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When the critics of Jesus questioned whether the celebration of his holy and gracious presence warranted the use of expensive perfumes on Jesus by a woman, in lieu of the poor who could make better use of the funds so spent, Jesus responded that "you will have the poor with you for the rest of your lives. Whenever you feel like it you can do something for them. Not so with me. She did what she could when she could: she pre-anointed my body for burial." ( Mark 14:7-8 *The Message* - Eugene Peterson)

In some ways the issues that Jesus uncovers in his response are complicated. On the one hand is the recognition of his death as an important and significant part of his ministry. The story also affirms that the Holy One of God was among us and that an unnamed woman was ready to spend a year's salary to affirm it while others were still questioning who Jesus was.

The issue of the poor and the constancy of their need is commonly recognized and a matter of resignation. But the challenge as Eugene Peterson helps us hear is that we have always an opportunity to respond to the needs of the poor. It is one thing to point to someone else's failure to respond to these constant needs, it is another to recognize, as Peterson does, that it is our personal response that matters.

Central Church is continuously offering opportunities to respond to such needs. They will flow this month as we encounter the Super Bowl of Caring project by the UMY, the Empty Bowls Project of Baldwin Center, and an invitation to support the Haiti VIM trip later in the month.

The poor always have needs and the faithful people of God always have a heartfelt response. We give what we can, when we can and recognize we do so because the Holy One of God is in fact still among us. Our celebrating it and meeting it is found in the grace we share with others. Let us celebrate God in the challenge of our sharing.

*Jim*

Visit our websites at: [www.waterfordcumc.org](http://www.waterfordcumc.org), [www.littlesproutspreschool.org](http://www.littlesproutspreschool.org)  
Visit the Kids Central Website at: [www.kidscentralweb.org](http://www.kidscentralweb.org)

## FIVE PRACTICES OF A Fruitful Congregations

The Church Council has spent some time exploring Bishop Robert Schnase's book "Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations." It is a helpful reminder about the nature of church ministry and the tasks of discipleship we share as a faith community. The context is more than knowing the concepts, but rather practicing them radically, passionately, intentionally, extravagantly, and with a willingness to take risks. In Lent, (which begins on February 25) The Church Council is asking the entire congregation to find a group to join and spend this season exploring and recommitting ourselves to the tasks that have allowed us to be a vibrant and committed part of the Body of Christ. More information will follow about schedules for these groups. Be ready to share. Our common life depends upon it.

### Central Café Schedule

- 4:15 Alleluia Dancers (3-6 grades)
- 4:45 Carol Choir (4yrs to 1st grade)
- 5:15 Good News Ringers (4-8th grades)
- 5:15 *Dinner Served*
- 5:45 YTNB Bells (9-12th grade)
- 6:25 Agape Ringers (Adults)
- 6:30 New Joy Choir (2-6th grades)
- 6:30 Jubilate Dancers (7-12th grade)
- 7:30 Chancel Choir

### TIME TO MAKE OUR PLEDGES for Mission Giving

As we begin a new year, it is time once again to make our pledges to support mission through United Methodist Women. Your giving makes mission possible. Giving supports institutions and programs empowering and improving the lives of women, children and youth in the United States and around the world. Mission Giving provides food, shelter, education, employment, healthcare, and human rights advocacy for many living on the margins of society. Mission Giving supports United Methodist missionaries and deaconesses. Mission Giving also funds spiritual growth programs, leadership development events and mission education opportunities for United Methodist Women members. Prayerfully consider your pledge for the coming year...and give generously. YOU are making a difference, every day, in the lives of women, children and youth around the world.

**WORSHIP NOTES**

February 1, 2009  
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany  
Boy Scout Sunday  
UMW Sunday  
Communion  
Rev. Jim Kellermann, preaching  
1 Corinthians 8:1-13  
"The Society of the Kitchen Craft"  
9:00 a.m. Good News Ringers  
10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir  
Good News Ringers

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February 8, 2009  
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany  
Hunger Sunday  
Rev. Wendy Lyons Chrostek, preaching  
Lisa Machesky, Baldwin Center  
9:00 a.m. YTNB Bells  
10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir  
YTNB Bells

**HUNGER SUNDAY**  
Hunger Sunday is scheduled for February 8 with an Empty Bowls luncheon following worship. We anticipate that Lisa Machesky, the Executive Director of the Baldwin Center will be our guest that morning. Come hear the work of the Center as it continues to grow and our place in its ministries, then stay and feast on a bowl of soup to support the center.

About our Church

**Sunday Morning**

*Traditional / Blended Worship*

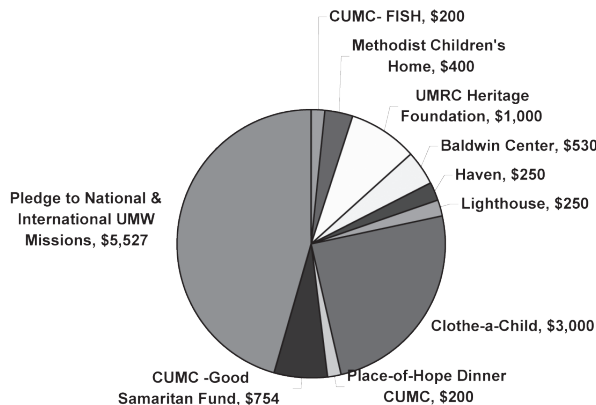
**9:00 am & 10:30 am**

**10:00 am - Fellowship time**

**Sermons available online:**  
[www.waterfordcumc.org](http://www.waterfordcumc.org)

**UMW SUNDAY**  
Is February 1 along with Boy Scouts Sunday. The theme is UMW Mission World Map. Please plan to join us!

### Waterford Central UMW Giving for 2008



## KIDS CENTRAL MINISTRY NEWS

### DIVORCE CARE FOR KIDS

Central is providing a divorce support group for kids. We are meeting on Sundays right after church in the Children's Library. We are using the Divorce Care for Kids program. Children ages 5-12 are welcome to participate. The group is being led by Katey Gay and Rev. Kathy Pittenger. If you have any questions, would like your child(ren) to participate or would like to participate but the time does not work well, please contact Rev. Kathy.

### LOVING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The children of Central need your time and love. We are in need of volunteers who love kids and would be willing to teach and play one Sunday a month (or more) with the infants or preschoolers. We also need creative volunteers to lead workshops for The ROCK kids in March and April. Please contact Rev. Kathy or visit the website for more information.

[kpittenger@waterfordcumc.org](mailto:kpittenger@waterfordcumc.org)  
[www.kidscentralweb.org](http://www.kidscentralweb.org)  
**Check out our updated website ☺**

### FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Everyone is invited to come and play games and relax at Family Game Night. We will play on Friday, February 6th at 6:30 p.m. Bring your favorite games to play and snack to share. We will have a Euchre tournament, a big puzzle, Wii Bowling, and lots of fun! Please sign up by the church office or at [www.kidscentralweb.org](http://www.kidscentralweb.org).

### A DAY APART FOR PRAYER

Detroit East District United Methodist Women invite you to *A Day Apart for Prayer*, February 7, 2009. The guest speaker will be Tapuwa Mumbiro presenting "The Wonderful, Fabulous, Awesome Power of Prayer". The program takes place at Beverly Hills United Methodist Church. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m., brunch at 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. and Prayer Service at 10:30 a.m. Please RSVP to Alice Tucker as soon as possible. at 313-0618-3173.





**CENTRAL CINEMA**  
**February 7, 2009**  
**"The Great Debaters"**  
**CENTRAL CINEMA**

"The Great Debaters" is the Central Cinema offering for Black History Month. It tells the story of the formation of the debate team at little Wiley College in Texas under the direction of Professor Melvin B. Tolson in 1935. This true story about one of United Methodism's historic Black Colleges is set against a backdrop of racism and bigotry and reveals the power of hope and courage as this tiny school and its team challenges Harvard's great debating prowess on a national stage. The PG 13 movie is shown in the Parlor at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, February 7, 2009 and is open to everyone.

**PARENTING CLASS**

Central is offering a Parenting Class on Thursday evenings from 6:00 - 7:15 p.m. The class meets for 7 weeks (with a break on Feb. 19 for Mid-Winter Break). Rainy Stephenson is leading the class called "Value-Packed Parenting: Raising Rock-Solid Kids in a Pleasure-Driven World." The class is designed for parents with children of infants through High School. Child care is available during the class.

**COMMUNITY GARDEN**

There has been interest in starting a community garden at church. So... if you are interested in gardening, good fresh tomatoes, or just would like to get out in the sun after a long Michigan winter, we could use your help! An initial planning/brain-storming meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 3 at 8:00 p.m. in Room 106. Can't make the meeting, but are still interested in helping? Please let Rev. Wendy Lyons Chrostek or Barbara Brown know.

**RETIREMENT PARTY**

Join us for a very special celebration for Wes Tindall and Mark Caldwell as they both move into the retirement stage of their lives after years of dedicated service. Immediately following the 10:30 worship service on February 22, 2009 there will be a reception at which time you will be able to share good times and memories with both Mark and Wes. We invite the congregation to help make this occasion special. The Staff Parish Committee is collecting retirement cards and love donations for both Mark and Wes. Please do NOT include your Love Gift with your card but place it in a separate envelope. Checks should be made out to Central CUMC and may be turned in to the Church office. Gifts of love will be combined and given as one gift from the congregation for each retiree. Rev. Mark Caldwell retired on November 31, 2008 as our Visitation Pastor. This is a ministry he has done well for over 10 years. His presence and prayer filled spirit have been in hospital rooms, retirement communities, and private homes, bringing the reminder of the healing presence of Christ to all. Wesley Tindall retired on December 31, 2008 after 9 years as our morning custodian. He has been faithful to his task, attentive to the building needs, and gracious in his spirit among us.

**CORTForce BEGINS**  
**Central Organizational Revisioning**  
**Task Force.**

We lay the groundwork for organizing ourselves for ministry with a simple questionnaire. This has been emailed to those for whom we have email addresses and is an insert in the Order of Service. Please feel free to fill out this inquiry sheet and return it to the church office. We continue to be committed to working toward an effective way to organize for the ministries of God to which we are called and encouraging the widest possible development of active discipleship by all of us. Please keep this task group in your prayers as they help move us into our shared future.

**SUPER BOWL OF CARING**

The Super Bowl of Caring fund raising takes place on Super Bowl Sunday, February 1, 2009. The UMY will be present to invite the collection of small change to support hunger mission work around the world.

**EMPTY BOWLS LUNCHEON**

The Empty Bowl Luncheon will be held immediately following the 10:30 service on Sunday, February 8, 2009. The proceeds go to Baldwin Center to help finance their various programs. With the economy in the shape it is, Baldwin is servicing an ever-growing number of people and our help is critical. The Family Soup Kitchen feeds between 350 - 400 people per day. We need your help and ATTENDANCE to make this luncheon a success. We are in need of salads, desserts and workers to set up, serve and clean up afterwards. Anyone who would be interested in helping can contact Dori Cortese at 770-315-1259, email: vkdwm@aol.com

**GOOD SAMARITAN**  
**Celebration**

Despite the difficult economic times felt by all, I am filled with joy to share with you that the willing and caring hearts of this congregation have given \$10,785 in 2008 to our Good Samaritan fund. I can't help but be completely amazed and in awe that whenever the amount remaining in this fund begins to dip, without even having to ask, funds begin to pour in. The need of the community is sensed by all of you and you respond without reserve with generosity to touch, care for, and offer love to your neighbor. It is truly a celebration and a reminder of our mission as the body of Christ.

*Wendy*

**WALK FOR WARMTH**

OLHSA Walk for Warmth will be held on Saturday, February 7th at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. and the Walk runs from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Walk for Warmth raises funds to help families and individuals maintain heat in their homes during the cold Michigan winter. 100% of the proceeds go directly to families in need of heating assistance. You'll be walking the concourse of the Palace knowing that you are helping families in the area stay warm. It will also be lots of fun with activities for children and adults. See the display in the hallway or contact Carol Nelson.

**DAD'S CLUB RETREAT**

Mark your calendars for the Dad's Club Lodge Weekend Retreat Feb. 6 - 8, 2009. Judson Collins United Methodist Center in Onsted, MI. Two nights lodging, plus 4 meals-all for only \$40. Leave the Man-Cave for the Lodge! The program will be a book discussion on: *The Shack* by William P. Young. Copies will be available at church for \$8.00. Activities will include fellowship, lodge campfires, movies, games, cross-country skiing (bring your own equipment) and worship. Optional activities available for a fee include horse-drawn wagon/sleigh ride (\$8 pp), astronomy and God-guided program (\$4 pp) and snowshoeing. Sign up ASAP. For more info, call Dan Arnold at 248.682.6140 or Myke Robson at 248.698.0430. The Retreat outline and itinerary is available in the Church office.

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W. David Bradley  
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Munroe Falls, OH 44262

## February Birthdays

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


George Poy, February 1  
Richard Nutter, February 2  
Glenn McClure, February 3  
Elvira Blanchard, February 4  
Virginia Behler, February 6  
Dorothy Atkins, February 9  
Dave Bradley, February 9  
Marjorie Jones, February 15  
Arnold Thomas, February 19  
Dawn Davis, February 25  
Phyllis Liming, February 25  
Iris Lugg, February 25

## February Anniversaries

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

Jule and Joyce Clarkson  
February 22, 66 Years

## FISH ITEMS NEEDED!

Please help us to keep our pantry full by donating the following items:  Cereal, Hamburger Helper, crackers, jelly, spaghetti sauce, tuna, and paper towels. Monetary donations can be made to CUMC with FISH Pantry in the memo. Thank you!

## SERRV PROFITS

SERRV products raised \$81.30 during the Christmas sale. The profits will help pay for artist's supplies and materials.

## THANK YOU NOTES

### To our Central UMC Family,

Jon and I thank all that came to our Surprise reception after church services 11-30-08. WOW! 50 years together and still going, and our children were all here to make a big deal of it. For all of your cards and good wishes we say a BIG THANK YOU!

Jon and Gay Crump

What a wonderful group of young people we have. We can't thank them enough for raking our leaves. Also we really enjoyed the large group of Carolers that arrived at our door on a cold winters night! John and Vivian Eddy

### Dear Pat and Helpers,

Our family knows that you gave yourselves in love of Herb and myself when you prepared the wonderful meal for us and friends. We want to return that love and thanks for your great contribution to the Celebration of Life Service meal. Thanks so much, With love and gratitude, Olive Mae Glenn and Family

### Thank you from UMW Clothe-A-Child.

On behalf of the children and families in the Waterford School District, I would like to thank the congregation for your generosity this Holiday Season. Because of you, we were able to provide clothing for 425 children this year! Thank you for showing how the Spirit of Christmas is still alive by giving so openly to this mission. Happy New Year! Sincerely, Andrea Baxter (UMW Clothe-A-Child Coordinator)

Thank you to all of the folks at Central for your cards, prayers and telephone calls. Your words of encouragement are greatly appreciated. Healing is taking place and therapy is ongoing. Jean Snyder

Thanks you so much for the poinsettia. It's beautiful. And thanks to Penny Leverenz for bringing it to me and for the nice chat too. And also to all the ladies who have sent cards including Purple Threads. I've enjoyed it all. And I don't want to forget the visit from Rev. Wendy. It was most appreciated. Happy New Year to all. Mary Tang

### Thank you Central,

It was wonderful listening to the Carolers who braved the frigid weather to spread the Joy of Christmas. Thank you so much. And my thanks to the Church staff and all those who send cards so often. LaVonne Kaul

### Dear Central Church,

We really appreciate you allowing us to host our monthly support group at the church. We hope you all have a wonderful

2009, The ALS of Michigan

Thank you on behalf of the Flannery/Belsky families for all of your cards and concerns about my dad. He was an extraordinary man who will be missed by his family, friends, The City of Southfield and all others who had the privilege of meeting him. My mom is holding up all right but she is very lonely without him. The children and grandchildren visit often and stay close to her. Jim and Wendy, the family was very touched by your presence. That meant more to all of us than you will ever know. It is extremely comforting to see that our church family is always there to give us strength. Sincerely, Larry, Maggi Zack, Shannon & Alexandria Belsky

Thanks to the Leek family for their help in moving the donations from Ingathering from the alter to Fellowship Hall. Thanks especially to Bud Leverenz and Kathy Re-seigh for their help sorting and transporting the contributions to Baldwin Center. And thank you all for your generous donations. We loaded two SUVs and a car trunk and were told that this was one of the largest donations they had received. Baldwin hopes to make 300 gift baskets this year to help needy families.

John and I would like to thank the Church Staff, UMW, the Core of Caring CUMC and the many who sent cards and warm wishes for our 50 year Anniversary. Central is truly a loving, caring congregation and we were blessed by you as well as our 50 years. The Radenbaughs

We were so blessed by the wonderful carolers that visited us on a cooooooIIlllIddd Sunday evening. Thank you very much. Marcia Swartz & Bob

Thank you to the many volunteers who cooked and prepared, served and processed, and provided security for the Place of Hope the week of January 19-25. You are part of the tremendous servant community that has felt and shared the grace of God.

## YOUR MINISTRY COORDINATORS

**NURTURING:**  
**BOB AND RAINY STEPHENSON**  
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**JANICE MANN, RAY ROBINSON**



## CHIMES Deadline

February 5 for February 15 Chimes. Please send all articles to Pam Fisher at: pfisher@waterfordcumc.org