



## UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Pastor Jack continues our *Praying with Jesus* Lenten Message Series with *Praise God!* Worship is in person or online at [Live.WaterfordCUMC.org](http://Live.WaterfordCUMC.org)

## Dear Friends,

I am writing this *Chimes* letter to you after completing a new member class. Our new member sessions, or Partnership Classes, are based on the membership vows recited and responded to during a worship service. The final module that I share is based on the membership vow which states, "As members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness?"

These are pretty clear ways to relate and be an active member of our church, or any church. I always ask that new members pray for our church and for me as their pastor. I ask them to prayerfully consider how they will support our church through their financial gifts as well as the personal gifts and talents that they can offer. I share the many ways through which they can serve our church, whether behind the scenes (filling our candles with oil, preparing communion, working in the kitchen) or by serving as "Sunday morning servants" (lay readers, choir members, greeters and ushers). There are many committee positions that need interested and willing people to move our mission and ministries forward.

But what of that part of the vow to "witness?" What does that mean? Being a witness is simply sharing what you know to be true, just like on a witness stand in a court room. Witnessing involves telling others about your faith and the difference it has made in your life. It is about telling what you know to be true about your experience of God, Jesus our Savior and the work of the Holy Spirit through the church and in our world. You can share how being a believer in God has made a difference in your life. You can tell how your life has change by being a part of our local congregation.


To that end we will launch later this month our "21 Days of Hope Easter Experience." For the three weeks leading up to Easter you will receive emails and texts guiding you daily on how you can witness through your prayers and interaction with others, whether those folks are your closest family and friends or a stranger. It is my hope that many people in our church will take up this daily challenge to witness to our faith. Most days, it will only take a few minutes to a half an hour to participate in this 21 days that could change your life and the lives of others. We will be sharing information about how to get involved with this program on Sunday.

Lent can be a joyful season of growing in your relationship with God and others. Through our witness may others learn of God's love for each and every one of us. As always, I look forward to seeing you in worship!

Because of Christ,

***Pastor Jack***

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## Lenten Study & Worship

### Lenten Message Study

Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30pm with  
Pastor Jack, via Zoom

A weekly deep dive into our Lenten message series *Praying with Jesus*. We'll explore scripture, review key points of the message and discuss how it applies to our lives as followers of Christ. Join us for any or all of these studies, conducted via Zoom so that you can join from the comfort of your home. To get on the distribution list for the Zoom link contact the church office or email Pastor Jack at ([jmannschreck@waterfordcumc.org](mailto:jmannschreck@waterfordcumc.org)).

### Believe Like Jesus: Rising from Faith in Jesus to the Faith of Jesus

Thursdays, 11am–Noon and 6:30–7:30pm beginning  
March 6th

What might happen if we rise from having faith *in* Jesus to having the faith *of* Jesus? What *is* the faith of Jesus? How do we learn to believe like Jesus? Would this mindset change our lives, our communities, our world?

Take an inward journey of spiritual transformation to live courageously, grow strong and thrive.

### Lenten Lunch & Learn

Wednesdays @ 12:15pm

March 12th, 19th, 26th and April 2nd, 9th, 16th

Bring your lunch and join Rev. Deb for a study based on the book *When the World Takes the Wind Out of Your Sails* by James Moore.

### Devotionals

Spend time this Lent developing spiritually. Devotionals are available in the Narthex and are a great tool to help with faith formation.



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### HAPPY 80+ BIRTHDAY TO:

- Katherine VanHoy, 4/4
- Audrey Venus, 4/7
- David Braden, 4/9
- Jane Ellen Bussard, 4/16
- Mary Lou Osborne, 4/19

### HAPPY 50+ ANNIVERSARY TO:

- Bruce & Cathy Hazen, 4/8, 64 yrs.
- Sam & Sharyn Osborn, 4/13, 57 yrs.
- David & Sally Hart, 4/17, 54 yrs.
- John & Joyce Merle, 4/19, 56 yrs.



## It's Easter Lily Time!

Order Easter lilies to beautify the Sanctuary. Use the order form found in your Order of Worship or visit our website at [News=>Order Your Easter Lilies](#) for the order form.

## PrimeTime Trip to Central Station Has Been Postponed Until April 2<sup>nd</sup>

There are only a few spots left! Tours are all pre-paid at \$20 each. Please play Bob Swartz in advance (via cash, check or PayPal). Meet at the church to car pool (leaving at 11:30am) to Michigan Central Station. We are scheduled for a 90-minute tour. Once the tour is completed your group can continue exploring or depart back to Central. Contact Bob Swartz ([racerbob@comcast.net](mailto:racerbob@comcast.net)) with questions or for more info.

## Organ Repair

Our church is blessed with a full-sized pipe organ built by one of the most renowned Canadian organ companies, CasaVant Freres. These past few Sundays you may have noticed a high pitched, slightly disturbing sound, which is coming from a leak in one of the organ pipes. Correcting this will require an important repair, as due to this issue one of the three manuals (keyboards) is not

playable. We are also not able to tune the organ until this issue is resolved.

We have had an organ company diagnose the problem and put together a repair estimate, which is \$4551. Our plan is to raise these funds through a special giving campaign. Please prayerfully consider donating to help fix our organ.

While this repair cost may seem high, by way of reference a full-sized pipe organ similar to ours would cost between \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 new. We are blessed to have such a wonderful instrument and we need to do our best to keep it maintained and in good shape. To donate to the organ repair fund, mark checks with "organ repair" on the memo line or give online to the organ repair fund. Any donation amount is appreciated. Thank you in advance, and if you have any questions, please contact Music Director Aran Kim at [akim@waterfordcumc.org](mailto:akim@waterfordcumc.org).

## Women's Spring Tea

**Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00pm**

Another Tea is on the calendar for this Spring—right in time for Mother's Day! We are looking for hostesses and volunteers to bring in goodies for all to try. So, even if you don't want to host a table, you can still share your favorites! We will take up a goodwill offering to help with the organ repair. If you'd like to help with planning, please contact Kathy Chao at [jkchao@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jkchao@sbcglobal.net).

## PrimeTime Trip to the DIA

**Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**

Back by popular demand! Join us for a trip to the Detroit Institute of Arts. Meet at Central for a noon departure by charter bus, arriving around 1:00pm. There will be a guided tour from 1:00–2:00pm and you will have about an hour from 2:00pm until the bus leaves at 3:00pm to tour the Institute on your own. This event is free and participants will receive a coupon for a free coffee/tea and a cookie. The coupon is also good for 10% off in the gift shop. Please sign up in the Narthex by Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>.

## The Great De-Churching Sessions

Thank you to all who have attended our Great De-churching discussions. I have found the discussions meaningful and the feedback helpful. If you missed either of the first sessions or would like to review what was discussed you can view a recap on our website at [Waterfordcumc.org/the-great-de-churching-sessions/](http://Waterfordcumc.org/the-great-de-churching-sessions/).

Our final session will be April 27<sup>th</sup> after 10:30am worship when we will discuss "Final Lessons for our Church and Embracing the Dechurched."

## From the Bookkeeper

We received a check in the March 9<sup>th</sup> offering for \$100 that did not have a name on the envelope, so it was posted to "anonymous." If this was your offering and you'd like to have it reflected on your statement, please contact Cassandra ([bookkeeper@waterfordcumc.org](mailto:bookkeeper@waterfordcumc.org)) It is important to put first

## Kids Ministry Calendar of Faith & Fun

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

**March 20 – Mad Science Lab** at 5:15 in Room 6

**March 27 – Spring Break!** No Children's Ministries.

## YOUTH MINISTRY



Sundays @ 5:45–7:00pm unless otherwise indicated. Includes dinner.

**March 23 – Spring Break!** No Youth Group

**March 30 – Movie Night** at 5:30pm

CUMC Youth Group is for youth in 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades. All are welcome!

## New Member Class Makeup Session

**March 30<sup>th</sup> @ 4pm & March 31<sup>st</sup> @ 7pm.**



## Waterford Jigsaw Puzzle Competition

**Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, Noon–3pm**

To Benefit Fueling Kids' Futures. Be the first team to complete a 500-piece jigsaw puzzle. Teams can sign up for \$40 or individuals for \$12. Registration is required through Eventbrite using the QR code or searching online.



and last names on your giving envelopes for proper credit. Thank you.

## Thank You

### Dear Central United Methodist,

Thank you for your most generous support of Open Door Outreach Center by donating \$300 to help assist people who are struggling to have basic needs like food, shelter, household items and clothing. Your gift makes a tremendous difference in the lives of people right here in our community.

-Raymond F. Sherlock, Executive Director, Open Door

### To Waterford Central United Methodist Church and Pastor Jack

I would like to thank my church family for celebrating my 100<sup>th</sup> birthday with me and for many of those years being a major part of my life. It means the world to me. I appreciate the opportunity to use Fellowship Hall for this special occasion. What a surprise to see all those that shared that major milestone by attending after the service on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025. I feel so blessed. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

-Love, Glenna Mae Cox

### Central UMC

Thank you once again for allowing Waterford Mott's high school musicians to hold their chamber music recital fundraiser in your Fellowship Hall free of charge. Your generosity lowers our costs, so more of the money raised can go directly toward supporting our students. The Booster Club funds uniforms, concert accompanists, clinicians, festival entry fees, band camp and more. We are so grateful for your support.

-Sincerely, Carrie Neuman, Secretary, Mott Music Boosters



**Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>  
6pm**

### The Jesus Revolution

Based on the true story of a national spiritual awakening in the early 70s and its origins within a community of teens in Southern California. Rated PG13, this film, chosen for the Lenten season, was recommended by a regular CC attendee. Join us in the Parlor and bring a snack to share.

**The next issue of the *Chimes* will be dated April 6<sup>th</sup> and will be sent out on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Please have any articles submitted by Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup>.**