



UPCOMING IN WORSHIP
Father's Day. Guest Pastor Rev. Suzanne Walls will be preaching. Worship is in person or online at Live.WaterfordCUMC.org

Dear Friends in Christ,

My heart is full as I attempt to express the depth of my thankfulness for a wonderful day yesterday! True to your character of caring compassion and attention to detail, you created an atmosphere of hospitality that rivals anything I've ever experienced. I will forever remember my last day in the pulpit under appointment as a United Methodist pastor. From the surprise anthem *For Good* from *Wicked*, to the youths' giant card with great pictures, to the truly impressive potluck and the program that followed, you all must be exhausted. I believe that, because I am exhausted and emotionally drained!

Thank you to all who served on the Retirement Celebration Committee and made the day special. I know you were trying to keep everything "under the radar" so that the day would be filled with surprises. The Fellowship Hall never looked better, full of tables that allowed people to sit, eat and chat with one another; the detail of having a reserved table for our large family was wonderful! The "Surprise Guest Speakers" kept me on my toes as I anticipated each speaker from our family and the four churches I've served. One of the greatest surprises was the absolutely gorgeous quilts gifted to Ruth and me, so thoughtful, so detailed. Those quilts will be a reminder of our ministry for decades to come. If I have forgotten anything, please forgive me as I am still overwhelmed with your thoughtfulness. I have also avoided mentioning any names specifically so as not to omit anyone. I am sure that there were those who operated "behind the scenes" and I am thankful for all of you.

Over my thirteen years of pastoring Central Church, I've had friends and colleagues who have come to the church for events, meetings or just to stop by and chat. They have often expressed how welcoming and hospitable Central Church is as you welcomed them, guided them to where they needed to go, and took care of them while they were here. Thank you for being you as you welcomed those from my previous churches to join us for the celebration!

I want to conclude with a reminder from my message yesterday. I truly am anticipating transformation in our lives as we redefine our relationships. I was released from my pastoral

CONNECT

-  waterfordcumc.org
-  [waterfordcumc](https://www.facebook.com/waterfordcumc)
-  [waterfordcumc](https://www.youtube.com/waterfordcumc)
-  [waterfordcumc](https://twitter.com/waterfordcumc)
-  info@waterfordcumc.org
-  (248) 681-0040
-  3882 Highland Rd.
Waterford MI 48328

Upcoming at Central

June 21st –Guest Pastor Rev. Suzanne Walls

June 28th –Guest Pastor Rev. Dr. Don Ferris McCant

July 5th –Hymn Sing

July 12th –Rev. Mary's First Sunday as Central's New Pastor



responsibilities at the very end of both worship services, but the friendships that I spoke about continue. Friendships that have love as their core value and guiding principle.

The concept of “best friends” was the introduction and close of my final message, and I am very serious about the idea of friendship that is based on the love of God, experienced through Jesus the Christ. I want you to know that, as your friend, I will pray for you and Rev. Mary Gibson as she brings new energy, insight, and leadership to Central Church. Thank you for a wonderful day for my Retirement Celebration, but more than that, thank you for thirteen years of partnering in ministry as together, we partook of God’s amazing grace! I love you!

Because of Christ,

Pastor Jack

New Address for Jack and Ruth

Pastor Jack and Ruth will be living in Johannesburg, Michigan—not South Africa! Their address is: 6309 Honey Lake, Johannesburg, MI 49751.

PrimeTime Tour of Applewood Estate

Thursday, June 25th, 2026

If you have signed up for this event, please meet at the church at 10:45am to carpool. For questions or more info, contact Bob Swartz at 248-882-4301 (text or call).

Knit For Kids Update

Thank you to all who have been busy with their knitting and crochet needles and making items for Knit for Kids. We ship them to World Vision who then ships them throughout our country and the world to provide warm clothing for children in need. Recent shipments have gone to Afghanistan, Burundi, Swaziland, Lesotho, Malawi, Sierra Leone, and the Chicago & Pittsburgh Storehouses for distribution in the US.

Central started this project in 2005 and with the box shipped this past week our totals are now 1868 sweaters, 154 baby blankets, 1564 baby hats, 963 kids hats, 866 mittens 52 scarfs, and 3 kids blankets.

If you wish to participate, there is a table in the hallway beyond the Narthex with patterns and free yarn. Once your item(s) are completed, please place them on the table. We would also appreciate donations of yarn—full or near full skeins—no white, off white or tan, please. If you are not a knitter, but would like to help, you may make a donation indicating it is for Knit for Kids which will help with shipping expenses.



JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

HAPPY 80+ BIRTHDAY TO:

- Dennis Fortier, 7/1
- Marian Hansen, 7/3
- Sue Zander, 7/11
- Ernest Metzner, 7/14
- Velette Svenkesen, 7/19
- Gertrude Fortier, 7/22
- Barbara Newman, 7/23
- Barb Burns, 7/28
- Barbara Bloom, 7/31

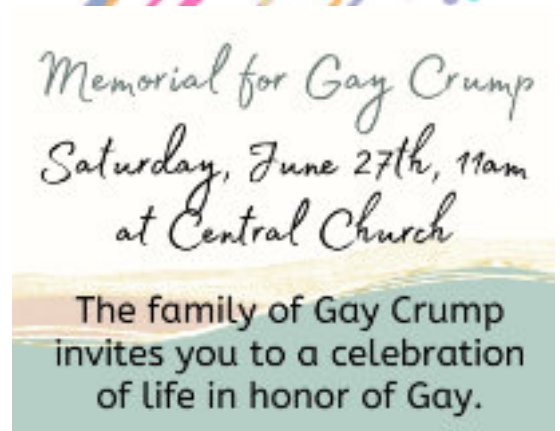
HAPPY 50+ ANNIVERSARY TO:

- John & Judy Baker, 7/10 - 55 yrs.
- Skip & Cheryl Malin, 7/15 - 54 yrs.



Senior Shenanigans

Senior Shenanigans will not be meeting in June or July. We will resume in August.



Memorial for Gay Crump
Saturday, June 27th, 11am
at Central Church

The family of Gay Crump invites you to a celebration of life in honor of Gay.

We know many children are in need and this is one small way we can help. Any questions, please contact Diana Carter, 248-309-2490.

Here's an Update on the THREE BIG PROJECTS Your Trustees are Advancing

To Save the Associate Parsonage. We're on track to complete it this summer. The berm and pump to hold back the wetland will be installed as soon as the ground dries out enough to allow equipment to operate.

Repairing the Memorial Plaque and Two Columns. The quotes are in, and a contractor is selected. Now looking for funding.

Oh! The Parking Lot. Minor repairs are taking place. But, sadly, they won't last long. These small patches used \$570 of your offerings and took several hours over two days in the full sun by some volunteers who could have been doing other tasks.

But know that a special fund is established so that any and all of your donations to "The Parking Lot" will be used only for the lot's replacement.

Plus, Deb is working hard to find additional sources of funding. It'll take several sources to make your donations work well.

And, John is doing his research on what effective and efficient designs can serve us well without excess expense.

So keep praying all goes well. And keep donating to the special Parking Lot Fund.

In His and your service.

-The Trustees

The next issue of the *Chimes* will be dated July 5th.

Please have any articles submitted to

rdanek@waterfordcumc.org by Thursday, June 25th.



Softball Schedule

6/15–7:00pm–St. Trinity

6/22–6:00pm–St. Trinity

6/29–7:00pm–St. Trinity

7/6–6:00pm–Eagles

7/13–7:00pm–Eagles

7/20–6:00pm–1st Missionary

7/27–7:00pm–Eagles

8/3–6:00pm–New Hope

Sat 8/8–Tournament–TBD

New Hope–8643 Sashabaw

St. Trinity–7925 Sashabaw

1st Missionary–4832 Clintonville

Eagles–5640 Maybee

GLASSES AND HEARING AID COLLECTION

We are collecting glasses and hearing aids in the Church office and will donate them to the Lions Club. If you or someone you know has these items, please drop them off in the office M-Th, 9am–4pm (closed from noon–1pm for lunch). Thank you!



Mark Your Calendar!

Monday, June 22nd – No Chair Exercise Class

Tuesday, June 23rd – No Stretching Class

Thursday, June 18th – Office Closed in Observance of Juneteenth

Thursday, July 2nd – Office Closed in Observance of July 4th

Pastor Jack's Retirement Celebration



Top Left: A full house with Acolytes Jaeden McCarthy and Delayna Jade
Top Right: The Youth of Central and Jack's previous churches pay tribute to Pastor Jack
Center: Janette Deszell presents quilts she made for Jack (left) and Ruth (right)
Bottom Left: The Chancel Choir performs "For Good" from Wicked
Bottom Right: The Mannschreck Clan was there for the festivities