



## UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

Memorial Sunday, May 29th,  
Pastor Jack's message is  
*Thinking Outside of the Tomb*.  
Worship is at 10:30am, in person  
or online at:  
[Live.WaterfordCUMC.org](http://Live.WaterfordCUMC.org).

## Dear Church Family,

After a very busy Lent and Easter, as well as bidding Rev. Cora a fond farewell, Ruth and I took some time for vacation and to enjoy some southern hospitality as we traveled to New Orleans to explore that city. Our collective bucket list includes visiting several cities we would like to experience. New Orleans has been on our list for quite a while. We went on two walking tours, a jazz cruise on the Mississippi River, listened to street musicians and ate incredible food! We love both seafood and spicy foods, so New Orleans cuisine was a wonderful part of our trip. We even took a cooking class, making jambalaya, gumbo and pralines!

One thing we noticed during our travel is the consistency of many businesses needing employees to keep their operations going. A common sight in our own Waterford area, "Help Wanted" signs hung in most places of business, from restaurants to gas stations. Some signs seem desperate; just this past week I saw a sign that took up a huge picture window at a restaurant reading "Help Wanted —All Positions!!"

I hear that same desperation from many of my fellow pastors and church leaders as I recognize our own need for "Help Wanted." From those in our church family who just don't feel safe from the lingering Covid-19 pandemic, to those who are simply burned out—from work, increased family responsibilities and even church work—we need help.

I wanted to use this *Chimes* letter to ask you to prayerfully consider being a part of one of our ministries. We are in need of a number of Sunday morning servants from Greeters and Ushers to participating in our various music programs. The need for Ushers is tremendous, from our Head Usher position to weekly Team Leaders. As I mentioned during our offering story yesterday during worship, we always welcome people to participate in our various musical groups; our Covenant Choir, Bell Choir and special music opportunities. We also welcome people to be our lay liturgists and fill our oil candles.

The second opportunity for service we have in the next month is our Vacation Bible School staff. I am thankful for those who have already agreed to work on this great program; however, there are a few positions we need to fill. While our various Station Leaders

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## Central Cinema

**Saturday, June 4th  
@ 6pm**

This month's movie is  
*Second Hand Lions*.

The humorous coming-of-age story of an introverted young boy who is sent to live with his eccentric great uncles on a farm in Texas.



June 5th is Pentecost when we celebrate the birth of the church. Wear red to worship!

are in place, we need assistants in those stations as well as "Shepherds" who lead our various age groups to and from the Stations. Training is available.

There are many opportunities for service around our church building, from weeding our gardens, to cleaning various rooms, to answering phones when our staff is meeting or otherwise occupied.

I really don't like to use the word "recruit" when it comes to working in the church. I believe the better word is "call;" we call people to ministry and mission. When it comes to the church, even the smallest details we attend to are important. Please consider God's call upon your life to be an active servant at Central Church. Many hands make for light work and the benefits are eternal! It's a corny joke but true. I look forward to seeing you in worship!

Because of Christ,

*Pastor Jack*

## Memorial Day Parade

The Waterford Memorial Day Parade is back after a two-year hiatus, and Central will be back in the parade. Let's have a vibrant presence! There are opportunities for walkers to hand out fliers for our VBS program in June, and we're also looking for a driver for the pickup truck we'll be using.

We will gather at the parade site between 9 and 9:30 on Monday, May 30th and the parade begins at 10am. The parade route that we walk is about one mile, and we're done by around noon. If you'd like to join in the fun, fill out the short form found at [bit.ly/memorial-day22](https://bit.ly/memorial-day22) and we'll make sure you get all of the final logistics.

## Masking Up (Again) for Worship

The Covid transmission level in Oakland County is currently red. In accordance with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Central is requesting masks be worn during worship services. Disposable masks are available near the north and south entrances in the event you do not have a mask with you.

The current Covid transmission levels can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html>. The link also includes masking suggestions and additional information regarding the different levels of Covid transmission.

## The Food Pantry is Low!

Every day we receive 3-5 calls from families that need help with food. Currently, the food pantry is running low, so your

## Men's Softball Schedule



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

Date	Time	Field
5/30	Memorial Day - No Game	
6/6	7:30pm	First Missionary
6/13	Bye Week - No Game	
6/20	7:30pm	New Hope
6/27	6:15pm	New Hope
7/4	4th of July - No Game	
7/11	7:30pm	First Missionary
7/18	6:15pm	New Hope
7/25	7:30pm	St. Trinity
8/1	6:15pm	First Missionary
8/8	7:30pm	First Missionary
8/13	Tournament @ Rotary Park	

## Memorial Garden Planting

Thursday, May 26th  
9:30am

Help clean up and plant the Memorial Garden in time for Memorial Sunday. Bring your tools and a knee pad. Rain date will be Friday. For more info, contact Diana Carter ([dianacarter@comcast.net](mailto:dianacarter@comcast.net))

## Cradle Roll

Welcome Evelyn Meuser, born May 12, 2022 to parents Brian and Megann Meuser, big brother Graham and grandparents Bill and Tina Graham.



donations are welcome. For a list of items needed, please visit [waterfordcumc.org/food-pantry/](http://waterfordcumc.org/food-pantry/).

## Let's Get Floored Capital Campaign

If you made a pledge to our capital campaign to re-floor Fellowship Hall, please have your gift in by June 1st, as the work is scheduled to begin this summer. If you have questions about your pledge or would like to make a gift, please contact bookkeeper Sue Newill at [snewill@waterfordcumc.org](mailto:snewill@waterfordcumc.org).

## Easter Offering

This year's Easter offering was \$2855. A portion of this offering will go to Open Door of Waterford and Oakland Hope. Thank you for your generosity.

## Rummage Sale Update

This year's rummage sale saw record attendees and brought in \$10,123 in proceeds. After expenses of \$1411 (for change, tables, U-Haul rental, supplies and advertising), net proceeds were \$8712. These funds will be distributed to several of our non-profit partners as well as Central's ministries, including Baldwin Center, Open Door of Waterford, Haven, Lighthouse, the Refugee Alliance, Oakland Hope, Methodist Children's Home, Methodist Retirement Community and Central's food pantry. Thank you to everyone who pitched in to make the sale a success.

## Thank You

Hello! I have finished the fundraising part of my Boy Scout Eagle Project. I just wanted to say thank you for all the cans, bottles and monetary donations. Your generosity helped me exceed my budget goals! I am looking forward to installing my project at the beginning of June.

-Dan Taylor

Thank you to the Caring Core, Purple Threads, and everyone who has sent prayers and cards.

-Dan Arnold

Thank you to Dr. Aran Kim and Dr. Marina Stojanovska for sharing their incredible talent with us during the Arina Piano Duo: Four Hands recital. If you missed the concert you can view the recording at <https://vimeo.com/700035204>.

## Central Cafe

May 26th is the last Central Cafe for the season. Chef Andy is making ribs, so sign up outside the office or call the church to let us know you'll be there.



**Have a Blessed Memorial Day**

## Sympathies

Our condolences to Vickie and Paul Armstrong on the death of her sister Sharon Bergman, and to William and David Armstrong on the death of their aunt. Our prayers are with Sharon's many family and friends.

## Address Change

There is a new address for Julia Stephenson; 1360 E. 15th St., Long Beach, CA 90813-2204.

**The Church Office will be closed on Monday, May 30th in observation of Memorial Day.**

## 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, June 2nd. The deadline for our next bi-monthly email-only newsletter is Thursday, May 26th.