



# CHIMES

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I prepare this Chimes note long before it goes to Rich Pittenger for editing and then on its journey in several formats to you. As you read it Polly and I will hopefully be coming off of the Superior Hiking Trail in Minnesota having backpacked a small stretch of it. The hopefulness is not that I will be able to come off the trail but that we will have been on it at all.

You know from my past experiences this is for me the place of renewal of heart and the stretching of body and soul. Such things need lots of stretching these days. In these moments where I can find myself in more isolated places, more wilderness locations (without being too wild) the change of rhythm and movement brings me to back to center again. We live in a world where the movement of life and the engagement of motors and technologies whirl and manage our lives and sometimes blot out the holy expressions that we rely upon to anchor our lives. We move in cadences that intend to get work done, not to give the sacred an opening. Try as we might, it is hard to hold that focus.

The wilderness gives me a moment to catch my breath, review where that sacred touch is and remember what it feels like. It is as if God has the whole creation humming and vibrating with living spirit but I am too numbed by routine to feel it. So here I go again, back into the wilderness to feel the world sing its song and lift its holy tone within me again.

Then, I can remember that the same is happening in lives shared in community, in ministry tasks that are done in the Spirit of Christ and maybe even in the management of physical structures and organizational moments that are the tools of sacred

motion. May you feel the vibration of the creation and know that God is passing energy into you even now.

*Jim*

## WORSHIP NOTES

**AUGUST 14, 2011**

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
Preaching: Rev. Rich Peacock  
Matthew 15: 21-28

Mark 7: 24-30

“A Theology of Baseball”

Worship Arts: Chelsea and Mackenzie Cortese

**AUGUST 21, 2011**

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Preaching: Rev. Jim Kellermann  
Music: Jimmy Alt

**AUGUST 28, 2011**

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost  
Preaching: Rev. Jim Kellermann  
Music: Women's Ensemble

## TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF 8/2/2011:

Year to date income: \$310,070.00

Year to date expenses: \$323,908.00

Sunday 7/31/11 offering: \$6,728.50

## MEDIA & COMMUNITY RELATIONS COORDINATOR POSITION

Central Church is seeking someone to fill the position of Media & Community Relations Coordinator. The job description and the application are available on the Church website:

<http://waterfordcumc.org/> on the left hand side of the home page. You can also find the job description and application in the Church office.

## KIDS CENTRAL MINISTRY NEWS

### KIDS SUMMER DAYS

Rev. Kathy is leading a Kids Summer Day on Wednesday, August 17th at 4:30 p.m., at the Waterford Oaks Wave Pool. We will go in the evening to take advantage of the twilight rate and special bogo free admission. If you are planning on attending either please contact Rev. Kathy.

### FAMILY VISITS

Rev. Kathy will be doing family visits in August. Please contact Rev. Kathy to set up or change your time.

### FAMILY PICNIC

Everyone is invited to come to an end of the summer picnic at the Pittenger's home on Thursday, August 25th. Mark your calendar now! Details coming soon.

### SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Volunteers are needed for Summer Sunday School in both the nursery (infant through preschool) and with the elementary group (as leader or shepherd/helper). If you are interested and available please contact Rev. Kathy.

Rev. Kathy's contact info:  
[kpittenger@waterfordcumc.org](mailto:kpittenger@waterfordcumc.org) or  
248-681-0040 ext. 15

[www.kidscentralweb.org](http://www.kidscentralweb.org)

### MOM2MOM SALE

Mothers and More (Chapter 135) and Central UMC will be hosting a Mom2Mom 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](mailto: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.

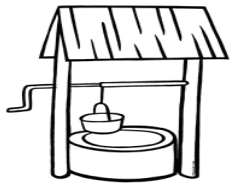
### BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

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.



## CALL FOR WATER (JUGS)

Answering the call for Water, Central United Methodist Church will be raising money to pay for the placement of a well in the location of our sister district in Liberia, on the West Coast of Africa. For folks living in this area, the only access to clean water is a five mile walk, carrying heavy vessels balanced on their heads. After hearing of the great need for water from the Rev. Albert Barchue, one of the Liberian UMC District Superintendents, the Wednesday Morning Group decided to coordinate this effort to provide a well which will serve several communities. The purchase and placement of a well costs \$2000. Help us raise these funds by collecting change (or cash!) in a clean milk jug. We will be having a celebration for the collecting of the funds on August 28th. Got Water?



## CELEBRATE SVENKESEN'S 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Bill and Velette don't know it yet but there will be a party celebrating their anniversary immediately following the worship service on Sunday, August 28th. Come and enjoy refreshments in Fellowship Hall and celebrate the Svenkesen's milestone anniversary!

## CHANCEL CHOIR/AGAPE RINGERS POTLUCK

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

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

## 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.



## BLOOD DRIVE

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

Please put this date on your calendar and sign-up sheets will be available soon.

## MEMORIAL GARDEN WEEDING

The Memorial Garden is looking beautiful thanks to the following people who have helped with the weeding this summer: Don & Diana Carter, Marge Frazier, Jim Kozel, Kathy Reseigh, Larry Spiece and Lynn Vincent. Also a big thank you to Jim Kozel for refinishing the benches. Our next weeding date is Tuesday, August 16th and we'd love to have you join us. Please bring tools and something to kneel on. We will provide light refreshments and fellowship. We hope everyone will consider the garden as a place for meditation and reflection and enjoy the beauty of God's creation. If you have questions about placement of ashes in the Memorial Garden, there are brochures in the church office. You may also contact Rev. Kellermann or Diana Carter.

The Memorial Garden Committee

## FALL VOLUNTEER IN MISSION

Are you interested in doing a fall mission trip? There are several of our members who are eager to go this fall in an additional trip. If there is enough interest for an October time, we will set one up and send you off with our blessing. It is also possible that if we only have a few able to go, we can connect you with other groups that are already heading down to do this work. Please contact the church office immediately if you have this interest.

## PHONE BOOK RECYCLING

Pontiac City Hall has installed a bin for recycling old phone books. We would like to remind everyone that our paper recycler bin in our parking lot does not accept phone books and we do not get credit for them. So if you have phone books to get rid of please drop them off at the Pontiac City Hall. If you have any questions feel free to contact Tina Graham.



## UMW FIVE STAR PROGRAM

In order for participants to be recognized at the annual meeting on Oct. 8, at Nardin Park UMC, and in the Annual Mtg. Program Book, names and pledges must be received by Marchelle by September 1. Five-Star entries can be turned in until Sept. 30 to receive a certificate.

We are asking that if you would like to participate, you must let Barb Spiece know if you wish to participate by mid August! If you have any questions about your pledge please contact Barb Spiece by phone: 248-681-4728 or by e-mail: stolafs@att.net

Please pass this information along to any UMW ladies who should know! Thanks!

## 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](http://www.missionresourcecenter.com) and searching for 2012 Reading Program. From Barb Spiece, Treasurer.

## 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.

## 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

## BALDWIN BACK TO SCHOOL

The Baldwin Center will distribute 500 backpacks to Pontiac school children this September!

Supplies Needed: Backpacks, Pencils, Big Pencils, Calculators, Folders, Markers, Pencil Cases, Highlighters, Erasers, Color Pencils, Scissors, Composition Books, Paper, Glue Sticks, Binders, Pens, Rulers, and Notebooks. Please turn in all money and supplies by the end of August. There will be a box in the closet hallway for supplies and backpacks.

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

# PARTIAL AUGUST CALENDAR

## SUNDAY, August 14

10:00 Worship Service  
11:30 Svenkesen Anniversary Party

## MONDAY, August 15

11:00 Alcoholics Anonymous

## TUESDAY, August 16

9:30 Memorial Garden Weeding  
10:30 Recovery International

## WEDNESDAY, August 17

10:00 Book Study  
4:30 Kid's Summer Day - Wave Pool  
6:30 Disciple

## THURSDAY, August 18

8:00 Thursday Morning Breakfast  
7:30 Nar-Anon  
8:00 NA

## FRIDAY, August 19

Office Closed - Summer Office Hours  
9:30 Mom's Club of Waterford

## SATURDAY, August 20

4:30 Parent's Night Out  
7:00 NA

## SUNDAY, August 21

10:00 Worship Service

## MONDAY, August 22

11:00 Alcoholics Anonymous  
6:30 ALS Support  
7:00 Staff Parish

## TUESDAY, August 23

10:30 Recovery International

## WEDNESDAY, August 24

10:00 Book Study  
6:30 Disciple  
6:30 UMW Mission Team

## THURSDAY, August 25

8:00 Thursday Morning Breakfast  
6:00 Cookout at Pittengers  
7:30 Nar-Anon  
8:00 NA

## FRIDAY, August 26

Office Closed - Summer Office Hours

## SATURDAY, August 27

7:00 NA

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## SUNDAY, August 28

Blessing of the Backpacks  
10:00 Worship Service

## MONDAY, August 29

11:00 Alcoholics Anonymous  
1:00 Blood Drive  
7:00 Boy Scouts

## TUESDAY, August 30

10:30 Recovery International

## WEDNESDAY, August 31

10:00 Book Study  
6:30 Disciple

## Address / Phone Change

John and Carolyn Burnham  
531 Viking Dr.  
Batavia, IL 60510  
630-326-9452

Dorothy Gorsline  
2641 Echo Lane  
Ortonville, MI 48462-9054

Carl and Helen Pinkston  
c/o Scott Pinkston  
4201 Flippen Trail  
Norcross, GA 30092

John Harris  
15051 Ford Rd.  
Dearborn, MI 48126-4698

## CROP WALK

The CROP Walk that is sponsored by the Waterford Ministerial Association is scheduled for Sunday, October 2 with registration at 1:30 and the commencement of the walk at 2:00 p.m. We are in need of someone who will represent Central Church at the recruiter's Orientation Meeting on August 22 (7:00 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church). If you can attend and would be willing to pick up our materials please contact the Central Church office.

## Thank You!

### Dear Church Family

Thank you for paying part of the fee for me to go to Judson Collins church camp this summer! I really appreciate your support in helping me have this great experience. We spent the week doing many activities like swimming, canoeing, games, Bible study, cookouts, sing-a-longs, and crafts.

*Sincerely, Hayden Baxter*

### Dear Caring Core,

Thank you for your uplifting cards and notes to both parents, James and Ethel Sinclair. The loss of my brother along with stress of poor health is taking a toll on them both. God Bless you all for your loving hearts.

*Valerie Sinclair*

I wish to thank all the many people from Central UMC for the birthday cards and health concern prayers.

*Frances Barnes*

To all the congregation who responded to news of my illness and sent cards or called, I hope you know how low I was after going to the hospital for a digestive problem and two days later, being told you have inoperable liver cancer.

Rev. Kellermann's visit, and all the cards and calls did restore peace to my soul and I hope to be with you for sometime yet. Please know that you are all in my prayers.

*Love, Frances Bevington*

## RALLY DAY

Begin thinking about the renewal of our community around worship, following the comings and goings of the summer. September 11 will be our rallying day with community activity, food and joyful worship as we re-new our community.

## DID YOU KNOW CENTRAL SELLS OUR OWN REUSABLE TOTE BAGS?



Central Cares about God's Planet! We have beautiful tote bags available at \$2.50 per bag or 3 for \$10 with one additional bag being donated to a first time visitor. Bags are available at the Scrip table on Sunday, or in the Church office.

**POSTMASTER:**

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Deadlines..

The Chimes deadline is  
**August 18** for the  
August 28, 2011 Chimes.  
Please send all articles to:  
info@waterfordcumc.org

**SIGN UP FOR YOUR  
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](http://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.

**PROGRAM STAFF**

**REV. JIM KELLERMANN**  
Administration/Worship Pastor  
**REV. KATHY PITTENGER**  
Pastor of Children's & Family Ministries

**SARA HAZEN**  
Director of Music

**MINISTRY COORDINATORS**

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