



Connecting with God,
Connecting with Others,
Changing Our World With Christ's Love

11.16.25

UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

Sunday, November 16th Pastor Jack's Message is *Fresh Courage*, based on Haggai 1:15b-2:9. Worship is in person or online at Live.WaterfordCUMC.org

Dear Church Family,

Have you ever had a thought, an idea or even a premonition that captured your attention and stuck in your mind? Perhaps you gave the matter some further attention to search for any validity to your idea. I was recently at a meeting being facilitated by a leader who asked, "What is blocking us from achieving our goals?" My immediate thought was "paralyzing fear."

When I was about to share my thoughts, another person spoke, "fear and uncertainty." I thought, close enough, and later, as the conversation continued, I did mention the idea about paralysis.

That was this past Saturday, November 8, and yesterday, during our Consecration Sunday service, our speaker, Rev. Gary Step, began his message with lots of examples of why we live in fear and uncertainty. Pastor Gary went on to say that we can still define who we are as God's faithful people, even in the midst of uncertainty. His challenge and call to us was to move! He wanted us to consider what it would look like for each of us to move forward in our support of our beloved Waterford Central United Methodist Church.

Pastor Gary then explained the Estimate of Giving Card and how we can express our moving forward in our support of next year's ministry. Those cards were then collected, collated and presented at our luncheon. I want to thank our Bookkeeper, Cassandra Thompson, who put all the information from our Estimate of Giving Cards together very efficiently, and there was reason to celebrate!

We received 78 Estimate of Giving Cards, of which 63 increased their commitment for next year's ministry. The total of all 78 cards is \$250,160. Combined with an estimate for those who have not filled out cards, income from non-donor sources (rentals, fees, interest) and loose offerings through the year, we can expect a total income for our general operating budget of \$467,831. That represents an increase of \$61,480, a 24% increase in total giving over this year's giving.

I want to thank everyone who attended our service on Sunday, stayed for lunch and gave us reason to hope for a great ministry and mission in 2026! Thank you to our dedicated Consecration Sunday Committee and all who made our Consecration Sunday a reason to celebrate! Blessings to you, my Church Family, and I will see you in worship!

Because of Christ,

Pastor Jack

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Say Thanks to Our Consecration Sunday Team

Pastor Jack gave a word of thanks to our Consecration Sunday Team, but if you would like to say thank you to any of them as your paths cross, we want you to know who that team is: Myke Robson – Chair, Mat Cornish, Robin Daneek, Janet Deszell, Margaret Hazlett, Vanessa Marks, Shiela Strang and Cassandra Thompson. Additional thanks to Linda Taylor and the Coffee Hour folks, Patty Stroup and those who stayed after the luncheon and helped clean up. The cost of this program was underwritten by generous members of our church, and the Rev. Gary Step received no compensation for his leadership, as he comes to as a mission of the United Methodist Foundation of Michigan.

Rummage Sale Wrap Up Meeting

Sunday, November 16th After Worship

This meeting will take place in room 104, and all those who helped with this year's sale are encouraged to attend. We will briefly recap 2025 and determine the distribution of proceeds.

Central Is Hiring!

Please welcome to the Central staff Eve Pierre, who will be our new Choir Director. Eve will begin rehearsing our choirs this Thursday, November 13th. We are still seeking an Organist/Accompanist, so please let your friends, family and colleagues know about this opening. To apply, visit the Careers section of our website.

New Thursday Study: *God's Blueprint for Vibrant Health and Your Well-Being*

Thursdays at 10:30am and 6:30pm, November 6th—December 11th

It's not too late to join Coach Patty in the parlor for this study. All adults and teens are welcome! We will not meet on Thanksgiving.

Methodist Children's Home Society Christmas Wish List

For many years the Central congregation has been very generous in providing gifts for the boys at the



PrimeTime Trip to MI Flight Museum

Friday, November 21, 2025

If you have signed up for this trip, please meet at Central at 10:15am to carpool to lunch and the museum

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](#).

Methodist Children's Home in Redford. In order for the cottage parents to shop for the boys from their wish lists, we will once again provide Amazon gift cards. The gift cards will be used for Christmas gifts, birthday gifts and other items the boys need throughout the year.

If you wish to help, we ask that you donate money at the RaiseRight Table. Once we have a total, we will purchase the Gift Cards and this will benefit Central, too!

It's easy to donate:

- Stop by the RaiseRight table in the hallway on Sundays, and give your check or cash to Debra Hayden-Schmid, or
- Stop by the office, Mon.–Thurs. and give your check or cash to Margaret, or
- Mail in your donation to the church and put MCHS on the memo line.

Please do not purchase gift cards elsewhere, and please do not include money for the gift cards with your regular offering or put it in the offering on Sundays. Any amount donated will be greatly appreciated and your donation will appear on your year-end statement.

The deadline is November 30th so the gift cards can be ordered and delivered to the Home with plenty of time for the cottage parents to do the shopping.

Thank you for your continued generosity to this important ministry that brings joy on Christmas.



PrimeTime Trip—Christmas at Meadowbrook Hall

Friday, December 5th @ 12:30pm

Join us for lunch in the historic Meadowbrook Hall to see the beautiful Christmas decorations throughout the mansion. Lunch will be in one of the elegant rooms of the mansion, followed by a tour. The cost is \$45, **payable to Dan Arnold by November 21st**. Please sign up in the Narthex. For more information, contact Dan Arnold at 248-884-5904 or danieljarnold15@gmail.com.



Kids' Ministries

November 16 – KidVenture @ 10:45am

November 20 – Out of Egypt Kids and Family Fun at 4:30pm; Dinner at 5:15pm

November 23 – KidVenture @ 10:45am

November 27 – Happy Turkey Day! No Out of Egypt Activities

November 30 – No KidVenture on Sunday Morning!

Youth Group

Sundays, 5:45–7:30pm

November 16 – Friendsgiving Potluck. Bring a dish to share at Youth Group

November 23 – Apples 2 Apples Game Night

November 30 – No Youth Group

The whole month of November is November Acts of Kindness! Grab a calendar and let's go!



Christmas Poinsettias

If you would like to order a poinsettia to help decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas, please use the order form below or download it from our website at [News=>2025 Poinsettia Order Form](#).

Central's RaiseRight Program Is Great for Christmas Gift-Giving

Central participates in the RaiseRight program, which allows friends and members to purchase gift cards with a portion of your purchase going to support the work of Central Church. Debra Hayden-Schmid will be at the RaiseRight table on Sundays during the Christmas season so that you can purchase cards. Or, stop by the office and pick up a RaiseRight order form.

Cards ordered on Sunday are available the following Thursday to pick up from the office, or can be picked up the following Sunday from the RaiseRight table. The last Sunday to place RaiseRight gift card orders in time for Christmas pickup is Sunday, December 14th. Cards ordered on that day can be picked up on Sunday, December 21st.

RaiseRight offers gift cards from many popular retailers, restaurants, big box stores and gas stations.

Thank You Dear Church Family

A great thank you to my Central Family for the prayers and cards I received during my recent hospital stay. A special thanks to Pastor Jack and his many visits. Healing well, now, as we resume our daily routine.

–Jan Rice

The next issue of the *Chimes* will be dated November 30th. Please have any articles submitted to rdanek@waterfordcumc.org by Thursday, November 27th.

Poinsettia Order Form	
As part of our Advent/Christmas celebration, we will be ordering poinsettias to decorate the Sanctuary. If you wish to donate a poinsettia, please fill out the information below and return it to the Church Office with your payment (please print legibly).	
Deadline for Orders is November 20 th , 2025. Cost per plant is \$6.50.	
Name of Donor(s): _____	
Phone: _____	
Please legibly print the name(s) of your loved ones	
In Honor of: _____	
In Memory of: _____	
☐ I will take after the 8:00pm service on December 24th.	
Amount enclosed: Number of plants _____ x \$6.50= _____	
If you place your order in the offering basket, please make sure to mark your check or envelope "Poinsettia Order." Thank you.	