

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:30 am - Chapel Worship

9:55 am - Sanctuary Worship

11:10 am - The Conversation

UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

Join us as guest Preacher Rev. Peacock continues the message series on The Apostles' Creed.

Riverside Event Rocks the Community

Attendance Over 3Xs Last Year

Children and families had the opportunity to exchange their Riverside summer books, read/listen to a story, make a comic strip, get free books, eat ice cream, play games, get their face painted, run through an inflatable obstacle course (special thanks to Oakland County Parks and Rec), and have pictures taken with Wilbur (the reading mascot) and Dr. Wunderlich (the school superintendent). We became partners with a local elementary school several years ago as a way to meet people and build relationships in our community. This is an example of how we can share the love of God with our actions. Special thanks to the more than 30 people who participated at the event and everyone who donated books. All the extra books were gifted to the school. Thank you for being an extension of our amazing God in our community by serving the literacy needs of our children.

Upcoming @ Central

Back to School Blessing

Sept. 3rd @ 9:55 & 11:10 am

Bring your backpack, bag or briefcase to Sunday service for a special blessing. All students, teachers and staff are welcome, so invite your family and friends!

Worship Arts Ministry

Sing, dance and ring at Central. Thursday rehearsals will be starting up on September 14th; youth choir will begin Sunday, September 17th.

Guest Musician

Chris Braue will be presenting special saxophone music on Sunday, August 20th during the 9:55 am service. Chris is currently the Director of Bands at Mason Middle School, conducts the New Horizons Band and works with the Oakland Home School Music Program.

Peacemakers Workshop

In a world of unrest, we are called to be peacemakers. Every year Discipleship Ministries publishes a resource to be used in local churches and conferences about one aspect of discipleship. This year the topic is peacemakers. Our own Rev. Kathy was asked to write the resource for Discipleship Ministries this year.

We will be hosting a workshop on Peacemakers on Saturday, September 23, 2017 from 9:30 am – 11:00 am. This workshop is open to youth and adults. It is interactive and includes worship, discussion, and activity stations that you can do in a group or on your own.

Registration begins at 9 am. Pre-registration will be begin at the end of August.



Community Open House
 September 10th, 2017
 9:30 am – noon

Invite your family and friends to this day of food, fellowship & fun, featuring:

Live band • Ministry fair
 Hymn sing • Church tours
 Bounce house
 Face painting • Giant bubbles
 Luncheon

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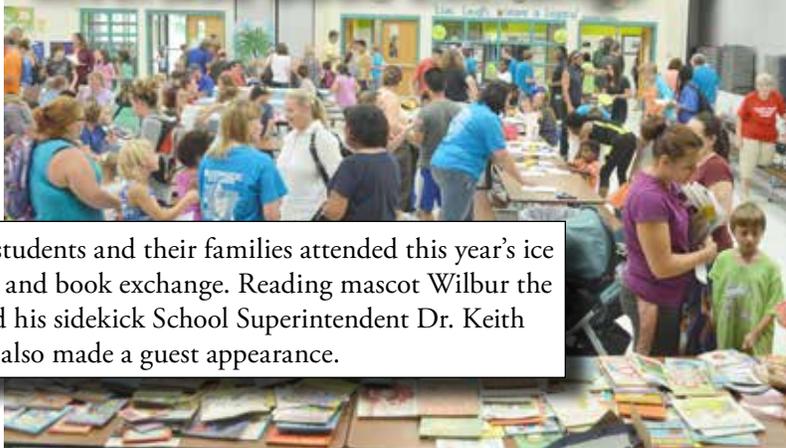
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Help us save on printing and mailing costs. Sign up at our website to receive *Chimes* via email.

The deadline for the Sunday, September 3rd issue of *Chimes* is Wednesday, August 23rd. Please send all of your articles, thank you notes and address changes to the Church office or e-mail them to rdanek@waterfordcumc.org. Thank you!

The Life of the Church

Riverside Book Exchange



Nearly 100 students and their families attended this year's ice cream social and book exchange. Reading mascot Wilbur the Wombat and his sidekick School Superintendent Dr. Keith Wunderlich also made a guest appearance.

Opportunities to Serve & Grow

Purple Threads is a women's bible study and prayer group. The next class begins on Tuesday, September 19th in the evening. The group meets 5 times in the fall and 5-6 times in the winter/spring. The teaching leader is Sue Shipley. The fall study will be Adam Hamilton's *Not a Silent Night*.

“We look at Jesus' life through the eyes of his mother. Imagine what Bethlehem must have looked like from Mary's point of view. Focus your own gaze on the Savior she knew as her beautiful child! Beginning with the crucifixion and resurrection, then backtracking through Jesus' life and ministry. Hamilton paints a fresh and moving portrait of the Messiah's life.”

The study includes Hamilton's videos of the Holy Land. If you are interested in joining, please contact Diana Carter to get registered at dianacarter@comcast.net or 248-309-2490.

Knit for Kids. Do you like to knit or crochet? Please visit the Knit for Kids table in the bride's room hallway to find patterns and free yarn for sweaters, baby caps, baby blankets and kid's hats. Any pattern is acceptable; we just ask that you use soft baby yarn for the baby items. Drop completed items off at the table and they will be mailed to World Vision.

“Thank you for the beautiful handmade items you have made for children in our country and around the world. We appreciate the love and effort that went in to making them. So far in 2017, we have shipped items to Armenia, Burundi, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Lesotho, Malawi, Mongolia, Nicaragua, Rwanda, Senegal, Somalia, Swaziland and Zambia. Items were also sent to several areas in the US.”

Thanks for your continued support in this project. To date we have shipped 1316 kids sweaters!

Donate to the food pantry. We are in need of muffin mix, tuna, soup (not “cream of”), cereal, baked beans, Manwich, rice, crackers, boxed stuffing and potatoes, canned fruit, jelly/jam, spaghetti sauce and pasta, toothpaste and paper towels.

Sympathies To

Nancy and Daniel Arnold on the death of her mother, Dorothy Harger, and to Angela, Jessica and Nicholas Arnold on the death of their grandmother.

Leslie and Kevin Brandon on the death of her brother, James J. Coomes, and to Shannon, Holly and Asher Brandon on the death of their uncle.

Our prayers are with both families.



Thank
You!

Sincere thanks goes out to the congregation from many of our youth who were able to go to camp this year thanks to

you. We've received notes from several individuals, including Brendan Gillette, Alina Gillette, Ashley Gibbs and Aubrey Gibbs.

Thank you to everyone who donated toiletries to the Waterford Refugee Welcome Alliance. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

A thank you to Jim Richardson for donating some of Fran's craft yarn, needles, etc. Over the past three Sundays these items were available for a donation. Thanks to some of Central's crafters, we raised \$125.00. This money will be used by the Knit for Kids project to mail the finished sweaters, baby caps, baby blankets and kid's hats to World Vision, in memory of Fran.

—Diana Carter

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and get well wishes, throughout the year, and especially following John's surgery and recovery. Also thank you for the flowers, prayer shawls, and visits. We are truly grateful for our loving and caring church family.

—Nancy & John Radenbaugh

September 2017 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Support Group Schedule Alcoholics Anonymous: Monday 11:00 am & Wednesday 6:00 pm Food Addicts in Recovery: Saturday 9:00 am Nar-Anon: Thursday 7:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous: Thursday 8:00 pm & Saturday 7:00 pm Lyme Disease: 2nd Tuesday @ 7:00 pm</p>	<p>Central Caf� Caf� Schedule 4:00-5:00 pm Alleluia Dancers 5:00-5:45 pm Good News Ringers 5:15-6:30 pm Dinner served 5:45-6:25 pm YTBN Bell Ringers 6:25-7:15 pm Agape Ringers 6:30-7:30 pm New Joy & Carol Choirs 7:30-9:00 pm Jubilate Dancers 7:30-9:00 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>Support Group Schedule 8:30 am - Chapel Worship 9:30 am - Stepping Stones 9:55 am - Kids GROW 9:55 am - Sanctuary Worship 11:10 am - The Conversation 9:55 & 11:10 am - Back to School Blessing</p>	<p>Support Group Schedule 8:30 am - Chapel Worship 9:30 am - Stepping Stones 9:55 am - Kids GROW 9:55 am - Sanctuary Worship 11:10 am - The Conversation 2 pm - Central Golf Outing 5 pm - Youth Choir</p>	<p>Support Group Schedule 8:30 am - Chapel Worship 9:30 am - Stepping Stones 9:55 am - Kids GROW 9:55 am - Sanctuary Worship 11:10 am - The Conversation 9:55 & 11:10 am - Back to School Blessing</p>	<p>Support Group Schedule 8:30 am - Chapel Worship 9:30 am - Stepping Stones 9:55 am - Kids GROW 9:55 am - Sanctuary Worship 11:10 am - The Conversation 9:55 & 11:10 am - Back to School Blessing</p>	<p>Support Group Schedule 8:30 am - Chapel Worship 9:30 am - Stepping Stones 9:55 am - Kids GROW 9:55 am - Sanctuary Worship 11:10 am - The Conversation 9:55 & 11:10 am - Back to School Blessing</p>
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<p>10:30 am - Chair Yoga 11 am - Alcoholics Anonymous</p>	<p>Little Sprouts First Day of School 1 pm - Hutchinson Circle</p>	<p>10 am - Keller-Fitz Book Study 11:30 am - Olive Mae Glenn 6 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous</p>	<p>8 am - Fix-It Crew 10:30 am - Chair Yoga 6 pm - Choir Potluck 7:30 pm - Nar-Anon Family 8 pm - Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>Church office closed</p>	<p>Church office closed</p>	<p>9 am - Food Addicts in Recovery 6 pm - Central Cinema 7 pm - Narcotics Anonymous</p>
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<p>WELCOME HOME WELCOME HERE 9 am - 12 pm RALLY DAY Community Open House</p>	<p>10:30 am - Chair Yoga 11 am - Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30 pm - Finance Meeting 7:30 pm - Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>7 pm - Eschtruth Circle 7 pm - Lyme Disease Support Group</p>	<p>10 am - Keller-Fitz Book Study 6 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous</p>	<p>8 am - Fix-It Crew 9:15 am - Mom's Connect 10:30 am - Chair Yoga 4 - 9 pm - Central Cafe 7:30 pm - Nar-Anon Family 8 pm - Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>Church office closed</p>	<p>9 am - Food Addicts in Recovery 7 pm - Narcotics Anonymous</p>
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Dear Friends,

Please don't blame the messenger, but we all know it's the truth. Summer is nearly over. We are halfway through August, and the start-up of our fall programs are only weeks away. In just a few weeks, our bell and vocal choirs will be rehearsing, our liturgical dancers will be at the front of the sanctuary practicing, and some new book and Bible studies will begin, while other studies continue.

While I am already missing the warmer and longer days of summer, I am excited for what we have planned for Central Church this fall. I've spent these past few weeks working with various groups to create and finalize new directions for our ministries. In July we had a meeting of our church's leadership. We talked about the future of our church and examined our ministries in terms of their alignment to our Mission:

*Connecting with God.
Connecting with Others.
Changing our World with Christ's love.*

On Tuesday, August 1, leadership met again to work through a process of planning called "Appreciative Inquiry." Appreciative Inquiry is a positive approach

to discover what we do well, and dream where what our ministry should be. We then design a process of moving toward that dream. Both the meetings in July and August created energy in terms of moving forward in our ministry.

In July we also planned our worship programs for Advent and Lent, as well as the messages through June of next year. Those Sunday morning worship experiences are also planned in terms of the music and other worship arts presentations that will be offered.

Rev. Kathy and I have made plans for our Youth Ministry on Sunday afternoons, inclusive of our Confirmation and Tween Programs. We've worked out a schedule for a new Discipleship Bible Study that is flexible enough that we both will be able to teach Seasonal Studies for Advent and Lent. I am also beginning a program of group Spiritual Direction the first Monday evening of each month.

There is much to partake of here at Central UMC! On Sunday, August 6, I mentioned that our Rally Day will be very different in terms of being an actual Open House for our neighbors and friends. You will be asked to both be present at Rally Day, September 10 (this is our Open

House) and to invite your neighbors, friends and extended family. There will be opportunity to learn about our various ministries and sign up to participate in those ministries. As with many of our past Rally Days, there will be ample opportunity for fellowship, fun and food!

Yes, it's sad that summer is closing; school will be beginning and our programs will be underway. Yet, there is much to celebrate as we move forward with a vital ministry, meeting both our needs as a community of faith, and the needs of those in the communities where we live, work and play. I look forward to seeing you in worship.

Because of Christ,

Pastor Jack