



UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

Sunday, August 10th. Pastor Jack continues our *Women of the Bible II* series with *Sarai (Sarah)—Princess of Laughter*. Worship is in person or online at [Live.WaterfordCUMC.org](https://www.waterfordcumc.org)

Dear Church Family,

I mentioned yesterday during worship (August 3) that Ruth and I enjoyed our vacation that we've been planning with friends for over two years. It was a joy to spend three days in Florence, Italy, before joining our friends in Croatia on a cruise ship for only 38 passengers. Everyone on the boat was connected in some way, so our time was spent with close friends and new friends.

Throughout our experience, we saw so many churches! We did five tours in the three days in Florence, and every town or city where we stopped in Croatia had a plaza, usually with a church as its focal point. So many churches!

The Basilica of Santa Croce in Florence is the resting place for Michelangelo, Dante and Galileo Galilei. The church is exquisite and beautiful, with the main sanctuary flanked by several chapels, often built by rich and influential families. The churches were very impressive and the history of that Basilica alone would fill several volumes.

All those churches, some very small and simple, all ancient and beautiful. While we walked through those churches, I wondered about the current worshiping congregation. I can count on one hand how many times the congregation or program of the church was mentioned, usually in the context of an annual festival, which many people attend.

Throughout my ministry, I've always had to balance the honoring of the past while pushing toward the future. Often, that balance is difficult to find. Our experience on vacation was a reminder that we need to be thankful for our past, but with our eyes on the future. I invite you to contemplate that balance and join me in discovering it for the purpose of being the living body of Christ in the world today.

I also said yesterday that I missed you while on vacation. That is true. So as always, I look forward to seeing you in worship.

Because of Christ,

Pastor Jack

Consider our Greater Detroit District Annual Golf Outing

By Pastor Jack

The 2025 Greater Detroit District Golf Outing was moved from July to Saturday, September 20th. It is at the Gateway Golf and Country Club in Romulus, Michigan, with 8:00am registration and a 9:00am shotgun start. Because of that schedule move, I am glad to be able to participate this year.

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The cost is \$100 per person, and part of the proceeds will go to support the Baldwin Center in Pontiac.

I have already begun to put together a foursome and want to extend an invitation for you to create other foursomes. Not a golfer? You can be a sponsor or simply donate to the efforts of this fundraiser to make a difference through one of our partner ministries here at Central Church.

Contact me for further information at jmannschreck@waterfordcumc.org or (248) 217-4004.

Gift Card Rebate Update

RaiseRight gift card sales for Central Church are paused and will resume in early October 2025 for holiday sales.

During 2024, Central Church earned \$633 in rebates from RaiseRight gift card sales. Thank you RaiseRight gift card supporters.

In the interim, you can still earn rebates for Central through RaiseRight.

- Gift cards (physical or e-cards) can still be purchased online or with the RaiseRight smartphone app. You just need to go to the RaiseRight.com website and set up an account associated with Waterford Central United Methodist Church.
- Physical gift cards can be purchased online or with the RaiseRight smartphone app and shipped to your home or directly to someone as a gift. There is a small shipping and handling fee. Shipping is via First Class Mail through the United States Postal Service.
- RaiseRight also recently added local dining to the RaiseRight smartphone app. For participating restaurants, when you pay using the RaiseRight app, Central Church earns a rebate. As one example (there are others), dining at Waterford restaurants, Square One Eats & Treats, Chicken Shack, CJ's Upper Deck, or AK's Burgers & Chicken, Central Church earns a 5% rebate.

For questions talk with Debra Hayden-Schmid at 248-705-8546.

January–June Statements

Statements went out recently, and we did not have email addresses for twelve individuals. If you did not receive a statement via email, please call the office at 248-681-0040 to ensure that we have your correct email address. Thank you.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

HAPPY 80+ BIRTHDAY TO:

- Nancy Radenbaugh, 9/5
- Bruce Lax, 9/29

HAPPY 50+ ANNIVERSARY TO:

- Wilbur & Linda Meadows, 9/3 - 58 yrs.
- Dale & Susan Miller, 9/18 - 54 yrs.
- Don & Mary Lou Osborne, 9/30 - 69 yrs.



Sunday FUNDAY

August 10 – Shipwrecked
August 17 – KidVenture Resumes

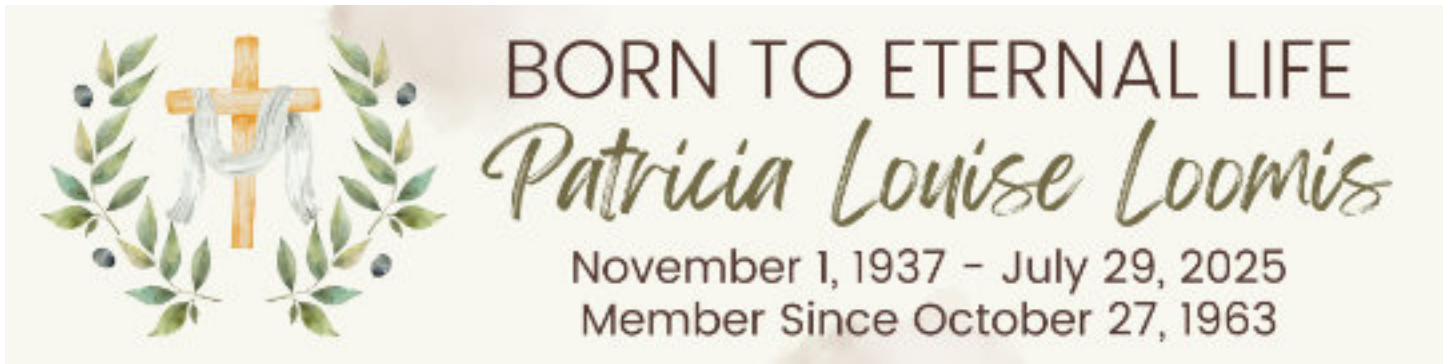


Join us every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 1pm in the Parlor for

Senior Shenanigans

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

For more information, contact Cathy Hazen.



PrimeTime Turkeyville Buffet and Theater

Tuesday, September 23rd, 2025

9:00am–6:00pm

Join us for a delicious turkey luncheon with all the trimmings, followed by a presentation of Andrew Lloyd Weber's *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*.

We will meet at the church at 9am and return around 6pm. Group rate tickets (20 or more) are \$55, cash or check, payable to Dan Arnold by September 1st.

Please sign up in the Narthex. For more information, contact Dan Arnold at 248-884-5904 or

danieljarnold15@gmail.com.

Thank You

Dear Central Family,

Thank you to everyone for the send-off party, for the cards, for the gifts, the love offering and thank you for the opportunity to serve alongside the wonderful people at Central! Take care and SHINE Jesus' light for all to see.

-Coach Patty

The next issue of the *Chimes* will be dated August 24th. Please have any articles submitted by Thursday, August 14th.

A colorful poster for a "Welcome Back Sunday and Block Party". The title is in purple and pink. Below it, the date "Sunday, September 14th" and time "10:30am - 2:00pm" are listed. At the bottom are three circular icons labeled "Corn Hole", "Kids Activities", and "Food & Fun". The poster is framed by a border of colorful triangular flags.

**Welcome Back
Sunday
and
Block Party**

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**Sunday, September 14th
10:30am - 2:00pm**

**Corn
Hole** **Kids
Activities** **Food &
Fun**

Help us Host an Exciting Rally Day!

Soon it will be fall, with kids going back to school and folks getting back to church. Help us host the community for worship followed by a block party featuring hot dogs & hamburgers, a potluck, corn hole, family fun and kids activities.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for volunteering and bringing a side dish or dessert.

Bring your chairs, invite your friends and enjoy an afternoon on the beautiful grounds of Central Church.