

Chimes

Connecting with God,
Connecting with Others,
Changing Our World With Christ's Love

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UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

January 29 and a fifth Sunday.
Pastor Jack continues our *You in X Years* message series with *Too Small to Fail*. Join us in person or online at Live.WaterfordCUMC.org

Dear Friends,

I remember the nightly news reports from the Vietnam War when I was in elementary and middle school. It is almost too crass to mention, but war by definition is crass. I remember distinctly the nearly daily announcements of the death tolls on both sides of the conflict. In my 10- to 12-year-old mind, we were winning when our death toll was lower than that of the Vietnamese. Of course, as I've matured I realize that when you pray for the young men and women in our armed forces to succeed, you are praying for the death of the young men and women on the other side of the conflict. Those young souls are the children, siblings and parents of those who know them best and love them most—their families and friends. Through the Persian Gulf War, the War in Afghanistan and the War in Iraq, I have lost any sense that war is a zero-sum game when in fact in war everyone loses.

Having said all that, my heart is broken for the people of Ukraine that have suffered under the illegal and unconscionable aggression of Russian leadership. We have prayed for the people of Ukraine and we have raised some special funds for their relief. Now, we have the opportunity to do more. Our Music Director, Kevin Naeve, has brought to our church a Ukrainian Benefit Concert this coming Sunday, January 29 at 3:00 pm. The featured musicians are Olga Yalovenko (soprano), Yaroslav Gnezdilov (pianist) and Leslie Ann Naeve (mezzo-soprano).

I am asking you to make it a priority this week to plan to attend this concert in our beautiful sanctuary and make every effort to invite friends to the concert. A free-will offering will be taken to support the people of Ukraine through two charities; United Support for Ukraine and Choir of the Resurrection. The third thing I am asking of you is to be generous. These charities have been vetted by the artists and are reputable in meeting the needs of the Ukrainian people.

I hate war and I love music. So join me in showing up, inviting others and being generous. As always, I look forward to seeing you in worship and at the concert on Sunday, January 29, 2023!

Because of Christ,
Pastor Jack

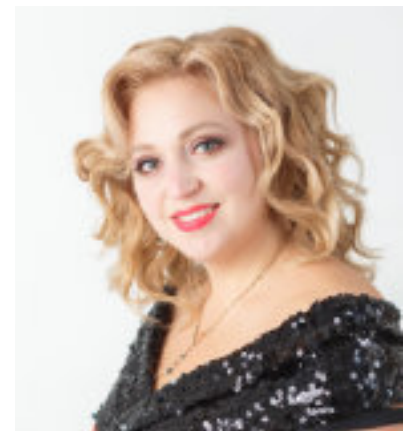
Music of Ukraine—A Concert to Benefit the People of Ukraine

January 29th, 3pm

Join us in supporting the people of Ukraine. Soprano Olga Yalovenko, pianist Yaroslav Gnezdilov, and guest mezzo-soprano Leslie Ann Naeve

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Soprano Olga Yalovenko

are generously giving their time to provide this opportunity to experience some of the music of Ukraine. There is no cost for the concert, but a free-will offering will be taken with proceeds going to the people of Ukraine to help provide for needs for the winter and the ongoing war.

Men's Summit 2023

February 3-5th

It's not too late to sign up for the weekend men's retreat at Skyline Camp and Retreat Center in Almont, MI. Get in on the fellowship, food and fun! We will also have some serious discussion about *Winning the Battles that Matter Most* using Pastor Craig Groeshel's book titled *Fight*. The cost of the weekend (two nights stay, four meals—breakfast Saturday to breakfast Sunday) is \$125. What a deal! Plan on being a part of our first Men's Summit since 2020! For more information, contact Ken Cortese or Pastor Jack.

Welcome Rev. Horne to the Pulpit

Sunday, February 5, 2023

While Pastor Jack is attending the Men's Summit, Sunday worship will be led by Rev. Maurice Horne. Rev. Horne is a retired UMC pastor and the visionary founder and leader of the South Flint Soup Kitchen. Prior to becoming ordained he retired from the automotive industry and remained a certified Master Locksmith until June 2022.

Blood Drive

Tuesday, February 7th, Noon–6pm

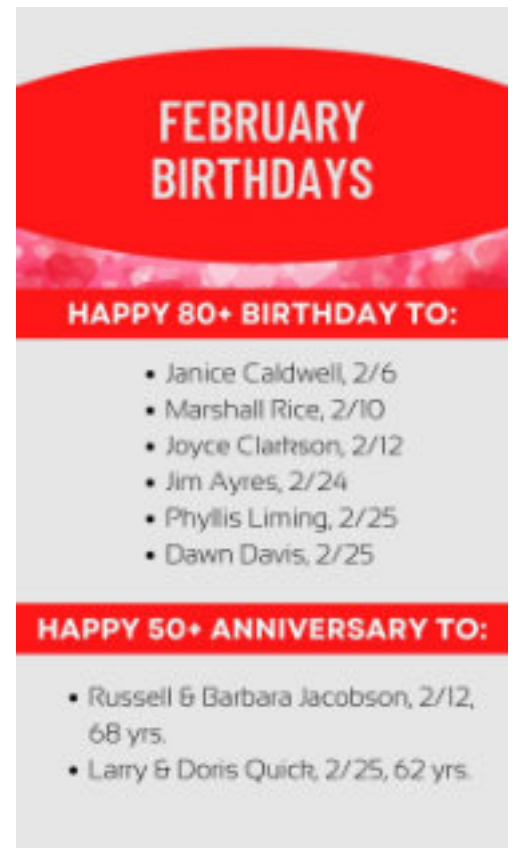
To donate, visit redcrossblood.org and use the code "centraluni" to find our drive. We also need a volunteer from 3-6pm to help with intake. Please contact the church office at (248) 681-0040 if you can help.

Jail and Outreach Ministry Easter Baskets

It's time again to collect items for the Easter baskets for families served by JOM. If you would like to donate, please put items in the collection basket located in the Narthex by March 26th. Items could include: books, coloring books, crayons, bubbles, jump ropes, small stuffed animals, small games, Matchbox cars, Easter baskets, basket grass, wrapped candy, packs of veggie or flower seeds, hair ornaments, bubble bath, toothpaste & toothbrush, hair combs and brushes.

Memorial Garden Fees to Increase in 2023

From the earliest times, Christians have utilized their churches and churchyards as places of interment at the time of death. This witnesses to our faith in Jesus Christ, who is the Resurrection and the Life. It is fitting, therefore, that the church provide



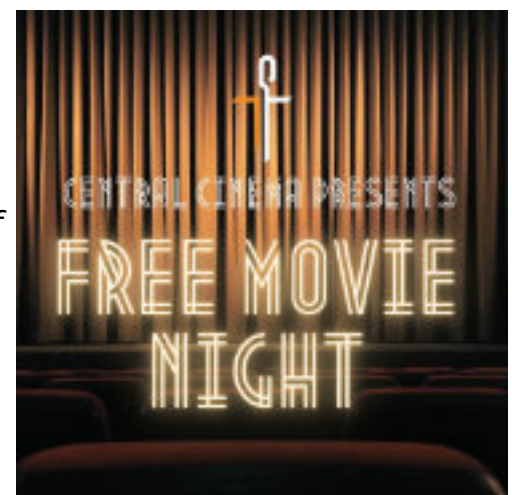
FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY 80+ BIRTHDAY TO:

- Janice Caldwell, 2/6
- Marshall Rice, 2/10
- Joyce Clarkson, 2/12
- Jim Ayres, 2/24
- Phyllis Liming, 2/25
- Dawn Davis, 2/25

HAPPY 50+ ANNIVERSARY TO:

- Russell & Barbara Jacobson, 2/12, 68 yrs.
- Larry & Doris Quick, 2/25, 62 yrs.



Saturday, February 4th 6pm

To celebrate Black History month, this month's movie is "Best of Enemies," a biographical film about civil rights activist Ann Atwater, who faced off against C. P. Ellis of the Ku Klux Klan over the issue of school segregation in 1971 North Carolina. PG-13

facilities for Christians to place ashes of loved ones following cremation, as well as a garden of peace and beauty where persons may meditate. Responding to this need, Central United Methodist Church established such a garden in 1995. After interment, a nameplate of each person is placed on the bronze plaque on the garden wall. The Memorial Garden Committee maintains a permanent record book of the deceased.

Due to the rising cost for the nameplates and maintenance, the placement fee for the Memorial Garden will be increasing beginning July 1, 2023. For members of Central United Methodist Church it will increase from \$425 to \$550; for non-members from \$625 to \$750; and for children under the age of one, from \$150 to \$200. Fees were last increased in 2011.

Pre-placement fees are accepted and encouraged. The fee includes placement, bronze nameplate and perpetual maintenance. Anyone wishing to make pre-arrangements before the fee increase should do so before July 1st of this year. Checks should be made to Central United Methodist Church. Please write "Memorial Garden" in the memo.

Contributions to the garden are always welcome and families may wish to designate the Memorial Garden for memorial contributions. For more information, Memorial Garden brochures and Placement Agreement forms are available in the church office, or visit the church website waterfordcumc.org under "Faith Formation." If you have any questions, please contact Diana Carter, 248-309-2490.

Christmas Offering

Thank you for your generosity to Central's Christmas Offering. \$3895 was collected and we will be giving \$500 each to two of our partner ministries, Baldwin Center and Hope Warming Center.

Address Change

There is a new address for Virginia Hudnell: 4580 S. Lourdes Senior Living, 2300 Watkins Lake Rd. Rm. 103, Waterford, MI 48328

The next issue of the *Chimes* will be the February 12th issue. The deadline for articles is Thursday, February 2nd.

