me Not: Healing Times Two*. Worship in person or online at: Live.WaterfordCUMC.org.

Dear Friends,

I shared yesterday (February 27) what a racquetball friend said to me the weekend before on Saturday morning as we started our game. With a very serious look on his face, he said, "You know, in a week, we could be at war."

While the United States is not actually at war, we are providing aid to the people of Ukraine while diplomatic approaches to end the conflict between Russia and Ukraine are ongoing. In September, President Biden declared that the United States, for the first time in over 20 years, is not at war. (*NY Times*, September 29, 2021) So, the question that many people are asking is, "Will we be drawn into a direct war with Russia?"

While I believe that we all want to avoid war, there are certain injustices that we cannot ignore, and I am inspired by the news reports that refugees crossing over into Poland are being met with open and caring arms. Shelter, clothing and food are being provided to Ukrainians, some who have walked over 100 miles to cross that border.

Bishop David A. Bard, Episcopal leader of our Michigan Area of the United Methodist Church, sent a letter that I shared on Sunday morning. We will make that letter available to you in its original form. Bishop Bard writes,

"This past Wednesday, Russian forces invaded Ukraine under orders from President Vladimir Putin. It is the most significant violation of territorial integrity in Europe since World War II. Much of the world is outraged by this unjustifiable military intervention and anxious about what lies ahead. Lives will be lost. Communities will be seriously damaged. Ripple effects will be experienced by us all. And we are uncertain about the extent of Russia's military adventurism.

I call upon all Michigan United Methodists to pray for peace in Ukraine at this critical moment. I invite every United Methodist congregation in this conference to pray for peace at their weekly worship services this coming weekend and carry prayers for peace into the holy season of Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday on March 2.

According to the Social Principles of The United Methodist Church, "We deplore war and urge the peaceful settlement of disputes among nations.... We yearn for the day when there will be no more war and people will live together in peace and justice." Let us pray out of this deep yearning for peace and a better world."

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AshWednesday

Lent Begins

- 6:30–9am—Drive-Thru Coffee & Ashes
- 9am-Noon—Ashes available in the Chapel
- 7pm—Service of Ashes in the Sanctuary. Pastor Jack begins our Lenten message series, *Pass Me Not*, with *The Vision of Lent*.

Worship in person or online at Live.WaterfordCUMC.org

As we pray for a better world, I want to encourage you to pray to become better Christ-followers so that the peace we seek will begin in each of our hearts. I join Bishop Bard in this call to prayer, especially as we begin the season of Lent. Pray. Pray. Pray. I look forward to seeing you in worship!

Because of Christ,

-Pastor Jack

Lenten Devotionals

Lenten Devotionals are available outside the chapel for you to pick up and use during the season of Lent. You can also find devotional resources online at bit.ly/lentdevos.

Nursery Care Resumes

Beginning this Sunday, March 6th, the nursery will be open for infants and toddlers during the 10:30 service. To find the nursery, walk past the sanctuary and the bathrooms and turn down the hall on your left. The nursery is the first door on your right. Nursery workers are background-checked and follow our child-protection guidelines.

Restored: Finding Redemption in Our Mess

**Beginning this Thursday, March 3rd through April 7th,
6:30–7:30 pm in the Parlor**

Rev. Cora will moderate this study based on the book of the same name. Follow along in the book, available for \$10 in the church office, or use each week's short video lesson to join in our discussion. Masks are strongly encouraged. Please email Rev. Cora (cglass@waterfordcumc.org) your interest in the class to get the latest details.

Little Sprouts Open House

Saturday, March 19th, 10am - Noon

Stop by Little Sprouts and see what's new for the 2022-23 school year. During the open house you can explore the classrooms, meet the staff, and register for upcoming programs for families with infants and toddlers, and for three- and four-year-old preschoolers. We're looking forward to meeting you!

-Monica Hungerford and Mary Boynton, Co-Directors

Camp Scholarships

Summer camp registrations at Michigan Area United Methodist Campgrounds and Lake Louise Camp are open! Waterford Central is proud to offer camping scholarships to children, youth, and adults interested in taking part in UMC-related camps. Check out camping options at umcamping.org or lakelouisecommunity.org. Find the scholarship form on our website at waterfordcumc.org/forms/ or in the church office. Contact Rev. Cora (cglass@waterfordcumc.org) for more information.

Memorials

Memorial contributions have been made in memory of Marcia Swartz, Marie Wilson, Barbara Heichel, Joyce Turner, Cynthia Hockins, Lewis and Judy Bradbury, Harry Booker, Eric Gay, Annabelle Closson and the Eddy Family (this included several family members). Thank you for your generosity.

Let's Get Floored Capital Campaign

There has been a total of \$20,320 pledged and we have received \$14,298.66 to date. Thank you for your generosity. If you would like to make a pledge, please contact Central Bookkeeper Sue Newill at snewill@waterfordcumc.org.

Sympathies

Our condolences to Bryan Murphy on the passing of his mother, Rose Murphy, on February 15th, 2022, and also to Charli, Patrick, and Collin Murphy on the passing of their grandmother. Our prayers are with Rose's family and friends.

Thank You

Methodist Children's Home,

On behalf of Methodist Children's Home Society, thank you for your support, faith, and trust in our mission and vision this past year. Despite the challenges we faced in 2021, our services never missed a beat thanks to you and our amazing community of supporters. We thank you for your donation.

All the best,

-Kevin Roach, Chief Executive Officer

Dear Central United Methodist Church,

As you know, the Baldwin Center is deeply invested in the community we serve. We rely on our donors, volunteers, and community partners so much, which is why your donation is truly appreciated.

Warm regards,

-Elizabeth Longley, Executive Director

Central United Methodist Church,

Thank you so much for supporting Micah 6 Community in 2021. With your help, we were able to serve our community in deep and meaningful ways as well as lay a foundation for how we will be serving this neighborhood for generations to come. We couldn't have done it without you!

We look forward to serving with you in 2022,

-Coleman Yoakum, Executive Director

Jail Outreach Ministry

During the holidays, JOM provided residents with Holiday Bags containing socks, toiletries, holiday cards, stamps (donated by Central members), candy, cups and powdered drinks, pencils and paper and more. Below are thank-yous from those who received the bags.

Thank You...

- For thinking of us. - KK
- For putting a smile on my face. - NW
- You made my time at OCJ remarkably easier and bearable. - LS
- Today, I witnessed what it means to be religious: taking care of the widows and orphans. I read in the book of James 2:14-15 that faith without works is dead. Thank you for showing the world what it means to be a follower of the all-loving, all-merciful, all faithful God we serve.
- Thank you for what you do. Some of us have no one. - GP
- For being God's servant.
- Earlier in the day, I was sitting in my cell looking at the holes in my socks thinking to myself, too bad I wasn't wearing a good pair when I was arrested. I knew I couldn't afford a new pair and nights here are frigid cold. So, yes, when I opened up the holiday bag it was a blessing. - LG

- I was in need of an envelope and had no idea of how I was going to get one. I was praying the rosary and there was a knock on my cell. Boom. Thank you!!! - JO
- Thank you for taking time out of your daily schedule and considering the inmates here at the jail during the holiday season. As you can imagine, holidays are a touchy time for us, but you've helped brighten our days and made our life a little easier with the items you gave us. I saw first-hand how everyone was really excited to get these packages.

Address Changes

There is a new address for James March: The Avalon, Room #323, 2500 Martin Pkwy., Commerce Twp, MI 48390.

There is a new address for Michael Schmid: 867 E Yale Ave., Salt Lake City, UT 84105-1328.

Connect with Central

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 Pastor Jack's weekly devotionals, recordings of past worship services and more.

Central's Vimeo Channel - <https://www.vimeo.com/waterfordcumc/>. Find recordings of past services and music and dance recordings. Past recordings of services can be found at <https://vimeo.com/waterfordcumc/MM-DD-YY> (month, day and year of the service).

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 and information, the latest COVID re-opening plan and the online Connection Card.

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

The deadline for articles for the next bi-monthly *Chimes* is Thursday, March 10th. The deadline for our next bi-monthly email-only newsletter is Thursday, March 3rd.