

## UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup> is VBS Sunday. Join the celebration of another successful Vacation Bible School. Worship is in person or online at [Live.WaterfordCUMC.org](http://Live.WaterfordCUMC.org)

## Dear Church Family,

While I would never back down from my statement that my favorite time of year is September (Ruth's and my birthday month) through the year-end holidays, I do love the summer. There is something about the warmer (not blistering hot) weather that brings the ability to be outdoors more and enjoy God's good earth. It is also a great time to play and enjoy outdoor sports and activities: softball, boating (kayaking, sailing, canoeing, water-skiing), swimming, art fairs, county fairs, concerts, etc.

Of course, mentioning softball, I have to update you on how our Men's Softball Team is doing. We won our game this past week and so we are 3-2! It was an exciting game Monday night despite the 90-degree weather. We went into our last time at bat tied with the other team and we squeaked by with a run from a sacrifice fly ball.

In summertime I like to put together a series of messages that have a theme but with each message standing on its own. Last year I did a series of messages titled *The Twelve*. We reviewed the lives of the twelve disciples of Jesus. It was a fun series to put together, and at some point last summer I mentioned that perhaps I should do a series of messages on the women in the Bible. I was pleased to have such a positive response to the idea that I was gifted two or three books about women of the Bible and also have in my possession two books on loan from one of our members. One book, written in 1955 is titled *All the Women of the Bible* by Edith Deen. This book contains 316 concise biographies of women in the Bible; some of those "biographies" are simply lists of names and Biblical references. There are many women in the Bible for which there is no background, and at times the name of the woman is not given but rather she is mentioned as the wife or daughter or mother of another person, usually a man.

It has been fun to put this series together and the dates, message titles and scriptures are found in this edition of the *Chimes*. There are eight messages in total, four women found in our Hebrew Scriptures and four women found in our New Testament. I want to thank Rev. Deb Cox for being a part of this message series. She will be preaching on July 14<sup>th</sup> while I am on vacation (and preaching) in Leeland, Michigan.

It is my prayer that we will enjoy this series of messages as much as last summer's and that we will deepen our appreciation for the *Women of the Bible*. I look forward to seeing you in worship!

Because of Christ,

*Pastor Jack*

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## Women of the Bible Message Series

**July 7**–Women of the Bible: Victorious Judge Deborah!

**July 14**–Women of the Bible: Mary, Blessed Mother of Jesus

**July 21, 2024**–Women of the Bible: Queen Esther

**July 30, 2024**–Women of the Bible: Herodias, Evil Incarnate?

**August 4, 2024**–Women of the Bible: Jezebel, Talk About Wicked

**August 11, 2024**–Women of the Bible: Lydia, the First European Convert

**August 18, 2024**–Women of the Bible: Ruth, a Portrait of Devotion

**August 25, 2024**–Women of the Bible: Mary Magdalene

## A Message from Aran

Aran and her family are grateful for your continued support and prayers for her mother-in-law Eunkyung Song. Eunkyung is currently going through her fifth round of chemo and has had some complications with blood clots, but her spirit is bright and she sends thanks to all the members who are praying for her. We are grateful for the quality time we had together in South Korea. Aran also looks forward to returning to the States to continue her summer ministry at Central. Please continue to pray for her mother-in-law that she may endure her treatments well and for continued healing. We all truly believe in the power of prayers!

## Sanctuary Tech

You may have noticed that Sunday's livestream was not up to our typical quality. On Friday afternoon the church Sanctuary was broken into. Coach Patty interrupted the theft (she is OK) but not before the would-be thief unhooked much of the tech

## Softball Schedule

7/1 – 7:30 – 1<sup>st</sup> Missionary

7/8 – 6:15pm – 1<sup>st</sup> Missionary

7/15 – 7:30pm – 1<sup>st</sup> Missionary

7/22 – 6:15pm – St. Trinity

7/29 – 7:30pm – Waterford Rec.

8/5 – 6:15pm – 1<sup>st</sup> Missionary

8/10 – Tournament



*Aran's family with Eunkyung at Kwanglim Methodist Church, Seoul, South Korea.*



in preparation for moving it out of the Sanctuary. Special thanks to Matt Berg, Ben Mannschreck and Rustyn Robinson for coming in on Saturday and reassembling as much as possible. We have not completely brought the camera system back online but hope to have this resolved by Sunday. The Waterford Police and Oakland County Sheriff are continuing to search for the person who broke in. Thank you for your patience as we work through this issue.

## Audio Tech Training

**Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup> After Worship**

We will be conducting two audio training sessions for worship Tech Team members. Rustyn will cover audio tech setup, tips and tricks and troubleshooting. If you are an existing worship tech member or are interested in joining the Tech Team, please plan to attend one of these sessions. If you have questions, please contact Robin Danek at [rdanek@waterfordcumc.org](mailto:rdanek@waterfordcumc.org).

## Thank You

**Central United Methodist Church,**

Thank you for always allowing us to use space both inside and outside your church for our events. We appreciate you!

-The Mott Music Boosters

**Thank you** for the graduation card and well wishes!

-Love, Megan (Riley)

**My Church Family,**

Thank you for everything you all have done for me. I will always be grateful I had everyone in my life. The gift card will definitely be used for college supplies. I also appreciate the laundry bag for when I get to school.

-Thank you, Becklyn Shanahan

**Dear Church,**

Thank you for the generous scholarship that will go towards my education at GVSU. I am going into Secondary Education for Social Studies and English and I want to teach middle school.

-Emily Cornish

**Dear Church Family,**

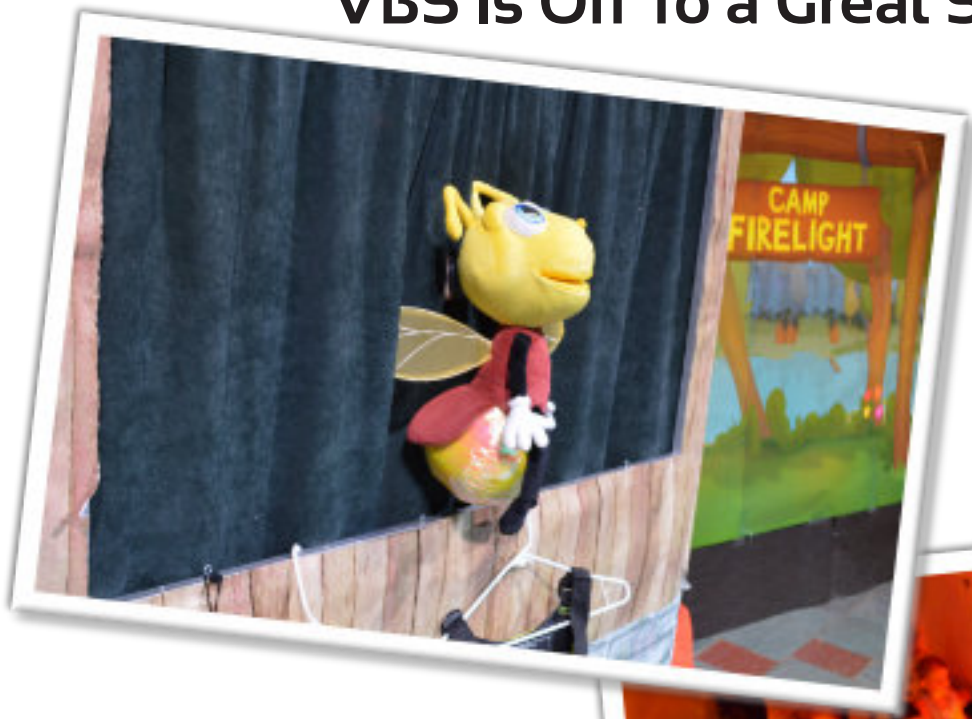
Thank you for the generous amount of money. It will help me greatly in my schooling. It means a lot to me. Thanks for considering me.

-Brayden (Cornish)

**The next issue of the *Chimes* will be dated July 14<sup>th</sup>. Please submit articles by Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>.**



# VBS Is Off To a Great Start!



**Left:** Camp Firelight mascot Lu oversees the fun at the daily Opening and Closing

**Below:** Campers prepare for Bible stories by "firelight."



**Above:** Camp Counselors Jaeden McCarthy and Shawn Riley race to the top of the rock climbing wall.



**Right:** Campers show off their new dance moves during the Closing.

