



UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

VBS celebration June 26th. After a two-year COVID-induced hiatus, Central's VBS is back. During worship, we will highlight our VBS program. Join us at 10:30am, in person or online at [Live.WaterfordCUMC.org](https://www.LiveWaterfordCUMC.org).

Dear Church Family,

As I write this letter for this edition of our *Chimes* newsletter, I have spent the morning working with our very fine servants here at Central Church in our Vacation Bible School program. Our first day is over with 44 children having a blast, learning new songs, joining together in recreation, snack time and crafts as well as learning about Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego (strange names, huh?) and their trouble with King Nebuchadnezzar. There are more children registered for tomorrow's adventures!

It has been a bit of a panic in bringing this program to fruition without our full-time Director of Lifelong Faith Formation! Having said that, Rev. Cora provided a strong foundation for this year's VBS and we've had a good response to our call for servants to facilitate our program. We've had about 10 young people from nearby middle schools and Mott High School offering their time and receiving service hours for the National Honors Society.

Perhaps the most exciting news is that the largest class we have is the preschool class, which gives me great hope for future Vacation Bible Schools! In addition to the hours dedicated to our VBS this week, I want to thank those of you who have prayed for this program as well as given financial support toward this great endeavor.

I want to specifically invite you to attend worship this next Sunday, June 26, as we will have our VBS Celebration! The entire worship experience will be centered around what we're doing this week with story telling, lots of singing and, of course, an appearance by Armorer Myke and Sparky the Dragon.

Join us while we celebrate the accomplishments of our youngest members of Central United Methodist Church and the wider Waterford Community. I look forward to seeing you in worship!

Because of Christ,

Pastor Jack

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Cradle Roll

Welcome Luca William Stepp, born June 19, 2022 to parents Heather Marks and Andy Stepp, and to big brother Aidyn Stepp, grandma Vanessa Marks and aunts Robin Marks and Kristen Ragacci.



Men's Softball Schedule



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

Date	Time	Field
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

Summer Message Series and Study

This summer we will explore the prayer that is recorded in Matthew and Luke's Gospels—The Lord's Prayer. This series of messages is inspired by the book, *The Lord's Prayer*, by Adam Hamilton. The Lord's Prayer is the prayer that Jesus shared when his disciples asked him to teach them to pray. This six-part message series will begin on Sunday, July 10. There will be two-week hiatus in August (10 and 17), and then we will conclude the series on August 28. Each week that we have a message in this series, titled *Learning to Pray*, we will follow up with a Wednesday Evening Study.

Everyone is invited to join us on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. to examine the message from the previous week. The Wednesday Evening Study will be July 13, 20, 27 and August 3, 10 and 31. Be sure to join us this summer for this series of messages as together we explore the meaning of perhaps the most prayed prayer in the world!

Attention Scholarship Recipients

If you have been awarded a scholarship, please fill out the Scholarship Disbursement form as soon as possible. The form can be found at Central's website at <https://waterfordcumc.org/forms/>. Checks will be processed in early August and paid directly to the college. Please return forms to the church office, attention to bookkeeper Sue Newill. If you have questions, please contact Sue at snewill@waterfordcumc.org.

It's Time to "Get Floored"

This summer Fellowship Hall gets a new floor! The Trustees are looking for volunteers to help move everything out on Saturday, July 16th beginning at 9am, then move it back on Saturday, July 23rd. If you are able to help, please sign up outside the church office. If you have questions, please contact Ken Cortese.

Sympathies

Our condolences to Don and Diana Carter on the death of his brother, Bob Carter, to Shirley Riffe on the death of her brother, and to the extended Baxter, Carter, Shanahan and Ruez families. Our prayers are with Bob's many family and friends.

Condolences also to Joyce and John Merle on the death of her brother-in-law, Henry Schaup. Our prayers are with Henry's family and friends.

Thank You

Dear Central United Methodist Church

With warmest thanks for helping me to raise money for my husband's service and burial. Thank you so much for all you do.

-A Good Sam Recipient

From the Stephensons

Our whole family sends out a heartfelt thank you for all your prayers, cards, & words of encouragement while Rainy presses hard to heal. You're terrifically appreciated.

-Bob & Rainy

Thank you to the Covenant Choir for blessing us with your voices this past year. We can't wait to "hear" you in the fall!

-In His name,
A grateful congregation

Thank you to Pastor Jack, Robin, Terese, Rachel, Janette, Cathy, Chelsea, Erica and the many

volunteers that helped to make this year's VBS a Spark-tacular success!

Address Change

There is a new address for Crystal Carrier: 5885 Briarwood, Waterford, MI 48346.

Fun at VBS



Opening Assembly.



Mr. Steve & Mr. Myke, story tellers extraordinaire.



Armorer Myke and Sparky the Dragon.



Fun with Legos at crafts.

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 30th.