



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

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UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

Sunday, July 23rd Pastor Jack continues our 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,

I hope you are having a great summer with its relaxed schedule, time spent outside and opportunities for vacations. Here we are in the second half of July (already!) and the schedule at the church has lessened but the staff is hard at work as we are now in planning for the fall and thinking of Advent and Christmas! One gathering that I am particularly pleased to tell you about is our "Block Party" on Friday, August 18th. We are putting together invitations for the neighborhoods around the church and beyond. This is a time to gather socially with members from our community, demonstrate the warm hospitality of our church family and enjoy fellowship, food and fun!




As members and friends of Central Church, you are invited to be a part of this party by helping us host. We need people to help set

up, grill food, facilitate the corn hole tournament, and clean up. We are asking those who own corn hole games to lend them to us, and we also need people to make side dishes.

Ten years ago, when Ruth and I moved to Waterford, we worried that it would be difficult to connect with the church and community. In our prior moves, we had our children with us and they provided many natural connections with both our church and the community. Besides the friendships we've made in our church, we have connected with the community through Rotary and the Oakland County Retired Employee's Golf League and through several events that happen throughout the community (the Memorial Day Parade, Elf Magic, the Optimists Carless Car Raffle, etc.)

Now that we have welcomed two furry friends into our family, our dogs Coco and Cooper, we are meeting the people in our neighborhood. Just this past weekend, I met one of our neighbors while walking Coco. This guy saw us coming from ten houses away and called, "What kind of dog is that?" I said, "She's a Newfiedoodle—a cross between a Newfoundland and a standard Poodle." Now while Coco is a shy and skittish dog who we rescued with the knowledge that she isn't particularly fond of men, I am friendly, and while he tried to woo

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Friday, August 18th, 6-10pm

Corn Hole Tournament, Slip & Slide, Giant Bubbles, Games, Crafts, Food & Fun.

Have fun and meet our neighbors. We're inviting folks that live around the church to a block party and we have opportunities to help out. Be a host, help with set up and clean up, or share your favorite salad, side dish, or dessert. We also need corn hole games (boards and bags).

Be part of the fun. Add your name to the sign up sheet in the Narthex or see Robin or Patty for more information.

Coco I learned that he had worked for two different John Deere dealers, was retired and loves dogs. Connection made!

So this summer, let's live out our Mission Statement: "Connecting with God. Connecting with Others. Changing our World with Christ's love." Please prayerfully consider being a part of our first Block Party. Meet some new people! Meet one another! More information on how to get involved is in this issue of the *Chimes*. In the meantime, I look forward to seeing you in worship.

Blessings and Peace,

Pastor Jack

JUMP Kids Ministry

Thursday, July 27th 5:30pm to 6:40pm

JUMP is a brand new youth group for kids in grades K–5th. It's an action-based/play-based younger youth ministry, which means we are on the "GO!"

Pack a meal as we break bread together before we get started with our wonder-based Bible stories and service projects. Our time together is filled with fun, laughter and learning about and growing in our relationship with Jesus Christ. Friends are always welcome! So, grab your shoes, invite your friends, pack your meal and join us this Thursday. During the school year JUMP Kids Ministry will meet each Thursday afternoon into the early evening.

Are You Ready for Confirmation? Are You Ready to Affirm Your Baptism?

9th graders are invited to our first Confirmation Faith Retreat on Friday, September 8th at 6pm to Saturday, September 9th at 4pm. Our first retreat is on "The Wonders of God!" We hope you will join us!

If the retreat style doesn't work for your schedule we have a second track that is meeting on Sundays in the Youth Room from 4pm to 5:30pm with a meal at 5:45pm, followed by Youth Group until 7:30pm. **This Sunday track begins on September 10th and will be for 8th and 9th graders!**

Sunday Fundays

You're invited to a **wet and wild water day** at Central UMC. Wear your swimming suit and bring a towel for a **splashin' good time at 10:45am on Sunday, July 23rd**. We gather in Fellowship Hall then head outside to a 30-foot slip-n-slide, water games and tons of fun as we discover the story of Jesus' baptism! Sunday Fundays is for kids of all ages and friends are always welcome!



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

HAPPY 80+ BIRTHDAY TO:

- Barbara Jacobson, 8/2
- Marvin Jewell, 8/10
- Richard Lund, 8/10
- Sally Kuhn, 8/11
- Shirley Riffe, 8/19
- Joyce Merle, 8/19
- Larry Payne, 8/20
- JoAnn Fedison, 8/24
- Maurice Grant, 8/27

HAPPY 50+ ANNIVERSARY TO:

- Andrew & Pamela Gustafson, 8/9
54 yrs.
- Randall and Debra Cooper, 8/18
51 yrs.
- Bill and Velette Svenkesen, 8/20
62 yrs.
- Don and Diana Carter, 8/26
56 yrs.

August 10th, 5:30pm.
JUMP Kids Ministry
Younger Youth
Group.

August 20th during 10:30am worship. Blessing of the Backpacks, Briefcases and Book Bags for all students, teachers, staff, and administration. A blessing and prayer for you as you head back to school!

September 8th, 6pm–9th, 4pm. 9th Grade Confirmation Faith Retreat.

September 10th. Rally Day!



- On Sunday, July 30th we will be baking up a storm in our **Chef's Challenge**.
- On Sunday, August 6th we are embarking on an undersea adventure called **The Ginormous Aquarium**.

All Sunday Fundays take place from 10:45am to 11:30am in Fellowship Hall and outside on the grass near Fellowship Hall.

Sympathies

Our condolences to Ken and Kelly Cortese on the death of his father, Walter Cortese, and to Chelsea Cortese-Allan, Matthew Cortese, McKenzie Cortese, and Catrina Neugent on the death of their grandfather.

Thank You

Dear Pastor Jack and Fellow Staff Members and the Central Community

Wow! What can I say? The retirement reception, cake and flowers were so nice - Thank you!

The kind words said by Pastor Jack and the congregation really touched my heart. What an amazing community to have been a small part of. We have shared not only sorrow, but great joys over the past six years. Thank you all!

Love, Sue (Newill)

Dear Church Family,

I'd like to thank you for awarding me the Richard and Sally Kuhn Scholarship this year. I appreciate the continued support.

Sincerely, Matt Sullivan

Dear Church,

Thank you for the generous scholarship towards my education. I appreciate your support as I pursue my career goals in Education!

Love, Emily Cornish

Dear Church,

Thank you for the scholarship to help my college funds. It means a lot to have the support as I continue my academic career!

Love, Brayden (Cornish)

Moviepalooza!

On behalf of the Waterford Area Chamber of Commerce and Waterford Township Parks and Recreation Department, we would like to thank you for your support in bringing Moviepalooza to the Waterford Community! Your sponsorship brought tons of fun and so much joy to over 300 attendees for the evening, and we look forward to working with you next year to bring more smiles to our community.

Thank You, Nikki & Katie



Dear Waterford Central UMC,

Thank you so much for your gift to the UMRC-Porter Hills Foundation's Benevolent Care Fund. We are delighted to tell you that your gift will be matched dollar for dollar by an anonymous donor! Thank you so much for your steadfast and generous support of the older adults we serve!

God Bless You, Lisa French, Sr. Director of Communications

Dear Central Church,

Thank you for your donation made on 6/29/23. Your support allows the children and families we serve to rewrite their stories and envision a more peaceful future. Your thoughtful gift directly impacts the many children and families that we serve.

All my best, Kevin Roach, CEO

Dear Central United Methodist Church,

Thank you for your most generous support of Open Door Outreach Center by donating to help assist people who are struggling to have basic needs like food, shelter, household items and clothing. Your gift makes a tremendous difference in the lives of people right here in our community.

We are so grateful for your support. Open Door is blessed by you.

Gratefully, John Reardon, Executive Director

Address Change

There is a new address for Marshall and Jan Rice: 1700 Cass Lake Rd. #212, Harbor, MI 48320.

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 August 6th issue of the *Chimes* is Thursday, July 27th.