



UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

Sunday, August 25th Pastor Jack wraps up our *Women of the Bible* Message Series with *Mary Magdalene*. Worship is in person or online at Live.WaterfordCUMC.org

Dear Friends,

Yesterday during worship I made the announcement that we have created a second in-person worship service beginning on September 22 at 8:45 a.m. That's next month! This service and its planning have been on my heart ever since we stopped having a similar worship experience in 2019.

Let me back up a moment to explain what many of you may remember, but I believe it would be helpful for many of our newer members. In the spring of 2019 we had three worship experiences on Sunday mornings: an 8:30 Chapel Service, a band-led Contemporary Service in our Fellowship Hall at 9:30 and a 10:00 a.m. more Traditional Worship service in our beautiful Sanctuary. It was a busy morning schedule, especially between the second and third services. The traditional service would begin with the leadership of our then Deacon, Rev. Kathy Pittenger. I would enter into the Sanctuary for the message.

The Contemporary Service, which we named The Conversation, never gained much traction as an outreach within the wider community. The 8:30 a.m. worship service was steady with 20-30 worshipers every Sunday. In the spring of 2019 we decided to go to one traditional service for the summer and work over the next 6 months to a year to create a more viable model for Sunday morning worship. Our plan was to create worship services to attract and meet the needs of the changing demographics in Waterford Township.

That planning process was slow to begin and came to a screeching halt during Covid. Our improvements in the lighting and sound systems in our Sanctuary before the pandemic enabled us to pivot quickly to create a highly appreciated online worship service.

Well, here we are, fully out of the pandemic, although Covid-19 is still around. But you know what? So are we! And it is time to move ahead with a second in-person worship experience. Here are just a few things I would like you to know about this service, which is designed to be about 45 minutes long. It will have two hymns or praise songs, scripture reading, prayer and the message. The service will end with Holy Communion each week, and as people will come forward for communion, they can bring their offerings up as well. While we have discussed increasing the tech in the Chapel and perhaps someday live streaming that service, we are a long way from doing that.

I want to invite you to pray for this worship experience and for our church to widen its influence in attracting people to God's Kingdom work here at Central Church. I also want to call you to prayer concerning our hospitality on Sunday mornings, specifically our Coffee Hour between the services. We haven't had this ministry in place since the pandemic and we are in need of leadership to make that time of fellowship a reality once more. Come on Church! Talk to me and see if God just might

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be calling you to make our two worship services a wonderful success this fall. In the meantime, and as always, I look forward to seeing you in worship!

Because of Christ,

Pastor Jack

It's Rummage Sale Time!

Central's 2024 Rummage Sale is rapidly approaching and your help is needed! Please consider donating, volunteering for set up, working the sale, preparing a meal for the workers and telling all your friends and neighbors about our sale. This is Central's largest annual fundraiser and all proceeds go to missions and community outreach supported by our church. In addition to making this rummage sale possible, your effort and time spent are sure to provide you with friendship, some great food, and even fun!

Sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex before and after worship beginning September 8th. You may also volunteer by contacting Linda Taylor by email at taylorlinc@yahoo.com or 317 441-4293 (text or call) or Jannette Deszell at jdeszell@comcast.net or 248 568-8328. We will be happy to answer any questions. Volunteer time frames are divided into approximately four-hour shifts. For those unable to help during the workday we have opportunities two evenings for setup or to man the sale, which will be open until 8pm on Thursday, October 3. You may sign up for as many shifts as you wish. It takes a village, so help is always needed!

Set Up Dates and Times

- Thursday September 26, 9am–4pm
- Friday September 27, 9am–6pm
- Saturday September 28, 9am–6pm
- Sunday September 29, 12pm–6pm
- Monday September 30, 9am–6pm
- Tuesday October 1, 9am–8pm
- Wednesday October 2, 9am–6pm
- Thursday October 3, 9am–11pm

Sale Dates and Times

- Thursday October 3, 12pm–8pm
- Friday October 4, 10am–4pm
- Saturday October 5, 9am–1pm

Clean Up

- Saturday October 5, 1pm until finished; pizza provided!

Your donations are greatly appreciated and will be accepted beginning Friday, September 27th at 9am until Monday, September 30th at 6pm. We **cannot** accept the following items: air conditioners, humidifiers, dehumidifiers, baby and children's car seats, cribs, bassinets or bouncer seats, CRT-type computer screens, tube-type televisions, medical equipment, large furniture (only furniture that will fit in



Help us Host an Exciting Rally Day!

Soon it will be fall, with kids going back to school and folks getting back to church. Help us host the community for worship followed by a block party featuring hot dogs & hamburgers, a potluck, a corn hole tournament, a bounce house, family fun and kids activities.

There are two sign-up sheets in the Narthex; one is for attending and participating in the corn hole tournament and the other is for volunteering and bringing a side dish or dessert.

Bring your chairs, invite your friends and enjoy an afternoon on the beautiful grounds of Central Church.

the back of an SUV), large appliances. Please do *not* donate soiled and damaged clothing, textbooks and non-working items.

PrimeTime Waterford Historical Village Trip

Wednesday, August 28th, 10:00am

Join us for a trip back in time to the Waterford Historical Village. We will meet at 10am at Central and carpool over. We will enjoy a boxed lunch in the pavilion after the tour. The tour is free but there will be a \$10 cost for the boxed lunch. If you have questions, please contact Cathy Hazen (cathzen@comcast.net).

Central Café Returns!

September 19th, 5:15–6:30pm

Every Thursday you can enjoy a professionally prepared meal and spend time with your church friends before an evening of rehearsals and studies. Meals are \$8 for adults, \$5 for salad bar only, and \$4 for kids. Our first meal will be tacos! Please sign-up outside the office if you plan to attend. We are starting this year with a blank sign-up sheet, so if you have previously been on the "standing" list, please sign-up again.

Thank You

CUMC,

Thank you for the scholarships and the financial support for my education! I appreciate the support of the church, its members, and its programs throughout my life.

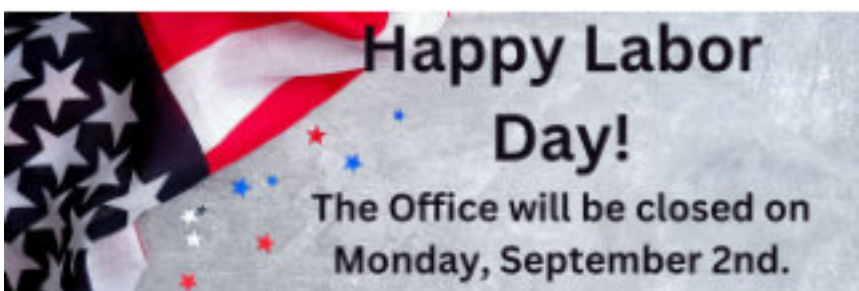
-Jason Hinsberg

Dear CUMC Congregation,

I would like to take the time to thank you for the scholarship I have received, and the role all of you have played in aiding my education. I am truly blessed to be a part of the church family.

-Sincerely, Aubrey Gibbs

The next issue of the *Chimes*, dated September 8th will go out on Tuesday, September 3rd. Please submit articles by Thursday, August 29th.



PRIMETIME

Thursday, October 17 @ 10am

Please join us as we visit the new Pontiac Transportation Museum.

We will meet at 9:30am and carpool from Central. Following the museum, we will stop for lunch at Heroes Bar-BQ & Brew.

\$10 Regular Admission

\$8 Seniors 65+ and Military



**Central Cinema Returns!
Saturday, Sept. 7th @ 6pm**

Invincible

Our first film is the true story of a Philadelphia Eagles fan who digs deep within and discovers a new life for himself when he makes the team. Rated PG13.

Bring your own beverage and a snack to share.

Invite a friend!