



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

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UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

Sunday, July 9th Pastor Jack continues our new message series with *The Twelve: Simon Peter the Real Rock*. Worship is in person or online at Live.WaterfordCUMC.org

Dear Central Family and Friends,

This past week when I've asked people, "How are you?" the response has often been, "Hot!" It's early July and the temps are above normal, the humidity is high and many people are grumbling. It must be summer in Michigan! During the summer, I like to put together a series of messages that if you want to diligently follow the series week after week and track carefully the Message Notes and Devotions, you are certainly invited to do so. At the same time, if you are spending a great deal of time away from home, whether traveling to far-flung reaches of our nation or world or going to your northern cabin or summer home, you can enjoy each message as a "stand-alone" message that I pray will be helpful for you.

For summer 2023, I've put together a series of messages titled *The Twelve*. This past Sunday we began this series of messages by asking, "Who were these guys?" We discovered that the twelve disciples or apostles were ordinary and imperfect men who were chosen by Jesus, transformed by their relationship with Jesus and then sent by Jesus to transform the world. Jesus entrusted these men, most of them uneducated, to continue his ministry and mission and spread his message of God's divine grace and love.

Beginning this next Sunday, we will select a disciple to highlight each week to talk about his life and interaction with Jesus. While there is sometimes little known from scripture there are other sources that fill in the gaps and allow us to marvel at the accomplishments of The Twelve. In addition to those sources, I am utilizing a book by Dr. Larry Zachrich titled *Determining Your Legacy: The Power of Lasting Impressions*. Larry is married to a high school friend of mine whom I always enjoy seeing and Larry and I have had a few wonderful conversations. He has taught and held several positions at Northwest State Community College for over 40 years. Dr. Zachrich has served as a business professor, Dean of Business, Dean of Engineering Technologies, and Dean of Arts & Sciences.

What I want to glean from our summer message series, *The Twelve*, is how we can determine our own legacy as followers of Christ. I invite you to watch the introductory message from this past Sunday and then join us throughout the summer to delve into the lives of the men who were The Twelve. I look forward to seeing you in worship!

Because of Christ,

Pastor Jack

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Saying Farewell

Sunday, June 25 was Kevin Naeve's last Sunday with Central United Methodist Church. He is seeking opportunities elsewhere and we wish him well as he approaches new horizons. Kevin was a wonderful choir director with a keen ear that enabled him to lead our choir toward excellence and increased the vocal ability of the individuals in our Chancel Choir. There is no doubt Kevin will be missed.

Please pray for our Staff Parish Relations Committee that is charged with filling our Music Director position. Pray for blessings as we continue to gather to worship our loving Creator and Redeemer with music, scripture and a message sharing the good news of Jesus the Christ.

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.

Sympathies

Condolences to Nancy Elton and family on the death of her mother, Jane Asplin. Our prayers are with the family.

Memorials

A special thank you to those who have given Memorial Gifts in honor of loved ones. To date in 2023, Central has received gifts in honor of:

- Paul Blomquist
- Margaret Mariner
- Norma Painter
- John Sawyers
- Marcia Swartz

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.



JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

HAPPY 80+ BIRTHDAY TO:

- Dennis Fortier, 7/1
- Marian Hansen, 7/3
- Ernest Metzner, 7/14
- Velette Svenkesen, 7/19
- James March, 7/23
- Barb Burns, 7/28

HAPPY 50+ ANNIVERSARY TO:

- John & Judy Baker, 7/10 - 52 yrs.
- Skip and Cheryl Malin, 7/15 - 51 yrs.

CUMC Youth Ministries Summer Adventures

July 9 – Picnic in the Park at Hess-Hathaway Park at 5:00pm



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!

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 July 23rd issue of the *Chimes* is Thursday, July 13th.



Softball Schedule

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

