



## UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

Sunday, June 1st. Join Us for a Festive Hymn Sing as Pastor Jack Attends Annual Conference.. Worship is in person or online at [Live.WaterfordCUMC.org](https://Live.WaterfordCUMC.org)

## Dear Friends,

I pray you had a meaningful Memorial Day and took the time to at least contemplate the sacrifices made on our behalf. We enjoy the hard-fought-for freedoms for which lives were lost. I know that many enjoyed their day off, stoked up the barbecue, and enjoyed the presence of family and friends. Perhaps you attended a parade and maybe enjoyed a service in memory and honor of those who serve in our military, and specifically those who gave their all for the lives we live. Again, I hope you were able to give thanks for the lives lost so that we may enjoy our freedoms in this nation.

This past week was also the conclusion of our series of messages on The Social Principles of the United Methodist Church. Our Social Principles view the world through the lens of four communities: 1) The Community of All Creation, 2) The Economic Community, 3) The Social Community, and 4) The Political Community. I want to thank the many who expressed their appreciation as well as their approval of this series of messages. These Social Principles are "carefully and prayerfully constructed positions" on a variety of social issues, from wise stewardship of our earth's resources to the responsibilities of corporations, farmers, and members of the criminal justice systems under which we live.

One church member said that the Social Principles are far more accessible than our *Book of Discipline*, which is the "book of rules" for local congregations and our interactions with the Annual Conference (our Michigan Area) and the General Conference of the UMC (the worldwide UM church). This is a wonderful observation, as I like to say that the purpose of the Social Principles is to guide us in our relationships with each other so that we may live and work together in unity and harmony.



The Apostle Paul wrote, "If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all." (Romans 12:18) Paul was speaking about the church as the living body of Christ, each of us an important part of the body. We are a community of believers, and our beliefs guide how we live together.

I was glad to take these past four weeks to inform you of our UM Social Principles. Several people had mentioned the Social Principles as a possible series of messages, and so I thank them for the idea. I hope you found these messages meaningful and helpful. As we enter into the summer months and the wonderful celebration Sundays of Graduation, Father's Day, and VBS Celebration, I pray we will be blessed in the hopefully warmer weeks ahead. As always, I look forward to seeing you in worship.

Because of Christ,

**Pastor Jack**

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## It's Time to Register for VBS!

June 23-26, 6-8:30pm

**Go on the trip of a lifetime without leaving Waterford!**

*Egypt* VBS is a family VBS for all ages. Moms, dads, grandmas, grandpas, aunts, uncles, sisters, brothers, cousins; everyone is welcome. This is an inter-generational event where everyone is invited to *Egypt-Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace*. This event is free and open to the community.

Join us for great hands-on fun and learning, including fun and games at the Pyramid Playground, visit the Marketplace, create Egyptian hieroglyphics in the Art Shop, head on down to the Embalmer's Shop to learn about Egyptian embalming (in a fun way), hang out in "Operation Kid to Kid" and tie blankets that will stay local, go to the Toy Shop and create an Egyptian game, construct a pyramid (you get to make the bricks), sing, dance, and have fun with your family and friends! Plus, we will have live animals to learn about.

Register today at [bit.ly/centralvbs-25](http://bit.ly/centralvbs-25), as spots are limited and filling fast.

## PrimeTime Troy Historical Village Tour

**Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 10am**

This is a handicapped-accessible guided tour of the Troy Historical Village. The village has 11 buildings from 1837-1927 including a former Methodist Church and parsonage. We will meet at Central church at 10am to carpool to the Village.

After the tour we'll enjoy a boxed lunch (sub, chips, cookie, beverage), or you may bring your own lunch. The tour cost is \$12, the boxed lunch is \$10. Sign up in the Narthex to participate. For more info, contact Dan Arnold ([danieljarnold15@gmail.com](mailto:danieljarnold15@gmail.com)). Dan will be collecting money for the boxed lunches.

## Summer Buckets 'O Fun

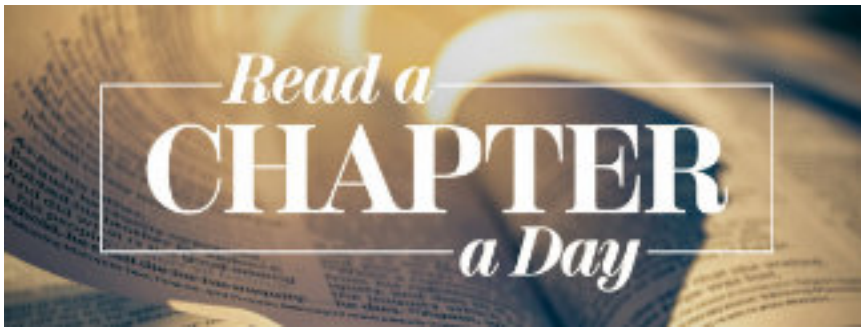
### Faith Development Tools

If you didn't get your family Summer Buckets 'O Fun kit, pick one up from the Narthex this Sunday (June 1st) and keep your kids' faith development going during the summer months.



**Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm**  
**Finding Forrester**

Join us for the final Central Cinema of the season. This is the story of an unlikely friendship between a reclusive author and a gifted teenager who become spiritual teachers for one another. Rated PG13 and starring Sean Connery.



## UMC Summer Reading Challenge

**June 9–July 26**

This summer, UMC Discipleship Ministries will conduct an online reading challenge based on Romans, 1 Corinthians, and 2 Corinthians. Each day, participants will receive an email with the chapter of the day, a reflection question from a theologian, and encouragement for their journey. This is a powerful opportunity to immerse yourself in scripture and grow in faith alongside thousands of others worldwide.

### Flexible Reading Options:

You may choose to read from your own Bible, allowing you to engage with the familiar pages of your copy.

You can read the day's chapter via email, making it convenient to keep up with the readings wherever you are. We will be using the Common English Bible.

**Facebook Community Group:** To foster a supportive and engaging community, we have created a closed Facebook group for participants. This will be a space for sharing reflections, asking questions, and connecting with others on the same path. Please join us there to enhance your experience and contribute to our collective journey.

To participate in this summer's Bible reading challenge, sign up at [www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/read-a-chapter-a-day-summer-2025-challenge/](http://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/read-a-chapter-a-day-summer-2025-challenge/).

## Mark Your Calendar for Summer Family Fun

Coach Patty has a summer full of fun planned for Central's kids and youth, so save these dates!

### Movin' and Groovin' in Faith (Ages 3-6 yrs.)

**July 21-24, 9-11am, Cost \$5**

Grab your running shoes, wear comfy clothes and get ready to get active in faith! **This is starting soon, so sign up before spaces run out!**

### Adventure Camp for Kids (K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade)

**July 14–17, 9-11am, Cost: \$5**

A week of fun and adventure, from basic first aid for kids to camping, fishing, hiking and exploring God's great big creation.

### Youth Trips and Activities (6<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> grades)

- June 21–Huron River Tubing. Cost \$14, This one is coming up fast, so sign up soon!
- June 27-29–Cedar Point Amusement Park Overnight. Cost \$50



June 1 – Creation

June 8 – Play N' Pray

June 15 – The Picnic

June 22 – Play N' Pray

June 29 – VBS Sunday

July 6 – Play N' Pray

July 13 – Hay Day

July 20 – Play N' Pray

July 27 – Bugs & Honey, Oh My!

August 3 – Play N' Pray

August 10 – Shipwrecked

August 17 – KidVenture Resumes



- July 11-13–Lake Michigan Camping Adventure. Kayaking, camping, star gazing and swimming. Cost \$30
- July 19, 9am–Hike the Paint Creek Trail.
- August 9, 9am-3pm–Carpenter Lake Nature Preserve Outing.

For more information or to register for any of these great events, visit the [Upcoming Events section of our website](#). Adults are welcome as volunteers and/or chaperones for any of these activities or trips. Contact Coach Patty for more info.



**Join Us for an Evening of Fun, Entertainment, and Baseball!**

**Friday, July 18, 2025 @ 6pm**

Join your church family for a night out at Jimmy John's Field for:

**Mammoths vs. the Unicorns**

Tickets are \$25 per person and include reserved infield grandstand seating, a hot dog, a bag of chips, and a beverage (soft drink or water). After the game, there will be a spectacular fireworks show!

Sign up in the Narthex if you plan to attend. We need to reserve space so that we can sit together, so please sign up ASAP. Prior to the date, Robin Danek will collect money for tickets. We will meet at Central Church at 5:30pm and carpool to Jimmy John's field. Please indicate on the signup sheet if you can drive. For more information or if you have questions, please contact Robin Danek ([rdanek@waterfordcumc.org](mailto:rdanek@waterfordcumc.org)).

### **A Friendly Reminder...**

Please put your first and last names on donation envelopes so we can properly credit your giving. Also, if you have moved or are planning a move, please make sure to give us your new address. Hope to see you throughout the summer!

-Cassandra (Bookkeeper)

**Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> is Graduation Sunday and Pentecost. Wear Red!**

**The next issue of the Chimes will be dated June 15<sup>th</sup>. Please have any articles submitted by Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.**