



UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

July 10, Pastor Jack begins a new six-part message series *Learning to Pray*, based on The Lord's Prayer. Part one is *Hallowed Be Thy Name*. Join us at 10:30am, in person or online at Live.WaterfordCUMC.org.

Dear Church Family,

As you may know, The Lord's Prayer is derived from two scriptures from the Gospels of Matthew (6:5-15) and Luke (11:1-10). Matthew places this prayer within the context of The Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) in a section devoted to personal piety. Luke shares this prayer as part of a conversation between Jesus and his disciples; the disciples ask Jesus to teach them how to pray like John the Baptists taught his followers. Like many elements of our lives, we do so much without thinking deeply about what we are doing. We recite our Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag by rote, we use the same words to describe a particular experience we've had or use the same phrase in response to others. For example, I often respond to people who ask me, "how are you?" with the response, "better than I deserve!" What I mean by this response is that God has blessed me greatly, certainly more than I could ever deserve since God's love, grace and mercy is beyond measure.

It's the same with The Lord's Prayer. Many can recite The Lord's Prayer without much thought as to the deep meaning of the words we are saying. Words do have meaning though, and I want to spend a significant amount of time this summer exploring the full meaning of this prayer that Jesus taught to his disciples.

This series of messages is based, in part, on Pastor Adam Hamilton's 2021 book, *The Lord's Prayer—The Meaning and Power of The Prayer Jesus Taught*. Hamilton writes, "No other prayer is more important to Christians than this prayer. It is the Lord's prayer—the prayer he taught us to pray. There are a host of other prayers we overhear Jesus praying in the Gospels. But only with this prayer does Jesus say, 'pray like this.' Each word is saturated with meaning, a meaning that we often miss when we pray it by rote as we gather in our churches for worship. Each of its six petitions reflects the major themes from Jesus' life and ministry. The prayer is meant by Jesus to shape our lives and, through us, to shape and change the world."

I pray and hope you will enjoy this journey as together we will explore the meaning of The Lord's Prayer. I look forward to seeing you in worship.

Because of Christ,
Pastor Jack

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Cradle Roll

Welcome, Lily Mae Robinson, born July 3, 2022, to parents Josh and Shelby Robinson, grandpa Rustyn, great-grandpa Ray and uncle Kevin.



Men's Softball Schedule



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

Date	Time	Field
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 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 Jesus to teach them to pray. This six-part 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 that Sunday up with a Wednesday Evening Study.

Everyone is invited to join us on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm to talk over the messages from the previous week. For clarity's sake, the Wednesday Evening Studies 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 discover the meaning of perhaps the most prayed prayer in the world!

You can purchase Adam Hamilton's Book as a download or from any book distributor; however, it is not necessary to have the book to enjoy the worship services based on this message series or to participate in the Wednesday evening sessions.

Changes to Credit Card Fees

Beginning on August 1st our e-giving provider, Vanco, will be adjusting their fee schedule for those of you who give via credit card. They will be charging a rate of 2.84% on the amount given, plus a .45 cent transaction fee. While the transaction fee remains unchanged, the amount credited to your pledges will decrease slightly for the remainder of 2022 to accommodate the increased processing fee. Those of you who have withdrawals taken from your checking or savings account are unaffected by this. I will be sending out mid-year contribution statements in mid to late July.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me via email at snewill@waterfordcumc.org or my home phone at (248) 674-1482. As always, thank you for your continued support of Central Methodist!

Sincerely,

-Sue Newill, Bookkeeper

Welcome Monjui Jones

Last Sunday, many of you met Monjui Jones, our new tech lead. As the morning producer for "Big Jim's House" on classic rock station 94.7, he comes to us with a wealth of experience in audio-visual production. Monjui will be responsible for all things streaming and tech for Sunday worship. Please welcome Monjui when you see him during worship.

Thank You

We wish to express our appreciation for the cards, messages, emails and phone calls showing your concern and support during Don's brother's illness and passing. Having the support of our church family has meant so much and was greatly appreciated during this very difficult time.

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

Dear Church Community,

I'd like to thank you for awarding me a scholarship to help me with my education. I appreciate all that the church has done for me throughout the years, and I hope I can somehow continue to serve



Central's new tech lead, Monjui Jones.

the church in the future.

Sincerely,
-Matt Sullivan

Thank You So Much...

For your support towards my college education at Wayne State! I will use your gifts, words, and advice towards achieving my goals.

Love,
-Jason (Hinsberg)

Address Changes

There are new addresses for:

- Rev. Cora Glass: 2962 Beach Rd. Apt #7, Port Huron Township, MI 48060.
- Steve, Leah, and Maggie Halpin: 1216 Lenox Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304.
- Josh & Shelby Robinson: 2007 Heron Loop Drive, Howell, MI 48855.

Vacation Bible School a Rousing Success

After a two-year hiatus, VBS returned to Central with great success. This year's theme was Knights of North Castle and featured Armorer Myke (Robson) and Sparky the Dragon, who sneezed snow rather than breathing fire.

Forty-nine kids from Waterford, White Lake, Rochester Hills, Pontiac and Bloomfield Hills came for five half-days of Bible stories, crafts, music, games and fun. Thirty volunteers from Central and the Waterford community worked many hours to decorate and host this year's VBS.

A special thank you for all of the volunteer hours and donations to make this great event possible. Special thanks to Central's Tribe of Daniel who spent countless hours transforming the church into a medieval castle.

—See VBS photos on page 4—

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, July 14th.

Fun at VBS

