

Chimes

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

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UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

Sunday, January 14th. Confirmation Sunday and Human Relations Sunday. Pastor Jack's message is *A Very Good Sign*. Worship is in person or online at Live.WaterfordCUMC.org

Dear Central Family,

You are invited to join us this Sunday as we celebrate with Nate Foster and Shawn Riley as they reach the faith milestone of Affirmation of Baptism during our Sunday worship service! Our Central UMC Youth Group will also be presenting a musical number directed by Dr. Aran Kim. A celebration reception for Nate, Shawn and their families will follow in Fellowship Hall after the worship service. We hope you will join us for this amazing faith milestone on Sunday, January 14th at 10:30am.

The youth of Central United Methodist Church are an amazing group of young people and highly gifted, compassionate, caring, giving and love to laugh and have fun! Our Youth Group meets each Sunday evening and we start with a meal together, which is provided by families. If you are interested in making a meal for our Youth Group and sitting down and getting to know the youth please let us know by contacting the Director of Lifelong Faith Formation. The Youth Group has been involved in service to Micah 6 Community, Mott Children's Hospital Pontiac and Lighthouse of Pontiac. They brought GAGA Ball back to life this summer, helped with Vacation Bible School, Trunk or Treat, made cookies for and caroled at the Inn at Cass Lake, and tons more. Our younger youth have built Legos to the sky, played hide-n-seek, learned Jesus is Our Superhero, The Lord's Prayer, The Birth of Jesus, and went on an around-the-world-adventure during Advent (from the UK, to China, to Mexico and back to the United States.) We have some truly amazing adults who mentor our youth and younger kids in the faith! Thank you to our Sunday morning leaders and our Confirmation Mentors, parents and our youth for all you do for Central UMC and the community!

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Left - Gift bags for guests of Lighthouse Center - Painting with a Twist
Right - Giant Lego skyscrapers

Human Relations Sunday: January 14th, 2024

Human Relations Day is a denomination-wide special Sunday set aside to celebrate and raise awareness to further improve human relations by involving congregations in community and youth outreach. This special offering is taken the Sunday before Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. Gifts received for the offering benefit programs such as Community Developers and United Methodist Voluntary Services and Youth Offender Rehabilitation Programs. To give, mark your offering "Human Relations Sunday," or select "Special Offerings" at WaterfordCUMC.org or in the Vanco Giving app.

Thursday Study: Mind. Body. Spirit.

January 4 - February 29, 10:00–11:00am and 6:30–7:30pm

It's not too late to get involved in our winter Thursday study. This study will be held on Thursday mornings, then repeated on Thursday evenings to accommodate a variety of schedules. For more information, contact Patty Stroup (pstroup@waterfordcumc.org).

2024 Men's Summit Coming in February

February 16-18, Skyline Skyline Camp & Retreat Center

It's time for our Men's Summit! We will again be at Skyline Camp & Retreat Center (5650 Sandhill Rd.; Almont, MI 48003). It is about an hour away from Waterford Central and is a beautiful setting for our time together. We will have our own lodge in which to have our program and fellowship time. The cost of the weekend (two nights stay, four meals, breakfast Saturday to breakfast Sunday) is \$130. Plan on being a part of our 2024 Men's Summit! To reserve a space, sign up outside the church office.

PrimeTime "Central Cinema"

Wednesday, February 6th, 2pm in the Parlor

Join us for a special Central Cinema free movie afternoon. Our film will be "Valentine's Day" (PG-13). Popcorn and cake will be provided. Please bring your own beverage and any additional snacks you may want to share. Sponsored by PrimeTime, however all are welcome.

Cradle Roll

Congratulations to Brian and Megann Meuser on the birth of Penelope Quinn Meuser on December 27, 2023 and to siblings Graham and Evelyann and grandparents Bill and Tina Graham.

Sympathies

Our condolences and prayers are with Ruth and Pastor Jack Mannschreck on the passing of Ruth's mother, Ruth Paula Cooper, on December 29th, 2023. Our condolences also to Kiel Cooper (Tauna) on the passing of his mother and to Ruth's grandchildren Joshua, Caleb, Jeremiah (Sara), Ben, Sarah (Jeff) and John on the passing of their grandmother.

The next issue of the *Chimes* will be dated January 28th. Please have any articles submitted by Thursday, January 18th.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

HAPPY 80+ BIRTHDAY TO:

- Janice Caldwell, 2/6
- Marshall Rice, 2/10
- Joyce Clarkson, 2/12
- Jim Ayres, 2/24
- Phyllis Liming, 2/25

HAPPY 50+ ANNIVERSARY TO:

- Russell & Barbara Jacobson, 2/12, 69 yrs.
- Larry & Doris Quick, 2/25, 63 yrs.

Holidays at Central

Left: Little Sprouts' Cookies with Mrs. Claus

Below: Central members and staff enjoy a holiday luncheon at The Inn at Cass Lake



Above: The ADVENTure class learns about Advent around the world

Right: Fun with Central's Advent photo booth



Above: A festive "Silent Night" at Carols & Beer