



CHIMES

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I think of Christmas within the enclosure and I am warmed with memories from Currier and Ives or others who remind us of the quaintness of Christmas tradition in a rural and small town memory. I love Greenfield Village and their Christmas nights. They are in the enclosure. You have to pay to gain access to those village streets and hear the carolers, smell the roasting chestnuts, feel the warming fires, touch the warmth of horses that draw the sleighs and wagons around.

I love Christmas in my house, and the homes of my family and friends. Everything is (or will be) decorated with lights, candles, greenery. Cookies will be baked filling the space with memories of my childhood and my mother's kitchen miracles at Christmas. All of this is in an enclosed space also.

I love Christmas at the Church. In this defined space there are great decorations (that mean so much more this year because of the saintly hands and imagination that laid them out); wonderful music that comes with brass; organ; choir, bells and children's voices, and with visuals in dance, and art, and candles. Again, all of it in well defined space.

But you and I know that Christmas is not an enclosed reality, even if the holy family sought shelter in space loosely described as an animal stall. But Christmas was sung from heavens and stars that have no boundaries, to shepherds who lived outside the walls. It came to magi who may have traveled continents to seek it out.

And it comes most meaningfully where the human community needs to offer genuine grace and care, to extend love and compassion. There are no walls that enclose this. It leaks out in ways to the members of the Pontiac community that find care at the Baldwin Center. It opens up the doors for those who are without walls in their lives but need to find a warming place on a cold night. It needs to be carried in a spirit that covers battlefields and refugee camps without waiting to identify nationalities, language, nor even religious affiliation. Christmas and the coming of the Christ is outside all restrictions and enclosures. And the whole of creation will sing of it again.

Jim



FRIDAY DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE

6:00 P.M.

Family Worship (child focused)

Rev. Kathy Pittenger, directing

8:00 P.M.

Service of Carols and Candlelight

**Rev. Jim Kellermann,
preaching**

"Messy Parenting"

Alleluia & Jubilate Dancers /

Chancel Choir

11:00 P.M.

Service of Communion and Carols

**Rev. Jim Kellermann,
preaching:**

"Time Peace"

Reunion Bells / Chancel Choir

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TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF 12/5/2010:

Year to date income: \$535,056.00

Year to date expenses: \$472,809.00

Balance of apportionments NOT paid for 2010: \$22,262.19

Sunday 11/28 offering: \$13,480.83

KIDS CENTRAL MINISTRY NEWS

Family Christmas Eve Service

Each year we do a special Family Christmas Eve Service where all children are welcome. This year we will be doing a special Christmas Program called "The Christmas Cameo". This is a no-rehearsal performance. Children, Youth, and Adults are needed to participate in the program. You may sign-up here or by the church office. If you have a speaking part, you will get a copy of the script in advance. If you would be available/willing to help with the "behind the scenes" please contact Rev. Kathy.

Don't forget to check out www.kidscentralweb.org for the latest information about Children's and Family Ministries!

www.kidscentralweb.org

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Church Wide! Coming Sunday, December 19 at 5:00 p.m. Children, youth and the whole church family are invited to share in this evening of singing and taking Christmas to the homebound and those in need of some Christmas cheer. UMY will follow this caroling with their Christmas Party at the Senior Parsonage.

POINSETTIAS TO HOME BOUND

Your assistance is requested in helping us spread a little holiday joy to members of our Central family who are home bound. If you are able to deliver a Poinsettia, please pick up an address card and poinsettia after the 10:30 a.m. service on December 26.

MITTEN TREE

We are collecting mittens, gloves and hats for needy families in our area. Sets or items that match up would be greatly appreciated. Please place your donations on the Mitten Tree in the Narthex. Thank You!

MISSION CARDS

Christmas cards benefiting missions are available on Sundays at a table in the Chapel hallway. The missions to sponsor will be Apportionments, Baldwin Center, Clothe-a-Child, C. W. Duncan School in Liberia, Knit for Kids, and Place of Hope warming shelter for the homeless. The donation for each card is \$5.

KNIT FOR KIDS

We can Do It, Yes We Can! We only need 7 more sweaters to make our goal of 900 before the end of the year. Please keep those needles working until we reach this goal! These sweaters are mailed to World Vision who sends them onto needy children in the U.S. and throughout the world. Please see the display in the hallway beyond the Narthex. Patterns and free yarn are available. Each sweater represents a labor of love and reaches out to those little ones who lack clothing to keep them warm. If you have any questions, please call Diana Carter, 248-666-2575.

40 YEARS OF CLOTHE-A-CHILD

We have wrapped up the 40th year of Clothe-A-Child! The clothes have been packed and delivered to all 5 schools for more than 470 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 as soon as retailers begin putting 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 at: ab73blue@hotmail.com or 248.666.9788. Thank you for your generosity!

ROSA - FUTURE LEADER DOG UPDATE

Many members of the congregation have inquired as to the progress of our little Future Leader Dog in training we saw so frequently here at the church with Marge Frazier. Here is a brief update... Rosa, the Future Leader Dog black Lab puppy who visited Central Church for a year, attended "college" at Leader Dogs for the Blind from June 2 until October 22, 2010. She was career changed due to a lack of interest, a lack of consistency, and a lack of responsibility in the work of a Leader Dog. Puppies who are career changed are offered back to the raiser first, so Miss Rosa is now a wonderful pet with the other Frazier fur kids. She is doing a good job at that! Thank you for your interest in her and the support you gave us as she was growing up. Since Waterford Township only allows three dogs to a household, I will not be raising another puppy for a while.

BROTHER 2 BROTHER

Duo to inclement weather, the Brother 2 Brother Concert was cancelled on December 12, 2010. We will reschedule the concert in the new year. Watch for the date and time coming soon.

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 Lou McLintock ~ January 21

Ottillie Peterson ~ January 23

Glenna Mae Cox, January 24

Ruth Denyes, January 27

Mary Conrad, January 28

January Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following couples

Celebrating an Anniversary
of 50 years or more.

Norman and Faye Campbell

January 12 ~ 54 Years

FISH PANTRY

Please don't forget to put a couple of extra items in your cart for the FISH Pantry. We are always in need of Jelly, Canned fruit, bath and body products and toothpaste/toothbrushes. Thank You!

MAJOR GIFTS POLICY

From time to time, faithful participants in the ministries of Central Church will provide substantial financial gifts to the church. Some gifts are designated for specific purposes, while others come without designation. If the gifts are \$5000 or less, the Memorial Committee, chaired by Nancy Radenbaugh, manages the recommendation of projects. The Church established a Major Gifts Committee in 1993 to deal with funds that are over \$5000. This committee is chaired by the chair of the Finance Committee, and includes the chair of the Memorial Committee, chair of the Trustees, the Lay Leader, and the full time program staff (senior pastor, pastor of children's and family ministries, and music director). Because of encouragement by members of the church to be attentive to the Endowment Fund (a separate fund that provides income to the general church budget) a policy has been enacted by the Church Council to use 15% of an un-designated major gift for the Endowment, and 10% for Capital Improvement. For the use of the remaining gift, projects are recommended to the Church Council. As you do your estate planning, consider sharing in the ministry of your church with such gifts.

CENTRAL CAFE' REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

The Reunion Bells will rehearse on December 23. Other Bell Choirs should check with Sara for their rehearsal schedule for the remainder of the year. The last rehearsal of the year for the combined dance choir will be December 23. There will be no Central Cafe' meal on December 23 or January 30, 2010. Would you like to eat for free? Central Cafe' volunteers eat at no charge! Contact Shiela Strang at 248-681-8077 if you would like to help out with the Central Cafe' meal.

CALL FOR UMW DANCERS
UMW Sunday is January 30, 2011. The Worship Committee envisioned a dance by the United Methodist Women. To make it a success, we need you! Sign-up in the Chapel Hallway...before Polly **YOU** up! Questions? Call Polly at 248-683-2986.

Thank You Notes

Bob and I would like to thank you for your participation and help this season in providing for the Baldwin Center. We appreciated the help sorting, packing and getting supplies into our van and that of Rev. Blomquist. Special thanks to those involved in this process: Rev. Blomquist his and family and grandchildren, Lisa and Greg Kelley, Mary Skelley and Rev. Jim Kellermann. Praise God and God Bless you all.

Barb & Bob Tracy

Thank you so much for all of the cards from my friends at Central and Purple Threads and for the visits from Rev. Kellermann. It is a blessing to be remembered by you all.

Ethel Sinclair

Thank you to the volunteers who have been so fabulous and faithful throughout the year. Whether you have worked at the luncheons, donated cookies or salads or just kept us in your prayers, we greatly appreciate your support.

Pat Loomis, Funeral Committee

Dear Central Caring Angels,
I received many lovely cards from you and enjoy them. I've had both eyes operated on and am coming along fine. I have joined a Baptist Church here in Florida. We have a bible study group called Morning Stars. I pray for all of my friends in Michigan. Thanks to Marilyn and all of you at Central.

May Jennings

Dear Friends,
I apologize that it has taken me so long to thank you for the snacks. School has kept me very busy the past few weeks. Thank you so much for thinking of me! Your snacks were delicious.

Gratefully, Calla Hubbard

January 2011

Worship Times: 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

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	
2 9:00am Faithlink - Room 108 9:00am Worship Service 10:30am The Rock & Stepping Stones Children's Ministry 10:30am Worship Service	3 Office Closed 10:00am UMW Book Club - Parlor 11:00am Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00pm Lakeland Players - Room 20	4 10:30am Recovery International - Room 108 7:00pm Lakeland Players - FH	5 6:30pm Tween Group - Assoc. Parsonage	6 8:00am Thursday Morning Breakfast 6:00pm Kids Bible Study - The Oasis 7:00pm Lakeland Players - FH 7:30pm Nar-Anon 8:00pm NA	7	8 8:30am Youth For Understanding - FH and Breakout Room 7:00pm Central Cinema - Parlor	
9 9:00am Faithlink - Room 108 9:00am Worship Service 10:30am The Rock & Stepping Stones Children's Ministry 10:30am Worship Service 4:00pm Confirmation Class and Dinner - Parlor 5:00pm Youth Group	10 11:00am Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00pm Finance Meeting Rm 108 7:00pm Lakeland Players - Room 20	11 9:00am Adele Thomas Bells - Bell Room 10:30am Recovery International - Room 108 6:30pm Bellissima! - Bell Room 7:00pm Lakeland Players - FH 7:00pm Ministry Coordinators - Room 108	12	13 8:00am Thursday Morning Breakfast 9:30am Tuesday Musicales Chorus 6:00pm Kids Bible Study - The Oasis 6:00pm Parenting Workshop - Room 108 7:00pm Lakeland Players - FH 7:30pm Nar-Anon 8:00pm NA	14	15	
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23 Place of HOPE 9:00am Faithlink - Room 108 9:00am Worship Service 10:30am The Rock & Stepping Stones Children's Ministry 10:30am Worship Service 4:00pm Confirmation Class - Parlor	24 11:00am Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30pm ALS Support - Parlor 7:00pm Lakeland Players - Room 20 7:00pm Staff Parish Meeting - Rm 108	25 9:00am Adele Thomas Bells - Bell Room 10:30am Recovery International - Room 108 6:30pm Bellissima! - Bell Room 7:00pm Lakeland Players - FH 7:00pm Trustees - Room 108	26	27 8:00am Thursday Morning Breakfast 9:30am Tuesday Musicales Chorus 6:00pm Kids Bible Study - The Oasis 7:00pm Lakeland Players - FH 7:30pm Nar-Anon 8:00pm NA	28	29	
30 UMW Sunday 9:00am Faithlink - Room 108 9:00am Worship Service 10:30am The Rock & Stepping Stones Children's Ministry 10:30am Worship Service 5:00pm Youth Group	31 11:00am Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00pm Lakeland Players - Room 20	<p style="text-align: center;">Central Café Come for dinner & stay for rehearsal The schedule for Thursday evenings is as follows:</p>				4:15 – 5:15 Alleluia /Jubilate Dancers 4:45 – 5:30 Carol Choir 5:15 – 6:30 Dinner served 5:15 – 5:45 Good News Ringers	5:45 – 6:25 YTBN Bell Ringers 6:30 – 7:30 New Joy Choir 6:30 – 7:24 Agape Ringers 7:30 – 9:00 Chancel Choir

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Contact Pam Fisher by e-mail at:
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with your address

Worship Participants

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

Worship Notes

December 19, 2010

Fourth Sunday in Advent
Service of Infant Baptism
Isaiah 7:10-16
Matthew 1:18-25
“Cosmic Disturbance:
Life Finds an Opening”
Preaching, Rev. Kellermann
Worship Arts
9:00 Good news Ringers
10:30 Good news Ringers/
Chancel Choir

December 26, 2010

First Sunday After Christmas
Matthew 2:13-23
Isaiah 63:7-9
“A Grandparent’s Longing”
Preaching, Rev. Kellermann
Worship Arts: Women’s Quartet

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