



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

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## UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> Pastor Jack continues our message series with *The Twelve: James the Less and Judas (Not Iscariot)—the Forgotten Followers*. Worship is in person or online at

[Live.WaterfordCUMC.org](https://www.Live.WaterfordCUMC.org)

## Dear Friends,

As Ruth and I were up north on vacation this past week we noticed the small bursts of color on the trees proclaiming that soon those small bursts will become the entire palette of color on those same trees. We were trying to squeeze in some time together before our busier fall schedule. Our daughter-in-law has already put out a text letting us know that we need to nail down our annual-apple picking day in the fall. While the trees remind us of the inevitability of change, Sara's text to our family reminds us to get ready, make plans and anticipate the good times we can have together. Lots of change has happened and a lot of change is yet to come! Just as the world around us is changing, our church has experienced a great deal of change over the last few months.

In April we greeted our new Lifelong Faith Formation Director Patty Stroup; she has created many wonderful opportunities and programs for our children and youth and has been busy this summer working on our fall programming. In June we said goodbye to Sue Newill, our Bookkeeper for six years and welcomed Cassandra Thompson, whom we will introduce to you on Rally Day Sunday! She is doing a wonderful job following the work of Sue. We have been working on securing a Music/Choir Director this summer and hope to have that position filled soon. I want to thank everyone who has stepped up and helped cover many of the responsibilities of this position over the past five months.

In the midst of these many changes, we will continue the usual programming that excites our congregation and welcomes the community into our fellowship. Rally Day is September 10<sup>th</sup> with a classic car show, all-church potluck and music from the time in which our church transitioned from Pontiac Central to Waterford Central and our beautiful building was built. In other words, we will have music from the 60's. Many of our studies are resuming (or resuming in-person) after their COVID hibernation. The 2023 Confirmation class is forming, and our new Sunday school program, called KidVenture, will bring God's message to our children through "Superheroes of the Bible," which dovetails nicely with this year's Marvel-themed Trunk or Treat. We are exploring our support of CROP Walk and, of course, we're preparing for our Clothe-a-Child Ministry and Blessings in a Backpack, which provides clothing and weekend food for many children in our local schools. Advent will bring special studies and opportunities for Christmas caroling, fellowship and our Christmas Eve service.

There is so much change going in our world, and our church is a part of the transformation toward beauty and blessings. Join me in asking for God's guidance and presence as we travel through this time of change. I look forward to seeing you in worship!

Because of Christ,

*Pastor Jack*

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## Upcoming Events

Mark your calendar for these events, studies and more!

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

**Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 7pm.** Pastor Jack hosts a Wednesday Evening Message Study via Zoom then **regular weekly classes begin on Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.** Email Jack

(jmannschreck@waterfordcumc.org) for the link.

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

**Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 6pm.** Central Cinema resumes with *McFarland, USA*.

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

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

**Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 5:15 - 6:30pm.** Central Cafe resumes with a dinner of pierogi and sausage. Please sign up; there are no carry-over names on the sheet.

**Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> 7pm.** Purple Threads prayer and study group resumes.

**Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 5:15pm.** JUMP Kids mid-week ministry for K-5<sup>th</sup> grade.

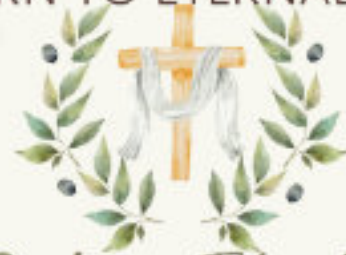
**Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:30–7:30pm.** Thursday Evening Study resumes with *Dangerous Wonder*.

## Purple Threads Women's Bible Study Fall Kick-Off

**Tuesday, September 19th, 7pm in the Parlor**

Our study will be *How Happiness Happens: Finding Lasting Joy in a World of Comparison, Disappointment, and Unmet Expectations* by Max Lucado. Max shares the unexpected path to lasting happiness, one that produces reliable joy amidst any life circumstances. Based on the teachings of Jesus and backed by modern research, this book presents a surprising but practical way of living that will change you from the inside out. A video will be shown at each session followed by discussion led by Sue Shipley, our teaching

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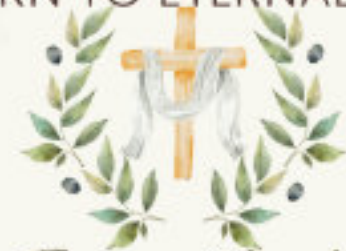


Barbara Johnston

June 19, 1930 – August 20, 2023  
Member Since May 30, 1999

Our prayers are with Barb's husband George, children Sheldon Brim and Amy (Brian) Tucker, and her grandchildren, extended family, and friends.

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James March

July 23, 1928 – August 23, 2023  
Member Since April 30, 1989

Our prayers are with James' son Todd March, his extended family, and friends.

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John Ostrander

January 14, 1931 – August 18, 2023  
Member Since January 27, 1963

Our prayers are with John's children Janet (Al) Smith, John Ostrander, and Jimmy (Aneila) Ostrander, and his grandchildren, siblings, extended family, and friends.

leader. Study books are \$13.11 and will be available on Sundays starting Sept. 7th and in the church office during the week. Other classes will be on October 3 & 17, November 7 & 21. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Diana Carter, 248-309-2490 or dianacarter@comcast.net ASAP so we can order a book for you.

## **Giving to Central Church**

Thank you for your giving to Central Church. Please print your full name (first and last) on offering envelopes and other contributions. This will ensure that your giving is correctly credited to your account. Thank you.

## **Thank You**

### **Dear Church Family,**

Thank you to everyone who supported the CUMC Michigan Conference Readers to Leaders fundraiser on Sunday 8/27. We had lots of yummy baked treats and, through your donations, we raised \$587. It's not too late to donate, if you missed Sunday, mail a check or stop by the church office to make a donation. Our goal is to raise \$1,200, watch for info on a second fundraising bake sale in the fall.

-Debra Hayden-Schmid

### **Dear Central Church,**

Thank you for the prayers, cards, dinners, and love we received following Rachel's surgery and the death of her mother. We are truly blessed to be part of the Central Family.

Blessings and peace,

-John, Rachel and John Russell (Pierre)

### **From the Team at Lighthouse,**

Thank you for your generous support in this fiscal year! With your congregation's help, Lighthouse served over 54,000 individuals with emergency food and 430 with emergency shelter. Thank you for being a partner in our mission!

-Grace Hochstetler

### **Dear Church Family,**

Thank you for the scholarship you have given me. I am returning to Valparaiso University as a second-year nursing major and I appreciate your continued support!

-Love, Ashley Gibbs

### **Dear CUMC,**

Today, I would like to thank the congregation of this church for the Virginia Selle Scholarship that I have received in order to continue my educational journey.

This academic year, I will be transferring to Michigan State University to pursue a bachelor's degree in psychology. I hope to have a great school year filled with learning and personal growth.

As I prepare to begin my sophomore year of higher education, I reflect on the opportunities CUMC has provided to me to learn, pursue my goals, and become a stronger follower of Christ in the process. Once again, thank you and God bless.

-Aubrey Gibbs



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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.

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The deadline for articles for the September 17<sup>th</sup> issue of the *Chimes* is Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. The church office will be closed Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. Happy Labor Day!