



## UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

Sunday, April 3rd, Pastor Jack continues our *Pass Me Not* message series with *The Parables of Not Passing By Others*.  
Worship in person or online at: [Live.WaterfordCUMC.org](http://Live.WaterfordCUMC.org).

## Dear Friends,

Yesterday during worship I said that we have passed the halfway mark through our journey of Lent, with Palm Sunday and Holy Week just two weeks away. My intent in our following Jesus as he journeyed toward his final week in Jerusalem was to review how many cried out to Jesus, "Pass me not, O gentle Savior." As I wrote the message for yesterday, it occurred to me that perhaps we look at Lent through filters that create an understanding of it as simply a time of self-denial and sacrifice.

While Lent *is* a time of self-denial and sacrifice, I am shifting toward a new understanding of this season. My understanding of Lenten traditions is that Lent was also a time of preparing people to join the church, as well as a time of reconnecting to people who had separated from the church. Vows would be taken or renewed so that the community would be reconciled and restored. I came to the conclusion that Lent may very well have been a more joyful time; a time of learning, growing, reconciliation and renewal. Certainly, joy, thankfulness, and revival would have characterized the great celebration of Easter!

I have often shared that a time of self-sacrifice and examination leads to a more joyful expression of faith on Easter Sunday. But it also occurs to me that the great celebration of Easter must remain in the back of our minds and rooted deep in our hearts throughout the Season of Lent. It is from this perspective that I want to resurrect (pun intended) some practices, as this year's Easter celebration will be the first in-person Easter celebration in three years. Can you believe the last time we celebrated Easter in the same space was April 21, 2019?

The Holy Week schedule is coming together and I believe we will be able to gather together to celebrate not only the resurrection of Jesus but the resurrection of some cherished traditions that have been absent for a few years. Even as we acknowledge that we still cry out to Jesus "Pass me Not," let's enjoy the future blessings of an Easter celebration together and in the same space. 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)  
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**Palm Sunday, April 10th–**  
10:30am Worship

**Maundy Thursday, April**  
14th–7pm Worship

**Good Friday, April 15th**

- Noon–Community Worship at Central Church
- 7pm–Good Friday Worship in the Sanctuary

**Easter Sunday, April 17th**

- 8am Sunrise Service
- 10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary

Worship in person or  
online at

[Live.WaterfordCUMC.org](http://Live.WaterfordCUMC.org)

## Chair Yoga Returns!

**Mondays @ 10:30am**  
**Beginning April 11th**

## Pastoral Visitation Requests

It has been my practice in past years and pre-Covid-19 to visit our homebound members and friends with Holy Communion. I actually made my first in-home visit with communion this past week!

If you are interested in having a home visit and possibly Holy Communion, I encourage you to call the church office at 248-681-0040 and request a visit. I will return your call and schedule a time for a visit. The sacrament of Holy Communion connects us as a community and is a means of recognizing God's grace. Let us know of your desire to connect, both with our community and with the grace of our loving God!

-Pastor Jack

## New Member Partnership Classes

In Paul's greeting to the Philippians (1:1-7), he refers to the people of Philippi as partakers of God's grace and partners in the gospel. We will have two "partnership meetings" in the next two weeks. These sessions will be Sunday afternoons, April 3 and 10th, 3-6pm There will be a makeup session on Monday Evening, April 11th at 7pm.

These partnership meetings will allow us to get to know each other, and learn about the United Methodist Church in general and Waterford Central United Methodist Church in particular. We will meet in our church Parlor on April 3 and in the Fellowship Hall on April 10. Childcare will be provided upon request. Light refreshments will also be provided.

This meeting is designed to aid you in making the important decision about joining the mission and ministry of Central United Methodist Church. For more information, contact the church office if you are interested in these partnership sessions.

## Vacation Bible School Leaders Meeting

Vacation Bible School is returning this summer! VBS is a week-long summer program for preschool and elementary students where we learn about God's love and strength! If you are an adult interested in helping with VBS, either behind the scenes or during VBS week, you're invited to join us at one of two visioning meetings: during Central Cafe on Thursday, April 7th from 5:30-6:30 or after worship on Sunday, April 10th from 11:30-12:30. Information for youth volunteers is coming soon. Currently, VBS is on our calendar for June 20-24th. If you have interest but are unavailable on these days, please still come!

## College and Skilled Trade Scholarships

Central UMC offers scholarships for graduating high school seniors, continuing college students, and skilled trade students.

## Central Cinema

**Saturday, April 2nd  
@ 6pm**

This month's movie is *Risen*.

In 33 AD, a Roman Tribune in Judea is tasked to find the missing body of Jesus Christ, who rose from the dead.

Meet in the parlor; bring a friend and a snack to share.



## Oakland County Chess Club

**Sunday, April 3rd, 2-5pm**

Join fellow enthusiasts in Fellowship Hall for an afternoon of chess. All skill levels welcome.



## Enjoy Meeting New People?

### Become an Usher

We are in need of a head usher and ushers for the 1st, 3rd, and 4th Sundays of each month. If interested, contact the church office at (248) 681-0040.

The applications can be found on our website at [waterfordcumc.org/forms/](http://waterfordcumc.org/forms/). **The deadline to apply for the 2022 scholarships is May 15th, 2022.** Scholarship recipients will be announced in June. Contact Rev. Cora ([cglass@waterfordcumc.org](mailto:cglass@waterfordcumc.org)) or Pastor Jack ([jmannschreck@waterfordcumc.org](mailto:jmannschreck@waterfordcumc.org)) for more information.

## Not Getting Emails from Central?

Many of our emails are sent from our church management program and we've been getting reports that, for some of you, these emails are going into your Spam (or Junk) folder. To avoid this, please add the sending domain to your "safe senders" list. To do this:

1. Go into your email program
2. Find the Settings for Junk Mail (sometimes also called Spam). You may have to click "view more settings" in order to see this.
3. Go to the section labeled Safe Senders and Domains. It may also be called "filters," "blocked addresses," or similar verbiage, depending upon the email system you are using.
4. Add the domain "simplechurchcrm.com" (do not include the quotes) and click "save." Note that in some email programs you may have to set up a filter to allow these emails through.

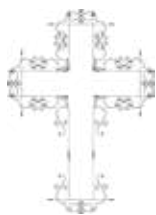
These are very general instructions, as every email system is different. If you are having issues, please search for the instructions for your specific email service, or contact your email service provider.

## Thank You

### Dear Family,

Saying thank you doesn't seem like enough to show what your caring and thoughtfulness have meant in my brother's passing. Whether it was a card, phone call or a simple prayer, all were greatly appreciated. I would like to recognize the Purple Threads, who never forget to send prayers to all in need. I know when I receive a card it always brings a smile to me, and I am sure to several others. We are so blessed to have such a loving church.

Thanks so much,  
-Carol Nelson



## Born to Eternal Life: Charlotte 'Sheri' Keller

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January 21, 1942–March 21, 2022, Member Since  
September 30, 2007.



Our prayers are with Sheri's sons Joseph Keller, Gerry Keller, and David Keller and her many family and friends.

## Sympathies

Our condolences to George and Barbara Johnston on the passing of George's nephew, Chris Johnston on March 22, 2022 and to Maurice Grant on the passing of his son-in-law. Our prayers are with George, Barbara, Maurice and Chris' family and friends.

Condolences also to Ron and Barbara Newman on the passing of Ron's brother, Bob Newman on March 22, 2022. Our prayers are with Ron and Barbara and Bob's family and friends.



**Thursday Early Bird, May 5th, Noon–1pm**

(\$2 entrance fee for Early Bird sale)

**Thursday, May 5th, 1pm–6pm**

**Friday, May 6th, 10am–4pm**

**Saturday Bag Day, May 7th, 9am–Noon**

Bags are one for \$3 or two for \$5. Anything not bagged is 50% off (excludes Boutique and French Room).

Need somewhere to 'connect with others'? Want to have a great time visiting with old friends or make new ones? Stop by the Rummage Sale table. You can volunteer to help set-up the sale, to work during the sale, or both! Lunch will be provided to volunteers during the set-up; you will also find a sign-up sheet for food donations at the Rummage Sale table.

#### SET-UP TIMES:

**Sunday May 1, 11:30am–4pm, equipment set-up**

**Monday May 2, 9am–8pm, set up**

**Tuesday May 3, 9am–8pm, set up**

**Wednesday May 4, 9am–8pm, set up**

**Thursday May 5, 9am–noon, set up**

**Saturday May 7, noon until finished, clean-up**

Donations can be dropped off from Sunday, May 1st, after the 10:30 worship service through Noon(ish) on Wednesday, May 3rd. **Please do not bring the following items:** stained or damaged clothing, baby car seats, exercise equipment, computers, entertainment centers, major appliances, stained or damaged furniture. If you have questions, feel free to call Shiela Strang at 248-681-8077 or Rachel Pierre at 248-681-0040 or 248-934- 4085.

## 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, and the online Connection Card.

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

The deadline for articles for the next bi-monthly *Chimes* is Thursday, April 7th. The deadline for our next bi-monthly email-only newsletter is Thursday, March 31st.