



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

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## UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

October 30, Martha Piesko preaching *Coming Home*. Join us in person or online at [Live.WaterfordCUMC.org](https://Live.WaterfordCUMC.org).

## Dear Friends,

This past Sunday, we concluded three messages on our Generosity Campaign with the theme, "When God's Generosity Becomes Ours..." While it's too early for an initial report on our campaign, be assured that we will be working on reaching out to complete this year's campaign in support of our ministry and mission in 2023. I want to thank you in advance for your generosity as I have every confidence that we will be blessed by God in the new year as we continue our vital ministry for those near and far.

I'd like to continue this year's theme of "When God's Generosity Become Ours..." as we look to the upcoming holidays. This past summer, I spoke with our staff as I planned my Advent series of messages. I have always wanted to work with a concept from Rev. Mike Slaughter, pastor of Ginghamburg United Methodist Church in Tipp City, Ohio. Mike first challenged his church to spend less on their families at Christmas and give an equal amount to the church's ministry, The Sudan Project. Rev. Slaughter, now retired, calls this initiative, "Christmas Is Not Your Birthday."

The Staff's reaction to this concept was positive however, none of us had foresight of the staggering inflation we're now experiencing. One of our staff said, "What if we gave our church family a 'head's up' on this plan? At least then they can make plans and begin to decide how they would like to give during the holidays."

So let me share with you the many ministries we're supporting and partnering with this year:

- **The Baldwin Center Holiday Store**—Donations from holiday items to toiletries to toys are needed (a complete list is available at the collection box in our church building).
- **Compassionate Christmas Cards**—In support of The Baldwin Center, Blessings in a Backpack, Clothe-a-Child, Knit for Kids and C.W. Duncan Scholarships in Liberia, these Christmas Cards can be a little extra gift in honor of those to whom you send Christmas Cards.
- **Methodist Children's Home**—Once again, gift cards will be collected this year.
- **Our Christmas Offering**—Donations support hunger ministries, both domestic and overseas.

There will be more details on what it will mean to participate in this year's Christmas giving here at Central Church as we continue to observe "When God's Generosity Becomes Ours..."

I look forward to seeing you in worship.

Because of Christ,  
*Pastor Jack*

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## An Interfaith Panel on Refugees to Be Held at Central Church

Sunday, October 30 from 3:00-5:00pm

The Waterford Refugee Welcome Alliance and the InterFaith Leadership Council of Metropolitan Detroit's Education Committee will co-sponsor an Interfaith Panel on Refugees.

Hear a refugee tell their story and share about their background, transition to America and what has—or would have been—helpful to aid in that transition. Several panelists will represent agencies that work to assist refugees and at-risk immigrants, including Cynthia Khan (Founder of Refuge for Nations), Othman Alatrash (Syrian Refugee, Syrian American Refugee Network (SARN)), Rebecca Olszewski (Director, La Casa Amiga Legal Clinic and Community Programs at Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan), Ranya Shbeib (Co-Founder, Refugee Foster Parent of Muslim Foster Care Association) and Wojciech Zolnowski (Executive Director, International Institute of Metro Detroit). Register at [www.detroitinterfaithcouncil.com](http://www.detroitinterfaithcouncil.com). Light Refreshments will be provided.

## 2023 Men's Summit Coming in February

For well over a decade our Men's Summit has been a wonderful opportunity for men to gather for the purpose of connecting with each other and God. Our 2023 Men's Summit will be February 3-5. We usually meet at the summit site, go out for dinner at a local restaurant and then return to the summit site for an evening of fellowship—movies, games, etc. Saturday morning we begin our study and conclude on Sunday morning.

This year's study comes from Pastor Craig Groeschel, Senior Pastor of LifeChurch, a multi-campus church and creator of the popular and free YouVersion Bible App. Groeschel's book, *Fight—Winning the Battles That Matter Most*, will provide the basis for our 2023 Summit. This is a video-based discussion and participants might want to buy Pastor Groeschel's book online or contact Pastor Jack to get a copy of the book—we will have a limited supply beginning in mid-December. Many have found over the years that it is enough to come to the weekend experience and simply enjoy the videos and discussion.

Our Summit this year will be at Skyline Camp & Retreat Center (5650 Sandhill Rd.; Almont, MI 48003). It is about an hour away from Waterford Central and is a beautiful setting for our time together. We will have our own lodge in which to have our program and fellowship time. The cost of the weekend (two nights stay, four meals – breakfast Saturday to breakfast Sunday) is \$125. If you register and pay before the end of this year, you can save \$10 and the price goes down to \$115. What a deal! Plan on being a part of our first Men's Summit since 2020!

For more information, contact Ken Cortese or Pastor Jack ([jmannschreck@waterfordcumc.org](mailto:jmannschreck@waterfordcumc.org)).



**Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>  
6pm**

**In honor of Veteran's Day, this month's movie is "Dog" the story of two former army rangers on the road trip of a lifetime, racing to get to a fellow soldier's funeral. Everyone is welcome, so invite a friend. Bring a snack to share and meet in the church Parlor.**

## Save the Date – Advent By Candlelight

Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, Time TBD

We're excited to announce that this year we will be back to hosted tables at Advent by Candlelight! More details and table sign-up will be coming soon.

## Foam Recycling

Please be aware that we are not able to recycle flexible foam. Please do not drop this type of foam off at the church for recycling. Thank you.

## Join the Tech Team!

We're looking to grow Central's Tech Team. If you have an interest in audio, visual or computer tech, this might be a great opportunity to serve. Running tech during worship involves either camera operation, soundboard operation or laptop operation. No experience is necessary; training will be provided. We'll start you off helping on the laptop then advance to other skills as you are interested and feel comfortable. Typically, the commitment is once per month. To learn more, contact Robin Danek at [rdanek@waterfordcumc.org](mailto:rdanek@waterfordcumc.org).

## Effortless Fundraising

Central participates in several programs that enable members and friends to raise funds for Central Church. Join us in this "effortless" fundraising.

**RaiseRight (formerly SCRIP).** Purchase gift cards from RaiseRight and Central receives a portion of each sale. You can buy gift cards at the RaiseRight table on Sunday after worship or stop by the office to place an order. Some popular cards are "in stock" and do not need to be ordered. Ideal for gift-giving.

**Kroger Rewards.** Have a Kroger card? Assign Central as your non-profit of choice and Kroger will make a contribution to Central based on your spending. To get started, go to [www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards](http://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards), login to your online account or sign up for an online account, then set Central as your non-profit.

**Amazon Smile.** Have an Amazon account? Go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), make Central your non-profit, then begin your shopping at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com). Amazon will make a donation to Central based on your spending.



Please place donations in the drop box located in the Fellowship Hall hallway. Your donations will fund services and programs for at-risk children in the Waterford community.



BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE

*Virginia Marie Abney*

August 8, 1935 - October 19, 2022

Member Since May 23, 1993

**Ink Cartridge Recycling.** Drop your used ink jet (no toner, please) cartridges in the box in the Narthex. Central receives a rebate on these cartridges; and it keeps them out of the landfill. It's a win-win.

**Paper Recycling.** Drop catalogs, magazines, newspapers, junk mail, office paper, notebooks and folders (no cardboard or phone books, please) in the bin at the west end of the parking lot and Central receives funds for these materials.

## **Blood Drive Volunteers**

We are in need of volunteers for upcoming blood drives on November 25<sup>th</sup> from 3–6pm, December 21<sup>st</sup> from 12–3pm, February 7<sup>th</sup> from 3–6pm and May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 12–3pm and 3–6pm. If you are able to help host a blood drive, please contact Rachel at (248) 681-0040.

## **Sunday School Opportunities**

We are in need of leaders to help teach Sunday School and assist in the nursery. We realize that it is difficult to serve to every Sunday. Therefore, we are asking that you consider serving just one Sunday per month. Please contact Martha Piesko ([mpiesko@waterfordcumc.org](mailto:mpiesko@waterfordcumc.org)) if you are interested in mentoring our youngest disciples.

## **Thank You**

### **CUMC Friends,**

Thank you for the delicious treats! They're awesome to munch on while doing homework. What made them extra special is that I received them on my birthday!

-Aubrey (Gibbs)

## **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 next issue of the *Chimes* will be November 20<sup>th</sup>. The deadline for articles is Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>.