



UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

Pastor Jack continues our *Adult Confirmation* Message Series with *Adult Confirmation 101: God*. Worship is in person or online at Live.WaterfordCUMC.org

Dear Resurrection People!

As we are two weeks past Easter and we've had our Holy Humor Sunday, which many consider to be an official tradition of Central Church, I want to address you as Resurrection People! I address you as Resurrection People because I truly believe that God calls us to live a "Resurrection Lifestyle," not just believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ!

What do I mean by a "Resurrection Lifestyle?" I mean a lifestyle that is marked by the belief that all things are possible because of Jesus' resurrection from the grave. (See Matthew 19:26 and Mark 10:27). When Jesus made this proclamation, he was in a conversation with his disciples concerning salvation and eternal life. But Jesus' words are not confined to the great hereafter. His words are for each day that we are alive on this earth—it's about lifestyle—living our lives in response to Christ's resurrection.

For over 40 years in full-time ministry, I have seen great things happen among Christ's Resurrection People! I've witnessed people healed, marriages mended, and families reconciled. We have had transitions as some of our beloved staff have retired or left, and those ministries have continued. Those are resurrection events!

Even when people are not healed, and marriages are not mended, even when families are not reconciled, I have seen resurrection faith work in those instances as well. People have moved on in their lives after difficulties and have experienced wholeness and peace after devastating events. Again, evidence of resurrection living!

A Resurrection Lifestyle is based on the belief that God loves and cares for us and that "for God all things are possible" (Mark 10:27). The Resurrection Lifestyle is also predicated on the belief that "I can do all things through him who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13). It is because God resurrected Jesus Christ from the grave that we live in the confidence of God's promise of loving care and provision as well as receiving life that is abundant and eternal!

The challenge for the church and for each of us as individuals is to bear witness to our being Resurrection People! God's love is constant, and there is always hope. See you in worship!

Because of Christ,

Pastor Jack

Scholarship Applications

Central UMC offers scholarships to children of members of Central United Methodist Church for both high school graduates and continuing college students. Please use the forms on our website to apply for student scholarships. **Return the completed forms to the office by May 10th, 2026.** Scholarships will be presented on June 7th during our Graduation Sunday worship service.

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Graduation Sunday

June 7th @ 10:30am Worship

It has been a long-cherished annual tradition at Central Church to celebrate our high school and college graduates. This year our celebration will be on June 7th, the first Sunday in June. We encourage graduates to join us in worship, wearing their cap and gown if possible. We'd like to welcome you to join Pastor Jack up front to share your accomplishments and hear a word from you about your plans.

In preparation, **we are requesting that all graduates share with us by Sunday, May 10th**, your anticipated graduation, as well as the next steps in your life (college, work, military service, etc.) We'd also love to have a picture that will become part of a poster in our Sanctuary lobby. Please [submit your information and photo online](#) or [click here for a PDF](#).

Please plan to join us for worship when we will offer a prayer for your future.

Central's RaiseRight Gift Card Program is Ending

Thank you, RaiseRight gift card shoppers. Last year, your gift card purchases earned Central Church \$630. However, over the last few years, rebates from retailers have continued to decline, shipping costs have risen, and although we had a few very dedicated participants, it no longer makes sense to keep the program going. We've decided to end the RaiseRight gift card sales. We thank you for your support.

Any cards purchased to date through RaiseRight can still be used for retail purchases. Talk with Debra Hayden-Schmid at 248-705-8546 if you have questions.

Little Sprouts Fundraiser at Panera Bread

Once again, the Little Sprouts will be receiving proceeds from a local restaurant; this time, it's Panera Bread. Dine at the Panera Bread at 5175 Highland Road in Waterford on May 1st, 2026, between 4pm and 8pm and 25% of the proceeds will go to support our Little Sprouts Early Childhood Center. Use the code **FUND4U** when ordering online or at a kiosk, or [present this flier at the counter](#) to ensure that Little Sprouts gets a portion of the sale.

Pastor Jack & Ruth Farewell Gift

It's time to say farewell to our beloved pastor, Jack Mannschreck and his lovely wife, Ruth. He has served the church well and deserves to be celebrated as he enters his retirement. There is a long tradition in the Methodist Church of giving a signature quilt to an outgoing pastor—a gift to wish them well on the journey to their next destination.



MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

HAPPY 80+ BIRTHDAY TO:

- Sandra Longworth, 5/1
- John Merle, 5/2
- George Johnston, 5/2
- Ken Paul Bowers, 5/7
- Sharon Donner, 5/8
- Dee Bowers, 5/9
- Sally Hart, 5/27

HAPPY 50+ ANNIVERSARY TO:

- Ernie & Francie Bauer, 5/29, 55 yrs.
- Duane & Cathy Soldan, 5/31, 51 yrs.



Central Cinema Saturday, May 2nd @ 6pm Ordinary Angels

Inspired by the incredible true story of a hairdresser who single-handedly rallies an entire community to help a widowed father save the life of his critically ill young daughter. This film's themes include kindness, love, and friendship. Rated PG.

Join us in the Parlor. Bring a friend and a snack to share.

Two personalized quilts will be made—one for Pastor Jack and one for Ruth. If you would like to include a special message, please pick up a form from the Church Office or [download it from our website](#). Please indicate next to your message whether it is for Pastor Jack or Ruth.

Messages must be received by Monday April 27, 2026 to be included. Messages received after that date will be added to an auxiliary item, TBD. You may turn this form into the office or give to me in the Narthex between services on Sunday.

Thank you,

-Jannette Deszell, 248-568-8328

PrimeTime Trip to Cook's Farm Dairy

Wednesday, April 29th @ 11am

Central's PrimeTime Group will be visiting Cook's Farm Dairy this month. We will meet at 11am to carpool from the church to Bullfrog's Bar & Grill for lunch, then go to Cook's for a private tour of the farm. Cook's is the only dairy farm in Oakland County and has been family-owned since 1933. **The tour is \$7.50 and includes a cup of fresh chocolate milk and a dish of delicious Cook's ice cream. Please pay Dan Arnold by Sunday, 4/26 for the tour ticket.** You are on your own for the cost of lunch. Sign up in the Narthex if you plan to attend.



PrimeTime Melodies at the Museum

Thursday, May 28th, 2026

Join us for an afternoon at the Detroit Institute of Arts as we enjoy a special musical program and tour the museum. Meet at the church by 11:30am for a 12pm charter bus departure to the DIA. We will enjoy a folk music program in the auditorium from 1-2pm, then enjoy a self-guided visit from 2-3pm. The bus will depart at 3pm to return to the church.

This event is free, but the cutoff date for sign-up is May 13th. Please sign up in the Narthex if you plan to join us. For more information, contact Dan Arnold at 248-884-5904 or danieljarnold@gmail.com.

The next issue of the *Chimes* will be dated May 10th. Please have any articles submitted to rdanek@waterfordcumc.org by Thursday, April 30th.

Easter at Central



From Top to Bottom:

Youth Group members make delicious Palm Sunday pancakes.
Members of Central enjoy Palm Sunday breakfast.
Despite the damp weather, the Easter Egg Hunt was well attended.
Shawn Riley, Jaeden McCarthy, and Mateo Alegre, with the Bunny Hopper 3000 (made by John Deszell), which was used to scatter eggs for the Egg Scramble during the event.

From Top to Bottom:

The men of the church perform *Is It I?* on Maundy Thursday.
Myke Robson, Micah Ross, and Janette Deszell set up the Sanctuary for Easter.
The children of the church "Find the Alleluia" on Easter Sunday.
Central's Chancel Choir and friends perform The Hallelujah Chorus from *Messiah*.