



UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

Sunday, October 15th. Pastor Jack concludes our Stewardship message series with *Keeping Your Eye on the Goal*. Worship is in person or online at Live.WaterfordCUMC.org

Dear Friends,

This week the devotions that accompany the message notes are focused on teamwork and how our giftedness contributes to the teams of which we are a part. As mentioned several times during our Generosity Campaign, *Join the Team! The CUMC Team*, we're having a tailgate-styled potluck after worship on our Celebration Sunday, October 15. We are asking people to bring their favorite foods—from chips and dips to sandwiches to casseroles to desserts—and also to bring symbols of the teams they support to place in the center of the tables. You can bet I'll bring in my "antique" Spartan helmet!

During worship this next Sunday, we will ask our members and friends to come forward and, as an act of worship, place your Generosity Pledge in a container up front. Between now and then, I am asking you to prayerfully consider how you can financially support Central Church's mission and ministry in 2024. Truly pray about the difference we make in the lives of others right here in Waterford and around the world through our United Methodist denomination. A part of your consideration should be all that you have received as a blessing from our loving God. Those blessings include the very lives we have!

I often share that what we give should reflect three aspects of our lives. First, it is a personal decision between you and God. That's why your plan to support our ministries in 2024 should be prayerfully made. I also want to share with you that although your decision is personal it is not private in a significant way because our leadership depends on your Generosity Pledge to plan for our ministries in the new year.

Second, your giving should reflect the same discipline as any spiritual discipline. The scripture from this past Sunday was from Paul's letter to the Romans and includes the words, "I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship." (Romans 12:1) Your support of Central Church should be regular and considered as giving of yourselves, which is your spiritual worship according to Paul.

Finally, your giving should be sacrificial. Paul asked that we present our bodies "as a living sacrifice." Our giving should be sacrificial in that it should make a difference in our lives and be a part of our financial plans. Think about this for a moment. If your giving makes no difference to you financially, then how are God and Jesus Christ making a difference in your life? I'm not saying that you have to give up your homes and your kids' college funds, but I am saying that your generosity should make a difference to you, as God's generosity has made a difference in your life. Your giving to God's Kingdom work in the world should be one of your priorities.

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I pray that these words are helpful in guiding you toward making your Generosity Pledge this next Sunday. I thank you in advance for your generosity and look forward to seeing you in worship! Don't forget the Tailgate Potluck! May God continue to bless you.

Because of Christ,

Pastor Jack

Stewardship Tailgate Potluck

Sunday, October 15th, 2023

This upcoming Sunday as we celebrate the culmination of our generosity campaign, "Join the Team! Team CUMC," plan to bring your generosity card forward during worship. If you pledged online there will be blank cards in the Narthex for you to use.

After worship, join us for a "Tailgating Potluck" as we celebrate another year of generously doing God's kingdom work in our world. Bring your favorite tailgating food to share and team collectible(s) to use as a centerpiece on your table.

Advent By Candlelight

Saturday, December 2, 2023, 2-4pm

Once again the women of the church are invited for a special afternoon of fellowship before the holiday season ramps up. Central's popular Advent by Candlelight is a relaxing time to get together for a short service followed by a tea. You can sign up to host a group of your friends at a table or sign up to attend and we'll put you at a table with open seating. The sign up sheet can be found outside the church office.

Welcome Central's New Music Director

We are excited to announce that Aran Kim, Central's organist/accompanist, has accepted the position of Music Director at Central church. She will be expanding her already extensive music capabilities to include directing the Chancel Choir, directing the Agape Bells and helping to grow Central's music program as we build back after the pandemic. Welcome Aran!

Rummage Sale Planning Meeting

Sunday, Oct. 22nd after Worship in Room 104

This meeting is to discuss ideas for the future of Central's rummage sale and to gauge the congregation's willingness to help facilitate it. Please plan to join us if you'd like to see



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

HAPPY 80+ BIRTHDAY TO:

- Patricia Loomis, 11/1
- Bruce Hazen, 11/8
- Ruth Greene, 11/8
- John Nelson, 11/11
- Marilyn Bruce, 11/15
- Doris Quick, 11/17
- Eleanor Snyder, 11/23

HAPPY 50+ ANNIVERSARY TO:

- Roy & Sandra Gay, 11/4 - 51 yrs.
- Leonard & Judy Kluft, 11/22 - 56 yrs.
- Steve & Sandi Krupa, 11/28 - 54 yrs.



CENTRAL CINEMA PRESENTS

FREE MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday, November 4th 6pm

The November movie is "The Mountain Between Us" the story of two strangers who must forge a connection to survive a perilous journey across the wilderness after their plane crashes on a snow-covered mountain. PG-13.

this great ministry continue in 2024. For more information, or if you are unable to attend but would like to provide input, please contact Linda Taylor at (317) 441-4293 or taylorlinc@yahoo.com.

Sympathies

Our sincerest condolences to Denise Anderson on the passing of her partner, Gary Trammell, on September 25th, 2023. Our prayers are with Denise and Gary's family and friends.

Thank You

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for all of the cards, prayers and kind words of sympathy after the passing of my mother, Nita.

-Jerry Paquette (Central's morning caretaker)

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 October 29th issue of the *Chimes* is Thursday, October 19th.

PrimeTime Senior Ministry
presents

Share Your Hobby

Thursday, October 19th
1:00 - 3:30pm

Bring your hobby, collection, etc. to Fellowship Hall and spend a few hours sharing your passion with others. If you don't have a hobby, plan to attend and see what others are doing.

Cider and donuts will be served!

Please RSVP by Tuesday, October 17th to Cathy Hazen (cathzen@comcast.net) with your name, hobby or collection you will share, and whether you need table and/or chair space.



To help with this great event, sign up in the Narthex or visit <https://bit.ly/trunk-or-treat-2023>.