



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

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UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

Sunday, August 20th Pastor Jack continues our message series with *The Twelve: Bartholomew/ Nathaniel the Guileless*. Sunday Fundays is The Great Crossing. Worship is in person or online at [Live.WaterfordCUMC.org](https://www.LiveWaterfordCUMC.org)

Dear Friends in Christ,

Our CUMC Education Team met and we are looking forward to the fall and all the happenings for children, youth, families, and adult faith formation! We have defined our Educational Ministry core values as:

1. Commitment to excellence
2. Integrity
3. Servant attitude
4. Relational
5. Intentional ministry
6. Heart for outreach and evangelism
7. Empowering others to lead

Matthew 19:14 – But Jesus said, “Let the children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.”

2 Corinthians 4:7 – We now have this light shining in our hearts, but we ourselves are like fragile clay jars containing this great treasure. This makes it clear that our great power is from God, not from ourselves.

In our Educational Ministry people of all ages, including children, youth, and adults have access to Jesus. Jesus **intentionally** loves all of us and blesses us. Jesus didn't take time out of His work to love all people, it *was* His work.

As an intentional ministry we are focused on:

1. Relational Ministry – building deep relationships; a faith community filled with compassion, caring, service and unconditional love.
2. Congregational Involvement – Empowering, Equipping and Developing leaders to pass on the faith today, tomorrow and to future generations.
3. Building student leaders through service and leadership opportunities.
4. Providing a safe and accepting environment for all to ask questions, to doubt, and to discover the awe and wonder of our awesome and amazing God.
5. Prayer


The Educational Ministries of Waterford Central United Methodist Church will embark on the journey of:

1. Connecting with God
2. Connecting with Others
3. Changing our world with Christ's love

Peace to you,

-Angela Miller, Erica Kin and Coach Patty

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Upcoming Events

Mark your calendar for these events, studies and more!

Friday, August 18th, 6pm–10pm. Summer Block Party. Bring your chair and enjoy a summer evening with our neighbors. Featuring food, games, and a cornhole tournament.

August 20th during 10:30am worship. Blessing of the Backpacks, Briefcases and Book Bags for all students, teachers, staff, and administration.

August 24th, 5:30pm. JUMP Kids Ministry Younger Youth Group.

August 27th, after worship. Readers to Leaders garden produce and bake sale to benefit the UMC Readers to Leaders program.

Tuesday, August 29th, noon–2pm. PrimeTime (Seniors Ministry) kicks off with board games and fellowship..

Friday, September 8th @ 6pm through Saturday, September 9th @ 4pm. Ninth-grade Confirmation Faith Retreat. See Patty for sign-up.

Saturday, September 9th, 6pm. Central Cinema resumes with McFarland, USA.

September 10th after worship. Central is planning a special Rally Day back-to-church potluck and celebration, so mark your calendars.

Sunday, September 10th, 5:30–7:30pm. Youth Group fall kickoff with dinner and a Gaga Ball tournament.

September 21st, 6:30–7:30pm. Thursday Evening Studies resume with *Dangerous Wonder*.

Stay Tuned for More Upcoming Events As Information Becomes Available.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES


HAPPY 80+ BIRTHDAY TO:

- Nancy Radenbaugh, 9/5
- Roger Crick, 9/26
- Bruce Lax, 9/29

HAPPY 50+ ANNIVERSARY TO:

- Wilbur & Linda Meadows, 9/3 - 56 yrs.
- Dale & Susan Miller, 9/18 - 52 yrs.
- Don & Mary Lou Osborne, 9/30 - 67 yrs.

BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE



Lynn Ann Vincent

October 19, 1946 - August 9, 2023
Member Since June 5, 1977

Our sincere sympathies to Richard (Dick) Vincent and family on the death of his wife Lynn Ann Vincent.

Thursday Evening Study

6:30–7:30pm in the Parlor

Join Coach Patty as she brings back our Thursday Evening Study for the fall.

Dangerous Wonder

September 21 – November 9

Does life feel dull? Are you bored? If you said yes to one of those questions then *Dangerous Wonder* is for you! Do you remember when you wanted to be a superhero, or maybe a princess, or you thought you could fly? Do you remember when you played outside until the street lights came on? You would run, jump and play hard without worrying about what was next, no schedule, no projects, just being a kid having fun. *Dangerous Wonder* is a book written by Michael Yaconelli and

this book study invites you to recapture the joy of being a kid and apply it to your relationship with God at any age. You will be encouraged to ask difficult questions about faith, and ponder your relationship with God as a child of God. *Dangerous Wonder* is a time to reveal the wonder, the mystery and the awe of God in the world and also in our lives. Join us for laughter, fun, play and the pure joy of being a child of God! Book cost is \$12.

What is Advent and How is it Celebrated?

November 30 – December 21

You are invited to go on a 4 week ADVENT-ure (no luggage needed!) with us as we discover hope, peace, love and joy as Advent is celebrated around the world from many different backgrounds. We may discover that many practices may be different from ours, but all focus on the hope-filled arrival of Jesus, the long-awaited Messiah.

Thank You

Dear Central Church,

Thank you for your generous donation from your rummage sale proceeds. Your gift is helping to bridge the gap survivors face when transforming their lives. For the past 47 years, supporters like you have allowed HAVEN the ability to provide essential services to more than 30,000 survivors and their families yearly.

Sincerely,

-Christine Kinal, President/CEO of HAVEN

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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 September 2nd issue of the *Chimes* is Thursday, August 24th.