

UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

Sunday, September 7th. Holy Communion. Pastor Jack's message is *Let Them vs. Let God*, based on Luke 14: 25-33. Worship is in person or online at Live.WaterfordCUMC.org

Dear Church Family,

I hope and pray that you had a wonderful Labor Day Weekend, thankful for meaningful work as well as labors of love that engage your interests and passions. I spent a good portion of the weekend in a leisure activity that I enjoy. We spent about six hours assembling a music box shaped as a piano. My daughter, Sarah, gave me the kit this past Christmas and I thought it would be nice to share with her the beginning of putting the kit together. Well, the time went quickly and we completed the kit, all 390 pieces!

As we gather for our Staff Meeting each week, we share joys and concerns, and I shared the joy of spending time with our family, specifically the time I spent with our daughter. We "played" this past weekend as we worked on the music box, kayaked and played games. Coach Patty, whom we have all come to know and love, is a member of The National Institute of Play. She took the

opportunity to share with the staff the importance of play. She mentioned the power of play as relating to mental health, physical exercise and how play influences how we mature into adults.

I have always known that play is important, but after our meeting, Patty gave me a 48-page, 2024 paper from The Institute on Play on the power of play. I can't possibly explain all the nuances of how play helps us to become healthy and balanced human beings, but I do want to share one simple idea: Play is the place where we find ourselves. When we play we immerse ourselves in a situation where we discover our capacity for joy, as we lose ourselves in experiences of cooperation and competition (team sports), fear (roller coasters) and hiking or rock climbing (accomplishments and mastery).

As the "unofficial" end of summer has arrived and we get down to the busyness of work, meetings, school and burdened schedules, don't forget to play. God created us out of love and for God's joy. Let's share in that joy! As always, I look forward to seeing you in worship.

Because of Christ,

Pastor Jack



The piano music box that Pastor Jack and his daughter Sarah assembled over the holiday weekend.

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It's Trunk or Treat Time!

Sunday, October 26th, 4-6pm

Trunk or Treat will be upon us before we know it. Coach Patty has posted a sign-up board in the Narthex for volunteers. This is an awesome event that draws around 500 people from the community, and it takes a village to make it happen. If you can donate candy, decorate your car and hand out candy, or help out with decorating, food, setup, cleanup, or welcoming families to the event, please sign up and join us for this fun evening. For more information, [contact Coach Patty](#).

PrimeTime Fellowship Group

In the past few months the PrimeTime Group has been busy with a variety of trips and shenanigans. PrimeTime is open to anyone who has reached the age of 50 and beyond. Each month there is an outing (dates vary) as well as Senior Shenanigans, which meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Programming for the coming months is underway, so watch for information about trips, as well as some mission projects at Senior Shenanigans. Dan Arnold coordinates the trip calendar. He can be reached at 248-884-5904. Questions about Senior Shenanigans can be directed to Cathy Hazen at 248-698-9326..

Fueling Kids' Futures Is Back in Swing

Fall is here, and students are back in school. The Fueling Kids' Future team is ready to pack bags of food for some of the students to take home for the weekends. Fueling Kids' Futures is part of a program involving 17 other communities in SE Michigan. Volunteers from our church and other groups help in packing and delivering the bags of food to the classrooms after hours, where they are ready for teachers to hand out. Central church has been supporting this great program since 2011, when it was called Blessings in a Backpack.

This year we are working in three Waterford elementary schools – Donelson Hills, Riverside, and Knudsen, serving approximately 220 students. The food we pack is purchased through Kroger from donations made by individuals, churches, community organizations, and businesses. The cost per child for last year was \$160 and you are welcome to donate funds to help feed kids over the weekend.



Help us Host an Exciting Rally Day!

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 (there are invitation cards in the Narthex), and enjoy an afternoon on the beautiful grounds of Central Church.

If you have a Central UMC shirt, wear it on Rally Day. Let's see how many shirts/types/colors we get!

Rummage Sale!

Thursday 10/2, 12pm-8pm
Early Bird 12-1pm; \$3 entrance

Friday 10/3, 10am-4pm - 25% off

Saturday 10/4, 9-11am
Bags are 1 for \$5 or 2 for \$8 (excludes Jewelry & JoAnn's Closet items). 50% Off Individual Items, Jewelry, JoAnn's Closet

To help support this program:

1. To help us pack food, go online to FuelingKidsFutures.org/Waterford and click the email link to let us know you're interested, or call Larry Spiece at 248-877-4923. **Our first day of packing is scheduled for Thursday, September 18th, 4:15pm at Riverside Elementary.**
2. To donate, make a check payable to "CFGR – FKF" or "CFGR – Fueling Kids Futures", and mail it to: CFGR – Fueling Kids' Futures, 303 East Street, Rochester, MI 48307 or pay online at our secure website www.FuelingKidsFutures.org.

To learn more about this program, visit FuelingKidsFutures.org or contact Larry Spiece at 248-877-4923.

Important Rummage Sale Dates

Setup Times:

- Friday, September 26th—5–8:30pm. Table and rack setup and pizza party!
- Saturday, September 27th—10am–4pm
- Sunday, September 28th—Noon–4pm
- Monday, September 29th—9am–5pm
- Tuesday, September 30th—9am–9pm
- Wednesday, October 1st—9am–5pm
- Thursday, October 2nd—9am–11am

Sale Dates:

- Thursday, October 2nd—Noon–8pm
- Friday, October 3rd—10am–4pm
- Saturday, October 4th—9am–1pm

Clean Up:

- Saturday, October 4th—1pm until finished. Followed by an ice cream social for volunteers!

Donations will be accepted from 9am Saturday, September 27th until 5pm on Tuesday, September 30th. Please do not bring soiled or damaged clothing, baby car seats, cribs, or bounce seats, medical devices, computers, tube TVs or major appliances. We only accept furniture that is not stained or damaged and can fit in the back of an SUV. For more info, [contact Linda Taylor](#).

Join us in hosting this great community event that our neighbors look forward to. There are several sign-up sheets in the Narthex.



Hands-On Ministry Opportunity

Saturday, September 13th, 9am–1pm

Join us for a (half) workday at Micah 6 Community. We will support a hazmat drive they have scheduled by picking up household materials from community residents. Depending upon how many people they need we may also be working in the gardens on that day. We will also be given a guided tour of the new Webster Community Center once our work is done!

If you would like to be part of this opportunity, please sign up in the Narthex. For more info, [contact Robin Danek](#).

Fall Ministry Start-Up Dates

Thursday, September 4th

- 5:15pm—Central Cafe resumes
- 6:25pm—Bell rehearsals resume
- 7:30pm—Choir rehearsals resume

Saturday, Sept. 6th @ 6pm—Central Cinema resumes

Wednesday, September 10th @ 7pm—Pastor Jack's Wednesday Study resumes

Thursday, Sept. 11th @ 4:30pm—Dance Rehearsals resume (this is a correction)

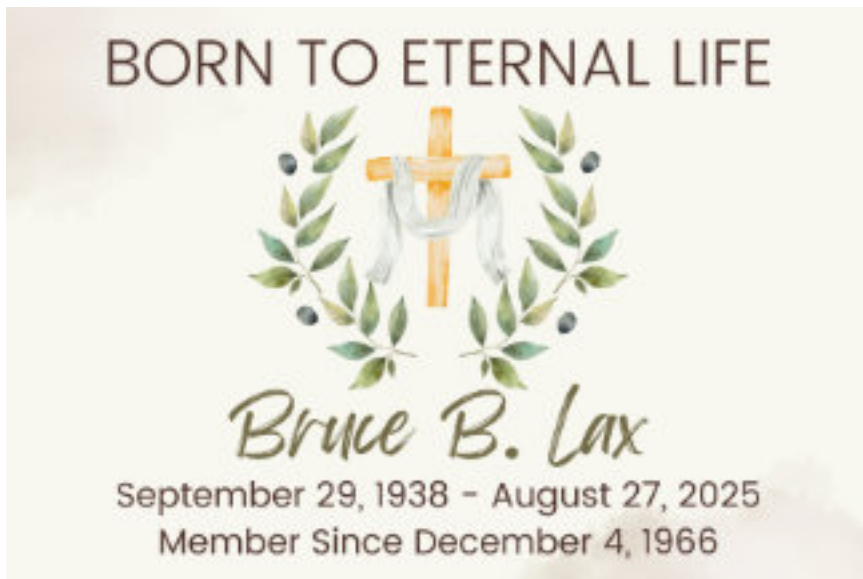
Tuesday, September 16th @ 7pm—Purple Threads resumes

Thursday, September 18th @ 10:30am or 6:20pm—*Signs and Wonders* Thursday Study begins

Thursday, September 18th @ 4:15pm—Movin' and Groovin' in Faith for Kids begins

Tuesday, September 16th @ 10:30am—Stretch Your Faith Class Begins

Tuesday, September 16th @ 7pm—Body & Soul Tai Chi begins



Central Cinema Kickoff

Saturday, September 6th, 6–9pm

Join us in the Parlor for the first Central Cinema of the 2025-26 season. Our film will be *Arthur the King*, a heart-warming story of an adventure racer who adopts a stray dog, who then helps the team in an epic endurance race.

Central Cinema is open to the community, so invite a friend and bring a snack to share and your beverage of choice. After the movie we have a brief discussion on the themes of the film. To view the movie trailer, visit WaterfordCUMC.org=>Upcoming Events.

Thank You

The Waterford Community Coalition was proud to partner with Waterford Central United Methodist Church to host a Back-to-School Supply Drive, supporting students in Waterford Schools. This collaborative effort aimed to ensure local children are equipped with the essential tools they need for a successful school year. Community members donated many new school supplies, which will make a positive impact in the lives of local families as we head into the new academic season. Thank you, Waterford Central UMC.



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

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**

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!

The next issue of the *Chimes* will be dated September 21st. Please have any articles submitted by Thursday, September 11th.