



# CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## Weekly Newsletter

February 1, 2021

**Sunday, February 7th, 2021**

**Pastor Jack continues our *Doxology* message series with  
"The Bible as a Story of Inclusion."**

**From your computer or smartphone, watch at [facebook.com/waterfordcumc/live](https://www.facebook.com/waterfordcumc/live).**

### **Valentines Day Faith Reflection and Food Drive**

This February, our Facebook group will share daily posts with a reflection prompt, prayer, and food drive item. We encourage you to use these posts to help collect items for Central's food pantry. In addition, they can help us reflect on God's love as we near Valentine's Day! Watch for them February 1st-14th at [www.facebook.com/groups/waterfordcumc](https://www.facebook.com/groups/waterfordcumc).

### **Blessings in a Backpack**

Blessing in a Backpack plans to pack food on February 3rd at 4 pm. There is still space for additional volunteers. If you would like to help pack this week or in the future contact Rev. Cora at [cglass@waterfordcumc.org](mailto:cglass@waterfordcumc.org).

### **CF Rock Bake Sale Fundraiser**

**Thursday, February 11th, 3–4:30pm at Central Church**

Stop by and pick up some delicious sweets for your Sweetie, just in time for Valentine's Day! All proceeds go to support the CF (Cystic Fibrosis) Rock Foundation and Rock CF Run. If you are interested in participating in this year's run, visit [letsrockcf.org](https://letsrockcf.org).

### **Winter Coat Collection to Benefit Refugees**

Waterford Central, in partnership with the Waterford Refugee Welcome Alliance, is collecting new and gently used adult and kids winter coats, hats, scarves, and gloves. Donations will be taken through March and can be placed in the blue collection tub in the Chapel hallway. Thank you for helping local Waterford-area families.

### **Thank You For Your Faithful Giving**

Even though we have not been able to be together during this time of social distancing, your generosity in giving electronically or via mailing checks to the church office has ensured that the missions and ministries of Central Church are continuing. These ministries include Central's food relief programs, our Good Samaritan fund that helps those in need with utility bills and rent payments, and other ministries from Clothe-a-Child to collections that support area families. Now more than ever our community needs compassion and support, and you are continuing to make a difference in peoples' lives. Thank you.

### **Song of the Week**

I hope you have spent your week with a piece of the inspiration I have found. Having a career in the arts, I live for those moments when I can witness something truly extraordinary. A talent or performance that bursts with sincerity, emotion, creativity, thoughtfulness, expertise, and excitement. It is a joy to find a few of those traits happening together. It is special to have half or more combined. It is a moment of extreme joy to witness all of them and know that you are experiencing greatness in this moment. This is what makes life worth living, and taking in this moment should not be a fleeting or light experience. It is an opportunity for souls to touch each other across distance and time. When a work

of art speaks to a moment or beyond a moment, it can be considered timeless, and we have all had the opportunity to bear witness to such a moment this past week.

Amanda Gorman is the young poet laureate who spoke at the presidential inauguration. She was stunning to listen to, and I have revisited her text many times over this past week. But beyond her words, which are well crafted in rhythm and language, is the performance she brings to them. As a student of the arts, it is easy to get caught up in her wordplay and clarity. As a lover of ideas, being taken in by her vision of America and our place within it and within this moment is natural. But as a performer, we see this young woman command the stage with a vision of fierce gentleness. She has an uncompromising vision of justice and togetherness in America despite all of our flaws, epitomized by the simple word 'unfinished'. She has a loftiness and spirituality in her delivery that reminds us that the promise of our nation and God's Kingdom are high ideals that we must continually work towards. And she has the passion and expression in her performance through the emotion of her facial expressions and body language that give the impression that she is already living in the America of her poem and just waiting for all of us to arrive and join her.

As someone who greatly enjoys writing for others, I recognize that there is a level of command over thoughts and language that I must be in awe of, and I rejoice. It is moments of greatness in art that give meaning to our lives and moments and live in our collective consciousness. I hope you have felt as inspired by her words and her performance as I have been. And it is well worth multiple listens to pick up on her subtlety and desire to inspire us all. Enjoy this 'song' and this moment.

[The Hill We Climb - Amanda Gorman \(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LZ055illiN4\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LZ055illiN4)

With Love,  
-Kevin

## Address Change

Please note that there is a new room number for Daniel Aldrich: Waterford Oaks West #E-12, 3385 Pontiac Lk Rd., Waterford, MI 48328.



*This Week's 2021 Inspiration, Courtesy of the Michigan Conference, comes from Rev. Alicea Williams.*

## Connect with Central

**Central's Facebook Page** - <https://www.facebook.com/waterfordcumc>. Find the upcoming live stream worship service and recordings of previous services, faith development videos and daily inspirations.

**Central's YouTube Channel** - [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCn5n6YzaUUu9lqei6z-bg\\_g](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCn5n6YzaUUu9lqei6z-bg_g). Find recordings of past services, choral and dance recordings, Pastor Jack's weekly devotionals and more.

**Central's Facebook Group** - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/waterfordcumc/>. A private group that allows members to support one another with posts and inspiration.

**Central's Website** - <https://www.WaterfordCUMC.org>. Find recordings of sermons, upcoming events, the latest COVID re-opening plan, Central's member directory (login code CUM51) and the worship attendance form.