



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

06.25.23

UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

Sunday, June 25th. Join us for a special VBS Celebration. Worship is in person or online at Live.WaterfordCUMC.org

Dear Friends,

Earlier this month I attended the Michigan Area of the United Methodist Church Annual Conference. Our Lay Delegate, Debra Hayden-Schmid, attended the conference for the first time. Debra was particularly interested in our Michigan Area Conference program called Readers To Leaders.

Our Conference started raising funds to support the Readers to Leaders Program in 2022, and fundraising continues through June 2024. The Conference is asking each United Methodist Church to donate \$600. We would like to target raising \$1,200.


Half of the funds will benefit the Liberia Scholarship Program. Many people who live in Liberian communities earn less than a dollar a day. Families must often choose if they can afford to send their children to school. The Liberia Scholarship Program aims to raise funds for 100 students for eight years of schooling and to support four of the most economically disadvantaged schools in Liberia by providing access to clean water, flush toilets, and new science and computer labs.

Half of the funds will benefit the Freedom School Program in Flint and Detroit. The Michigan Conference's Children's Defense Fund (CDF) Freedom School Program currently operates two sites in Detroit: Second Grace UMC and two sites in Flint: Bethel UMC. The CDF Freedom Schools program is a six-week summer literacy and cultural enrichment program designed to serve children and youth in grades K-12 in communities where quality academic enrichment programming is limited, too expensive, or nonexistent.

The CDF Freedom Schools foster environments that support children and young adults (known as "scholars" in the CDF Freedom Schools program) to excel and believe in their ability to make a difference in themselves and in their families, schools, communities, country, and world with hope, education, and action. Additional information can be found at the United Methodist Church Michigan Conference website.

I am excited to have Debra so interested in seeing this project to completion. You can contact Debra Hayden-Schmid at 248-705-8546. If you would like to help raise funds or donate to this mission please share your ideas. Our imagination is the only limiting factor. You will no doubt hear more about this project to

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Softball Schedule

- 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 #4 - Clarkston Community



help people close to home and on the other side of the world.

We are so blessed in our nation and church! Let's use our blessings to bless others. I look forward to seeing you in worship.

Because of Christ,

Pastor Jack

Farewell Reception for Sue Newill

Join us after worship on June 25th as we celebrate the ministry of our bookkeeper, Sue Newill. Sue is retiring and we wish her well in her new endeavors. There will be cake and punch!

Bookkeeper Hours and Contact Info

Central's new bookkeeper, Cassandra Thompson, will be working from the office Monday through Thursday, 9am - 1pm. Please call the office if you need to meet with her, or email her with questions or requests at bookkeeper@waterfordcumc.org.

Stellar VBS Has Blasted Off!

Stellar VBS has reached escape velocity and our budding astronauts are on their way to an out-of-this-world experience. The first day of VBS was filled with fun, games, Bible teaching, snacks and more. 63 kids were registered as of Monday morning.

Holy Land Pilgrimage

Pastor Jack and his wife, Ruth, are planning a wonderful opportunity for members and friends of Central Church to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from January 29th – February 7th, 2024. The cost of the trip is \$3990 per person, which includes airfare, double occupancy accommodations, all meals and nine days of sightseeing with an English-speaking government-licensed Christian guide. If you are interested in this trip, watch for an upcoming planning meeting or contact Pastor Jack at jmannschreck@waterfordcumc.org.

The deadline for articles for the July 9th issue of the *Chimes* is Thursday, June 29th.



The Church Office will be closed Monday, July 3rd and Tuesday, July 4th.

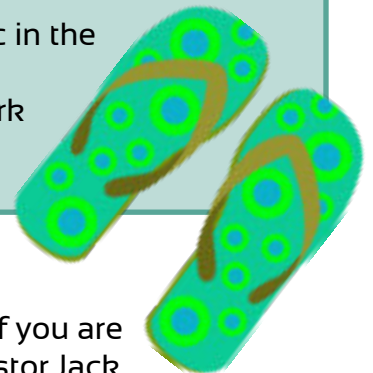
SUNDAY FUNDAYS

- 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 10:30am Sunday worship! All ages welcome! Join the fun and bring your friends!

CUMC Youth Ministries Summer Adventures

- **June 19-23** – Vacation Bible School from 9am to 12pm
- **June 30** – Summer Splash from 5:00 to 8:00pm at the Taylor's house
- **July 9** – Picnic in the Park at Hess-Hathaway Park at 5:00pm





A special thank you to Central's Memorial Gardeners (l. to r.) Steve Albery, Nancy Albery, Cheryl Malin, Linda Taylor, Diana Carter, Sue Waters, Sharon Thomas, Tina Graham, Kathy Scafuri and Don Carter.

The first Cosmic Closing of this year's VBS included music, fun and a special science project.



The Central table at Moviepalooza 2023 included glitter tattoos and giant bubbles.

