

UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

Sunday, July 14th guest Pastor Deb Cox will continue our *Women of the Bible* Message Series with *Mary, Blessed Mother of Jesus*. Worship is in person or online at Live.WaterfordCUMC.org

Dear Friends,

Ah! Summertime. The very word implies longer, warmer days and the ability to be outside enjoying the freedom that open space affords. The smells of fresh-cut grass, earthy mulch and fragrant flowers tell us that God's great creation is rich with growth and potential. Summertime is a season in which we hope for more time pursuing pleasant pastimes such as playing ball, riding bikes, gardening, swimming and vacationing.

This season of relative leisure is full of potential because we double our efforts to find rest and relaxation. I say "relative leisure" because many of us find it difficult to infuse rest into our daily or even weekly schedule. It is during these early weeks of summer that I once again turn to my "Sabbath Bible"—a book by Wayne Mueller titled *Sabbath: Finding Rest, Renewal, and Delight in our Busy Lives*.

Mueller's book reminds me that the opportunities for rest and relaxation offered during these longer days of summer should not be ignored. A chapter in Mueller's book that I often read is titled *Rest for the Weary*. In it, Mueller writes, "If we do not allow for a rhythm of rest in our overly busy lives, illness becomes our Sabbath—our pneumonia, our cancer, our heart attack, our accidents create Sabbath for us." Writing about those who confront illness, Mueller continues, "While each shares their particular fears and sorrow, almost every one confesses some secret gratefulness. 'Finally,' they say, 'at last. I can rest.' "

It was Jesus who said, "The Sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the Sabbath." (NRSV - Mark 2:27) I like the message version of this scripture: "The Sabbath was made to serve us; we weren't made to serve the Sabbath." God created the Sabbath as a gift to humanity and it is a gift well-received! We should remember that our lives consist of more than working hard and being constantly on the go. Remember the words of the great Twenty-third Psalm, "He makes me lie down in green pastures."

Friends, I know you're busy. I'm busy. However, I pray that you will join me in seeking Sabbath rest as a gracious gift from our creator God. Enjoy the summer, enjoy the outdoors, enjoy vacation—and when you're in town I hope to see you in church, as part of your Sabbath rest!

Because of Christ,
Pastor Jack

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Softball Schedule

- 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



Central United Methodist Church Emergency Plan Updates

By Debra Hayden-Schmid

We've recently updated an emergency plan for Central Church. Over the next couple months there will be articles in the *Chimes* to share this information with you.

Today I am going to speak to tornado and storm warnings, as we are in the middle of the summer storm season and have recently experienced severe thunderstorms and occasional tornadoes in southeast Michigan.

A **tornado watch** means weather conditions are favorable to the formation of tornadoes.

A **tornado warning** means a tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar in the area.

Oakland County Tornado Warning Program—sirens are activated for tornado warning or severe thunderstorms with 70 mph winds.

- All sirens will activate simultaneously if inclement weather is approaching/occurring in any part of Oakland County.
- When sirens are activated, a steady 3-minute tone will occur identical to the siren testing.
- Sirens are tested on the first Saturday of every month from March through November at 1:00 pm with a steady 3-minute tone.

Many of you may have phone apps that will alert you to severe weather.

If the Weather Service issues a tornado warning for Waterford and you are at Central Church, everyone in the building should move quickly to the storm/tornado shelter areas of the church.

Storm shelter areas are generally in the lower level or the center of the building and away from windows.

At Central Church, these areas are designated as storm/tornado shelter areas:

Main Level:

- Little Sprouts Preschool hallway, this includes the men's and women's restrooms in this area.
- Men's handicap restroom (close to the Sanctuary). Note, the women's handicap restroom has exterior windows and is not a safe place.

Lower level:

- Men's and women's restrooms.



MEN'S SOFTBALL

JOIN US FOR HOT DOGS AND FELLOWSHIP AS WE CHEER ON OUR MEN'S SOFTBALL TEAM.

JULY 22ND @ 6:15PM
ST. TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

HAPPY 80+ BIRTHDAY TO:

- Barbara Jacobson, 8/2
- Marvin Jewell, 8/10
- Richard Lund, 8/10
- Sally Kuhn, 8/11
- Joyce Merle, 8/19
- Shirley Riffe, 8/19
- Larry Payne, 8/20
- JoAnn Fedison, 8/24
- Maurice Grant, 8/27
- Wiley Loveless, 8/29

HAPPY 50+ ANNIVERSARY TO:

- Don and Diana Carter, 8/26 57 yrs.
- Andrew & Pamela Gustafson, 8/9 55 yrs.
- Randall and Debra Cooper, 8/18 52 yrs.

- Hallway connected to rooms numbered 10 – 20 (community room, bell room, etc). Shelter in hallway only, not the activity rooms with windows.

There are floor plans posted in several places at the church. The floor plans show storm/tornado shelter areas and signs are posted in the storm shelter areas. Also note, Little Sprouts Preschool has their own emergency plans they follow for staff and students.

For questions about this information reach out to Debra Hayden-Schmid, 248-705-8546 or debra.hs@att.net.

PrimeTime Ministry DIA Trip

Tuesday, September 17th, 12:00pm

Join us for an afternoon at the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA). If you haven't been to the DIA recently, you're in for a treat. It was named as the nation's best art museum in *USA TODAY's 2024 10 Best Readers' Choice Awards*. Taking the top prize for the second consecutive year, the DIA outranked other institutions such as The Art Institute of Chicago.

This PrimeTime trip is for those 55+ and is free. We will leave Central by bus at 12:15pm, tour highlights of the DIA at 1:00pm, then have from 2:00-3:00pm for a self-guided visit. The bus will depart the DIA at 3:00pm and arrive back to Central around 4:00pm. We need a minimum of 25 people (50 people max.), so please sign up in the Narthex soon so that we can get an accurate head count and finalize all of the details. If you have questions, please contact Cathy Hazen (cathzen@comcast.net).



Audio Tech Training

Sunday, July 21st After Worship

We will be conducting a training session 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 this session. If you have questions, please contact Robin Danek at rdanek@waterfordcumc.org.

School Supply Donation Drive

July 1st–August 11th

Central will be collecting NEW school supplies for the Waterford Coalition for Youth. Donations will be distributed to children in the Waterford School District. Items needed include crayons, glue sticks, highlighters, markers, notebooks, pencils and pens, colored pencils, calculators, pencil boxes, Post-Its, rulers and backpacks. Please put donations in the box located in the Narthex.

Thank You

Central United Methodist Church Community,

I'd like to thank you for granting me a scholarship this year. I appreciate everything you've done for me.

-Matthew Sullivan



To the Church Members,

Just want to say thank you to each and everyone for their prayers and all of the cards that were sent to me. I greatly appreciate it. Thank you very much and God bless.

-Paula Williams

Moviepalooza,

On behalf of the Waterford Area Chamber of Commerce and Waterford Township Parks and Recreation Department, we would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for supporting Moviepalooza this year! Your contribution helped to "level up" the event, whether it was an activity you brought and/or an in-kind contribution. In fact, with your help, we were able to provide a fun-filled evening for over 650 people in the Waterford area, which is more than double from last year. And we couldn't have done it without your partnership. We are looking forward to next year, and many more to come!

-Most Sincerely, Nikki, Katie and Mallory

The next issue of the *Chimes* will be dated July 28th. Please submit articles by Thursday, July 18th.

Summer at Central



Top Left: Kids pre-K and K learn about animals during It's a Jungle Out There summer camp.

Above: Special thanks to Rustyn Robinson (pictured), Matt Berg and the Wednesday Guys for improvements to the AV systems and office network.

Left: Youth Group lines up to race during Sportway night.