



UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

Sunday, October 6th. World Communion Sunday. Pastor Jack begins our Generosity Message Series with *Living God's Vision – Small Steps Towards Big Change*. Worship is in person or online at Live.WaterfordCUMC.org

Dear Friends,

As we come to the end of September, I am amazed by all that we've celebrated and accomplished. We've reviewed our Mission Statement and asked that our members and friends participate in surveys that will help shape our response to our mission of Connecting with God. Connecting with Others. Changing Our World with Christ's Love. We celebrated a wonderful Rally Day and we welcomed three Confirmants into the membership of our church. On Labor Day weekend our message was about our social responsibility and I introduced to you the new Social Principles of the United Methodist Church. I am currently planning a series of messages that will help us understand those principles and the Biblical values that support them. That series of messages will be next spring, following Easter.

As we enter into October we will begin our Generosity Campaign and talk about financially supporting our ministry in 2025. I believe that God has blessed us in 2024 as we have created and shared our Statement of Inclusion. A letter is going out this week introducing to you the theme for our Generosity Campaign: *Living God's Vision*. The individual message titles and scriptures are listed below.

As always, I am asking that you prayerfully consider your support of our ministry in 2025 and I am asking you to seriously consider increasing your level of giving to our ministry. I want to further ask that you wait to fill out your Generosity Campaign card until you have heard all the messages in October. Please make every effort to attend worship on October 27 and wait until that worship service to fill out your card. I truly want your decision to be an act of worship as you bring your card forward to place it in the basket. We'll then ask God's blessing upon our intentions to support what God will do through Central Church in 2025.

I am praying for a great Generosity Campaign because I know that there is truly no end to the compassion and abilities of our Central Church family. As always, I look forward to seeing you in worship!

Because of Christ,

Pastor Jack

October Message Plan

October 6, 2024 – *Living God's Vision – Small Steps Towards Big Change* based on Luke 17:5-10

October 13, 2024 – *Living God's Vision – Your Calling* based on I Corinthians 15:1-11 and Isaiah 6:1-8

October 20, 2024 – *Living God's Vision – Your Team* based on Luke 9:28-43 and I Corinthians 12:12-31a

October 27, 2024 – *Living God's Vision – Your Impact* based on Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 and Matthew 25:1-13

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Did You Know?

Once again Pastor Jack is on stage here in our Central Church Fellowship Hall with another production of the local theater group, Lakeland Players. The play is a comedy titled *Drop Dead*.

Sunday is World Communion Sunday

World Communion Sunday is a denomination-wide celebration emphasizing the value of education and training. We commemorate this day by giving generously to support young adults and make a global impact for Christ. Half of the offering benefits World Communion scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students from the U.S. and other countries. The remainder provides grants to support training for worldwide inclusion, diversity, equity, and access.

Your gift is a practical expression of care, equipping students to shape a hopeful future. Supporting United Methodist students offers both financial and spiritual encouragement, demonstrating the church's confidence in their potential. On World Communion Sunday, we join ecumenically in acknowledging our unity in Christ as we gather around His table.

To make an offering, mark checks "World Communion Sunday" or select "Special Offerings" in online giving.

Beginning this Week: Habits of Jesus

October 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th
11am-Noon and 6:30-7:30pm

Habits of Jesus is a four-week series that focuses on some of the habits we see Jesus live out in the Gospels. Because Jesus lived a perfect life, he set a perfect example for what and how we are meant to be. Following the practices of Jesus will help us live a life that more closely resembles the life of Christ. For more information, contact Coach Patty at pstroup@waterfordcumc.org.

Volunteer Opportunities

Coach Patty has been in contact with Riverside School and they have a few volunteer opportunities:

- A woodworker to create a new lending library or restore the old one (it leaks) for outside of the school building near the office.
- Cookie bakers to provide cookies once a month for the staff lounge (this is an ongoing project).
- People that will commit to 30 minutes once a week to connect with students over books and games (this is an ongoing project).



Saturday, October 5th @ 6pm

State of Play

A brisk and well-acted political thriller about power, friendship, murder and greed. A perfect offering during this election year. A fabulous cast is led by Russell Crowe and Ben Affleck. PG13.

Bring your own beverage and a snack to share.

Invite a friend!

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



If you are interested in any of these opportunities, contact Colleen Farley (horse01@wsdmi.org) or for more information, contact Coach Patty (pstroup@waterfordcumc.org).

Craft Show Planning Committee

We are looking for a few folks to be on the Spring for It Craft and Vendor Show planning committee. While it may seem early, many vendors are already booking for the 2025 season. If you would like to help out with this great new ministry, please contact Cassandra at bookkeeper@waterfordcumc.org or (248) 681-0040.

Cookies for Students

It's that time again! Time to send love and blessings to our college students. If you would like to donate cookies or other individual snacks you will find a sign up sheet outside the church office. Please wrap cookies in packages of two so they can easily be divided between our students.

If you have a college student who would like to receive cookies please email the church office your student's name and address by Thursday, October 3rd.

Please drop donations at Central by Thursday, October 10th

From the Bookkeeper

We received a significant offering on 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.

Third-quarter statements will go out via email on or around October 10th. Please make sure we have your email address on file. If there are any issues with your statement or if you would like a copy snail-mailed, please contact Cassandra in the church office at (248) 681-0040 M-Th, 9am-noon.

In Sympathy

Our condolences go out to Debra and Randall Cooper and Denise Anderson on the passing of Debra and Denise's mother, Norma Jones. Our prayers are with the families.

Address Changes

Please note that there are new address for:

Wiley Loveless: Grace Senior Center, 2791 Walton Blvd - Rm 109, Rochester Hills, MI 48309.

Virginia Mueller: Canterbury on the Lake, 5601 Hatchery Rd - Rm 3005, Waterford, MI 48329.

Ivoylo and Amada Dimov: 8556 Breezy Oak Way, Boynton Beach, FL 33473.

The next issue of the *Chimes*, will be dated October 20th. Please submit articles by Thursday, October 10th.



Help host the best Trunk or Treat in Waterford! Sign up in the Narthex or visit bit.ly/trunk-or-treat-24. Bring the family and invite your friends and neighbors

Recent Central Church Activities



Top: The PrimeTime Group boards the bus for a trip to the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Center: Central's Youth Group works in the gardens of MICAH 6.

Bottom: Central's newest Confirmands, from left: Wesley Jade, Joella McCarthy and Katherine Taylor (pictured with Coach Patty and Pastor Jack).