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The Social Media has drastically altered the landscape of the world and of our scheduled lives. It has been creeping along for over a century, when telegraphs and telephones made communication over distances more immediate. Then it was radio and later, TV that continued to extend our ability to engage in some form of social interaction from varied sites. There have been times when these tools have been embraced by communities of faith, and times when these same tools felt like they were challenging the church and it's appreciation of interpersonal community.

With the relatively swift development of computers and cell phones, the social community that once centered on potlucks and intimate gatherings of congregations as extended families has again pushed the boundaries of church identity. Some of us have embraced email, including the central church office, as a viable means to get information and announcements into the hands of our members and constituents. We are told that email is an older generation, slow communication style even though it still seems swift to many of us. Now we deal with texting and blogging, and twitter; with face book and whatever is the next phase of development in this social community development.

I recognize that such technologies are a significant and innovative tool in our hands. I celebrate the ingenuity and creativity it expresses. I am delighted that it allows me to connect to family and friends, and congregants across spaces with greater frequency, and swifter engagement.

But I also know the tension is that sometimes our use of social media allows us to buffer ourselves from authentic caring community. We can more easily filter out the unwanted inquiries and connections with which we use to have to deal. Some of that may be very good. But I ponder, how much of intimate community, and ability to share our basic needs, to know how to best care and be community together we miss because we don't see each other face to face, no longer read body language or facial expressions directly. We listen to each other's life stories after they have been filtered and edited.

Maybe this is my old school mentality. Somewhere I am hoping we find a blend of the old and the new that allows us to engage a generation (or now multiple generations) with the technology that is an extension of their minds and hearts with the true desire we have to be communities that personally care for those around us, and the world to which we are assigned to minister with love.

Jim

Boldly invite your family and friends to join you at 10 a.m. on Sunday, September 11 for a Rally Sunday Experience as we explore the social network of our hearts and lives in a worship experience "Social Media: a Gathering of Souls: a BeFriending Community." Immediately following worship we will also share a meal at Dad's Diner and share some opportunities for games.

WORSHIP NOTES

AUGUST 28, 2011

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost
Romans 12:9-21
"No Comp Grace"
Preaching: Rev. Jim Kellermann
Worship Arts: Women's Chorus

SEPTEMBER 4, 2011

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost
Labor Day Weekend
Communion Sunday
Matthew 18:18-20
"Critical Mass"
Preaching: Rev. Jim Kellermann
Worship Arts: Julia and Lara Stephenson

SEPTEMBER 11, 2011

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost
RALLY SUNDAY
9/11 Moments of Prayer and Hope
Acts 16:11-15
"Social Media and the Gathering of Souls.
The BeFriending Community"
Preaching: Rev. Jim Kellermann
Worship Arts: Salt Shakers

KIDS CENTRAL MINISTRY NEWS

THIRD GRADE BIBLE FRIENDS
There is a need for third grade Bible friends for this year. Please contact Rev. Kathy if you would be able to help a third grader learn about the Bible and to explore their faith.

FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL
The ROCK is in need of teachers for the Fall! If you are able to help out, even once a month it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Rev. Kathy if you are interested in helping with any age group or specific class.

Rev. Kathy's contact info:
kpittenger@waterfordcumc.org or
248-681-0040 ext. 15

www.kidscentralweb.org

MOM2MOM SALE

Mothers and More (Chapter 135) and Central UMC will be hosting a Mom-2Mom Sale on Saturday, September 24th from 9am-1pm. If you would like to rent a table for the sale, please contact Amity Thompson at amity.thompson@gmail.com or Rev. Kathy. The sale is open to everyone. We also need some people to help with set-up on Friday, September 23rd and during the sale on the 24th. If you are interested, please contact Rev. Kathy.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Our annual special blessing for children, youth, and adults who will be in school or higher education is on Sunday, August 28th. Bring your backpack, bag, or briefcase for a special blessing during the 10:00 am service.



BLOOD DRIVE

Central UMC is sponsoring a blood drive for August 29th from 1:00 to 7:00 pm.

Please sign up in the hallway.

TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF 8/22/2011:

Year to date income: \$337,681.00
Year to date expenses: \$354,187.000
Sunday 8/21/11 offering: \$7,223.16

BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK
 Blessings IN a Backpack is an outreach opportunity to help feed hungry children in our area! 78% of the children at Sandburg Elementary School are on the federally subsidized free or reduced fee lunch program! **But what happens to them on the weekends, do they have food to eat?!**

The mission of Blessings IN a Backpack is to provide backpacks with food for those children and their families over the weekends throughout the school year. It costs \$100 per child, per school year to make sure those children receive the nourishment they need. Better test scores, improved reading skills, positive behavior, improved health and increased attendance have all been attributed to the success of this program. For more information please contact Barb Laing at 248-674-2396 or by e-mail at frippster@sbcglobal.net.

PURPLE THREADS

Purple Threads, a women's Bible Study and prayer group, will begin on Tuesday, September 20 at 6:00 pm with a potluck in the parlor. Our video study this year will be Ray Vander Laan's, *In The Dust of the Rabbi: Becoming a Disciple*. Our teaching leaders are Nancy Radenbaugh and Sue Shipley. The study books will be \$10.00 and we will need to know as soon as possible if you plan on attending. Please call Diana Carter, class coordinator, at 248-666-2575 if you wish to order a book. This class will meet on the following dates: September 20, October 4 & 18 and November 1 & 15th. We hope you will join us. A new study will be chosen for the next class beginning in January.

FALL RUMMAGE TIME!

Yes - it is time once again for the fall rummage sale! Please watch for those clean, resalable donations, because without those - there will be no sale!! Note the dates and times listed below. Sign-up for volunteer workers will begin on Sun., September 11, so look for our poster. We are looking forward to a good sale. Please remember that we have changed the ***Friday schedule to begin at 10:00 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m.** - Joanne Green, Rummage Chair

Sunday Oct. 2	— 12 noon – 3 p.m.	Equipment set-up
Monday Oct. 3	— 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Set up
Tuesday Oct. 4	— 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Set up
Wednesday Oct. 5	— 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Set up
Thursday Oct. 6	— 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Set up

SALE DATES:

Thursday, Oct. 6 — 1 - 7 p.m.

***Friday, Oct. 7 — 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

Saturday, Oct 8 — 9 a.m. – 12 noon (Bag Day)

DONATIONS ACCEPTED FROM SUN., Oct. 2 THROUGH NOON WEDNESDAY, Oct. 5. Please do not bring the following items: Major appliances (small appliances that work are greatly appreciated), air conditioners, baby car seats, bowling balls, Christmas trees, exercise equipment, computers, dishwashers, medical equipment, newspapers, magazines, Reader's Digest books, textbooks, water heaters, SOILED furniture (clean is good), and Scout uniforms. (Reminder: Newspapers and magazines can be deposited in the Recycle Bin.)

CHANCEL CHOIR/AGAPE RINGERS POTLUCK

The Chancel Choir/Agape Ringers welcome back potluck will be on September 8th at 6:00 pm at the Kellermann's.

The Central Cafe schedule will resume the following week, September 15th, with all of the rehearsals and the meal. Please sign up for the Central Cafe meals in the hallway outside the Church office so that Shiela will know how much food to prepare. Thanks.

PRAYER SHAWLS:

When you have completed a prayer shawl, please contact Phyllis, 248-673-7584, and we will set up a time to bless them and distribute them to those who are calling on persons in our congregation who will know how much we care that they cannot be with us in worship.

God bless you, Phyllis Liming

WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT

The women's fall retreat is fast approaching! We will be studying, "Bad Girls of the Bible" and will be led by Rev. Kathy Pittenger. It will be held at Lake Huron Retreat Center, September 9-10. The registration forms can be found on the UMW board outside of the Church office. If you have any questions please contact Cheryl Hinsberg.

BALDWIN BACK TO SCHOOL

The Baldwin Center will distribute 500 backpacks to Pontiac school children this September! Please drop school items in the hallway.

Please use pew envelopes for monetary donations, marked BALDWIN and place in the offering plates, You may also choose to make a monetary donation at the Baldwin Center or online at: www.baldwincenter.org.

September Birthdays

Best Wishes to the following members
 Celebrating a Birthday of 80 years or more.

- Carl Rose, September 3
- Ronald Pearsall - September 6
- Merlyn Brandon - September 9
- Geraldine Torley - September 17
- Duane LaTurneau - September 18
- Bill Wright - September 19
- Hugh Denyes - September 20
- Barbara Simmons - September 25
- Frances Barling - September 26
- Barbara VanCleave - September 26
- Lavonne Kaul - September 27
- Dorothy Young - September 30

September Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following couples
 Celebrating an Anniversary of
 50 years or more.

- Bob and Barb Tracy
 September 12 - 50 Years
- John and Jean Ostrander
 September 16 – 56 Years
- Donald and Mary Lou Osborne
 September 30 – 55 Years

CROP WALKERS NEEDED TO FILL WALKING SHOES

The CROP Walk is scheduled for Sunday, October 2 and we are preparing to walk once more so that others can be fed, can find clean water, can feel that they are not alone in the harsh environment that surrounds them. We have shared in the CROP walk for decades now, raising funds for this mission program that is an ecumenical venture of care. A part of the funds raised are returned to the local community to be used through the varying food pantries like Open Door and Baldwin Community Center. Janice Mann has the walker donation envelopes for you and will be distributing them at church. If you have not received one, call the church office and begin limbering up legs for the walk and your hearts for the mission.

UMW READING PROGRAM

To the ladies of the CUMC-UMW Reading Program who are eagerly awaiting the information about the 2012 reading selections, the Mission Resource Center tells me that the order newsletter will not be available until September 2011. I will order many copies as soon as they are available. In the meantime you can keep checking at www.missionresourcecenter.com and searching for 2012 Reading Program. From Barb Spiece, Treasurer.

September 2011

Worship Time: 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Beginning September 18th the services will be at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.

The Rock is our children's program during the 10:00 / 10:30 am service.
Nursery and Pre-School care available

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 10:00am Worship Service	5 Labor Day - Office Closed 10:00am UMW Book Club - Parlor 11:00am Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00pm Boy Scouts - Fellowship Hall	6 Resume Regular Office Hours 10:30am Recovery International - Room 108 6:00pm Lakeland Players Dress Rehearsal - Stage	7 10:00am Book Study - Room 108 11:30am Olive Mae Glenn Circle- Parlor 6:00pm Disciple - Room 108 6:00pm Lakeland Players Dress Rehearsal - Stage	1 8:00am Thursday Morning Breakfast 7:00pm Lakeland Players Rehearsal - Stage 7:30pm Nar-Anon 8:00pm NA - Room 20	2 Office Open - Resume Regular Office Hours 6:00pm Lakeland Players Performance - FH	3 Lakeland Players - stage 7:00pm NA
11 Rally Sunday 10:00am Worship Service 11:00am Church Gathering	12 11:00am Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00pm Finance Meeting Rm 108	13 9:00am Adele Thomas Bells-Bell Room 10:30am Recovery International - Room 108 1:00pm Hutchinson Circle-Parlor 1:00pm Tuesday Musical Program-FH 7:00pm Eschtruth Circle - Parlor 7:00pm Ministry Coordinators - Room 108	14 10:00am Book Study - Parlor 6:00pm Disciple - Room 108	15 Central Cafe Schedule 8:00am Thursday Morning Breakfast 9:30am Tuesday Musicales Chorus - Choir Room 12:00pm Harvesters - Parlor 7:30pm Nar-Anon 8:00pm NA - Room 20	16 9:30am Mom's Club of Waterford 6:00pm Lakeland Players Performance - FH	17 4:30pm Parent's Night Out 6:00pm Lakeland Players Performance - FH 7:00pm NA
18 Resume Regular Sunday Schedule 9:00am Worship Service 10:30am The Rock 10:30am Worship Service	19 11:00am Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00pm Church Council - Room 108	20 9:00am Adele Thomas Bells-Bell Room 10:30am Recovery International - Room 108 6:00pm Purple Threads - Parlor and Room 108 6:30pm Bellissima! - Bell Room	21 10:00am Book Study - Parlor 6:00pm Disciple - Room 108 6:30pm UMW Mission Team -Parlor	22 Central Cafe Schedule 8:00am Thursday Morning Breakfast 9:30am Tuesday Musicales Chorus - Choir Room 7:30pm Nar-Anon 8:00pm NA - Room 20	23 9:00am NE District Tuesday Musicales - Parlor 5:00pm Mom to Mom Sale - FH, narthex, hallway	24 9:00am Mom to Mom Sale - FH, narthex, hallway 7:00pm NA
25 9:00am Worship Service 10:30am The Rock 10:30am Worship Service	26 11:00am Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30pm ALS Support - Parlor 7:00pm Staff Parish Meeting - Rm 108	27 9:00am Adele Thomas Bells-Bell Room 10:30am Recovery International - Room 108 6:30pm Bellissima! - Bell Room 7:00pm Trustees - Room 108	28 10:00am Book Study - Parlor 12:30pm Women in Transition - Parlor 6:00pm Disciple - Room 108	29 Central Cafe Schedule 8:00am Thursday Morning Breakfast 9:30am Tuesday Musicales Chorus - Choir Room 7:30pm Nar-Anon 8:00pm NA - Room 20	30	

Central Cafe Schedule

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E-CENTRAL NEWSLETTER**

Just go to the CUMC Website at:
www.waterfordcumc.org and click on
the "Sign-Up" button on the right hand
column, or call Rich at the Church
office and he'll sign you up himself!

Worship Participants

A complete list of Worship
Participants, Sermons & Select Music
is available online on our website at
www.waterfordcumc.org

Sign-up for Central's e-Newsletter at: www.waterfordcumc.org

Click the *Sign-up* button on the right hand column.

Summer Worship Time

Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Sermons available online:
www.waterfordcumc.org

Large print hymnals, Bibles, & wire-
less hearing device, wheelchairs are
available at both services.

At the 10:00 worship service:

The ROCK: Central's Sunday
morning ministry for children
K-5th grade.

Stepping Stones: Ministry for
infants through pre-schoolers meet
in room 112

Summer Hours

The office is open Monday through
Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
The office will be closed on Fridays.

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**Summer Worship Service at
10:00 am**