



UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

Sunday, September 21st. Pastor Jack's message is *Making Cents of Shrewdness*, based on Luke 16:1-15. Worship is in person or online at Live.WaterfordCUMC.org

Dear Church Family,

Wow! What a great Rally Day! We had a great crowd of people for worship as well as visitors during worship and then others joined us for our Block Party following worship. The bounce house, the slip 'n slide and the cornhole, giant bubbles and ring toss kept children of all ages busy. And the food – so many desserts! I don't think there were many leftovers and I hope everyone got enough to eat!

During my message in worship, I shared several things about our church that we can celebrate. One celebration that I mentioned is that, with one more membership class this fall, we could have a growth in our membership this year! Our youth and children's ministries are doing well under the leadership of Coach Patty and I believe that our church will finish this year strong as we look forward to 2026.

The scripture for yesterday was about how Moses' father-in-law, Jethro, gave him wise counsel on how to lead the Israelite people. Jethro was wise in the way he offered his advice to Moses, the bottom line being that Moses would wear himself out, as well as his people, by trying to do the work of settling disputes among the people. Jethro told Moses, "What you are doing is not good. You will surely wear yourself out, both you and these people with you. For the task is too heavy for you; you cannot do it alone."

Jethro continues by telling Moses to select people who have a good relationship with God, with others, and are trustworthy and honest, to help Moses lead the people of Israel. Jethro's advice was good sixteen centuries ago and it is good advice for us today. In a word, Central UMC needs you, our members and friends, to help do the work of the church! I mentioned during the message that we need people to serve on committees and in ministry positions that help our church's ministry and mission to move forward. The need for our presence in our community and the surrounding area is so great!

I am asking you to prayerfully consider your gifts and talents and offer them in service to Christ's work in and through Central Church. Ask yourself, "How can I represent Christ to our world in meaningful ways?"

Our District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Darryl Toddy, said at our September 7th Church Conference, "I believe that Waterford Central is on the precipice of something great." There is much to celebrate as a church, and God will guide us in our ministry for years to come! Let's share in celebrating who we are as Waterford Central UMC and let's share in our work together as Christ's presence in the world! As always, I look forward to seeing you in worship.

Because of Christ,

Pastor Jack

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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.

Memorials

Thank you to those who have made a memorial gift to Central in honor of:


- Richard Lund
- Bea Blomquist
- Ron Newman
- Larry Holmes
- Jamie McCarthy
- Helen Beason
- Madge Irish
- Ellen Dempsey
- Larry Holmes
- Kenyon Painter
- Patricia Loomis

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



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

HAPPY 80+ BIRTHDAY TO:

- Ray Robinson, 10/2
- Larry Quick, 10/4
- Russell Jacobson, 10/15
- Sharyn Osborn, 10/23
- Catharine Hazen, 10/27
- Beverly Lax, 10/27

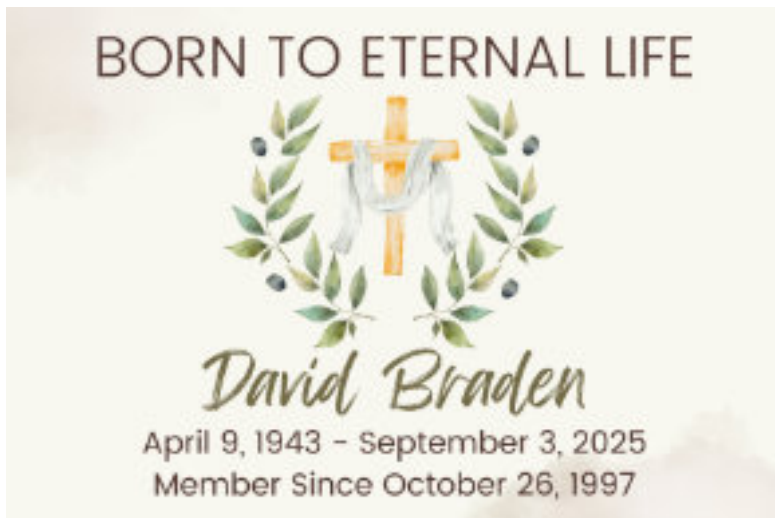
HAPPY 50+ ANNIVERSARY TO:

- James & Cynthia Trosin, 10/21 - 53 yrs.
- Don & Monique Payne, 10/24 - 56 yrs.

PrimeTime Trip to Turkeyville

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

If you have signed up for this trip, please meet at Central at 9am to carpool to the show.



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 Trip to the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House

Tuesday, October 28, 2025

Enjoy a private tour of the Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores. The trip includes a buffet lunch in a private room, followed by a chance to stroll around the grounds. The cost for the trip is \$50, payable by October 14th to Dan Arnold or the church office (make checks payable to Dan Arnold). We will meet at the church at 9:30am to carpool to the Ford House. Please sign up in the Narthex if you plan to attend. For more info, contact Dan Arnold at danieljarnold152@gmail.com or 248-884-5904.



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

September 21 - First Day of
KidVenture

September 28 - KidVenture



**Sundays, 5:45–7:30pm
August–September**

September 21 - Bearing One
Another's Burdens

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

**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.

Fall Ministry Start-Up Dates

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

Thank You

Dear CUMC Congregation,

As the school year begins, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your continued support of my education through the scholarship I received this year. Your interest in my studies allows me to expand my knowledge and prepare for my future career. I greatly appreciate the opportunities that I have been able to pursue because of your generosity. Thank you,

-Aubrey Gibbs

Thank You to Everyone Who Helped Out at Rally Day

We had a great afternoon of wonderful food and fun. Special thanks to Shelly Nowak for coordinating all of the food, to everyone who brought a dish to share, to Wilma Jensen for the wonderful balloon animals, to Carol Diehl for the awesome face painting, to Steve Krupa for his ever-popular giant bubbles, to Mary and Monica for doing glitter tattoos, to Pastor Jack and John for grilling, to Coach Patty for coordination, games and crafts, and to all of those who helped with the Ministry Fair and with setup, clean up and take down. You are a blessing!

-Robin Danek

The next issue of the *Chimes* will be dated October 5th. Please have any articles submitted by Thursday, September 25th.



Saturday, October 4th, 6pm

The Holdovers

A dramedy about a curmudgeonly history teacher who remains on campus during Christmas break to supervise held-over students. 2024 Oscar nominee for Best Picture. Rated R.



Thank you to everyone who volunteered at Micah 6 on Saturday, September 13th. From l. to r. Shawn Riley, Lynn Humphrey, Coleman, Joan, Robin Danek and Coach Patty. Not pictured: Debra-Hayden Schmid.