



## UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

Easter Sunday, April 17th, Pastor Jack concludes our *Pass Me Not* message series with *Stay With Us*. Services at 8am and 10:30am. Worship in person or online at: [Live.WaterfordCUMC.org](http://Live.WaterfordCUMC.org).

## Dear Friends,

Holy Week is a very special time for Christians as we commemorate the last days of Jesus and his sacrifice so that we would have life abundant and life eternal! It is also a strange week because we begin with the joyful and triumphant entrance of Jesus into the Holy City of Jerusalem, then move quickly to the recognition of the plot to kill Jesus, his trial, beating and crucifixion—all while the loyalty of Jesus' disciples is fading away. Of course, the week ends with a grand celebration of Jesus' resurrection. If you attend the services throughout Holy Week, it can be an emotional roller coaster ride, marking the height of hopes and the valley of despair.

As I mentioned in the message on Palm Sunday, it is helpful to claim the names of our faith journey. I mentioned the times when Jesus would square himself up in front of a person, such as Bartimaeus in Mark 10:51, and ask, "What do you want me to do for you?" Are we willing to name what we want and need from Jesus? Can we confess our sins, admit to our shortcomings and ask for Jesus' help in overcoming them?

Are we willing to claim the names of Jesus which indicate his offer of healing and wholeness? When we need mercy and forgiveness can we call upon Jesus as our confessor and redeemer? When we are isolated and lonely, will we invite Jesus to be our companion? When our faith is shaken and we are uncertain of what to do next, can we rely upon the solid rock of our faith?

Are we willing to join Peter in calling Jesus the Messiah, the Son of the living God? When we feel like we are drowning in the overwhelming concerns of life are we willing to call Jesus our Savior?

The naming process doesn't end with our confession and call upon Jesus to meet our needs. We are invited to hear the names that Jesus has for us: faithful, beloved, cherished, redeemed, precious, living stones that Jesus Christ will build into a spiritual home. Claiming those names will allow us to move toward the healing and wholeness that we've been talking about throughout this Season of Lent.

The process of naming is helpful in clarifying our needs, the answer to our needs and how we are defined by our loving Creator.

## CONNECT WITH CENTRAL

**Website:** [waterfordcumc.org](http://waterfordcumc.org)  
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**Maunder Thursday, April 14th—7pm Worship**

**Good Friday, April 15th—7pm Worship**

**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)

## 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.

When our daughter was born with difficulties, we were certainly in a valley of despair, and even though the diagnosis was scary, it was a relief when they named her condition: Persistent Fetal Syndrome. I remember Dr. DeSantis raising her finger and proclaiming with great faith, "If we can name, we can tame!"

I hope to see you in our worship services throughout this week. Partaking of our Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Worship experiences makes the festival of Easter all the more sweet and meaningful. I invite you to conclude this week by proclaiming together, "Christ is Risen!"

Because of Christ,

*-Pastor Jack*

## Confirmation and Cora's Last Sunday

Please join us on April 24th at 10:30am for a special worship service. We will celebrate the confirmation of Delayna Jade and also recognize Rev. Cora's last Sunday at Waterford Central UMC. Rev. Cora will be beginning a new appointment at Lake Huron Retreat Center in May. After this worship service please stay for a reception to recognize this special day for Delayna and Rev. Cora.

## College and Skilled Trade Scholarships

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

## Sympathies

Our condolences to Myke Robson on the passing of his father, Glenn Robson on March 28, 2022, and to Angelique Robson on the passing of her grandfather. Our prayers are with Myke and Angelique and Glenn's many family and friends.

Condolences also to Robin Danek on the passing of her mother, Norma Simonds, on April 2, 2022. Our prayers are with Robin and Norma's many family and friends.

## May Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Happy Birthday to Our Members

#### Who are Turning 80+:

- George Johnston – 5/2
- Ronald Newman – 5/4
- James Richardson – 5/5
- Ken Paul Bowers – 5/7
- Deanna Bowers – 5/9
- Helen Beason – 5/18
- Mary Lou Pagen – 5/29

#### And Happy 50+ Year Anniversary to:

- Ernest & Frances Bauer – 5/29, 51 yrs.

## Arina Piano Duo Four Hands Recital



**In Concert on Sunday, April  
24th @ 3pm**

Works by A. Dvorak, F. Schubert,  
J. Brahms and Colin Payne.



*From your friends at Waterford UMC*



**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 making 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.

#### **RUMMAGE SALE 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 21st. The deadline for our next bi-monthly email-only newsletter is Thursday, April 14th.