

UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

September 27th. Rev. Mary continues our *No Place Like Home, Pull Up a Chair* Message Series with *Pass It Down the Table*. Worship is in person or online at Live.WaterfordCUMC.org

Pull Up a Chair—There's a Place for You!

What a wonderful Rally Day at Central Church! There was such joy and energy as we gathered for worship, fellowship, learning, and the beginning of a new season of ministry together.

Our fall worship series, *No Place Like Home: Pull Up a Chair*, reminds us that church is more than a building we come to on Sunday morning. Church becomes home when we know there is a place for us at the table—a place to belong, to grow, to serve, and to help make room for someone else.

In Mark 2:1–12, friends literally make a way for someone to get to Jesus. When the house is too crowded, they refuse to give up. They open the roof and lower their friend into the room! That image continues to challenge us: **How are we making room for others to encounter the love of Christ?**

One way we do that is by sharing the gifts God has given each of us. Maybe your place is serving as a **liturgist, usher, or communion server**. Maybe it is joining a **Bible study or small group**, singing in the **choir**, helping with children or youth, or simply noticing someone who is new and inviting them to sit with you.

And there is always a chair waiting for you at **Central Café!** Come early, stay awhile, enjoy a meal together on Thursday at 5:15pm, meet someone new, and enjoy being together.

We also celebrated the launch of *Friends with God*, our Sunday morning ministry for children through 5th grade. What a wonderful first week! Our children gathered after Children's Time to learn, grow, and discover what it means to be friends with God and with one another. Thank you to everyone helping make this ministry possible.

And our **Youth Group meets this Sunday at 5:00pm!** All youth in grades 6–12 are welcome—and bring a friend. There is always room for one more.

This is what I hope we continue becoming at Central Church: a church where there is a chair for everyone, where gifts are discovered and shared, where faith grows across generations, and where we are always willing to make a little more room.

Pull up a chair. Find your place. Share your gifts. Invite someone else to join you.

There really is **No Place Like Home** when home is a place where everyone belongs.

Rev. Mary

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Small Groups and Ministry Brochure Available



Pick up a brochure from the Narthex and get involved in the ministries of Central Church.

Rummage Sale 2026

Early Bird Sale—Thursday, October 1st, Noon–1pm

\$3.00 entrance fee for the Early Bird Sale.

Thursday, October 1st, 1pm–6pm

Friday, October 2nd, 10am–4pm

25% off Sale

Saturday, October 3rd, 9am–11am

Bag Day. Bags are 1 for \$5 or 2 for \$8. Excludes jewelry and JoAnn's Closet boutique items. 50% off individual items, jewelry and JoAnn's Closet.

Rummage Sale Setup and Clean-up

Friday, September 25th—5pm–8pm

Table & rack setup with pizza party!

Saturday, September 26th—10am–4pm

Sunday, September 27th—Noon–4pm

Monday, September 28th—9am–5pm

Tuesday, September 29th—9am–7pm

Wednesday, September 30th—9am–5pm

Thursday, October 1st—9am–11am

Clean-up on Saturday, October 3rd—1pm until finished

Hot dogs and ice cream for volunteers!

Donations

Donations will be accepted from 9am on Saturday,

September 26th until 7pm on Tuesday, September 29th.

Jewelry can be dropped off earlier in the church office, M–Th, 9am–4pm (closed for lunch noon–1pm).

We cannot accept soiled or damaged clothing, baby car seats/cribs/bounce seats, medical devices, computers, TVs, routers, printers, Christmas trees, major appliances, or large furniture.

Cookies for Students

Every October, Central sends a care package of cookies and treats to our college students. If you're a baker and would like to provide cookies or treats, please sign up outside the church office. Not a baker? Not to worry; the students also enjoy individually-wrapped store-bought treats as well. Please sign up outside the Narthex if you plan to provide treats. **Cookies/treats are due in the Parlor by Thursday, October 15th.**

If you would like to get your student on the list to receive a care package, please contact the church office or submit their address at waterfordcumc.org/its-cookie-time-again/. **Please have your student's address to the Office by Thursday, October 8th.**



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

HAPPY 80+ BIRTHDAY TO:

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

HAPPY 50+ ANNIVERSARY TO:

- Gary & Linda Jones, 10/9 - 50 yrs.
- James & Cynthia Trosin, 10/21 - 54 yrs.
- Don & Monique Payne, 10/24 - 57 yrs.



Friends with God

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Beginning September 20th



For Preschool–5th Grade

Please use the QR code to register your kids.



Grieving Forward: A Six-Week Journey Through Grief

Wednesdays, September 23rd through November 4th (excluding September 30th) from 10–11:30am

Death happened. Now what? Grief changes our lives, and we were never meant to walk through it alone. Join Rev. Mary for a six-week supportive and faith-filled conversation about loss, healing, remembering, and learning to live forward while continuing to carry the love of those we have lost.

Using the book *Death Happened, Now What?*, by Cathy Clough and Linda Pouliot as our guide, we'll share, learn, pray, and support one another along the way. The books will be available and cost \$20 each. Contact Rev. Mary or sign up in the Narthex.

All who are grieving the death of someone they love are welcome.

Angels in Training

A monthly service opportunity where elementary-age children learn to serve others through hands-on projects that make a difference in our community. This event will happen the third Thursday of the month starting in October—10/15, 11/19, and 12/17. We will meet from 4:30 - 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall, and we will eat at Central Cafe as part of our time together. We are excited about starting this up with our kids, and are looking for a partner who would feel called to help in this ministry area. Contact Rev. Mary (mgibson@waterfordcumc.org) if you have questions, to sign up your children, or to help give our children the regular experience of making a difference by serving our community and beyond with mission projects.

Hearing Devices

It appears that one of our personal hearing devices has found a new home. If you know where it is, please send it



Fall Youth Calendar

- September 27th @ 5pm** — Youth Group & begin planning for Trunk or Treat
- October 11th @ 5pm** — Youth Group
- October 16th** — Mott vs. Kettering Football Game
- October 24th** — Lock-In & creation of the Halloween Tunnel
- October 25th** — Trunk or Treat
- November 8th @ 5pm** — Youth Group
- November 22nd @ 5pm** — Youth Group
- December 6th** — Christmas Caroling
- December 20th** — Christmas Party at Rev. Mary's



Due to Central's Annual Rummage Sale there will be no Central Cafe on Thursday, October 1st.



Central Cinema
Saturday, October 3rd, 6pm
Crazy Stupid Love

A sparkling and well-acted comedy about three generations of characters seeking the holy grail of love and pleasure. Rated PG-13..

back to CUMC and put it in the brown box on the bookcase in the back of the Sanctuary. Thank you,

-Bob (hearing impaired) Swartz

Volunteer Opportunities

Monday Morning Easy Exercise

We are looking for a volunteer to help facilitate our Easy Exercise program that meets at Central on Monday mornings at 10:30am. This will be a shared opportunity. If interested, or to learn more, contact Margie England at 248-674-6996.

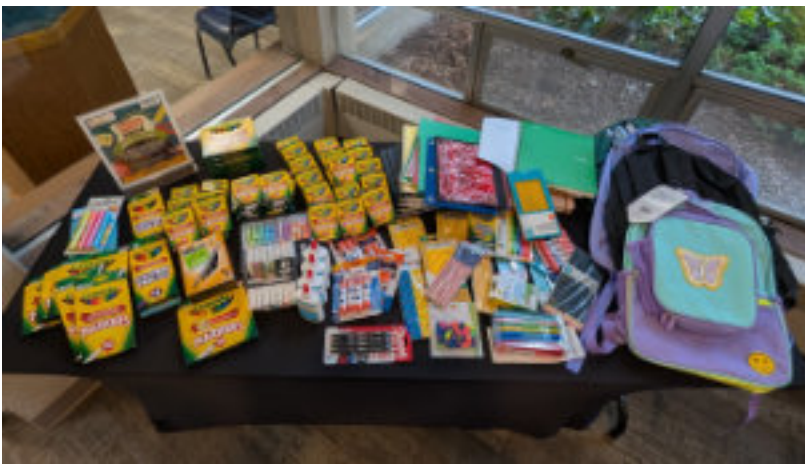
Trunk or Treat Coordinator

We are still looking for someone to coordinate our Trunk or Treat event which will be held on October 25th, 4-6pm. You will not need to do this alone; you will coordinate the other volunteers, work with staff, and oversee the event. If interested, please contact Rev. Mary at mgibson@waterfordcumc.org or 248-681-0040.

Thank You

Thank you to my church family and to Rev. Mary for the prayers, cards, calls, and well-wishes after my surgery.

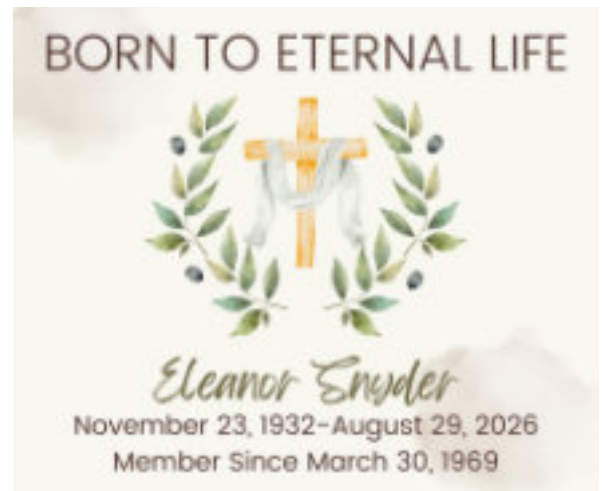
-Vickie Pike



School Supply Donations

Thank you to everyone who donated school supplies for Waterford Youth Assistance!

The next issue of the *Chimes* will be dated October 11th. Please have any articles submitted to rdanek@waterfordcumc.org by Thursday, October 1st



We're Back!



We have two dates scheduled:

**Tuesday, October 20 and
Tuesday, November 17
Noon—2pm**

**Folks can work on personal
projects, crafts, play games or
just socialize with friends.**

Bring lunch!

For more information,
[contact Cathy Hazen.](#)



**Parsonage Drive Clean-Up
Saturday, October 10th,
9am—10am**

Bring your gloves, clippers and energy to help trim back nature from the parsonage drive. Contact Donna Bevington at 248-804-5290 with questions.