



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

02.11.24

UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

Sunday, February 11th. Pastor Jack begins our Lenten Message Series with *Jesus and the Prophets—Moses...Copy That!* Worship is in person or online at Live.WaterfordCUMC.org

Dear Friends,

Lent is traditionally a time of accelerated spiritual growth; many churches during Lent provide classes and training for new members to be received on Easter Sunday. As I've spoken to friends and fellow pastors, I am impressed with the often-mentioned spiritual practices that people are planning to implement into their lives. Some of those practices include Bible study, journaling, fasting and prayer.

How about you? What plans have you made or are planning for your personal Lenten journey? I'd like to invite you to review the Lenten brochure sent out last week with opportunities to be in our Wednesday Evening Study that focuses on our messages series during Lent, or our Mind, Body, Spirit sessions on Thursday mornings or evenings. Of course, you can always pick up a devotional available in the Narthex outside our Sanctuary. There are also outreach opportunities as we support the HAVEN Shelter, Jail and Outreach Ministries (Pontiac), and Central's Food Pantry. In that brochure are all the special services that we will host from Ash Wednesday through Good Friday and our Easter Sunrise Service. Come be a part of these opportunities to worship our God and appreciate the life of Jesus Christ, whose presence continues with us today through the Holy Spirit.

The message series this Lent is *Jesus and the Prophets*. We will learn about the true nature of Biblical prophecy. I will discuss how the proclamation of the prophets, although addressing the contemporary issues of their day, also points to Jesus as the fulfillment of their long desire for the Messiah to appear and lead their people from oppression to freedom. Some of the prophets provide a study in contrast to Jesus, while others provide a vision of how we will know the Messiah has arrived. I am getting excited to present this series of messages and hope that we all will benefit from them.

This past Sunday, I shared some thoughts on Jesus' confrontation with a Pharisee who was testing him by asking which commandment was the greatest. Jesus responded, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself'" (Matthew 22:37-39). Jesus went on to say, "On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." (Verse 40) I look forward to sharing the connections between Jesus and the Prophets and how the center of their messages is love—love for God and love for others. I look forward to seeing you in worship.

Because of Christ,

Pastor Jack

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Lenten Worship

February 14th—Ash Wednesday

6:30–9:00am—Drive Thru Coffee & Ashes

9:00am–noon—Ashes in the Chapel

7:00pm—Service of Ashes

Jesus and the Prophets: The Right Impression.

Sunday Services, 10:30am

February 18th—First Sunday in Lent

Guest Preacher Rev. Maurice Horne. *Overcoming Temptation. Luke 4:1-13.*

February 25th—Second Sunday in Lent

Jesus and the Prophets: Something Greater than Jonah! Matthew 12:38-41.

March 3rd—Third Sunday in Lent

Jesus and the Prophets: Hosea's Vision of Intimacy. Hosea 2:14-20 and Romans 9:15-26.

March 10th—Fourth Sunday in Lent

Jesus and the Prophets: Micah and God's Requirements. Micah 6:1-6 and Matthew 5:1-12.

March 17th—Fifth Sunday in Lent

Jesus and the Prophets: Isaiah's Suffering Servant. Isaiah 42:1-9 and Matthew 3:13-17.

Lenten Studies

Wednesday Message Study

7:00-8:30pm with Pastor Jack, via Zoom

A weekly deep dive into our Lenten message series *Jesus and the Prophets*. We'll explore scripture, review key points of the message and discuss how it applies to our lives as followers of Christ. To get on the distribution list for the Zoom link contact the church office or email Pastor Jack at (jmannschreck@waterfordcumc.org).

Thursday Study

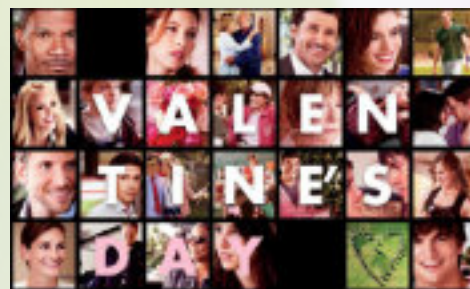
10am–11am and 6:30–7:30pm

February 8th–29th—Mind. Body. Spirit.

Upcoming topics are Stress Reduction/Time Management, Children/Teens and Mental Health, Coping Skills, Meditation and Balance, and Gifts of the Spirit.

March 7th–21st—Small Changes Make a Big Difference

These workshops will focus on nutrition basics, dietary recommendations and some myth busting. We will also look at wisdom from the Bible so you can be equipped to live an abundant life through a deeper understanding of health and wellness in and through God's Word!



PrimeTime "Central Cinema"

Tuesday, February 6th
2pm in the Parlor

Join us for a 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.

2024 Men's Summit in February – It's Not Too Late to Sign Up!

February 16-18, Skyline Camp and Retreat Center

Our 2024 Men's Summit is a wonderful opportunity for men to gather for the purpose of connecting with each other and God. We begin by gathering at the Summit Site and going out for dinner at a local restaurant and conclude on Sunday morning.

We will utilize a resource titled *Stepping Up—A Call to Courageous Manhood*. Our Summit this year will again be at Skyline Camp & Retreat Center (5650 Sandhill Rd.; Almont, MI 48003). It is about an hour away 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. You can sign up outside the church office. For more information, contact Ken Cortese or Pastor Jack.

2024 Advocacy Day

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

As part of Central's continuing commitment to gun violence prevention, we will be participating in the next United Methodist Advocacy Day at the Michigan State Capitol. During this session, we will be advocating for better mental health care access. The focus in 2024 is to ensure that all persons have access to affordable mental health care and to reduce the stigma of mental health that impacts every family in Michigan.

If you would like to join us for this Advocacy Day event, please visit our website at [News=>Advocacy Day 2024](#) for more information and a link to register.

Craft Show Volunteers Needed

April 20th, 2024, 9am–3pm

We're very excited to announce another great community event being organized by Central church. Our first annual SPRING FOR IT Craft and Vendor Show! This is a juried show and will feature wonderful handmade items from a wide range of artisans. There will be shopping, lunch available for purchase and a silent raffle featuring items donated by the participants. All funds raised will go to support the ministries of Central church.



Kids Ministry Calendar of Faith & Fun

- February 1 – JUMP Kids Younger Youth Ministry @ 5:15pm to 6:15pm
- February 4 - KidVenture Sunday Morning Adventures in Faith @ 10:45am
- February 11 – KidVenture Sunday Morning Adventure in Faith @ 10:45am
- February 14 – Happy Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday
- February 15 – JUMP Kids Younger Youth Ministry @ 5:15pm to 6:15p
- February 18 – **No KidVenture** Sunday Morning Adventures in Faith
- February 25 – KidVenture Sunday Morning Adventures in Faith @ 10:45am
- February 29 – JUMP Kids Younger Youth Ministry @ 5:15pm to 6:15pm



Tuesday Musicale of Greater Pontiac Presents

February Piano Extravaganza Tuesday, February 13th @ 1pm in the Sanctuary of Central Church

Featuring piano duets by Sara Hazen-Robinson and Danielle Hill, the stories of Rosamond Haeberle and music, fun and laughter. Everyone is welcome.

We have several opportunities to volunteer. To be a part of this fun event, just add your name to the sign up board in the Narthex, or sign up online at bit.ly/spring-for-it-24.

Congratulations!

To Kathy and Jerry Chao on the birth of their grandson, Merlin Robert Chao Johnston on January 28th, 2024, born to Rachel Chao and Edward Johnston.

Sympathies

Our sincerest condolences to Pastor Jack and Ruth Mannschreck on the passing of Jack's father, Marion, on January 26, 2024. Prayers also to the families of Jeremiah, Ben, Sara and John on the passing of their grandfather and great-grandfather.

Condolences also to Linda and Tim Taylor on the passing of Linda's brother, James Arnett on January 27, 2024. Our prayers are with James' family and friends.

Thank You

Dear Central United Methodist Church,

On behalf of MCHS Family of Services, thank you for being a true champion for our children, families, and adults across the community! Despite the challenges we faced, our services never missed a beat thanks to you. In fact, we continued to grow and help our community thrive. We thank you for your donations in 2023 of \$3475.

All my best,
-Kevin Roach, CEO

Dear Friends,

For all the support you provide, for all the lives touched, and on behalf of all the people we were able to help, thank you.

To another great year!
-Coleman Yoakum, Micah 6

Empty Cans and Bottles Building Up?

Central has two opportunities to donate those empties to a good cause.

Sunday, February 18th

The **Boy Scouts** will be collecting cans and bottles in the parking lot before and after worship.

Friday, February 23rd, 4-6:30pm

The **Waterford Mott Music Department** will be collecting cans and bottles.

Mott Music Boosters Present

Sweet Music



Chamber Music Recital and Bake Sale Fundraiser

Friday, February 23, 2024

6:30pm Bake Sale

7:15pm - Recital

@ Central United Methodist Church

\$8 cash cover includes three dessert tickets. Extra tickets are available for purchase.



BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE

Diane Lynn Beedle

June 7, 1965 - February 2, 2024

Member Since August 27, 1995

Our prayers are with Frederick Beedle on the passing of his wife, Diane, with David (Alaina) and Blake on the passing of their mother, and to the extended Beedle family.