



UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

Sunday, June 16th Father's Day Worship. Pastor Jack's message is *That's Enough for Today*, based on Genesis and Matthew. Worship is in person or online at Live.WaterfordCUMC.org

Dear Church Family,

It has been an incredibly busy time of year with the conclusion of our programs and special Sunday worship services including Father's Day this coming Sunday and our Vacation Bible School Celebration on June 30. Our church had a wonderful Meet and Greet Luncheon on June 2nd sponsored by Arlene Taylor; we had about sixty people enjoy food, fellowship and fun meeting each other, talking and laughing. It was so much fun. As members of our Vocal Choir, Bell Choir and Dance Ministry take some well-deserved time off this summer, we will have special music and we will begin our new Message Series, *Women of the Bible* in July.

Tucked in the middle of all our celebrations and remembrances of the last year was our Annual Conference of the Michigan Area of the United Methodist Church, May 23–June 1. Beginning with the founders of the Methodist movement, Charles and John Wesley, we have been a "conferencing" body of believers. That means that we gather together in fellowship, worship, eating together and have times of learning. We look back on the year past and celebrate accomplishments as well as look to the future with hope and plans to make God's vision for the church a reality.

The worship at Annual Conference is always inspiring, the speakers insightful and the fellowship is sweet. In a very significant way, Annual Conference is the United Methodist clergy-person's church. When we are ordained to our calling of full-time ministry, we relinquish our local church membership as we become members of an Annual Conference. Our Annual Conference is a time to see long-term colleagues in ministry, meet new colleagues and laity as we gather together to set the course for the Michigan Area of the UMC.

It was a true pleasure to have my wife, Ruth, accompany me for the first time to Annual Conference as our church's Delegate. When we needed a replacement, Ruth stepped in. A brief report from Ruth is in this issue of the *Chimes* and there will be a report sometime this summer during Sunday morning worship.

Now, having said that Annual Conference is my church, I want to also say that Waterford Central is my local church home with those whom I know best and love most. I am pleased to say that I have once again been appointed at this year's Annual Conference to serve as your Pastor for another year and I look forward to continuing our ministry together. Blessings my friends! I look forward to seeing you in worship.

Because of Christ,

Pastor Jack

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Fearless! Embracing a New Future

By Ruth Mannschreck

Over 1500 people came together for the 2024 Michigan Annual Conference. As a first-time attendee, I was taken by the spirit of the assembly. Sure, there was voting and speeches and discussions and points of order. We raised funds for missions in Haiti, Liberia, Michigan and across the globe. We packed 39,000 meals to be distributed overseas. We passed a budget that is 8.4% smaller than last year. All good things.

But the real heart of the event was the guidance provided by our very own Bishop Bard. He spoke of this as a day of new beginnings. He encouraged us to make the United Methodist Church more spacious:

- To make space for more people to participate in the life and ministries of the church
- To listen to our communities around us, especially those with no voice
- To dream of new ways of engaging groups of people who are used to being separate
- To have courage to take calculated risks in missions and ministry
- To always be willing to learn and move forward from the unexpected challenges of creating disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

The people gathered brought an energetic spirit of unity; determined to learn to open our hearts, our minds and our doors to the world. There were new friends, great music and dancing (yes, hundreds of people dancing! Who knew!?!)

You can watch most of the event on Vimeo at vimeo.com/MIUMC.

Summer Music Opportunities

Do you sing or play an instrument? Share your talent with your church family this summer. Aran Kim, Central's Music Director, has performance opportunities in July and August during worship. If you would like to perform, please contact Aran at akim@waterfordcumc.org.

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.



JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

HAPPY 80+ BIRTHDAY TO:

- Dennis Fortier, 7/1
- Marian Hansen, 7/3
- Ernest Metzner, 7/14
- Velette Svenkesen, 7/19
- Barbara Newman, 7/23
- Barb Burns, 7/28

HAPPY 50+ ANNIVERSARY TO:

- John & Judy Baker, 7/10 - 53 yrs.
- Skip and Cheryl Malin, 7/15 - 52 yrs.

Softball Schedule

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



Summer Camps

Send the kids to summer camp at Central! We have two camps planned.

Slime Time Live—July 22–25, 9am–11:30am. K – 5th graders will create ooey, gooey slime and dive into greasy, grimy, and slimy Bible stories like Fish Guts, Makin' Mud, Guess Who?, Ear Wax, and a Wormy Situation, just to name a few. Slime Time Live is for all K – 5th graders. Register soon at [Events=>Upcoming Events](#) as there are only a few spots left.

It's a Jungle Out There—July 8–11, 9am–11am. Preschoolers will become explorers discovering cool animals of the jungle, learning about the power of water, science, Jesus and much more. **SPECIAL NOTE: This camp is full!**

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone at this church for the use of the facilities, the helpful staff and friendly atmosphere.

-Mary Ann Lamonte, Tuesday Musicale of Greater Pontiac

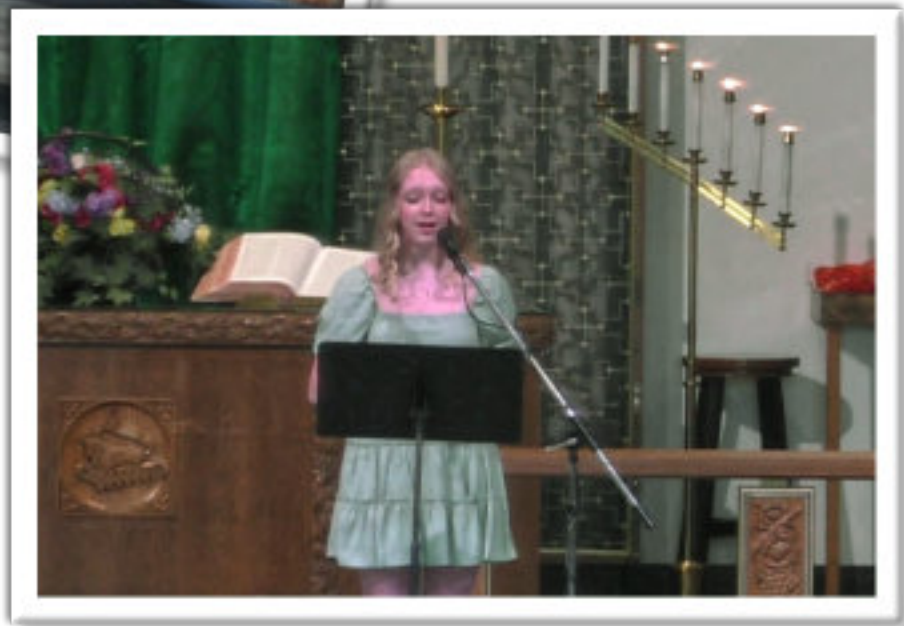
The next issue of the *Chimes* will be dated June 30th.
Please submit articles by Thursday, June 20th.



HAPPY JUNETEENTH!
The office will be closed on
Wednesday, June 19th



Graduation Sunday



Top: Central's graduates received laundry bags and supplies from Coach Patty. From left: Becklyn Shanahan, Lily Miller, Amelia Foster, Hannah Strobel, Megan Riley, Jaeden McCarthy, Dan Taylor (and Pastor Jack).

Middle: Becklyn Shanahan and Lily Miller perform a liturgical dance.

Bottom: Hannah Strobel sings "God Will Make a Way."