



UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

July 24, Pastor Jack continues our *Learning to Pray* message series with part three—*Our Daily Bread*. Join us at 10:30am, in person or online at Live.WaterfordCUMC.org.

Dear Church Family,

Summertime. The very word implies longer, warmer days and the ability to be outside enjoying the freedom that open space affords. The smells of fresh-cut grass, earthy mulch and fragrant flowers tell us that God's great creation is fraught with growth and potential. Summertime is a season in which we hope for more time pursuing pleasant pastimes such as playing ball, riding bikes, gardening, swimming and vacationing.

This season of relative leisure is full of potential because we double our efforts in finding rest and relaxation. I say "relative leisure" because many of us find it difficult to infuse rest into our daily or even weekly schedule. It is during summertime that I once again turn to my "Sabbath Bible"—a book by Wayne Mueller titled *Sabbath: Finding Rest, Renewal, and Delight in our Busy Lives*.

Mueller's book reminds me that the opportunities for rest and relaxation offered during the longer days of summer should not be ignored. This summer I am doing something I've not done in two years (shame on me)—taking a vacation and going away during that week! Ruth and I have already planned another time away in November after what we anticipate will be a very busy fall start-up. My weekends are fairly packed this summer, and so I am being particularly careful about my day off—Fridays. If I am not able to take a complete Friday off, you may discover that I have taken another day or half-day away from my pastoral work.

A chapter in Mueller's book that I always read is titled *Rest for the Weary*. In it, Mueller writes, "If we do not allow for a rhythm of rest in our overly busy lives, illness become our Sabbath—our pneumonia, our cancer, our heart attack, our accidents create Sabbath for us." Writing about those who confront illness, Mueller continues, "While each shares their particular fears and sorrow, almost every one confesses some secret gratefulness. 'Finally,' they say, 'at last. I can rest.'"

It was Jesus who said, "The Sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the Sabbath." (NRSV—Mark 2:27) I like the Message Version of this scripture: "The Sabbath was made to serve us; we weren't made to serve the Sabbath." God created the Sabbath as a gift to humanity and it is a gift well-received! We should remember that our lives consist of more than working hard and being constantly on the go. Remember the words of the great Twenty-third Psalm, "He makes me lie down in green pastures."

Friends, I know you're busy. I'm busy. However, I pray that you will join me in seeking Sabbath rest as a gracious gift from our creator God; especially as we find ourselves in the middle of the summer. Enjoy this time, enjoy the outdoors, enjoy vacation—and when you can, I hope you'll join us for worship either in person or online—as part of your Sabbath rest!

Pastor Jack

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Summer Message Series Study

It's not too late to enjoy our Wednesday Evening Study this summer as we explore the prayer that is recorded in Matthew and Luke's Gospels—The Lord's Prayer. Each week is a stand-alone study of the message from the previous Sunday from the message series titled, *Learning to Pray*. This is a Zoom class which you can enjoy from the comfort of your home. You can join the study by contacting Pastor Jack (jmannschreck@waterfordcumc.org) and he will send out a Zoom link on Monday evenings.

Everyone is invited to join us on Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m. to talk over the message from the previous week. For clarity's sake, the Wednesday Evening Studies will be July 20, 27 and August 3, 10 and 31. Be sure to join us this summer on this series of message as together we discover the meaning of perhaps the most prayed prayer in the world!

PS: You can purchase Adam Hamilton's Book as a download or from any book distributor; however, it is not necessary to have the book to enjoy the worship services based on this message series or to participate in the Wednesday evening sessions.

August Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy 80+ Birthday to:

- Walter Cortese – 8/1
- Barbara Jacobson – 8/2
- Richard Donner – 8/4
- Virginia Abney – 8/8
- Marvin Jewell – 8/10
- Richard Lund – 8/10
- Sally Kuhn – 8/11
- Joyce Merle – 8/19
- Larry Payne – 8/20
- JoAnn Fedison – 8/24
- Maurice Grant – 8/27

And Happy 50+ Anniversary to:

- Andrew & Pam Gustafson – 8/9, 53 yrs.
- Randall & Debra Cooper – 8/18, 50 yrs.
- William & Velette Svenkesen – 8/20, 61 yrs.
- Donald & Diana Carter – 8/26, 55 yrs.
- Paul & Beatrice Blomquist – 8/27, 67 yrs.

Thank You

Dear Church,

Thank you so much for awarding me a scholarship to help continue my education. I appreciate the support and cannot wait to serve my community as a teacher!

Love,

-Emily Cornish

Men's Softball Schedule



Come out for a game and support Central's team!

| Date | Time | Field |
|------|--------------------------|------------------|
| 7/25 | 7:30pm | St. Trinity |
| 8/1 | 6:15pm | First Missionary |
| 8/8 | 7:30pm | First Missionary |
| 8/13 | Tournament @ Rotary Park | |

Dear CUMC Scholarship Committee,

Thank you very much for awarding us the Virginia Selle scholarship. The funds will help us both pursue our degrees at Michigan State and Ferris State. We truly appreciate this scholarship program and the assistance it provides us in funding our education.

Thanks again!

-Maria and Richie Kuhn



Born to Eternal Life

Fran Amos

January 12, 1939—July 7, 2022
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Our prayers are with Fran's family and friends.



Sympathies

Our condolences to Diana Carter and family on the passing of her sister-in-law, Barbara Irish. Our prayers are with Barbara's family and friends.

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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, July 28th.