



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

11.27.22

UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

November 27, First Sunday of Advent, Student Sunday and Baby's First Christmas. Pastor Jack begins our Advent message series with *Christmas Is Not Your Birthday: The True Miracle of Christmas*. Join us in person or online at

Live.WaterfordCUMC.org

Dear Friends,

Years ago in the church I was serving, I was convinced that I needed to address the post 9-11 anxiety some were feeling with a series of messages on fear and stress. While many expressed appreciation for my effort, one parishioner said to me, "I'm trying to learn from your series on stress but frankly, it's just stressing me out!"



I tell you that brief anecdote first to share another, more recent encounter. Even before our Advent Message Series titled *Christmas is Not Your Birthday*, I've had some folks wonder aloud to me, "What are you going to say? You even seem nervous about the series." I am a bit anxious about this series given the financial conditions we all are facing, from inflation to recession, fixed incomes and dropping stock profiles.

This series of messages is designed to inspire our community of faith to take seriously the mission and message of Christmas. We will explore the truest and deepest meaning of God breaking into human history through the birth of Jesus the Christ. The challenge that Rev. Mike Slaughter put forth to his congregation when he developed this series and the subsequent book was for people to spend the same amount of money on helping others as they spent on themselves for Christmas. The focus of Ginghamburg UMC was to provide funds to help people in the Darfur region of Sudan. In the last ten years, that large UMC has given millions of dollars to that mission.

It's not that we haven't taken the mission of Christmas seriously in the past, but this may be the first time I've suggested that we consider matching our Christmas giving with our Christmas spending on ourselves. Join me in discovering how we might live more simply so that others can simply live. As we share the love of God through Christ in our community and world, let's be mindful of what we can do for others. I look forward to seeing you in worship.

Because of Christ,
Pastor Jack

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United Methodist Student Day

This Sunday, November 27th, is UMC Student Sunday. For more than one hundred years, United Methodists have been supporting their students' educational needs through a special offering. The funds received from the offering go into the United Methodist Student Loan Fund to underwrite scholarships for United Methodist students. Scholarships are awarded to deserving United Methodist students annually. Mark offerings "UMC Student Day."

In honor of UMC Student Day wear your school colors!

Updated Directories are Coming

If you would like an updated church directory, we are able to print these in the office. Updated directories will be available from the office beginning January 9th, 2023.

Holiday Office Hours

The church office will be closed:

Thursday, November 24th, 2022

Monday & Tuesday, December 26th and 27th, 2022

Monday & Tuesday, January 2nd and 3rd, 2023

Additionally, beginning on December 1st, the office will close daily from 12:30–1:00 for lunch.

Join Dan Taylor for His Eagle Scout Celebration

Friday, December 2nd at 7pm in the Sanctuary

Dan would like to invite the congregation to his Eagle Court of Honor. Please RSVP by November 25th to Shannon Taylor at 248-563-5071 (text or call).

You Are a Blessing

Thank you to everyone for your generosity throughout the year to Central's Good Samaritan program and Food Pantry.

Year to date, the Food Pantry has helped 151 families (491 individuals) with food, and given 76 \$25 Meijer cards to neighbors to help with gas and other costs.

The Good Sam program has given \$14,000 to 58 families to help with utilities and rent.

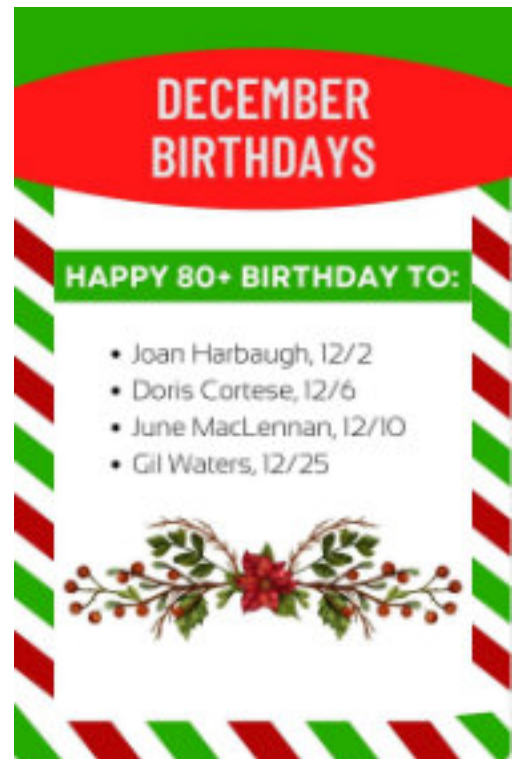
Your generosity to our neighbors provides security to many who are at risk.

Thank You

Dear Church,

Thank you so much for the cookie package and for thinking of me! I loved all the goodies and so did my roommates!

Love, Emily Cornish



Dear CUMC Family,

Thank you so much for sending all of the cookies and treats. I appreciate it so much and am blessed to be part of such a wonderful church family.

Love, Mackenzie Cortese

Connect with Central

Central's Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/waterfordcumc>. Find recordings of previous services, faith development videos and daily inspirations.

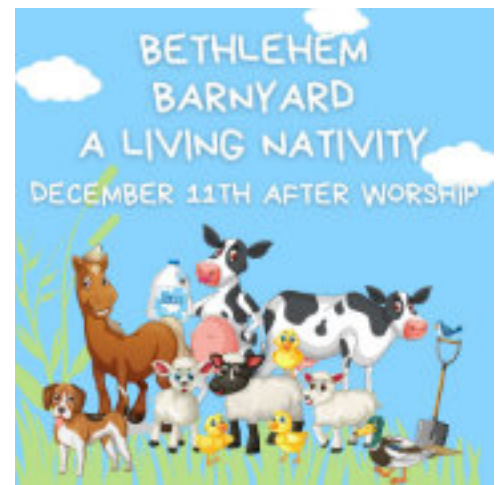
Central's YouTube Channel - <https://www.youtube.com/waterfordcumc/>. Find Pastor Jack's weekly devotionals, recordings of past worship services and more.

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 December 11th. The deadline for articles is Thursday, November 24th.



Central's 50-Year Members were honored on Founder's Day, November 13th, 2022.

Back Row: Marshall Rice, Bruce Hazen, Larry Spiece, Steve Albery, Barb Scheib.

2nd Row: Ronna McCoy, Cathy Hazen, Barb Spiece, Nancy Albery, Pastor Jack Manschreck.

3rd Row: Virginia Mueller, Mary Skelley*, Barb Laing, Debra Cooper, Velette Svenkesen, Lorna Pierre.

Front Row: Phyllis Liming, Bill Svenkesen

*New 50-Year Member

Fun in 2022



Central's Youth Group enjoys an evening of "Painting with a Twist."

Little Sprouts and parents trick-or-treating at Central.



Central hosts 614 community members for our annual Trunk or Treat event.