



UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

Sunday, August 24th. Pastor Jack continues our *Women of the Bible II* series with a message focused on *Delilah*. Worship is in person or online at Live.WaterfordCUMC.org

Dear Church Family,

August 18! We are past the halfway point of this month, and many are trying to squeeze the last drop of fun out of summer, as school begins a week from today. Here at Central, we are making plans for our fall program start-up and even taking time to look at our Christmas Eve services!

At one of our recent staff meetings on Tuesday mornings, one staff member said, "We spend so much time in August planning for the fall and winter, that we don't appreciate the time we have in August." How true! While we must plan for the future, we should receive each day as a gift and an opportunity to do good, be positive, and share what we have with others.

Eckhart Tolle, author of the book *The Power of Now*, wrote, "Realize deeply that the present moment is all you ever have." For me, that means enjoying living in the present while also planning for the future.

We are making the most of these last days of August, and we're also getting our fall programming organized. I am excited about the small groups that will be starting up; Coach Patty has some really wonderful groups beginning in September. Central Café is beginning after Labor Day, the Choir is beginning to rehearse and plans for Christmas Eve are underway. I'm also excited about our Stewardship Program this year!

So enjoy these final days of summer activities and fun while considering the future. Make the most of each day—they are all we'll ever have. And as always, I look forward to seeing you in worship.

Because of Christ,

Pastor Jack

Greater Detroit District Annual Golf Outing

The 2025 Greater Detroit District Golf Outing will be Saturday, September 20th at the Gateway Golf and Country Club in Romulus, Michigan. Registration is 8:00am with a 9:00am shotgun start. The cost is \$100 per person, and part of the proceeds will go to support the Baldwin Center in Pontiac.

Pastor Jack has begun to put together a foursome and wants to extend an invitation for others to create foursomes. Not a golfer? You can be a sponsor or simply donate to this fundraiser to make a difference through one of our partner ministries.

For more info, contact Pastor Jack at jmannschreck@waterfordcumc.org or (248) 217-4004.

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2025 Rummage Sale

Summer is almost over, autumn is around the corner, and my thoughts have turned to our 2025 Rummage Sale! This year's sale will take place beginning at noon on Thursday October 2nd and ending at 1pm Saturday October 4th. Set-up will commence on Friday evening September 26th and continue daily until the start of the sale.

Last year's sale generated over \$8,000 and all those funds were dispersed to support local missions and outreach to the community around us. Additionally, we were able to give leftover merchandise to several local organizations for their use and benefit. We had a great planning committee and many hard-working and dedicated volunteers who made the sale a success. As one of the first-year coordinators I learned a LOT and I promise to apply those lessons this year!

Again, we desperately need your help. Hopefully, all those who contributed in so many ways last year are willing to assist us again. And the sale would be even better this year with additional volunteers. There are so many ways to show your support!

Please consider signing up to help with receiving donated goods, sorting, arranging and pricing the merchandise. You may drop in to Fellowship Hall any time at your convenience on the set-up days. During the sale itself we will need cashiers, baggers, and people to assist with transporting purchases to cars and answering questions. Past volunteers can attest that you'll be spending time with wonderful friends, making new ones, working for a great cause and sharing a yummy lunch each day! So, if you've thought about helping with the sale in the past and you have a few hours to help that week please join us! I can guarantee that you won't regret it!

Another much-appreciated way to help is by preparing and donating food for volunteer lunches, snacks and sodas. Or you might donate a small amount of cash to purchase lunches or offset the cost of supplies and expenses.

We are requesting some special help for Friday evening, September 26th, and early afternoon Saturday, October 4th. Those are the dates when we rent a truck, and heavy racks and shelves are moved from or back to the garage across the parking lot. Approximately 70 heavy 8-foot tables will also be set up. These tasks require able bodies and strong backs. Our goal is to have 3 teams of 8 people each for

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.



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 and hamburgers, a potluck, corn hole, family fun, kids' activities and a ministry fair.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for volunteering and bringing a side dish or dessert. If you're a ministry leader and would like a table, please contact Robin Danek at 248-681-0040 or rdanek@waterfordcumc.org.

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

those times. One team will load items from the garage, one team will unload and set up in fellowship hall and the third team will clear the hallways and set up tables. On Saturday at the end of the sale the process will be in reverse. We plan a pizza party on Friday evening with plenty of desserts and sodas to replenish your energy. And on Saturday Oct 4th we will all celebrate with an ice cream social. Please help us with this strenuous work!

Of course, your donations of goods to sell are necessary. We will be able to accept your items from 9 am on Saturday September 27 until 5pm on Tuesday September 30. Bring your donations to the entry by Fellowship Hall.

We also hope that you will spread news of the sale to your friends and neighbors. You might share Central's Facebook post on your own site or ask to place a flier at the merchants that you visit.

Fliers with all the dates and times will be in the Narthex and will be included in your future Sunday bulletins. Beginning Sunday August 24th, members of the Planning Committee will be in the Narthex to assist you in signing up to help. You may also volunteer by contacting me at 317 441-4293, or taylorlinc@yahoo.com. And feel free to contact me with any questions.

Your support is vital for this wonderful fundraiser to continue. We look forward to hearing from you and working with you!

–Linda Taylor
Rummage Sale Coordinator

Good Sam Sunday

August 31st is a fifth Sunday, so that means it's a Good Sam Sunday. Central's Good Samaritan program provides funds to neighbors in need through help with their rent or utility payments. The program was on hold for a while, but was brought back this year. Since January of 2025, we have helped 29 people with nearly \$6,000 in payments. Once someone is approved for Good Sam support, payment is made directly to their landlord or utility company. If you would like to give to Central's Good Sam fund, mark checks or your envelope with "Good Sam" on the memo line. We also have a display in the Narthex; simply select a card from the Good Sam tree and give that amount, either during the offering or any time by giving online or dropping your gift in the office. Thank you for your support of our neighbors through the Good Sam program.

Fall Programming 2025

The Fall 2025 Small Groups brochure is available in the Narthex, so make sure to pick one up and check out all of the available classes and events coming up.

Music Rehearsals

Chancel Choir and Agape Bell rehearsals will resume on September 4th. The Chancel Choir will resume singing during worship on September 7th. Agape Bells rehearses 6:25–7:00pm and the Chancel Choir rehearses from 7:30–9:00pm. Contact Music Director Aran Kim (akim@waterfordcumc.org) if you are interested in joining either group.

Dance Rehearsals

The Central Dancers will resume rehearsals on Thursday, September 18th. This group is for youth in grades 2 through 12. To get your child involved, Contact Dance Director Katey Gay (katey1702@hotmail.com).

Purple Threads

Purple Threads resumes on Tuesday, September 16th at 7:00pm in the Parlor. If you would like to join the Purple Threads, please contact Diana Carter (dianacarter@comcast.net).

Central Cafe

Central Cafe resumes on Thursday, September 4th. The Cafe is open on most Thursdays from 5:15–6:30pm for a great, low-cost meal (free if you volunteer!)

Central Cinema

Our first free movie night will be Saturday, September 6th at 6:00pm. The movie will be *Arthur the King*. Pick up a brochure from the Narthex to see the entire 2025-26 lineup.

Wednesday Message Study

Pastor Jack will resume his Wednesday Message Study on Wednesday, September 10th, 7:00–8:30pm via Zoom. Please contact the church office to get the Zoom link.

Thursday Study: Signs and Wonders

September 18th–October 23rd

This book study explores the miracles of Jesus in a historical and theological context. Learn how you can draw meaning from Jesus' words and actions from past witnesses and how they understood the events. This is a 6-week study. We will look at the BIG QUESTION, of not "did this happen," but "what does it mean?" And ultimately, "so what?" Learn how these old miracle stories can speak good news into our lives. Cost is \$20.

Movin' & Groovin' in Faith for Kids

Thursdays, 4:15–5:15pm beginning September 18th

An in-motion class for kids to run, play and get fit without even knowing it. Movin' and Groovin' consists of obstacle courses, core movement, balance, catching, throwing, coordination and just plain fun! Two levels will be offered for Pre/Pre-K/Jr. Kindergarten and another level for elementary-age kids. To register contact Coach Patty at 248-681-0040 or pstroup@waterfordcentral.org.



10:45am on Sundays after the Children's Message

August 24 - Play & Pray

August 31 - No Kid Ministries (Labor Day Weekend)

September 7 - Movin' & Groovin' in Faith

September 14 - Rally Day; Kids Stay in Worship

September 21 - First Day of KidVenture

September 28 - KidVenture



Sundays, 5:45–7:30pm August–September

August 24 - It All Comes Down to Love

August 31 - No Youth Group
September 7 - Go and Make Disciples

September 14 - Rally Day @ 11:30am; It Takes Heart @ 5:45pm

September 21 - Bearing One Another's Burdens

September 28 - I Scream, You Scream, We All Scream for Ice Cream!

New! Body & Soul Ministries with Coach Patty

Stretch Your Faith

Tuesdays 10:30–11:30am beginning September 16th

Stretch Your Faith focuses on stretching and flexibility. A fun class for all abilities with time for fellowship, a holy huddle and much more. This class is DVD driven. Bring your yoga mat if you have one

Body and Soul Tai Chi

Tuesdays, 7:00-8:00pm beginning September 16th

Need time to unwind after a long day? Need to de-stress? Our Body and Soul Tai Chi class is just what you need to focus, de-stress, work on your balance, your flexibility and to relax. We will also be focusing on Scripture that will help us center our attention, our worries, our struggles and life on Jesus and God's healing Word.

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 9:00am and return around 6:00pm. 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,

We would like to thank the congregation for supporting Little Sprouts by dining at Buffalo Wild Wings on July 16. We received a generous check for \$364.94 that will be used to offer tuition and field trip assistance for families in times of need, and to help us continue to fund monthly events designed to bring our wonderful Little Sprouts School Family together in our treasured CUMC spaces and in our community! We are grateful for your support, and hope that you might mark your calendars to join us again on Wednesday, October 15!

-Monica, Mary, and Marnie

The next issue of the *Chimes* will be dated September 7th. Please have any articles submitted by Thursday, August 28th.



The Church Office Will Be Closed on Monday, September 1st