



UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

Sunday, September 8th Pastor Jack begins a new Message Series with *Our Mission: Connecting With God*. Worship is in person or online at Live.WaterfordCUMC.org

Dear Friends,

This past Sunday, I spoke during the message about what I will be sharing with you in the next couple of months for the balance of messages in September and through October. First, let me remind you that our Staff meets weekly on Tuesday mornings. At 9 a.m. our Worship Staff reviews the bulletins for at least the following Sunday and often we review bulletins three weeks in advance. At 9:30 a.m. the entire Staff meets and we begin with prayer for our members, our communities in which we live, work and play, and for our world. We then go over the calendar of programs and events and each of us brings our own perspective and programming ideas into those conversations.

It was during a Staff Meeting that we decided that we needed to once again share a series of messages about our Mission Statement during the month of September. We have enough newer members who haven't necessarily heard in-depth the meaning of our Mission Statement. What I plan to do during those messages beginning this next weekend is have a feedback sheet in our bulletin so that you can share your ideas about the three statements of our Mission Statement.

We will discuss what it means to connect with God. How does that statement impact our relationship with our loving Creator and Jesus the Christ? What spiritual practices do you find helpful? What worship experiences enhance your connecting with God?

We will also dig into the statement about connecting with others. With whom should we, as a church, connect? What part does fellowship play in our connecting with each other as members of Central Church? What other organization(s) can we partner with to achieve our goals as a local congregation?

Finally, as we consider what it means to change our world with the love of Christ, what two or three local issues should we be addressing as a congregation? What state-wide issues are important to our local area? What world missions should we be involved in? Perhaps most important, just what does it mean when we say the words, "Changing our world?"

After our three messages about our Mission Statement, I want to share with you on the final Sunday in September an important message about what it means to view our Bible as an increasingly inclusive narrative. In October, it is my plan to present to you the beginning of a vision to put our Mission Statement into action. No doubt you will be hearing more about that in the next few weeks.

I am excited for this time of year and more so for the plans for our church to move forward to connect us with God, connect us with others and change our world with Christ's love! In the meantime and as always, I look forward to seeing you in worship!

Because of Christ,

Pastor Jack

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Youth Group Kick-Off

Hey 6th–12th graders!

You are invited to our Youth Group Kick-Off this Sunday, September 8th at 5:45pm. Join us for good food, fun, friendship, and to meet your Youth Ministry Leaders and play a little GAGA Ball. For more information, contact Coach Patty at pstroup@waterfordcumc.org.

WHY?

Our new Thursday Study for September, called *WHY?*, will be beginning this Thursday, September 5th at 11:00am and 6:30pm in the Parlor at Central United Methodist Church. All are welcome! For more information, contact Coach Patty at pstroup@waterfordcumc.org.

Music Ministry Kick-Off

Thursday, September 5th, 5:30pm

Chancel Choir and Bell Choir will resume rehearsals this Thursday. There will be a potluck in Fellowship Hall prior to rehearsal. If you would like to get involved in Central's music program please bring a dish to share and join us. Bell Choir rehearses at 6:30 and Chancel Choir rehearses at 7:30. If you have questions, please contact Music Director Aran Kim (akim@waterfordcumc.org).

From the Bookkeeper

We received a significant offering this Sunday (9/1) with no name on the envelope, so the offering was posted to "anonymous." Please review your statements for September and notify Cassandra (bookkeeper@waterfordcumc.org) to receive credit for your giving. Thank you, and please remember to put your name on your giving envelope so that we may match your giving to your annual pledge.

It's Rummage Sale Time!

Please consider donating, volunteering for set up and the sale, preparing a meal for the workers and spreading the word to your friends and neighbors. Not only will your efforts make the sale possible but you'll also enjoy some good food, fellowship and a lot of fun!

Please sign up in the Narthex or by contacting Linda Taylor 317-441-4293, taylorlinc@yahoo.com or Jannette Deszell 248-568-8328, jdeszell@comcast.net.



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 a barbecue, a potluck, a corn hole tournament, a bounce house, family fun and kids activities.

We are in need of friendly folks to supervise kids activities, serve food, greet people, and bring a dish to share. Please sign up outside the Narthex to help out.

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

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

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

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 PRESENTS
FREE MOVIE NIGHT



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!

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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

Dear Central Church,

Thank you very much for providing a place for our Waterford Township residents to cast their votes in a safe and secure location. Your support and assistance are truly appreciated, and we could not have elections without your facility.

-Kim Markee, Waterford Township Clerk

Dear Waterford CUMC,

Thank you so much for choosing to reward me a scholarship for my life of faith. I appreciate recognizing scholars for their faith and funding their future. There are so many ways that the church funds our future. And, that is through the love of Jesus Christ. I cannot thank you enough for guiding me on my journey of faith, for you have helped me in more ways than one.

Thanks again for the support as I continue my college career and hope to graduate soon without having to worry about debt. I hope to better the world with my Criminal Justice Degree and I am excited to go into the field.

-Thanks again, Jess Journey

The next issue of the *Chimes*, will be dated September 22nd. Please submit articles by Thursday, September 12th.