



## UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

Sunday, March 20th, Pastor Jack continues our *Pass Me Not* message series with *The Profession of Peter*. Worship in person or online at: [Live.WaterfordCUMC.org](http://Live.WaterfordCUMC.org).

## Dear Friends,

Sometimes when I finish a message for Sunday morning, it is done—finished, complete and final. Other messages, such as yesterday's message, seem to roll around in my head for some time. The story of the rich young ruler is familiar to many and is so full meaning that even as we sang the last hymn yesterday; new insights were coming to me, which I mentioned just before the Benediction. I'd like to review a couple of those ideas from the message and share some additional thoughts.

When the rich young ruler approached Jesus, he asked, "Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?" Jesus answered with a bunch of commandments that the young man needed to keep. The young man responded that he had observed all those commandments.

The young man went further and asked, "What do I still lack?" That's when Jesus instructed the man to sell his possessions and give the money to the poor. Of course, the rich young ruler went away grieving because his possessions were many. I said in my message yesterday that we might conclude that entering the Kingdom of God is all about what we do—not what we believe. That conclusion is contrary to "we are saved by faith." (Ephesians 2:9) Still, this passage of scripture does remind us that what we do matters.

In the book of James, there is commentary on faith and works. James 2:15 tells us, "So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead." Again, what we do is important. In the great debate of faith and works, I've always concluded that what really matters is "Faith that works!"

To me, this means that we need to have faith in our God to whom we pray and trust that God cares deeply for all humanity. We are also called by God to allow our faith to move us toward action. We are to care for those in our own locality as well as those around the world, seeking justice, alleviating poverty and hunger and reaching out to those on the margins of society—from the poor to the mentally ill, from veterans who suffer from PTSD to members of the LGBTQ+ community. What we do matters!

In this edition of the *Chimes*, you will see how to "do something" for the people of Ukraine through our United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). I encourage you to think about how you might help others right here in our own community as well as those around the world. When it comes to issues of faith and works, both life circumstances and God challenge us to live a faith that *works*! I look forward to seeing you in worship.

Because of Christ,

*-Pastor Jack*

## CONNECT WITH CENTRAL

**Website:** [waterfordcumc.org](http://waterfordcumc.org)

**Facebook:** [waterfordcumc](https://www.facebook.com/waterfordcumc)

**YouTube:** [waterfordcumc](https://www.youtube.com/waterfordcumc)

**Vimeo:** [waterfordcumc](https://vimeo.com/waterfordcumc)

**Email:** [info@waterfordcumc.org](mailto:info@waterfordcumc.org)

**Phone:** (248) 681-0040

**Address:** 3882 Highland Rd.  
Waterford MI 48328

## How to Help the People of Ukraine

United Methodists and others wishing to provide humanitarian assistance to the Ukrainian people in the wake of the Russian invasion of their country may contribute to Advance #982450, UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery. This fund will provide direct assistance to those in Ukraine as well as assistance to Ukrainians fleeing to neighboring countries.

Gifts to support the people of Ukraine can be made in the following ways:

- Online at <https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/982450>
- By toll-free telephone: 888-252-6174
- By check made out to Global Ministries/UMCOR with "Advance #982450-Ukraine" written on the memo line, either mailed and addressed to Global Ministries/UMCOR, GPO, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY, 10087-9068 or given at or through any United Methodist church

One hundred percent of all Advance contributions go to the designated cause.

The United Methodist community in Ukraine, though quite small, is actively engaged in assisting neighbors in need. Global Ministries is in touch with the church's leadership as well as with church leaders in countries welcoming those who are fleeing from violence in Ukraine.

## Feed Our Youth!

Our youth group is growing! We now have about fifteen youth plus adult leaders attending youth group on Sunday night at 5:45pm. Having dinner together is an important part of our fellowship time and builds relationships among youth, but the cost and/or time it takes to make dinner often falls on our youth families or Rev. Cora. Could your family or a small group you attend sponsor or provide a meal for our youth group in April or May? Meals youth enjoy are basics like spaghetti, breakfast for dinner, and chicken nuggets. Contact Rev. Cora at [cglass@waterfordcumc.org](mailto:cglass@waterfordcumc.org) to host a meal.

## Support Dan Taylor's Eagle Scout Project

Hi! I am Dan Taylor, and I am working on my Eagle Scout project. My project is an outdoor gathering area for the church. I plan on constructing it in late spring/early summer. I am doing a bottle/can drive to fundraise for my project. The dates are Sundays 3/6, 3/20, 4/3, 4/17 after the church service ends and in the church parking lot. If you have any questions you can contact me at 248-535-1090 or [dannyt719@yahoo.com](mailto:dannyt719@yahoo.com).

## 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](http://umcamping.org) or [lakelouisecommunity.org](http://lakelouisecommunity.org). Find the scholarship form on our website at [waterfordcumc.org/forms/](http://waterfordcumc.org/forms/) or in the church office. Contact Rev. Cora ([cglass@waterfordcumc.org](mailto:cglass@waterfordcumc.org)) for more information.

## April Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Happy Birthday to Our Members Who are Turning 80+:

- David Struble – 4/2
- Katherine VanHoy – 4/4
- Jane Ellen Bussard – 4/16
- Mary Lou Osborne – 4/19

## And Happy 50+ Year Anniversary to:

- Bruce & Catharine Hazen – 4/8, 61 yrs.
- Samuel & Sharyn Osborn – 4/13, 54 yrs.
- David & Sally Hart – 4/17, 51 yrs.
- John & Joyce Merle – 4/19, 53 yrs.

## Thank You

### From Waterford Refugee Welcome Alliance

By the time this is read there will be 2 million-plus new refugees in the world.

Thanks to CUMC and other members of WRWA for your generous donations of warm coats, mittens and scarves for all ages over the past month. Our next collection will be diapers and household paper supplies—until further notice. Those items are always needed and often hard to afford.

The southeast Michigan refugee families who receive our support are trying to build new lives after being driven from the countries they loved and losing everything they owned—just like today's Ukrainian refugees.

Thanks for your loving generosity!

-Larry and Barb Spiece

## Address Changes

- There is a new address for the Harless family: 5869 Kingfisher Lane, Clarkston, MI 48346-2942.
- There is a new address for Jennifer Raymond: 3450 Plains Dr, Waterford, MI 48329-4325.
- There is a new address for Angela Samko: 3870 White Tail Drive, Oakland Twp, MI 48306-1024.

## 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 24th. The deadline for our next bi-monthly email-only newsletter is Thursday, March 17th.