

UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

Sunday, June 2nd –Communion Sunday. Pastor Jack continues our *Ever Wonder Why?* message series with *Why Does God Feel Far Away?* Worship is in person or online at Live.WaterfordCUMC.org

Dear Church Family,

This is always a great time of the year with all our special Sundays. A couple of weeks ago we celebrated our many, many volunteers. This past Sunday we recognized Memorial Day weekend and appreciated the sacrifice made by men and women in military service. We celebrate Holy Communion on June 2, Graduation Sunday on June 9 and Father's Day on June 16th!


I am particularly looking forward to celebrating with our graduates on June 9 as I have known them from their early years of elementary school. Each of these young people has had seasons of being very involved in our church's ministry from youth group which includes our annual Trunk or Treat Haunted Tunnel to being a part of the many children's musicals to just being a part of our church with their family's involvement.

We should be proud of this generation of graduates as they enter into new chapters of their young lives. I hear so many stories of how youth today are over-extended in their schedules with school, extracurricular activities and life in general. The youth from our church have often made it a priority to be a part of our church community and serve in the ministry and mission of Central Church. They have enjoyed each other's fellowship and have developed deep, long-term relationships. It has been a joy to see them grow in their faith and as human beings; those elementary kids are now young adults facing new horizons.

When I think of our youth's busy lives I am thankful for the time they have devoted to our church family as we have provided a place for them to grow. In a world that is not always easy to live in, I wish them happiness but more importantly, I wish them joy and contentment.

Having offered that blessing I will conclude this letter with the words of Fra Angelico, a Dominican friar and Italian painter of the Early Renaissance: "The gloom of the world is but a shadow behind it. Yet within reach is joy. There is radiance and glory in the darkness could we

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Graduate and end-of-year youth celebration dinner at Don Juan Mexican restaurant.

but see. And to see, we have only to look. I beseech you to look. Life is so generous a giver: Welcome it, grasp it, and you touch the angel's hand that brings it to you. Everything we call a trial, a sorrow or a duty, the angel's hand is there, the gift is there, and the wonder of an overshadowing presence. Our joys, too, be not content with them as joys. They too conceal diviner gifts."

Join me in wishing these young people of our church the best and brightest future. I look forward to seeing you in worship.

Because of Christ,

Pastor Jack

Join Kroger Community Rewards and Support Central Church

During 2023 Central had 40 shoppers who earned \$450 for the church through the Kroger Community Rewards Program.

If you are a Kroger shopper, consider joining the Community Rewards program and designating Central Church as your non-profit. To get started, visit <https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards/> and create an account (or log in if you already have one). Then, follow the on-screen instructions to link your Kroger card to Central. We are listed as CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH-WATERFORD and the organization number is SMO12. After signing up, check your receipt to make sure Central United Methodist Church – Waterford is listed.

Camp Firelight Vacation Bible School

June 24th - June 28th, 9am - Noon

Camp Firelight VBS is just around the corner! VBS will be a week of fun with zany skits, dance parties, singing, worship, prayer, Bible adventures, cool crafts, crazy science projects, energetic games, tasty snacks and lots of FUN & LAUGHTER. Plan to send your kids and grandkids to this awesome summer camp adventure with God.

To register, visit bit.ly/Central-VBS-2024.

From the Bookkeeper

Please put your name on your offering envelopes so we can match your giving to your pledge. Last Sunday we received an offering via check and were unable to match it to the pledge, as the check had gone to the bank and there was no name on the envelope. Please carefully check your second quarter statements, which will go out at the end of June, and contact the bookkeeper if you see a discrepancy in your giving and pledge amount. If you have questions, please contact Cassandra at bookkeeper@waterfordcumc.org.



Saturday, June 1st @ 6pm

The Secret Life of Walter Mitty

When both he and a colleague are about to lose their jobs, Walter takes action by embarking on an adventure more extraordinary than anything he ever imagined. PG

Softball Schedule

6/3 – 6:15pm – Waterford Rec.
6/10 – 7:30pm – 1st Missionary
6/17 – 6:15pm – 1st Missionary
6/24 – 7:30pm – Waterford Rec.
7/1 – 7:30 – 1st Missionary
7/8 – 6:15pm – 1st Missionary
7/15 – 7:30pm – 1st Missionary
7/22 – 6:15pm – St. Trinity
7/29 – 7:30pm – Waterford Rec.
8/5 – 6:15pm – 1st Missionary
8/10 – Tournament

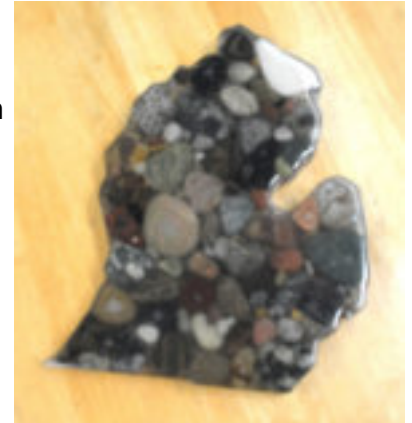


Sympathies

To the family and friends of Donna Jean Ritchie, who passed away on May 14th, 2024. Our prayers are with the family.

Craft Show Item for Sale

We have one remaining item from the craft show silent auction. It is a handmade decorative stone art piece composed of Great Lakes rocks in epoxy in the shape of Michigan. If anyone would like to purchase this item for \$40, please contact Cassandra at bookkeeper@waterfordcumc.org. Proceeds from the sale will go toward supporting the ministries of Central Church.



The next issue of the *Chimes* will be dated June 16th. Please submit articles by Thursday, June 6th.



**GRADUATION
SUNDAY**
JUNE 9TH

Congratulations to Central's Graduates

Amelia Foster
Jaeden McCarthy
Lily Miller
Megan Riley
Becklyn Shanahan
Hannah Strobel
Dan Taylor
Alina Gillette

**Please join us on June 9th for a
special worship service as we
honor their accomplishments.
There will be cake!**