



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

10.11.26

UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

October 11th. Rev. Mary begins our *Bringing Love to the Table* Generosity Message Series with *What Have We Been Given?* *Generosity Begins with Gratitude.* Worship is in person or online at [Live.WaterfordCUMC.org](https://www.waterfordcumc.org)

Bringing Love to the Table

"Let all that you do be done in love." — 1 Corinthians 16:14

Beginning Sunday, October 11, we will spend three weeks asking what it means to bring love to the table at Waterford Central. Love takes shape in the way we welcome one another, pray and worship together, teach children, encourage youth, care for neighbors, and share the resources God has entrusted to us.

Our journey begins on October 11 with *"What Have You Been Given?"* (2 Corinthians 9:6–11), an invitation to notice God's generosity and the gifts we have received. On October 18, *"Bring Something to the Table"* (1 Peter 4:8–11) reminds us that each person has gifts to offer. On October 25, *"Make the Table Bigger"* (Matthew 6:19–21) invites us to consider where we invest our hearts and resources. October 25 will be Commitment Sunday where we will present to God our estimate of giving for 2027. What will we offer in worship, prayers, witness, finances, and talents? The Holy Spirit is moving here and I am so excited for what comes next.

You will receive a narrative budget that tells the story of what our shared giving makes possible and how it supports Central's mission: Connecting with God, Connecting with Others, and Changing Our World with Christ's Love. I hope you will read it, pray over it, and join us in worship as we listen for how God is calling us to love in action. There is a place for you at the table.

Blessings,

Rev. Mary

Angels in Training: Little Hands, Big Love!

Children through fifth grade are invited to our first **Angels in Training** on October 15, from 4:30–6:00 pm. Each month, we'll share a hands-on mission project and enjoy dinner together. **Dinner is \$8.**

I believe children of every age and skill level can make a difference in their church and community. Angels in Training will give our children opportunities to **Connect with God, Connect with one another, and Change the World with Christ's love**—putting their faith into action through kindness, creativity, and service.

Please sign up your children on the **Central Cafe signup sheet** and let me know they're coming so we can have supplies ready.

I can't wait to see the difference our children will make together!

Rev. Mary

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PrimeTime Amazon Tour

If you have signed up for this event on October 14th, please meet at 11am at the church to carpool. Your contact for this event is Diana Carter (248-309-2490).



Above: Rev. Mary leads the Rummage Sale volunteers in a prayer.

Rummage Sale Thank You

A special thank you to everyone who made Central’s annual Rummage Sale a resounding success. The sale took in nearly \$12,000. We will have a follow up report on how the funds are distributed once the team has made that determination. Thank you again for giving of your talent, time and for your donations to the sale.

PrimeTime Events in November and December

Please sign up outside the Narthex for either or both of these events. For questions or more info, contact Dan Arnold (danieljarnold15@gmail.com or 248-884-5904).

Redford Theater Performance of *The Little Mermaid*

Saturday, November 7th @ Noon

We will be attending a live performance of the Disney musical *The Little Mermaid*.

Cookies for Central's College Students

If you are providing cookies or treats, please drop them off at Central by Thursday, October 15th.

Use the QR code to provide your student's name and address by Thursday, October 8th.

TRUNK OR TREAT

OCT. 25 4-6PM

HELP US HOST A GREAT EVENT. SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX TO BE A PART OF THE FUN, AND MAKE SURE TO INVITE FAMILY AND FRIENDS!



Love in Action

Thanks to your calling, we have helped several people in many ways. In the month in September:

3	Received help with rent assistance.
3	Received help with utility assistance.
13	Households received groceries.
\$ 30.00	Paid to Baldwin Center
\$ 710.00	Paid to UMCOR
\$ 181.80	Paid to Fueling Kids Futures
\$ 8,151.12	Paid to Ministry Shares
\$ 130.50	Raised for Central's Food Pantry
\$ 50.20	Raised for Clothe-a-Child
\$ 30.30	Raised for Fueling Kids Futures
\$ 294.51	Raised for Good Samaritan
\$ 578.39	Raised for Ministry Shares
\$ 100.00	Raised for UMCOR

Thank you for your continued support of Central's ministries!

Tickets are \$15 at the door. There is an organ concert, performed on a 1920s Barton organ, at 2:30pm, followed by the play at 3:00pm. Lunch prior will be at a restaurant TBD (cost on your own).

Meadow Brook Theatre *A Christmas Carol*

Wednesday, December 9th @ 11:45am

Join us for an outing to Meadow Brook theater for a live performance of the timeless classic *A Christmas Carol*. We will have lunch before the show (cost on your own) at Finnegan's Pub, located in the Oakland University Golf Clubhouse. Theater tickets are \$45, payable to Dan Arnold by November 7th.

The next issue of the *Chimes* will be dated October 25th. Please have any articles submitted to rdanek@waterfordcumc.org by Thursday, October 15th



Fall Youth Calendar

- 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



2026 Church Conference

Save the Date

Sunday, November 1st

2:30pm - Celebration

3:00pm - Zoom meeting with our D.S. and other churches

All Members are Welcome to Participate!



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.

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.](#)