



# CHIMES

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We spend these days remembering the story that helps us understand something about the incarnation of God in Jesus the Christ. It is a story filled with amazing mystery because it is a point in our consciousness where God touches the human community directly. Perhaps it is better to say it is the point at which we become aware of how completely God intends to always be touching the human community.

But it also is the story that reminds us that God, who desires this connection, can accomplish it as long as the human community says "yes" to the Spirit, takes on responsibility, and dares to invest time, energy, and resource to be the family that reveals God.

This is Christmas for us: to hear and joyfully feel again the power of God's love breaking through the ambiguous and confused world which we create to transform it as a place where the sacred presence is always known, living with us; and to become those who are drawn to this mystery and are willing to shape our lives in order to give it space and family, to give it hands and hearts that make it known in the whole world.

This is Christmas for us and the staff of Central United Methodist Church shares with you the prayer that God will be born into our midst once more and that with joy we will take up the work of being a holy family together for the sake of the world.

*Jim*

*Born to Eternal Life*  
Bethel R. Sprouse  
7/2/1923 - 11/30/2011  
Member of Central since  
11/23/2003

## Worship Notes

### DECEMBER 18, 2011

Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Blessings of the Infants  
Luke 1:46b-55, Luke 1:26-38  
"A Mystery Worth Bearing"  
Rev. Jim Kellermann, preaching  
Worship Arts:  
9:00 - YTNB Bells  
10:30 - YTNB Bells,  
Chancel Choir

### DECEMBER 24, 2011 CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

**6:00 p.m. - Family Worship**  
Kathy Pittenger directing.

**8:00 p.m. - Carols and Candlelight**  
Rev. Jim Kellermann, preaching  
"A Breath Worth Breathing"  
Alleluia & Jubilate Dancers  
Chancel Choir

**11:00 p.m. - Communion Service**  
Rev. Jim Kellermann, preaching  
"Made A Child"  
Chancel Choir

### DECEMBER 25, 2011

CHRISTMAS SUNDAY  
ONE SERVICE AT 10:00 a.m.

Luke 2:1-7, Isaiah 52:7-10  
"Singing Sentinels"

Rev. Jim Kellermann, preaching  
Worship Arts: Abby Kellermann

### CHRISTMAS FOR THE METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

Your response to the giving tree for the boys at the Methodist Children's Home has been wonderful. The 38 boys will have a wonderful Christmas this year thanks to your generosity. **A reminder to have the gifts back to the church by Sunday morning, December 18th.** Gifts should not be wrapped. We will be delivering them to the village on the 19th. A BIG THANK YOU from the Eschtruth Circle

### OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on Monday, December 26 and on Monday January 2. If you have an emergency on those days, please call Rev. Kellermann at 248-390-2416.

## KIDS CENTRAL MINISTRY NEWS

### BABY'S FIRST CHRISTMAS

December 18, 2011 at the 10:30 a.m. service we will celebrate the births of our infants and their first Christmas in our congregational family. Contact Rev. Kathy with any questions.

### BLESSING OF THE TOYS

At the Christmas morning 10:00 a.m. worship service we will have a special blessing of the toys. Everyone is invited to bring a non-violent, not noisy toy for a special blessing. If you have any questions please contact Rev. Kathy.

### FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

"Christmas Cameo" No-rehearsal Christmas Pageant during the 6:00 p.m. service. Children, youth and adults may sign-up ahead of time for speaking and non-speaking parts and behind the scenes volunteers. The family service is child friendly - baby noises and wiggling children are welcome!

### CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDCARE

Childcare will be available at the 8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service.

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

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

### CLOTHE A CHILD UPDATE

We have wrapped up the 41st year of Clothe-A-Child! The clothes have been packed and delivered to all 4 schools for 449 Waterford Elementary School children and their siblings! I would like to thank everyone who made a donation towards this program and for keeping these children and their families in your prayers. Plans are already underway for next year and the shopping will begin again this spring when local retailers put their winter stock on clearance. Our account has been reduced significantly, so if you have not already done so and you feel it in your heart to make a donation, checks can be made out to United Methodist Women (please indicate "Clothe-A-Child on the memo line) and dropped off in the office. If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact Andrea Baxter (ab73blue@gmail.com or 248.666.9788). Thank you for your generosity!

### MISSION CARDS

Christmas greeting cards supporting missions will be available for \$5 each on Sundays, Dec. 4, 11, and 18. The inside of each missions card is "a gift in your honor has been given to...(name of mission) Cards for 4 or 5 missions including Baldwin Center, A Place of Hope, C. W. Duncan School in Liberia, and Clothe-a-Child will be on a table in the chapel hallway. These cards make great gifts for coworkers, teachers, friends and relatives.

NEW CENTRAL COFFEE MUG  
Bright Red Mugs with Central's name  
and cross and flame are now available at  
the Welcome Table for \$6.00 each. We  
will also be giving these as part of the gift  
bag to our first-time visitors. They would  
make great Christmas Gifts! Get yours  
now while supplies last!

#### MARTIN LUTHER KING CELEBRATION

The Detroit Renaissance District is  
continuing its long tradition of honoring  
Dr. Martin Luther King in January. This  
event will be on January 8 at 4:00 p.m.  
This year Waterford Central Church  
is the site of that celebration. We need  
volunteers for hosting, for greeting, for  
providing cookies, for helping in the  
kitchen and with clean up. Please contact  
Barb Spiece if you would be willing to do  
any of this.

#### END OF THE YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS

If you are looking to make an end of the  
year contribution to the Church, it must  
be turned into the office by December 26  
in order for it to be counted for 2011. The  
holidays make it difficult to do multiple  
deposits so we must have them in early.  
Thank you.

#### BALDWIN HOLIDAY STORE

The last day for delivery is December 14,  
2011. The Christmas Food Baskets last  
day for delivery is December 19 in the  
morning. We need a volunteer for food  
that comes in on December 17 and 18.  
Please call the Church office if you are  
interested in helping.

#### MITTEN TREE

The mitten tree is ready and waiting for  
some nice warm hats and mittens or  
gloves. These are given to area school  
children and are much needed as the  
weather turns colder! Please, as you are  
shopping, buy them in sets or hats and  
gloves which go together. It will save  
a lot of time for those who need to find  
the other half to match up! Please safety  
pin together if needed. You have been so  
generous in the past and we look forward  
to seeing the tree overflowing once again!

#### UN-HANGING OF THE GREENS

Yes, Virginia, it is still Advent and we're  
still preparing our hearts and homes for  
Christmas, which is several days away.  
But, Virginia, we know busy people have  
busy lives that require advance planning,  
soooo, if you can, please make room on  
your calendars to help undecorate the  
church on Wednesday, December 28th  
at 10AM. Thanks.

#### DAD'S CLUB MEN'S SUMMIT

Come join us on JANUARY 27-29,  
2012, at JUDSON-COLLINS Methodist  
Camp. We gather for fellowship and  
discussion of Mitch Albom's "Have A  
Little Faith" We'll also have fun with  
games, movies, sleigh-ride, and playing  
in the snow! For more info contact: Dan  
Arnold or Myke Robson.

### January Birthdays

Best Wishes to the following members

Celebrating a Birthday of  
80 years or more.

Jessie Poy - January 2

Raul Ochoa - January 6

D J Hursey - January 13

Walter Kuznecoff - January 14

John Ostrander - January 14

Mary Jane Jewell - January 21

Mary McIntock - January 21

Ottillie Peterson - January 23

Glenna Mae Cox - January 24

Lillian Denyes - January 27

Mary Conrad - January 28

Lorna Pierre - January 31

### January Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following couples

Celebrating an Anniversary  
of 50 years or more.

Norman and Faye Campbell

January 12 ~ 55 years

#### NEW PURPLE THREADS STUDY:

Please join us as we come together for  
study and prayer. Our next class begins  
January 17, 2012 and will meet four more  
times on Feb. 7 & 21

and Mar. 6 & 20. We will be using  
one of Ray Vander Laan's Faith Lessons  
unique video series that "brings God's  
Word to life with astounding relevance  
called 'God Heard Their Cry.' By  
weaving together the Bible's fascinating  
historical, cultural, religious, and  
geographical contexts, teacher and  
historian Ray Vander Laan reveals keen  
insights into the Scriptures' significance  
for modern believers. These illuminating  
'faith lessons' afford a new understanding  
of the Bible that will ground your  
convictions and transform your life.  
Discover how God answered the cry of  
the enslaved people of Israel after 400  
years in Egypt and revealed himself  
as Lord to them and their oppressors.  
Follow Ray Vander Laan on location in  
Egypt as he details a fascinating five-part  
story." Study guides for the class will  
be \$10.00. Please contact Diana Carter  
248-666-2575 by **December 18th** if you  
wish to join us.

#### CENTRAL CINEMA

Central Cinema returns, at 7:00 p.m. on  
January 7 with a showing of "Eat, Pray,  
Love," based on the popular book by Liz  
Gordon. It is an attempt to search for  
her own true love during an around the  
world trip. It is rated PG 13. Central  
Cinema is held in the comfort of the  
parlor but shown on big screen with  
some brief reflections and conversation  
following. Everyone is welcome.

### Thank You!

*Dear Central UMC,*

You all have always been so very  
thoughtful with your get well wishes  
and birthday congratulations. I have  
been blessed to have such a loving and  
caring Church family.

*Merlyn Brandon.*

*Dear Friends at Central,*

Thank you for all of the cards and  
especially the "Upper Room" and  
weekly sermons! They make the very  
best doctor's room reading. We are  
doing very well at pretending nothing is  
wrong! God bless you all!

*Morey and Darlene Grant*

*Dear Friends at Central,*

Our thanks to everyone who helped to  
make the "Many Faces of Christmas"  
event a success. Thank you to all of  
the exhibitors who brought so many  
interesting items to show and thank  
you to those who took time to visit the  
displays.

A very special thank you to the choir  
members who sang carols for us to make  
our day more festive.

With the Church decorated so  
beautifully and so many dressed in their  
holiday attire, it was a great beginning to  
our Christmas season.

*Marion Steeber & Velette Svenkesen*

*Dear Central UMC,*

Thank you to my Central family for the  
many cards, prayers and visits during my  
recent hospitalization. A special thanks  
to Rev. Kellermann and my friends that  
work and volunteer at the hospital for  
making me feel well cared for.

*Marge Jones*

*Dear Central UMC,*

My family and I want to thank everyone  
for their prayers and cards sent over  
the past few weeks. My recent battle  
with cancer has been very difficult. My  
faith continues to pull me through. My  
recovery will last for months, yet we  
received the best news possible Nov.  
28. Three words I will never forget -  
"margins are negative" - that is medical  
jargon for "there is no evidence of any  
more cancer cells."

What an emotional moment; our prayers  
were answered and I can move ahead.  
Thanks again.

*Sincerely, Ralph Scafuri*

I apologize if you do not see your thank  
you note or your address change in this  
newsletter. I will include them in the  
next Chimes being sent on January 8.

# January 2012

The services on Sundays are at 9:00 and 10:30 am.

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9:00am No Youth Group 10:30am Worship Service 10:30am The Rock 10:30am Worship Service	<b>2</b> 10:00am UMW Book Club - Parlor 11:00am Alcoholics Anonymous 6:00pm Scout Committee & PIC meeting-Room 20	<b>3</b> 10:30am Recovery International - Room 108 1:00pm Hutchinson Circle-Parlor	<b>4</b> 10:00am Book Study - Room 108 11:30am Olive Mae Glenn Circle- Parlor	<b>5</b> Central Cafe Schedule Harvesters-Outing Thursday Morning Breakfast 4:15pm Kids Club-Room 114 Lakeland Players E/R rehearsals-Stage 7:30pm Nar-Anon 8:00pm NA - Room 20	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Central Cinema - Parlor 7:00pm NA
<b>8</b> 9:00am Faith Link - Room 108 9:00am Worship Service 10:30am The Rock 10:30am Worship Service 12:00pm Confirmation Meeting-Parlor 4:00pm Detroit Metropolitan District MLK Celebration 4:00pm Youth Group-Chapel	<b>9</b> 11:00am Alcoholics Anonymous 5:30pm Lakeland Players E/R Rehearsals-FH 7:00pm Boy Scouts-FH 7:00pm Finance Meeting - Room 108 7:00pm Lakeland Players Auditions-Parlor	<b>10</b> 9:00am Adele Thomas Bells-Bell Room 10:30am Recovery International - Room 108 6:30pm Bellissima! - Bell Room 7:00pm Lakeland Players Auditions-Chapel 7:00pm Ministry Coordinators - Room 108	<b>11</b> 10:00am Book Study - Parlor	<b>12</b> Central Cafe Schedule Thursday Morning Breakfast 9:30am Mom's on a Mission - Parlor 4:15pm Kids Club-Room 114 Lakeland Players E/R rehearsals-Stage 7:30pm Nar-Anon 8:00pm NA - Room 20	<b>13</b> 6:30pm Young Family Group	<b>14</b> 7:00pm NA
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<b>22</b> 9:00am Faith Link - Room 108 9:00am Worship Service 10:30am The Rock 10:30am Worship Service 3:30pm Confirmation Meeting & Dinner-Parlor 5:30pm Lakeland Players E/R Rehearsals-FH 5:30pm Youth Group-Chapel	<b>23</b> 11:00am Alcoholics Anonymous 5:30pm Lakeland Players E/R Rehearsals-Room 20 6:30pm ALS Support Group - Parlor 7:00pm Boy Scouts - Fellowship Hall 7:00pm Staff Parish - Room 108	<b>24</b> 9:00am Adele Thomas Bells-Bell Room 10:30am Recovery International - Room 108 6:30pm Bellissima! - Bell Room 7:00pm Trustees - Room 108	<b>25</b> 10:00am Book Study - Parlor	<b>26</b> Central Cafe Schedule Thursday Morning Breakfast 4:15pm Kids Club -Room 114 Lakeland Players E/R rehearsals-Stage 7:30pm Nar-Anon 8:00pm NA - Room 20	<b>27</b> Mens Retreat - Judson Collins	<b>28</b> Mens Retreat - Judson Collins 7:30am Scrap-booking-Parlor+1 7:00pm NA
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**December 28** for the  
January 8, 2012 Chimes.  
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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  
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**At the 10:30 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

Large print hymnals, Bibles,  
& wireless hearing devices,  
wheelchairs are available at both  
services.

TREASURER'S REPORT AS  
OF 12/12/2011  
Year to date income: \$507,830.00  
Year to date expenses: \$522,812.00  
Sunday 12/11 offering: \$9,608.50

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