



UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

August 7, Pastor Jack continues our *Learning to Pray* message series with part five—*Out of Temptation*. Join us at 10:30am, in person or online at Live.WaterfordCUMC.org.

Dear Church Family,

There's an old saying that preaching should comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable. It's a fine line upon which to walk as a preacher. Afflict is a very strong word meaning to cause pain and suffering. While I wouldn't want to purposely afflict members of our church, I do want offer messages that challenge our faith and the practice of our faith. I hope that the messages I share answer three questions: 1) What did I learn about God?, 2) What did I learn about myself? and 3) So what?

These questions move us toward a deeper understanding of our relationship with God. In our Christian faith our relationship with God is based on the teaching of Jesus the Christ, who remains the best representation of God in the world. From teaching us about prayer and piety to peace-making and seeking justice, Jesus the Christ offers us a wonderful model of salvation. Salvation means that we have fully received God's forgiveness, forgiven ourselves and are freed from that which separates us from God. When we are "saved" we experience a wholeness and integration in our lives of who we are on the inside with who we are on the outside. There is congruence between what we believe and how we live in the world.

I mentioned in the message yesterday that some of the ways that we can see our faith lived out is by the fruit of the spirit (Galatians 5:22-23). The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. The question to ask ourselves is whether or not these attributes describe our daily interactions with others.

During our series of messages on *Learning to Pray* we've been exploring The Lord's Prayer. There have been several challenges that I've suggested to fully grasp the meaning of this prayer that Jesus specifically taught his followers. The first challenge was to pray The Lord's Prayer daily and then I suggested that we pray it three times a day, which was the practice of the early church.

Another challenge suggested in the devotionals connected with the series is to discover how we can be the answer to The Lord's Prayer. In other words, how can we bring God's kingdom and will to earth as it is in heaven? How will God's name be hallowed through us? When it comes to forgiveness, I borrowed a challenge from those who are in the Alcoholic Anonymous community; a community that knows a great deal about forgiveness and grace. I suggested that we consider steps 8 and 9 of this 12-step program: First, make a list of all persons we have harmed, and become willing to make amends to them all. Second, make direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others. This last challenge will take a few moments, days and possibly weeks to implement into your life.

These challenges are not meant to afflict but rather move us all toward comfort in deepening our relationships with God and each other. As we continue this series of messages, I hope you are feeling spiritually fed as together we examine The Lord's Prayer! I look forward to seeing you in worship.

Because of Christ,

Pastor Jack

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Summer Message Series Study

This summer, Pastor Jack's Wednesday Evening study is a deep dive into the previous week's message based on The Lord's Prayer as recorded in Matthew and Luke's Gospels. Each week is a stand-alone study so you can join at any point. This is a Zoom class which you can enjoy from the comfort of your home. To join the study, contact Pastor Jack (jmannschreck@waterfordcumc.org) and he will send out a Zoom link on Monday evening.

Men's Fellowship Dinner

For many years now, a group of men from our church has held an annual Summit to connect with each other, discuss relevant issues and generally enjoy a weekend together. While that event usually happens in late January/early February, we haven't met for two years and we'd like to gather the men of our church together for a time of fellowship that we hope will bolster our participation in our Summit this next winter.

We will be meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the Fork and Pint (4000 Cass-Elizabeth Road, Waterford, MI 48328) for dinner. We will each care for our dining expenses. All men are welcomed to this dinner whether or not you've been a part of this fellowship in the past. We hope to see you!

Hymn Sing on August 14th

Back by popular request—a hymn sing. Thanks to those of you who have submitted your favorite hymn and the story behind it. On August 14th we will be singing many of these hymns, so make sure to join us for worship on this special Sunday.

Fellowship Hall Has a New Floor!

If you haven't had a chance to check it out, make sure to stop by soon to admire the new floor in Fellowship Hall. Thank you to the Trustees for undertaking this project, to everyone who gave to our Let's Get Floored capital campaign and to all of the volunteers who moved everything into and out of Fellowship Hall.



Prepping the concrete



Applying the coating



Ready to be sealed



The finished floor!

Men's Softball Schedule



Come out for the last games and support Central's team!

Date	Time	Field
8/8	7:30pm	First Missionary
8/13	Tournament @ Rotary Park	

Thank You

We wish to express our appreciation for the prayers, cards, messages, emails and phone calls showing your concern and support during my sister-in-law, Barbara Irish's, long illness and passing. The love and caring of our church family meant so much and was greatly appreciated during this very difficult time.

-Don & Diana Carter, David Carter, Andrea & Hayden Baxter

A special thank you to Shelly Nowak and English Oaks Montessori School for their contribution of food items to Central's Food pantry.

-Rachel Pierre and the Staff of Waterford CUMC



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Mary Lou Pagen

May 29, 1934—July 19, 2022

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Our prayers are with Mary Lou's son, John R. Pagen, daughter Mary Barghaha and Mary Lou's many family and friends.

Save the Date!

Sunday, August 28th @ 3pm



Waterford Central United Methodist Church is hosting the 338th Army Band in the church's Sanctuary. This is a great opportunity to experience, connect with, and show your appreciation for our men and women in uniform.

The 338th was first commissioned in 1943 as a support group for General Patton. The group is stationed in Livonia, MI and Whitehall, OH, and brings together talented service musicians from Michigan, Ohio, and Kentucky.

Their public performances are designed to entertain and educate patriots of all ages. This will be an exciting concert and is not to be missed as the 338th Army Band showcases their talents.

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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, August 11th.