



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

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UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

Sunday, August 6th Pastor Jack continues our message series with *The Twelve: John the Beloved*. Sunday Fundays is Ginormous Aquarium. Worship is in person or online at Live.WaterfordCUMC.org

Dear Friends,

With the message this next Sunday, August 6, we will be half-way through our Summer Message Series titled *The Twelve*. An important part of this series of messages is also considering our own legacy as we learn about the lives of the twelve men who closely followed Jesus and knew him best. We can learn a great deal about some of these men through our scripture and additional ancient writings. With the others in *The Twelve* we can glean precious little; two of them we know nothing about except that they are listed as members of *The Twelve*.

Immediate and first impressions are important. Dr. Larry Zachrich, in his book, *Determining Your Legacy: The Power of Lasting Impressions*, writes, "We quickly decide if a person deserves a second look. Traits are inferred spontaneously and decisions which utilize the information are determined automatically. The ability to effortlessly judge a person 'serves as an initial pass that may determine the likelihood of seeking additional information (i.e., whether to approach or avoid a given individual).'" (Page 37 – with references to an article in *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology* titled "Half a Minute: Predicting Teacher Evaluation from Thin Slices of Nonverbal Behavior and Physical Attractiveness" by Nalini Ambady and Robert Rosenthal).

The point of sharing that quote is that we make quick decisions about people with very little knowledge about them. Dr. Zachrich writes further that these quick assessments of others can be very accurate. He also mentions that it is very difficult to change our initial impressions. There are times when you need an avalanche of information in order to reverse a first impression.

I can't count the number of people who have commented on our messages from this summer; especially the message about Judas Iscariot. With limited exposure to *The Twelve*, it is my hope that we will consider our own legacies and how we, the church, impact the world around us that is constantly and quickly making judgments about us.

I encourage us all to always be aware of our actions and how we are perceived by others. We may not get a second chance to make a positive impression for the sake of the church and our witness of Jesus the Christ! I sincerely hope you are having a blessed summer and I look forward to seeing you in worship.

Because of Christ,

Pastor Jack

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We Have Been Blessed; Let Us Be a Blessing to Others

Baked Goods and Garden Produce Sale on Sunday, August 27

Join us as we raise funds for the Michigan Conference Readers to Leaders Program. Our goal is to raise \$1,200. To participate, bring homemade baked items or fresh garden produce to sell, or make a purchase or monetary donation to the [Readers to Leaders Program](#).

Funds From This Sale Will Benefit:

UMC Michigan Conference Children's Defense Fund (CDF) Freedom School Program

- The Freedom School Program operates in two sites in Detroit and Flint: The 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 non-existent.
- The goal is to increase the capacity of the Michigan Conference to continue to support and expand the number of children and youth served through new sites across the state of Michigan.

UMC Michigan Conference 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 any of 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 poorest schools in Liberia by providing access to clean water, flush toilets, and new science and computer labs.
- Central Church has been actively involved with Liberia activities. Through member commitment and generous donations Central provides annual scholarships to 24 students at the C. W. Duncan UMC School in Monrovia, Liberia. Funds raised through the Readers to Leaders campaign address needs at different Liberian UMC schools.

Additional information can be found at the [United Methodist Church Michigan Conference Readers to Leaders web page](#). This site also includes a short Introductory Video (2 minutes) and a Lunch and Learn Video with more details (48 minutes). Please include these programs, children, parents, and teachers in your prayers.

See Debra Hayden-Schmid (248-705-8546) if you are willing to help with this activity.

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!

Sept. 8th @ 6pm—Sept. 9th @ 4pm.
9th Grade Confirmation Faith Retreat.

September 10th. Rally Day!



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.

Central's Older Adult Ministry Is Back!

Tuesday, August 29th noon—2:00pm

Our Older Adult Ministry is being rejuvenated and has a new name. It will now be known as PrimeTime (Seniors Ministry). This ministry is an opportunity for mature/senior adults to engage with others for fellowship, enrichment activities and service projects. All are welcome. We will meet in Fellowship Hall. Please bring a sack lunch and your favorite board game. Beverages and dessert will be furnished.

Watch for further information regarding upcoming programming and opportunities.

Parking Lot Repairs

We will be repairing Central's parking lot this summer. The repairs will take place in mid to late August, with specific dates still to be determined. As we finalize our plans we will keep you updated so that you know where to park during that time.

Thank You

Dear Church Family,

Thank you, Jack, for the support you have given to our family and your visit with mom. The kind words, hugs, cards and Facebook messages from our church family has given all of us such comfort.

Blessings to all,
-The Family of Jane Asplin

Sympathies

Our condolences to Rachel and John Pierre and family on the death of Rachel's mother, Betty Truhn, and to John Russell Pierre on the death of his grandmother.

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 20th issue of the *Chimes* is Thursday, August 10th.

Summer at Central



Central Kids heard the story of "Jonah and the Big Fish" during summer Sunday Fundays.



Youth Group lends a hand in the gardens at Micah 6.