



UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

Sunday, May 1st, Pastor Jack begins a new message series *The Bread of Life* with *So...What Do You Want to Eat?* Worship is at 10:30am, in person or online at: [Live.WaterfordCUMC.org](https://www.LiveWaterfordCUMC.org).

Dear Resurrection People!

In this first edition of the *Chimes* since Easter Sunday, I wanted to address you as Resurrection People. First, Easter is a season, defined as a season of 50 days, a week of weeks, between Passover and Pentecost. Easter season begins at sunset on the eve of Easter and ends with Pentecost, the day we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church (from UMC.org —see Acts 2). The second reason I address you as Resurrection People is that I truly believe that God calls us to live a “Resurrection Lifestyle,” not just believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ!

What do I mean by a “Resurrection Lifestyle?” I mean a lifestyle that is marked by the belief that all things are possible because of Jesus’ resurrection from the grave. (See Matthew 19:26 and Mark 10:27) When Jesus made this proclamation, he was in a conversation with his disciples concerning salvation and eternal life. But Jesus’ words are not confined to the great hereafter. His words are for each day that we are alive on this earth—it’s about lifestyle—living our lives in response to Christ’s resurrection.

For over 35 years in full-time ministry, I have seen great things happen among Christ’s Resurrection People! I’ve witnessed people healed, marriages mended and families reconciled. Those are resurrection events!

Even when people are not healed and marriages are not mended; even when families are not reconciled, I have seen resurrection faith at work in those instances as well. People have moved on in their lives after difficulty and experienced wholeness and peace after devastating events. Again, evidence of resurrection living!

A Resurrection Lifestyle is based on the belief that God loves and cares for us and that “for God all things are possible.” (Mark 10:27) The Resurrection Lifestyle is also predicated on the belief that “I can do all things through him who strengthens me.” (Philippians 4:13) It is because God resurrected Jesus Christ from the grave that we live in the confidence of God’s promise of loving care and provision, as well as receiving life that is abundant and eternal!

I want to conclude with a story I’ve shared before in messages, letters and articles. It is from an anonymous source quoted in a periodical I regularly read (*Homiletics*, March-April 2011, Page 72):

The Koontz family lost three children to diphtheria in the same week in the early 20th century. Only a 3-year-old girl escaped the disease.

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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.

**No Chair Yoga on
Monday, May 2nd, as
Rummage Sale setup
will be in progress in
Fellowship Hall.**

On the following Easter morning, the father, mother and child attended their church in rural Nebraska. Because Conrad, the father, was the Sunday school superintendent, he led the session when all the classes met together. As he read the Easter message from the Bible, many were weeping, but the father and mother remained calm and serene.

When Sunday school was over, young Harry Lassiter, a local 15-year-old boy, was walking home with his father. "The Koontzes must really believe the Easter story," said the boy.

His father answered, "All Christians do, Harry."

"Not the way they do!" he said.

Believe in the resurrection and live the Resurrection Lifestyle! As spring is upon us, and the hope of emerging from the Covid-19 Pandemic seems so much closer to reality, living a Resurrection Lifestyle seems vitally important, actually essential! I look forward to seeing you Resurrection People in worship!

Because of Christ,

-Pastor Jack

Welcome New Members!

On Easter Sunday, Central UMC welcomed seven new members. They are Michael Burby, Beth Hanna, Scott and Kathy Saffron, Mary Sullivan, Julie Tompkins, and Arlene Taylor. Please make sure to welcome them when you see them during worship.

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/. **The deadline to apply for the 2022 scholarships is May 15th, 2022.** Scholarship recipients will be announced in June. Contact Pastor Jack (jjmannschreck@waterfordcumc.org) for more information.

Rummage Sale Volunteers Needed

Help make the return of the rummage sale a great event! 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. Sign up at the rummage sale table located in the Narthex.

Rummage Sale Donations

Please drop off donations between 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

Central Cinema

**Saturday, May 7th
@ 6pm**

This month's movie is *The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*.

In this sequel to *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*, we catch up with an interesting set of characters to see how they're faring. Themes explored in this film are love, openness and relationships. Bring a friend and a snack to share.



Thursday Early Bird, May

5th, Noon-1pm

(\$2 entrance fee)

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).

248-681-8077 or Rachel Pierre at 248-681-0040 or 248-934- 4085.

Thank You

Thank you so much for the cards, prayers and expressions of sympathy and comfort on the death of my mother, Norma Simonds. Your support means a great deal during this time of sorrow.

-Robin Danek

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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, May 12th. The deadline for our next bi-monthly email-only newsletter is Thursday, May 5th.