



Connecting with God,
Connecting with Others,
Changing Our World With Christ's Love

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UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

October 2, Communion Sunday and World Communion Sunday, Pastor Jack's World Communion message is *Yummy, Yummy, Yummy, I've Got Bread in my Tummy!* Join us online at Live.WaterfordCUMC.org.

Dear Friends,

We've had a busy beginning to our fall schedule, and the cooler air and turning leaves are an indication that fall is truly upon us. We have welcomed Martha Piesko, our Director of Life Long Faith Formation, to our staff and she has been busy with the creation of several opportunities for shaping our faith through worship, study and special events. Martha complements our staff with her positive attitude and can do spirit! We are together seeking new ways to "reboot" many of our programs, while creating some other events that will draw us together as a faith community. One of those programs is our Blessing of the Pets on Saturday, October 1st at 10:00 am. Martha and I have worked on this event in our previous church setting and it is always a great opportunity to have fun with both our two- and four-legged friends!






While we still have a quarter of the year left, we are already making plans for next year, building on what we've done to preserve our church and emerge from the Covid-19 pandemic with new vitality and vision. October has traditionally been the time of year when we consider our support of next year's ministry. Our Stewardship Campaign theme this year is *When God's Generosity Becomes Ours...* We are called by God to be Christ's living body in the world today. We are to embody the love, grace and joy of our faith as we serve the one in whose image we are created. We are also to embody the generosity that God has shown us. This is a time of personal reflection as we seek to look forward into 2023 with expectation that God's generosity will continue to bless us. God's generosity to us is certainly a gift; and it is a gift that we should share with others. Otherwise, how would others know of God's tremendous love and generosity?

As we prepare to fund our ministry for next year, I want us to seriously take up the task of considering our individual and corporate experience of God's call upon all our lives. When we discover our deepest purpose in life then we are truly blessed by the community in which we live out our purpose. Truly we are blessed to be a blessing to others!

As we prepare for next year, I encourage you to ponder living a life worthy of God's call (Ephesians 4:1). I look forward to seeing you in worship!

Because of Christ,
Pastor Jack

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Sunday, October 2nd is World Communion Sunday. To give, visit WaterfordCUMC.org/donate/ and select "World Communion Sunday."

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Bible Journaling with Martha

Thursdays at 10am, now beginning October 13th

Bible journaling allows you to combine your love of God and your creative talents. You will read Scripture and respond to it by writing your thoughts and feelings and creating drawings using markers, watercolor pencils, and embellishments. Books will be provided. Although some art supplies will be available, participants are encouraged to bring their own colored pencils, markers, etc. Sign up with Martha in the back of the Sanctuary after worship.

It Wasn't You...

During Sunday, September 18th worship, the livestreaming service we use was experiencing intermittent outages. So, if you had trouble connecting to the livestream, it wasn't you. They have upgraded some of the underlying code to minimize the chance of this happening again.

In the future, if you encounter issues connecting to Live.WaterfordCUMC.org, go to Facebook, as most Sundays we are streaming there as well. Sunday service can also be found at Vimeo.com/event/1335150.

It's Trunk or Treat Time!

Sunday, October 23rd, 4-6pm

It takes many hands to put on a Trunk or Treat as fabulous as Central's. We have opportunities for volunteers to host a trunk, purchase candy, work in the kitchen, and so much more. To help out, sign up in the Narthex or at <https://bit.ly/trunk-or-treat-22>.

Blood Drive Volunteers

We are in need of volunteers for upcoming blood drives on November 25th from 3–6pm and on December 21st from 12–3pm. If you are able to help host a blood drive, please contact Rachel at (248) 681-0040.

Youth Group—Mark Your Calendars!

The youth will gather on Friday, October 21st from 6–10:30pm at the church for dinner, then to set up for Trunk or Treat and Halloween fun. Please RSVP to Martha Piesko (mpiesko@waterfordcumc.org) by October 22 to let us know if you are able to attend.

Sunday School Opportunities

Sunday School (preschool-5th grade) and the nursery will be open this Sunday, October 2nd, and teachers are needed. Please contact Martha (mpiesko@waterfordcumc.org) if you feel called to the ministry of teaching. We realize everyone is busy. We will work with schedules.

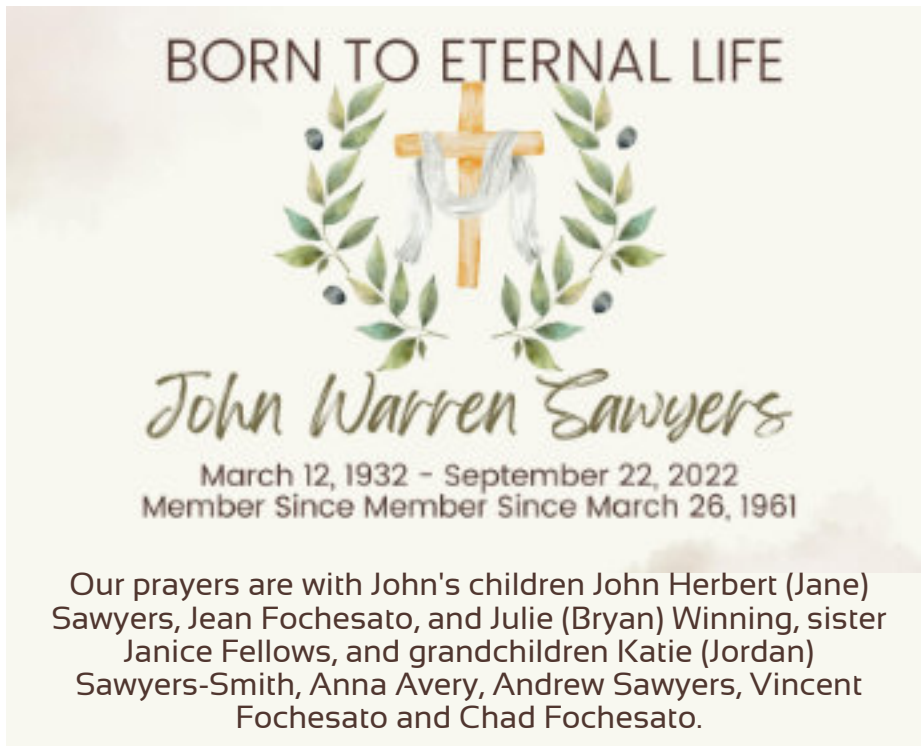


Bring your best friend for a special blessing of the pets. There will be treats for the pets and their people, and a variety of animal-themed arts and crafts. Please bring a bag/can of dog or cat food to donate to a shelter.



October 1st, 6pm

This month's movie is "The Art of Racing in the Rain" a dramedy about how Denny and Enzo discover life lessons on and off the racetrack. Everyone is welcome, so invite a friend. Bring a snack to share and meet in the church Parlor.



For preschool–5th grade in room 112. The Nursery will be open for infants in room 110.

Childcare is also now available on Thursday evenings from 6:30–9pm in room 110.

Thank You

Dear Friends,

HAVEN is grateful for your generous gift, thank you for your support. Your gift is helping to bridge the gaps survivors face when transforming their lives. Thank you for all of your support through your rummage sale!

Sincerely,

-MiVida Burrus, Director of Development

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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, October 6th.