



UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

Graduation Sunday, June 12th, join the celebration! Pastor Jack's message is *Hyperlinks for Living*. Worship is at 10:30am, in person or online at [Live.WaterfordCUMC.org](https://www.LiveWaterfordCUMC.org). Due to licensing restrictions, worship will NOT be streamed to Facebook.

Dear Church Family,



I want to take this opportunity to once again offer our members and friends a call to ministry—specifically our ministry of Vacation Bible School. As I mentioned in yesterday's service, VBS is an important time for our church, as it's an opportunity to offer faith formation to the children of our community. In addition to benefiting the community, VBS offers an opportunity to serve Christ by working with our neighbors and also, in many cases, introducing them to Jesus.

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It's a very fun time for both the kids and the volunteers, and is truly a church-wide undertaking. We need many volunteers and a lot of materials and creativity to make sure that we're reaching our community with Christ's message. We offer VBS free of charge, although we encourage donations from families that are able. If you are able to give of your time and talent, I encourage you to visit our website at [waterfordcumc.org/vbs-2022/](https://www.waterfordcumc.org/vbs-2022/) for links to the volunteer sign up forms.

I am thankful for those who have already agreed to work in this great program; however, there are still several positions we need to fill. While our various Station Leaders are in place, we need assistants in those stations as well as "shepherds" who lead our various age groups to and from the stations. This is a great opportunity for our youth, as you can receive credit toward community service required by some school organizations. Training is available.

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. I promise you will be blessed. I look forward to seeing you in worship!

Because of Christ,

Pastor Jack

It's Time to Register for VBS!

June 20th - 24th, 9am-noon

VBS is open to children 3-1/2 through finishing 5th grade. The theme is "Knights of North Castle," and uses the metaphor of a suit of armor to introduce kids to the principles of Christian living—faith, justice, peace, salvation and truth. Kids are put together with children in their own age group and there is age-appropriate Christian learning, crafts, science projects, music and more. If you're

interested in signing your kids up for VBS, visit waterfordcumc.org/vbs-2022/.

Michigan Area UMC Passes Gun Violence Resolution

An important part of the work of our Annual Conference is to pass resolutions that encourage us to action that reflects our faith. We have passed a resolution which addresses gun violence in our country and offers some very fine resources to help guide our actions. The full resolution, including the rationale, is too long for this newsletter. Below is a summary of the resolution and a list of resources that can help us move toward action to end gun violence in our country and world.

Motion

We call on the Michigan Conference (inclusive of Conference leadership, congregations, clergy and laity) to take action to address the rise of gun violence.

- Contact local, state and national leaders to support legislation and funding designed to reduce gun violence.
- Include asking United States Senators to voice their support of the Enhance Background Check Act of 2021.
- Write to local, state and national leaders asking to reinstate the assault weapons ban.
- Join the End Gun Violence Now campaign.
- Develop a coalition, including the Board of Justice, tasked with resourcing Michigan United Methodists in this work.
- Plan annual social justice advocacy days.

Resources

- Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Center for Violence Prevention—<https://violence.chop.edu/gun-violence>
- End Gun Violence Michigan—<http://michiganumc.org/end-gun-violence-michigan-organizes/>

United Methodist Resources

- Faith & Facts—<https://www.umcjustice.org/documents/18>
- Kingdom Dreams, Violent Realities, a three-week bible study—<https://www.umcjustice.org/documents/37>
- Gun Violence 101 Cheat Sheet: practical tips for ministry leaders—<https://www.umcjustice.org/documents/51>

Central Church! I hope and pray this will be the beginning of an effort by our church to get involved to end gun violence now!! If you are interested in creating a local group within our church, please contact Pastor Jack at (248) 217-4004 and we will begin to connect people together to change our world through Christ's love!!

Men's Softball Schedule



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

Date	Time	Field
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	

July Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to Our Members Who are Turning 80+:

- Marian Hansen – 7/3
- Bonnie Byadiah – 7/14
- Virginia Hudnell – 7/16
- Velette Svenkesen – 7/19
- James March – 7/23
- Walter Fedison – 7/27
- Barbara Burns – 7/28

And Happy 50+ Year Anniversary to:

- John & Judy Baker – 7/10, 51 yrs.
- Skip & Cheryl Malin – 7/15, 50 yrs.

Prayer for Ukraine

Since almost the beginning of Lent, we have been hearing *Prayer for Ukraine* as our weekly response to our prayer time. I am humbled by how this little gesture to bring us some comfort in our world and solidarity with Ukraine has grown to be so embraced by our congregation. I have received such positive feedback for this since then and I am amazed by the ongoing interest in the song and in Ukraine's struggles for their sovereignty and freedom against the Russian aggressors. If you have kept up with the war in Ukraine, you have seen both tragedy and inspiration, but also their deep connection to art and music. This piece is one that represents the heart of the Ukrainian people. I wanted to give you a little background on that connection today.

Prayer for Ukraine was written in 1885 with music by Mykola Lysenko and the text by Oleksandr Konysky at a time when the Ukrainian language was being suppressed by the Imperial Russian government. It became more well known in the early 20th century, but found its next major event as a symbolic anthem during the Ukrainian War of Independence from Russia in 1917-1921. Over the course of the 20th century, it grew in significance and became a standard closing to Orthodox church services throughout the country, in addition to being utilized for significant political and cultural events. In 1998, shortly after adopting its new constitution, Ukraine wrote its significance into law as a state and spiritual anthem of Ukraine. And now in 2022, *Prayer for Ukraine* again stands for the spirit of the Ukrainian people and their struggle to retain their independence and freedom against Russian aggressors. But it now further serves as an opportunity for us to embrace and support that independent spirit here in Waterford. Let us always support freedom here at home and abroad in the world and keep the Ukrainian people in our prayers.

With love, Kevin

English Translation of *Prayer for Ukraine*

Literary translation by Dmytro Shostak, from Wikipedia

Lord, oh the Great and Almighty,
Protect our beloved Ukraine,
Bless her with freedom and light
Of your holy rays.

With learning and knowledge enlighten
Us, your children small,
In love pure and everlasting
Let us, oh Lord, grow.

We pray, oh Lord Almighty,
Protect our beloved Ukraine,

Thank You!

A special Thank you from the Trustees to all of those who helped with the all-church clean up day.

And thank you also to the Memorial Garden Committee and volunteers for beautifying the garden for the season.

Thank You Blood Donors

36 units of life-saving blood were collected during our May 24th blood drive.



Wedding Congratulations!

Matt & Julie Berg
Married May 15, 2022

Ken Allen & Chelsea
Cortese-Allen
Married May 29, 2022



Grant our people and country
All your kindness and grace.

Bless us with freedom, bless us with wisdom,
Guide us into a kind world,
Bless us, oh Lord, with good fortune
For ever and evermore.

Sympathies

Our condolences to Steve and Sandy Krupa on the death of his mother, Dorothy Krupa. Our prayers are with Dorothy's many family and friends.

Condolences also to Margie England on the death of her cousin, Jeffrey Scott Williams. Our prayers are with his family and friends.

The deadline for articles for the next bi-monthly *Chimes* is Thursday, June 16th.



Thank you to the Memorial Day parade team (from L to R) - Robin Danek, Vanessa Marks, Margie England, Jannette Deszell, Cappy Murphy, Myke Robson and Donna Bevington.



On Sunday evening, Pastor Jack and members of Central's Youth Group christened the new fire pit located on the north side of the property. The recently completed fire pit is Dan Taylor's Eagle Scout project.

