



UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

Sunday, November 17th. Pastor Jack's Message is *Disconnected? Disillusioned? Dechurched?* Based on Mark 13:1-8. Worship is in person or online at Live.WaterfordCUMC.org

Dear Central Church Family,

I recognize that as a Pastor it would not be judicious to comment on the outcome of last week's election. I would caution anyone to steer clear of political discourse because you always run the risk of alienating half the nation. While I will not comment on the results of the elections, I truly believe that we are all thankful that the din and clamor of the election advertisements are over. I wrote in our Advent-Christmas letter that even though it is too early for Christmas music to be constantly ringing in our ears, the few selections I've heard have been a sweet relief.

What I am looking for and desperately want as we look toward the end of this year and the future of a New Year is peace. Besides the vitriol and clamor of political ads being over, I want peace in my life, in my relationships, in my church, across the aisles of our legislature (both State and Nation) and I want peace in my soul. To be clear, I'm not expressing alarm about the condition of my relationship, our church or my soul; I'm just praying for peace.

During this Season of Advent, we will be focused on peace with our Message Series titled *Missing Peace*; we will discuss what it means to search for peace, wait for peace, to live peaceably with others and find peace in transforming our disappointments into divinely appointed opportunities. I am excited about this series of messages that I hope will move us all toward the peace that surpasses human understanding (Philippians 4:7). As we await once again the birth of the Christ Child, I invite you to join me in finding and resting in God's peace.

May this season of Advent prepare our hearts to fully receive the peace of Christ that comes from knowing him. Be blessed my Central Church Family. I look forward to seeing you in worship.

Because of Christ Jesus the Prince of Peace,

Pastor Jack

Men's Summit

January 31–February 2, 2025

Join us for a great weekend of fellowship and study. This year our theme is *Stuck – The places we get stuck and the God who sets us free*. This video study by Jennie Allen will help us identify and overcome areas in our lives where we feel we need spiritual guidance and growth. The cost is \$150 and includes housing for 2 nights, 3 meals for Saturday and breakfast Sunday morning. Sign up by the end of the year and save \$5! Participants will need to bring their own bedding or sleeping bag, a Bible, a notebook, snacks and beverages to share. Participants should also anticipate the cost of going out for a meal together on Friday night at a local restaurant.

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Central Cafe is Back!

Thursdays, 5:15 - 6:30pm

Thank you to Heather Marks for stepping up to spearhead our Central Cafe initiative! This is a great way to get a good meal and enjoy the company of others on Thursdays before studies and rehearsals. This week will be tacos and rice and beans. There is a nominal fee to cover the cost of the food: \$8 for adults and \$4 for kids.

We are looking to build out the new Central Cafe team. If you would like to help out, please contact Heather Marks at heather.marks922@gmail.com or 248-977-0140.

Women's Advent Tea

Saturday, December 7th, 3 – 5pm

Once again the women of the church are invited for a special afternoon of fellowship before the holiday season ramps up. Enjoy a relaxing time to get together for a short service followed by a tea. You can sign up to host a group of seven of your friends at a table.

Invite your friends, decorate your table for the season, provide tableware, and provide a dessert & snack. Tea, coffee, cream and sugar will be provided. The church has tableware that you are welcome to borrow.

The sign up sheet can be found in the Narthex. Setup will be Friday, December 6th from 6-9pm

Hanging of the Greens

Saturday, November 30th, 9am - Noon

Help us decorate the church in preparation for the Christmas season. All are welcome. Many hands make light work! Any questions, contact Jannette Deszell at jdeszell@comcast.net.

Planned Giving Seminar

Sunday, November 24
After Worship

The Rev. Jeff Regan from The United Methodist Foundation of Michigan will discuss the benefits of planned giving. This seminar will include:

- How to create a lasting legacy
- Supporting the church in its mission and ministry for current and future generations
- Understanding the tax benefits of planned giving

There is no cost for this program and all are welcome to attend. A light lunch will be provided and the presentation takes about one hour.

BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE



Virginia Mueller

October 20, 1933 - November 9, 2024

Member Since May 23, 1954

PrimeTime at
Spicer's Orchard

Thursday, Nov. 21st
10:30am

Meet at Central Church at 10:30am
and we will carpool over. There is a
farm market and winery on site.



Holiday Giving Opportunities

Clothe-a-Child

During the holiday season, Central supports local elementary children in the Waterford School District with the donation of new clothing. If you would like to make a monetary donation to the Clothe-A-Child program please make checks out to CUMC with "CAC" on the memo line.

Compassionate Christmas Cards

Purchase Christmas cards from Sunday, December 1st through Sunday, December 22nd for a donation of \$5 per card. Donations will go to various Central missions. Cards can be purchased in the Narthex on Sundays or from the church office.

Sponsor a Student at C. W. Duncan School in Liberia

Did you know that a donation of \$300 will send a student to the C. W. Duncan School in Liberia for an entire year? To sponsor a student, mark donations "C. W. Duncan Scholarship." Cards are available in the church office to give your honoree on Christmas morning.

Christmas Wishes for Methodist Children's Home Society

Once again Central will be donating RaiseRight gift cards so the Cottage parents can purchase gifts for kids in their care. Please give in denominations of \$25 at the RaiseRight table on Sundays, or **drop off or mail a donation to the office by December 1st**. Mark checks MCHS on the memo line.

Food Pantry Reverse Advent Challenge

Pick up a calendar or download it from bit.ly/reverse-advent-24 and collect one item for each day of December. Drop donations off weekly or at the end of the month to Central's Food Pantry.

Hats and Mittens/Gloves

Donate a matched set of a hat + mittens/gloves after December 1st to go to Waterford School children through the Clothe-a-Child program (please no scarves).

Baldwin Holiday Store

This year we will be collecting new toys for the Baldwin Center Holiday Store. **Please drop off donations (unwrapped) by November 24th.**

Christmas Offering and Advent Mission Project

Central UMC will tithe a portion of our Christmas Offering to local missions The Baldwin Center and Open Door-Waterford. Watch for an envelope in your Christmas mailing.

Staff Love Offering

Show your support and love for our wonderful staff! Watch for an envelope in your Christmas mailing.

Christmas Poinsettias

If you would like to order a poinsettia to decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas, download and return the order form at our website found at <https://waterfordcumc.org/2024-poinsettia-order-form/>. **Order poinsettias by November 24th.**

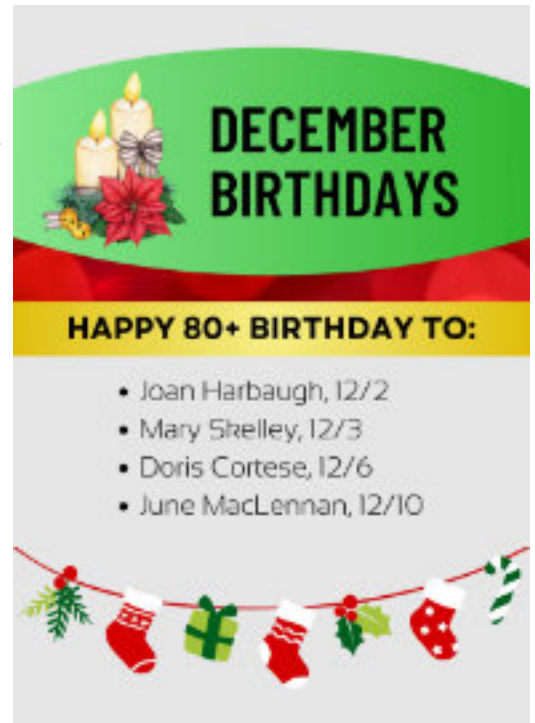
Knit For Kids Update

Thank you to all who have been busy with their knitting and crochet needles making items for Knit for Kids. We ship them to World Vision, which then ships them throughout our country and the world to provide warm clothing for children in need.

Central started this project in 2005 and with the two boxes shipped just this past week our totals are now: 1803 sweaters, 1433 baby hats, 125 baby blankets, 862 kids hats, 665 mittens, 44 scarfs and 3 kids blankets.

If you wish to participate, there is a table in the hallway beyond the Narthex with patterns and free yarn. Once your item(s) are completed, please place them on the table. If you are not a knitter, but would like to help, you may make a donation indicating it is for Knit for Kids, or purchase one of the Compassionate Christmas Mission Cards for \$5 during Advent.

With the recent hurricanes, fires and storms we know many children are in need, and this is one small way we can help. Any questions, contact Diana Carter, 248-309-2490.



Hurricane Relief

Thank you to everyone who donated supplies for DRAW buckets and funds to UMCOR for hurricane relief. You can still donate items; there is a list in the Narthex. To donate funds to UMCOR, give to Advance #901670 or go to <https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/901670/>.

Thank You

Hello Church,

Thank you so much for the box of cookies they were absolutely amazing to get.

–Dan Taylor

Thank You All,

For the great support, well wishes, prayers, and good feelings for me and my recent hip replacement surgery. All went well and I'm recovering nicely in spite of my impatience. LOL

You are all a treasure of spiritual uplift and protection. What a great group of believers and doers you are. Again, thank you.

–Bob Swartz

Address Changes

There are new addresses for:

Patrick and Tanya Murphy: 1317 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing, MI 48915

Penny Leverenz: 1407 Skipper Dr., Apt 420, Waterford, MI 48327-2496

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

The next issue of the *Chimes* will be dated December 1st. Please submit articles by Thursday, November 21st.