



UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

Sunday, October 20th. Pastor Jack continues our Generosity Message Series with *Living God's Vision – Your Team*. Worship is in person or online at Live.WaterfordCUMC.org

Dear Friends,

I was surprised during the worship service yesterday (October 13) that it was Clergy Appreciation Sunday. I did a little research and discovered that Clergy Appreciation Day is always the second Sunday in October, and all of October is celebrated as Clergy Appreciation Month. The celebration was established in 1992 with a mission of uplifting and encouraging pastors, missionaries and religious workers. It is described as a "Hallmark Holiday" meaning it was created by Hallmark to boost the sale of greeting cards.

It's not as if I'd never heard of Clergy Appreciation Day and over the years I've received cards and other expressions of thankfulness for my ministry during this time of year. It just snuck up on me this year. In fact, a lot of things seem to have "snuck up on me" during this year of change and transition. With Ruth's mother passing away on December 29 and my father dying on January 26, this year has been a blur and I have not always felt that I have offered my best as your pastor.

I want to thank you for the lovely card and gift cards from The Home Depot. Kathy Chao, the chair of our Staff-Parish Relations Committee, mentioned the gift cards are to be used for our new home. Oh! That was another thing that happened. For years we've been looking for a home to land in once we retire; I should be clear in saying Ruth has been looking for a home for eight years and she succeeded!

I also want to thank you, my Central Church family, for your care and love over our eleven years together. Ours is a special and very supportive church family and I truly love you and I'm thankful for your presence in our lives, especially this year.

These words are beginning to sound like what people say at the end or transition of a relationship and that is not my intention. We should say words like these throughout our relationships.

Having thanked you, I want to move on to my second agenda item of this *Chimes* letter. I put out a challenge for our church to respond to the needs of The Baldwin Center in Pontiac. My intent was to demonstrate how God just might be calling our church to a specific expression of our faith. I want to report to you that we have a chair person and at least two volunteers in response to this call to ministry! So the team is coming together and I am looking forward to deepening our relationship and support of The Baldwin Center. Please consider your individual calls to support this initiative, whether it means giving gifts to our toy drive, donating funds or working in the Baldwin Center Holiday Store, December 11-14. We can definitely be blessed to be a blessing to others!

Again, thanks for your love and support and as always, I look forward to seeing you in worship!

Because of Christ,

Pastor Jack

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Rummage Sale Wrap-Up

By Linda Taylor

The Rummage Sale Committee is happy to report a successful 2024 sale. Before expenses (table rental, truck rental, sales tax, etc.) approximately \$9,000 was taken in. A few collectible items that were donated will be listed for sale on eBay, hopefully adding to the total funds.

Our thanks to the many volunteers who put in long hours and lots of effort over a ten-day period. They performed so many necessary jobs: moving fixtures, setting up tables, accepting and sorting donations (oh, the sorting—especially clothing!) cashiering, bagging, helping buyers, cash control and the final breakdown on Saturday afternoon.

We are grateful to the wonderful cooks and kind people who provided food and beverages for the workers each day and to the fabulous chefs who kept the kitchen running every noon.

We thank those who have conducted and worked past rummage sales for sharing their experience and advice. Their help made the sale run more smoothly.

The committee will be meeting soon to determine the allocation of proceeds. All will go to missions and community outreach. Additionally, at the end of our sale we were able to distribute some of the unsold goods to local organizations that provide assistance to Oakland County residents—Open Door Outreach, Waterford Youth Alliance and Purple Heart. Unsold items were also given to Cathy Chao, who is personally taking them to Asheville, NC for aid to the flood victims there.

We also saw a wonderful network of local churches helping one another. Rummage sale coordinators shared information before and during the sale, helped at our sale, visited for ideas for their sales and shared unsold merchandise.

The committee has already determined one procedure that must be different next year. It is absolutely necessary that we have move able bodies to help with the heavy lifting required to move fixtures and set up tables. Determining a way to make that happen will be a top priority as we plan the 2025 sale.

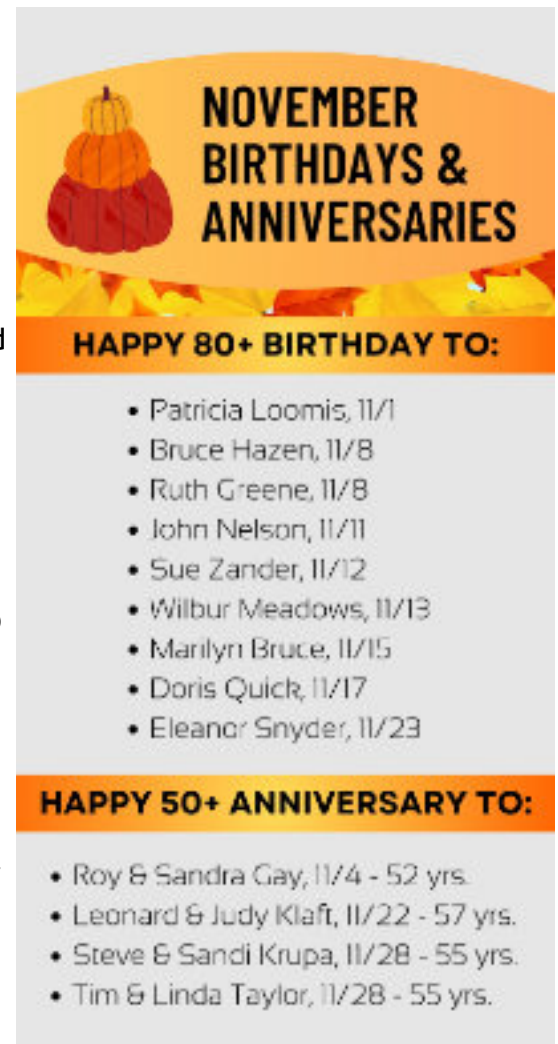
As coordinator I personally learned so much and I hope to be a better organizer and leader next year. Every person who helped the sale and me in any way was important, appreciated and a blessing. Thank you all so much!

Beginning in November: Different

November 7th, 14th, and 21st

11am-Noon and 6:30-7:30pm

Different is a three-week series that focuses on the truth that following God will often cause us to go in a different direction than everyone else. The word “holy” means to be set apart or separate from the rest of the world. So as God calls us to be holy, he is also calling us to be different and live differently. For more information, contact Coach Patty at pstroup@waterfordcumc.org.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

HAPPY 80+ BIRTHDAY TO:

- Patricia Loomis, 11/1
- Bruce Hazen, 11/8
- Ruth Greene, 11/8
- John Nelson, 11/11
- Sue Zander, 11/12
- Wilbur Meadows, 11/13
- Marilyn Bruce, 11/15
- Doris Quick, 11/17
- Eleanor Snyder, 11/23

HAPPY 50+ ANNIVERSARY TO:

- Roy & Sandra Gay, 11/4 - 52 yrs.
- Leonard & Judy Klaft, 11/22 - 57 yrs.
- Steve & Sandi Krupa, 11/28 - 55 yrs.
- Tim & Linda Taylor, 11/28 - 55 yrs.

Rose Memorial Sunday

Sunday, November 3rd during 10:30am worship will be our All Saints Sunday and Rose Memorial Service at which we recognize those who have passed on to eternal life since last year. If you would like to have your loved one honored, please contact the church office at (248) 681-0040 or info@waterfordcumc.org.

Hurricane Relief

We invite you to help us support our ministry partner, DRAW (Disaster Relief at Work). DRAW is currently assembling and shipping Bathroom Buckets and Cleaning Buckets to survivors of hurricanes Helene and Milton. We will be collecting supplies to help fill these buckets. For a list of supplies needed, please visit our website at WaterfordCUMC.org/draw-hurricane-relief/. Please put donations on the table in the Narthex.

Holiday Planning

December will be here before we know it. A few of you have asked about upcoming holiday collections. While we will be doing our traditional holiday brochure with more detail on these giving opportunities, please note that this year we will continue to support:

- The Baldwin Center Toy Collection
- Central's Food Pantry Reverse Advent Challenge
- Compassionate Christmas Cards (\$5 donation each)
- Clothe-a-Child (financial gifts of any size; donate hats and mitten/glove sets)
- \$25 gift cards for the Methodist Children's Home Society
- Sponsor a student at C. W. Duncan School in Liberia (\$300)

Thank you for your continued generosity to these important ministries.

In Sympathy

Our condolences go out to Michael O'Hearn on the passing of his wife, Veda O'Hearn on October 4th, 2024. Our prayers are with the family.

Thank You

As scripture says, "Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered." (Proverbs 11:25)

We wanted to thank you for "watering" our efforts at our recent Parking Lot sale on August 24th by loaning us your tables for those participating in the rummage sale. As our first time hosting such a sale, we learned a lot. Particularly about the kindness of our sisters and brothers in Christ who helped us in such a big way

-In gratitude, Rev. Diane and The People of Bethel.

The next issue of the *Chimes* will be dated November 3rd. Please submit articles by Thursday, October 24th.



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