



## UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

Sunday, October 3rd is World Communion Sunday. Rev. Peacock's message is "The Big Picture," based on Ephesians 1: 8b-10. Join us in person or online at our new streaming link, [live.waterfordcumc.org](http://live.waterfordcumc.org).

## Dear Friends,

Yesterday, we began a series of messages introducing our Generosity Campaign to support our ministry in 2022. The theme of our campaign is *Enough: Experiencing Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity!* This year's campaign is based on Adam Hamilton's book, *Enough*. Hamilton is the pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Kansas City, Kansas. In that book, I gleaned three defining moments that relate to our generosity in response to the generous nature of our loving Creator. Defining moments are those times in our lives that reveal our true inner nature. For example, in a time of great chaos and stress, we often look to those who are able to stay calm and focused despite the difficulty we're experiencing. Defining moments are those times in which bravery, confidence and intellect are revealed when we face a challenge.

The three defining moments that make up our theme are 1) faith in the midst of difficulty, 2) contentment in the face of a world of materialism and consumerism and 3) generosity in response to God's great generosity.

In addition to our message notes that are a part of our Sunday morning experience, we included an insert to encourage our members and friends to consider their "Generosity Journey." When I'm going to introduce a speaker at our Rotary meetings or in preparation for a memorial, I often try to discover one- or two-word phrases that describe that person. That concept is part of a person's Generosity Journey. Here are the questions that make up the Generosity Journey exploration:

- Who is or was the most generous person in your life?
- How did their generosity impact your life?
- Is "generous" a word others would use to describe you?
- Is generous a word you would like others to use in describing you?
- How specifically have you experienced the generosity of God?

Your answers to these questions can reveal how you feel about generosity and how you've experienced God's generosity. There was a final question on the bulletin asking worshipers if they wanted to share a written testimony of what Central UMC means to them. I want to extend that invitation to all our members and friends. All that is needed is a few sentences. We will share some of those testimonies in our worship service on October 17.

As we enter our Generosity Campaign I encourage you to consider the three defining moments we will explore in worship as well as the questions above that make up a least a part of your "Generosity Journey." Please consider offering a testimony about what Central UMC means to you! As always, I look forward to seeing you in worship! God bless you!

Because of Christ,

*-Pastor Jack*

## Online Worship is Moving

Beginning this Sunday, October 3rd, you can worship online at our new link, [live.waterfordcumc.org](http://live.waterfordcumc.org). During the month of October we will be streaming simultaneously to this new location as well as Facebook. Beginning November 7th we will begin streaming ONLY

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Facebook: [waterfordcumc](https://www.facebook.com/waterfordcumc)

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to this new location. So plan to worship at this new location as soon as is convenient.

## New COVID Guidelines

On Monday, September 13, 2021, our Church Council met and decided to follow the current CDC guidelines for gatherings outdoors and indoors. We are requesting that people wear masks in our building at all times. This is a request and not a mandate, however, we hope that you will receive our request in the spirit of protecting all who enter our building and expect a certain level of safety, inclusive of their health.

## The Book of Glory Six Week Study

**Thursdays, 6:30–7:30 pm in the Parlor  
from September 30th to November 18th**

What would you say to the people you loved most if you knew you had only a few days of your life left to be with them? How do you think Jesus approached his death differently than you or I might? Was the moment of Jesus' death a high point or a low point in his life? All of these are questions we will deal with as we study the last days of Jesus' life found in the Gospel of John. Each week we will watch a short video to spark discussion and have a take-home discussion guide for you to dive deeper at home. Contact Rev. Cora at [cglass@waterfordcumc.org](mailto:cglass@waterfordcumc.org) for more details.

## Trunk or Treat Planning and Volunteers

**Sunday, October 24th, 4:00–6:00pm**

Trunk or Treat will be all outdoors this year! If you'd like to help with our event by serving on the planning team, hosting a "trunk", or helping with the youth group's haunted trail, please contact Rev. Cora at [cglass@waterfordcumc.org](mailto:cglass@waterfordcumc.org). Help us make this a fun and safe event for our whole community.

## CROP Walk Off on the Right Foot!

The CROP Walk had beautiful weather for our walk on Sunday, September 26th. Thank you to Katie, Tamara, Donnie, and Pastor Jack for helping represent Central UMC! The goal for our community walk is \$14,000 to help us have a Waterford Area all-time total of \$300,000 raised over our 29 years participating in CWS CROP walks! There is still time to donate! Drop off your donation at the church office, to Rev. Cora on Sunday, or online at [events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/central-united-methodist-church](https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/central-united-methodist-church).

## Opportunities to Grow and Serve

- **Generosity Campaign—Enough: Experiencing Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity.** Please consider a pledge during our 2022 Generosity Campaign to support the work and ministries of Waterford CUMC. You can pledge online at <https://bit.ly/2022-pledge>. Thank you.
- **Food Pantry.** Your generous donations to Central's food pantry help keep food on the tables of our neighbors! Please see the [Food Pantry Needs flyer](#) for a list of requested items.
- **It's Cookie Time Again!** Please see the [Cookies! For Central's College Students flyer](#) for more information.
- **Shoe Drive.** Central has teamed up with Waterford Youth Assistance as a drop-off location for their Shoe Drive. You can donate gently worn, used, and new shoes now through December 3rd. A donation box is located in the chapel hallway.
- **Supply Drive for Area Refugees.** The Waterford Refugee Welcome Alliance is collecting cleaning supplies, baby food & diapers. The collection box is located outside the Chapel.



*Congratulations to Central's 2020 Confirmands and newest members! From l. to r. Rev. Cora, Amelia Foster, Hannah Strobel, Megan Riley, Pastor Jack.*

## Thank You

### Dear Central Church Family,

Thank you so much for all of the love and support that we have received since the death of our son and brother, Eric Gay.

-The Family of Eric Gay

### Dear Ladies (of Caring Core and Purple Threads),

Thank you so very much for the endless cards and notes of encouragement to our mother, Ethel Sinclair, at West Lake Health Campus. She truly enjoys them all! My sisters and I are very grateful. Thank you so much!

-Renee DiFilippo, Valerie Sinclair and Deanna Parker Sinclair

### Dear Friends of the Foundation,

On behalf of Blessings in a Backpack-Waterford steering committee, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for your generous donation. Your \$1,469.34 contribution has been added to the Blessings in a Backpack-Waterford component fund.

Your support is important in the life of a child and your continued generosity will help us bring our initiative to fruition in the State of Michigan. Matshona Dhliwayo once said "As the sun lives on when it sets in the warmth it has given to others, you too will live on in the hearts of those whose lives you have touched."

-Cheryl A. Whitton, Michigan Advisor

## SCRIP Cards

The SCRIP table is back and you can order cards before and after worship on Sundays or from the office. Orders are placed with the Scrip Center Sunday evening and typically are ready for pick up Wednesday during Central Church office hours (but please call prior to coming in). The Central ShopWithScrip gift card order form lists many popular gift cards and is [available on the forms page on Central's website](#).

## Ushers Needed

We have openings on the usher teams for 1st, 3rd, and 4th Sunday. Your commitment would be one Sunday a month plus one 5th Sunday a year. If interested, please contact the church office at (248) 681-0040.

## Central Cinema Is Starting Back Up

### Saturday, October 2nd, 6:00pm

Join us Saturday, October 2 for "Draft Day." An NFL General manager (Kevin Costner) wanting to rebuild his team, must decide what he is willing to sacrifice on a life-changing day for hundreds of young men with NFL dreams. PG13.

## October Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Happy Birthday to Our Members Who are Turning 80+:

- Marie Wilson – 10/3
- Russell Jacobson – 10/15
- Beatrice Blomquist – 10/26
- Larry Quick – 10/4
- Virginia Mueller – 10/20
- Catharine Hazen – 10/27
- Beverly Lax – 10/27

### And Happy 50+ Year Anniversary to:

- Roger & Julia Crick – 10/7, 54 yrs.
- Don & Monique Payne – 10/24, 52 yrs.