



Connecting with God,
Connecting with Others,
Changing Our World With Christ's Love

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UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

Sunday, February 9th. Holy Communion. Pastor Jack continues our *Momentum for Life* message series with *Investing in Real Relationships*. Worship is in person or online at Live.WaterfordCUMC.org

Dear Friends,

Even though we've had the long-held tradition of saying what happened at the Men's Summit stays and the Men's Summit, I can assure you that a good time of fun, food, fellowship and learning was had by all. I want to thank Rev. Maurice Horne for leading worship this past Sunday with his positive style and friendly demeanor; I always hear compliments whenever Pastor Horne is with our Central Church family.

We are continuing our series of messages titled *Momentum for Life*, this next Sunday, February 9, 2025. I want to remind you what the acronym DRIVE means (from the book by Rev. Dr. Michael Slaughter.) The "D" of DRIVE stands for Devotion to God. "R" stands for Readiness for lifelong learning. "I" denotes Investing in key relationships. "V" indicates Vision for the future. "E" stands for Eating and Exercise. I want the ideas behind these messages to bring lasting change to our lives.

In this series we've spent two weeks with some general concepts of the importance of our Devotion to God and possessing an aptitude for Life-long Learning. Now we're going to work through three messages on more specific topics of investing in key relationships, creating a vision for our lives, and developing healthy habits.

I hope you are enjoying this series of messages and pray that you find the messages relevant and meaningful. To that end, I want to invite you again to join me and others on Wednesday evenings during these next five weeks to discuss these topics. We meet at 7pm on Zoom. To receive the link to these discussions, just contact me at 248-217-4004 or jmannschreck@waterfordcumc.org, or the church office at 248-6981-0040.

In the meantime, I look forward to seeing you in worship!

Because of Christ,

Pastor Jack

Wonderful Times at the Men's Summit 2025

Our Men's Summit this year was attended by 15 men including Pastor Jack. The theme was *Stuck—The places we get stuck and the God who sets us free*. This video study is by Jennie Allen, an author, speaker and the wife of a pastor. Jennie holds a Master's Degree in Theology and has written

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De-Churched

Discussions based on *The Great Dechurching* by Jim Davis, Michael Graham, and Ryan Burge

Following 10:30am worship.

February 16th - Who are the Dechurched?

March 16th - Engaging the Dechurched.

April 27th - Final Lessons for our Church and Embracing the Dechurched.

The book (purchase is optional) is available on Amazon or free to customers of Audible Audiobook.

several books and developed video classes over her 20-plus-year career. Because of the inclement weather, the trip out to Skyline Camp in Almont, Michigan was a bit harrowing—the 55-minute drive took nearly two hours for some of our participants! Everyone had a great time of fellowship, food, and fun. Next year's Men's Summit will be January 30–February 1, 2026! Plan now to attend.



The men of Central enjoyed a weekend of study and fellowship at Skyline Camp & Retreat Center.

Pictured (l. to r.) Ken Cortese, Greg Kelley, Pastor Jack, Jim Hinsberg, Joe Humphrey, Myke Robson, John Merle, John Deszell, Dorian Tagai, Bryan Murphy, Jim Richardson, Matt Cortese, John Pierre, Paul Armstrong, Bob Swartz.

Upcoming New Member Classes

Are you interested in becoming a member of Central Church? Join us for one of these new member classes. Contact the church office at (248) 681-0040 to sign up.

- **Session 1:** Feb 23rd @ 4pm & Feb 24th @ 7pm
- **Session 2:** March 16th @ 4pm & March 17th @ 7pm
- **Makeup Sessions:** March 30th @ 4pm & March 31st @ 7pm

PrimeTime Trip to the Zekelman Holocaust Center

Friday, February 28 @ 10:30am

This immersive experience highlights the crucial role that architecture played during the Holocaust, combats decades of Holocaust denial, and helps us remember those who were murdered by the Nazi regime. We will meet at Central at 10:30am and carpool to Uptown Parthenon for lunch then on to the Holocaust Center for a 1:00pm tour. Admission is \$6. Please sign up in the Narthex if you would like to join us.

For more information, contact Dan Arnold at 248-884-5904 or danieljarnold15@gmail.com.

**Join us every 3rd Tuesday
of the month at 1pm in the
Parlor for**



**Folks can work on personal
projects, crafts, play games or
just socialize with friends.**

For more information, contact
Cathy Hazen.

Kids Ministry Calendar of Faith & Fun

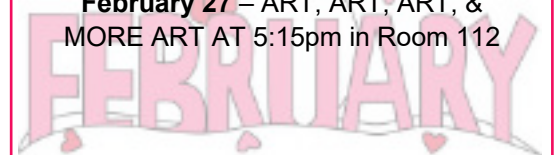
KidVenture Morning Adventures in
Faith every Sunday @ 10:45am

February 6 – Art Day at 5:15pm in
Room 112

February 13 – Valentine's Pizza Party
at 5:15pm in Room 112

February 20 – Fun Day at 5:15pm in
Room 112


February 27 – ART, ART, ART, &
MORE ART AT 5:15pm in Room 112



Memorials

Thank you to everyone who gave in 2024 in memory of:

- Mary Lou Mclintock
- Betty Truhn
- Lorna Pierre
- Ruth Cooper
- Marian Mannschreck
- Diane Beedle
- Stephanie Shawl
- Mike Dempsey
- Norma Painter
- Bill Svenkensen
- Duffy Bowman
- James Arnett
- Roger Crick
- Ted Kobylas
- Linda Myers
- Kenyon Painter
- Stephanie Shawl
- Carol Richardson
- Roy Glidden
- Gil (Mayo) Waters
- Norma Jones
- Marcy Dennis
- Virginia Mueller
- Ron Newman
- Richard Lund



YOUTH MINISTRY

February 9 – Youth Group meets at 5:45pm to 7:30pm

February 16 – No Youth Group

February 23 – Youth Group meets at 5:45pm to 7:30pm

CUMC Youth Group is for all youth in 6th – 12th grade!
All are welcome!

End-of-Year Statements

EOY statements for 2024 were printed and mailed at the end of January. If you did not receive a statement, please contact Cassandra (bookkeeper@waterfordcumc.org)

Thank You

As you can imagine, our staff is working extra hard to accommodate the extra people seeking shelter during the recent severe cold. We are also incurring additional expenses—more food, more heat, more water, more laundry, etc. Your gift of \$118.15 means the world to us this time of the year. Thank you for helping us help others

-Karen Plants, COO, HOPE Shelters

The next issue of the *Chimes* will be dated February 23rd. Please have any articles submitted by Thursday, February 13th.

