



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

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## UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Jack continues our *Praying with Jesus* Lenten Message Series with *The High Priestly Prayer (Part 2)*. Worship is in person or online at [Live.WaterfordCUMC.org](http://Live.WaterfordCUMC.org)

## Dear Friends,

I have to tell you that I got a little thrill when I received the first message from our 21 Days of Hope - Easter Experience this morning. I am looking forward to a little extra spiritual boost during these last weeks of Lent. In my last *Chimes* letter, I focused on this online experience of the 21 Days of Hope and today I'd like to remind you of the opportunity to invite others to our Easter programs in these next few weeks. Robin Danek, our Marketing and Outreach Director, has put together a very useful kit that will help you witness to our faith as we approach the Easter Holiday. In this kit there is all the information about the 21 Days of Hope - Easter Experience, and how you can sign up for it. It's not too late!

Also in this kit are two invitation cards with a schedule of events during Holy Week, from Palm Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, through Easter Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. Just this past week, I was at a gathering and sat beside a man to whom I introduced myself as the pastor of the church where the party hosts were members. He responded, "Yes, I recognize you. I was with you last Easter." He told me he enjoyed worshiping with us, how he appreciated the music and mentioned that he attended worship because he received an invitation card from our members. Begin to think about people you know who would love to come and worship with us for Holy Week. Pray for them and at the time you feel led to do so, invite them to worship with us by giving them an invitation card.

There are also two smaller cards - business card size - called kindness cards. When you are out and about and have the opportunity to offer a gesture of kindness, you can share where your kindness comes from as a follower of Jesus the Christ and let the recipient of your kindness know that you are a part of our Central Church family.

Robin has done a marvelous job of enabling and empowering our members and friends to witness to our faith and share who we are as Waterford Central UMC! 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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**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. Join us in the Parlor and bring a snack to share.

**Easter at Central  
Holy Week Worship  
Palm Sunday April 13th**

**8:45am—Praying with Jesus: a Donkey's Tale** based on Matthew 21:1-11 and Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29.  
Special music during worship.

**10:30am—Cantata Sunday.** Join us for an inspiring performance by Central's Chancel Choir.

**Breakfast will be served by the Youth from 8:30–10:00am.** A free-will offering will be taken to support Youth programming. Please sign up in the Narthex if you plan to attend.

**2:00pm—"Twist It Up" Pretzel Party.** Learn the significance of the pretzel to the Easter story and take home some yummy pretzels to eat. This is a family event suitable for all ages.

**Maundy Thursday  
April 17th @ 7:00pm**

Service Commemorating the Last Supper with Holy Communion.  
*Praying with Jesus: Jesus' Final Desires* based on John 13:1-17, 31b-35.

**Good Friday, April 18th @ 7:00pm**

*Praying with Jesus: Prayers for Forgiveness* based on Luke 23:33-43.

**Easter Saturday, April 19th**

Bring the kids, grandkids, friends and family for an Easter egg hunt on the grounds of Central Church. The hunt begins at 10am, rain or shine. Raincoats and boots recommended as eggs may be hiding in low-lying areas.

**Easter Sunday  
April 20th @ 8:45am & 10:30am**

*Praying with Jesus: Unexpected Blessings* based on Luke 23:1-12. Special children's event—Find the Alleluia.

Join us after 10:30am worship for coffee hour, crafts for the kids, a photo booth, and a tour of the empty tomb.

**Organ Repair**

Thank you to everyone who gave to the organ fund. Your generosity has enabled us to schedule the organ repairs, which are estimated to begin in early June. You are a blessing, and we are blessed to be able to schedule this repair so quickly. Thank you again. 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 10th**  
**@ 1pm**

Please sign up in the Narthex if you would like to host a table or attend.

If you'd like to help with planning, please contact Kathy Chao at [jkchao@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jkchao@sbcglobal.net).

**BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE**  
*Jamie Lynne McCarthy*  
September 27, 1977 - March 20, 2025  
Member Since November 18, 2018

## 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>.

## Coffee Time Is Back!

Coffee Time is returning beginning Easter Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. Coffee and a sweet treat will be available each week between the early and late services, so plan to come a little early or stay a bit later to greet one another. Yummy homemade cinnamon rolls will be served on Easter.

Volunteers are needed for prep and clean-up, and the hope is for eight teams of two people. This should ensure that each team will only need to serve once every other month. Donations to replenish coffee and supplies will also be helpful. Please see Linda Taylor or Jannette Deszell after worship to help.

## All Church Clean-Up Day

Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> 9am - Noon

Bring your gardening tools, chainsaws, gloves, knee pads and your can-do attitude. Help make our church grounds a cleaner, greener place by volunteering to pick up litter and beautify our grounds.

## 21 Days of Hope

If you texted "Hope" to (248) 773-4008 to participate in our 21 Days of Hope Easter Experience but are not getting any emails, please contact Robin in the church office ([rdanek@waterfordcumc.org](mailto:rdanek@waterfordcumc.org)). We had a few people who sent the text but did not click the link to fill out the form, so you will not get the emails, as we don't have an email address for you. Thanks.

## Address Change:

There is a new address for Aran Kim: 954 Harper Dr., Rochester Hills, MI 48307.

The next issue of the *Chimes* will be dated April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Please have any articles submitted by Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.



## Central UMC Family Ministries Schedule of Events

April 6 – KidVenture Kids at 10:45am

April 6 - Youth Group S'more Night and Campfire Message at 5:45pm

April 13 – Palm Sunday Breakfast, 8:30am–10am in Fellowship Hall

April 13 – KidVenture Palm Sunday Fun at 10:45am

April 13 – Family Pretzel Making Event "Twist It Up!" at 2pm in Fellowship Hall

April 13 – Youth Group GAGA Ball Game Night at 5:45pm

April 19 – CUMC Easter Egg Hunt at 10am

April 19 – Youth Service Project following the Easter Egg Hunt

April 20 – Easter Sunday; No KidVenture or Youth Group

April 27 – KidVenture at 10:45am

April 27 – Youth Group Outdoors at 5:45pm

