



## UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> will feature a hymn sing. Communion will be served next Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. Worship is in person or online at [Live.WaterfordCUMC.org](https://Live.WaterfordCUMC.org)

## Dear Central Church Family,

As I was walking into the church this morning, our morning custodian, Jerry, was loading up some bags and equipment into his vehicle to take it to our storage garage. When I asked what he was doing he said "Storing the salt and salt spreader." A sure sign that spring has sprung and summer is just around the corner!

With Easter a month past and planning underway for our special Sundays in June (Graduation Sunday, Father's Day, etc.) we are definitely heading toward warmer weather, schools being out and summer! Coach Patty has great opportunities for families to connect to our church through VBS and summer camps and I have been working on our summer message series, *Women of the Bible*.

Earlier this year we began utilizing a system to reach out in meaningful ways to those who look at our online presence and then plan their first time to come and worship with us. We're seeing some good results from this effort. You may have noticed that there are new faces here nearly every Sunday morning. More children are coming forward for our Children's Time and we have more children in our Alleluia Dancers. Not only are we experiencing signs of new life in our world, but signs of new life within our church family! Thank you for wearing name tags during Sunday morning worship as a sign of our hospitality. Just this past week, before I greeted a first-time guest family, they had already been welcomed warmly by many of you.

I want to invite you to pray for our church family over the summer as we make plans for the fall and follow God's vision for Central Church. There's a great many ministry and mission ideas that are emerging and we hope to spend this summer transforming those ideas into concrete plans. Just yesterday during the message I shared my belief that prayer is powerful and prayer is sometimes confusing. There is no confusing our need for prayer and support as we move forward through this year and into 2025.

As always, I am pleased and proud to be your pastor and look forward to continuing our meaningful ministry! I also continue to look forward to seeing you in worship.

Because of Christ,

*Pastor Jack*

## Scholarship Deadline is Sunday

High school graduate and continuing college scholarship applications are available in the church office or online at [WaterfordCUMC.org/forms/](https://WaterfordCUMC.org/forms/). Applications are due back to the church office by May 5<sup>th</sup>.

## CONNECT

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**Hymn Sing**  
**Sunday, May 5, 2024**



**Holy Communion will be served on Sunday, May 12th!**

## SPRING FOR IT Craft & Vendor Show Thank You

I would like to thank all those who volunteered and participated in the craft and vendor show on April 20<sup>th</sup>. As you may know, I lost my dearest just days prior and was devastated. But, before I know it, "Angels" (aka volunteers, friends and co-workers) appeared all around me and lifted me up. These Angels executed a vision I had and made the show a success. You all have my deepest gratitude for this and all the kinds words as well. Thank you.

The show raised \$2,500 for general funds and the lunches raised \$761 to go towards the food pantry deficit. Thank you again for your generosity and support.

-Cassandra Thompson, bookkeeper

## Purple Threads

Many of us (and our friends and families) have been comforted by the infamous Purple Threads card signed by the caring women of Central Church. Recently, Diana Carter shared some info with the group and we thought we'd also share that with you.

Purple Threads started March 6, 1990—the group is 34 years old!

We started to print the prayer list and send out the purple notes, designed by Mary Jane Jewell, in 1996. She suggested we should let people know we were praying for them. From your responses over the years we know how much they are appreciated.

In 2007 Marlene Knaus asked how many notes we sent out, so we started to keep track. From 2007 to present, 6,259 notes have been sent—there have been 97 so far this year.

We have no idea how many were sent from 1996 to 2007, but we wouldn't be surprised if the total notes sent were over 10,000!

A special thank you to all of the faithful members of Purple Threads who have spent many hours praying for those in need of comfort.

## Graduation Sunday June 9th

Attention graduates! We will be honoring your achievements on Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. Please share a photo and a brief summary of your future plans by Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. You can learn more and submit your information online at [WaterfordCUMC.org/graduation-sunday-june-9th/](https://WaterfordCUMC.org/graduation-sunday-june-9th/).

## First-Quarter Statements

First-quarter 2024 statements were sent out on **April 8<sup>th</sup> via email only**. We were missing emails for 45 people. If you did not receive a statement, we need your email address. To check or update your email, please call the church office at 248-681-0040. If you would like a statement mailed to you, please contact Cassandra at [bookkeeper@waterfordcumc.org](mailto:bookkeeper@waterfordcumc.org).



Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm

### Queen of Katwe

The true story of a young girl living in Katwe, Uganda, who sees her world rapidly change after being introduced to the game of chess by missionary Robert Katende. PG.



To all of the wonderful  
women who fill our  
lives with love.

## Congratulations!

To Derek and Kris Mann who were married on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

## Thank You

Dear Friends at Central,

Don and I thank you for the many kindnesses you have shown us since he has been cared for at The Inn at Cass Lake. We so appreciate the Easter lilies as well as the welcome visits. Thank you, too, for the cards we have received, including one from the faithful Purple Threads. Being part of Central is a blessing.

-Don and Mary Lou Osborne

The next issue of the *Chimes* will be dated May 19<sup>th</sup>.  
Please submit articles by Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>.



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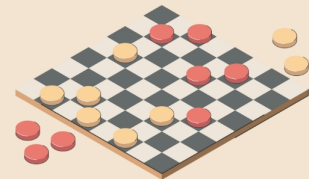


## SPRING CLEANUP

May 11th, 9-12pm

Help give the Church grounds a good spring cleaning. Please sign-up outside the office. Bring your favorite gloves, rakes, chainsaws, etc. If you have any questions, please see Ken Cortese.

## PRIMETIME GIGGLES & GAMES



WEDNESDAY,  
MAY 15TH  
2:00PM - 4:00PM

Bring your favorite board game and a friend. Beverages will be provided. All ages welcome!