



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

05.21.23

## UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, Pastor Jack continues our *Fruit of the Spirit* message series with *The Fruit of the Spirit: Contagious Kindness*.

Join us in person or online at [Live.WaterfordCUMC.org](http://Live.WaterfordCUMC.org)

## Dear Friends,

Wow! What a wonderful Mother's Day celebration and worship service! That comment was made yesterday (Mother's Day) many times and such comments have continued into this morning (Monday, May 15). We celebrated mothers, three wonderful young ladies presented the Gospel in Movement, the choir sang and the message was on patience, which seemed very appropriate. AND, we ran out of bulletins!

One of the conversational topics that I find myself engaged in during this past ten months to a year is, "How do we get people back in our sanctuary?" I've talked with pastors who have written about the need to be present to one another, encouraging parishioners to come together in worship. One pastor admitted that she "fairly browbeat" her church members to return to in-person worship.

Ever wonder where the term "browbeat" comes from? It originated in the 1580s and means, originally, "to bear down with stern or arrogant looks." I could hardly believe that my colleague could furrow her brow so much as to intimidate her church toward in-person worship attendance. I would prefer not to browbeat or use any other type of intimidation to encourage our membership to show up on Sunday mornings. However, I would be negligent if I didn't tell our members and friends that you are missed. When there are more people gathered together in our sanctuary, there is more joy, more volume in our singing and more opportunities to greet each other more warmly.

I get it. Covid-19 has not and never will leave our world. It is a part of our existence now and is still making some people very ill. That is why I encourage people to care for themselves in whatever way they find necessary to protect themselves and their loved ones. Wear a mask, keep your distance and certainly get your vaccinations. Our online presence will continue, however, I do believe it will shift some from previous practices that were aimed toward our online attendees. I have developed some significant relationships with our online congregants and want to continue our care for that portion of our community of faith.

## CONNECT

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## WOMEN'S TEA Sunday, May 21st @ 3pm

Please sign up outside the church office. You can sign up to host a table or to attend.



## THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED OUT AT CHURCH CLEANUP DAY



We are coming into our summer months when some significant programming will be happening with children and youth which, in person, is much enhanced because of the proximity we have with each other. It is good to be in each other's presence. This past week's message was about the Fruit of the Spirit called patience. I hope you sense the patience in what I'm writing, tempered with a deep desire to be back in each others presence. I want everyone to know that when you're not here in worship or at other gatherings of our community, you are missed.

Take care of yourselves and we'll see you when and however we see you next time!

Peace,

*Pastor Jack*

## Waterford Memorial Day Parade

Central will once again be a part of Waterford's annual Memorial Day parade. We have opportunities to walk the day of the parade and we also need donations of wrapped candy. If you can help out, contact Patty at (248) 681-0040.

## Scholarships

High school graduate and continuing college scholarship applications are due by this Sunday, May 21, 2023. They are available in the church office or at [waterfordcumc.org/forms/](http://waterfordcumc.org/forms/).

## Graduation Sunday

**June 11, 2023**

Please join us for a special worship service honoring this year's graduates. In preparation, please share with us by Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, your anticipated graduation as well as the next steps in your life (college, work, military service, etc.). We'd also love to have a picture that will become part of a poster in our Sanctuary lobby. Please submit graduate information and photos online at [WaterfordCUMC.org/graduation-sunday-june-11th/](http://WaterfordCUMC.org/graduation-sunday-june-11th/) or use the form found on the "forms" page of our website.

## CUMC Youth Ministries Summer Adventures

- **May 21** – Duck painting and The Giants at 5:45pm
- **May 28** – Happy Memorial Day weekend! If you are available Bob would like to take you out for dinner at the Lion's Den at 5:45pm. Meet there on Sunday, May 28th!
- **May 29** – Memorial Day parade at 10am. Come join us!
- **June 4** – Youth potluck at 5:45pm and Water Wars. Bring a dish to share, a super soaker, water bomb splash balls and water balloons for a summer kickoff celebration! Don't forget a towel, and water shoes. This is a calendar change due to scheduling complication for our host.
- **June 11** – Graduation Celebration at 10:30am and Tie Dying with Megann at 5:45pm (bring something white to tie dye.)

**JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

**HAPPY 80+ BIRTHDAY TO:**

- Bill Svenkesen, 6/3
- Carol Nelson, 6/4
- Joyce Delamarter, 6/10
- Gay Crump, 6/12
- Marilyn Sue Waltz, 6/15
- Barbara Johnston, 6/19
- Lavonne Long, 6/21

**HAPPY 50+ ANNIVERSARY TO:**

- Marvin & Mary Jane Jewell, 6/11, 69 yrs.
- Stephen & Nancy Albery, 6/14, 54 yrs.
- Larry & Barb Spiece, 6/14, 54 yrs.
- Bruce & Beverly Lax, 6/16, 61 yrs.
- Neil & Beverly Currie 6/17, 51 yrs.
- Richard & Lynn Vincent, 6/21, 54 yrs.
- Ken Paul & Deanna Bowers, 6/24, 64 yrs.
- Ronald & Barbara Newman, 6/28, 54 yrs.

- **June 15** – “Just Ducky” outdoor art exhibition at 6pm by Riverwalk entrance (by Buffalo Wild Wings). Meet there and we will go check out the art exhibit together.
- **June 18** – No Youth Group (Father’s Day)
- **June 19–23** – Vacation Bible School from 9am to 12pm
- **July 9** – Picnic in the Park at Hess-Hathaway Park at 5:00pm

\*\*Lake Day and Bonfire; date and time to be determined\*\*

\*\*Camping trip and/or Motown Missions Urban Plunge in Detroit; date, location and cost TBD\*\*

## Connect Kids Ministry

Connect Kids Ministry Sunday morning classes will not meet on May 21, May 28 and June 4<sup>th</sup> to prepare for our Summer Sunday Fundays that begin on June 11<sup>th</sup>. Summer Sunday Fundays is for kids, youth and adults. Our first Summer Sunday Funday is called Wonder Lab on June 11<sup>th</sup> in Fellowship Hall at about 10:45am. Put on your lab coat and your safety glasses and come experience some crazy science fun with a little art thrown in!

## Don't Forget to Register for Stellar VBS!

### June 19–23, 9am–Noon

VBS is open to ages 3 years (as of 2022; must be potty-trained) through outgoing 5th graders. Friends are welcome! Register your budding space explorers by calling Patty at (248) 681-0040 or online at <https://www.vbspro.events/p/ffcela>.

## JUMP Kids Midweek Ministry

JUMP is a new ministry for kids in 1st–5th grade. JUMP will meet twice a month during the summer. Our first get-together will be on **Thursday, June 15th from 5:30pm to 6:45pm**. Bring a sack lunch. JUMP Kids Ministry is a play-based ministry focusing on sportsmanship, teamwork, problem-solving, core movement, prayer, self-control, creativity, and imagination. JUMP Kids Ministry is all about building relationships, meeting kids where they are in their faith journey, learning about the Bible and growing in faith and experiencing the wonder of God’s love and His Word. For more information please contact Patty at 248-681-0040.

## Q2 Directories Are Available

New Q2 directories have been printed and are available in the Narthex.

## Thank You Caring Core,

Thank you for the cards you sent and your prayers. Greatly appreciated.

With Love,  
-Penny Leverenz



**SUNDAY FUNDAYS**

- June 11 - Wonder Lab
- July 2 - Imagination Station
- July 9 - Jonah & the Big Fish
- July 16 - Walkin' on Water
- July 23 - Wet N' Wild
- July 30 - Chef's Challenge
- August 6 - Ginormous Aquarium
- August 13 - Sand Castles beach Day
- August 20 - The Great Crossing

Following Children's Time during worship! All ages welcome! Join the fun and bring your friends!

### Softball Schedule

- 5/22 – 6:15pm – Field #3
- 5/29 – No Game
- 6/5 – Bye
- 6/12 – 6:15pm – Field #1
- 6/19 – 7:30pm – Field #4
- 6/26 – 6:15pm – Field #1
- 7/3 – No Game
- 7/10 – 7:30pm – Field #3
- 7/17 – 6:15pm – Field #1
- 7/24 – 6:15pm – Field #4
- 7/31 – 7:30pm – Field #3
- 8/7 – Rain Make Up
- 8/12 – All Day Tournament
- Field #1 – New Hope
- Field #2 – St. Trinity
- Field #3 – Missionary
- Field #5 - Clarkston Community



## Central Church Honored by Scouting Programs

Central Church has been honored twice in this past year by both the Boy Scout and Girl Scout organizations. Last year, we were the Chartered Organization of the Year, 2021-2022 Program Year and were honored by the Pontiac-Manito District–Michigan Crossroads Council, Boy Scouts of America.

This past April, Pastor Jack and Ruth attended the Appreciation Banquet of the Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan and receive the Friend of Girl Scouting Award in appreciation of our support of the Girl Scouts of America.

Our building and kindness in offering it to both of these great organizations has led to these honors and we wanted you to know that Central UMC is well thought of by many organizations in our area. We truly are blessed to be a blessing to others!



## 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 June 4<sup>th</sup> issue of the *Chimes* is Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>.**