



CHIMES

Central United Methodist Church *The Church of the Good Shepherd*

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I write on the day following the "Great Blizzard of 2011." The snow and ice storm cut a wide swath across the U.S. and brought damage and danger from Texas to New England.

But the great storm, which closed schools in the Oakland county area for one or two days, was not as significant for us in the Waterford area. We caught only the edge of the monster storm as it tracked northeast. The heavy snows that set records in Chicago were not so deep here. Most of us are fortunate. Most of us have power uninterrupted. Most of us have access to streets that were cleaned out and passable relatively quickly. We prepared to "hunker down" by invading the supermarkets with a shopping frenzy the days before, but now have pantries stocked for some time to come. All in all, it was a seasonal disappointment for many who were longing for the great event.

There is a paradigm buried under that snow for the church. The church of Christ is always in a pattern of change. Generational and cultural shifts require it to find new ways to engage, disciple and enable the experience of Christ to be felt heart deep. Such changes are moving across the landscape of the Body of Christ, and the culture of the United States, if not the world. We know it is there, we sense that it is happening. These winds of the Holy Spirit are renewing and reviving the church, embracing new peoples with the gift of God revealed in new experiences.

But sometimes the winds of the Holy Spirit we hear about, we see, we prepare to experience only brush passed us. The storm of the spirit we anticipate never quite hits us full force. And at times we feel fortunate that change is not so radical. We can handle it. But then we also feel disappointed that we haven't received the "Big Event" the way we thought we might.

In the next several months the Church Council is anticipating doing some transforming reflection and action to place us in the center of that storm of Spirit, that Big Event that can renew our lives. We will assess who we are, what we do well, what we don't do well and determine the priorities and distribution of all our available resources. We will be trying to experience the genuine spirit of Christ that is not afraid of standing in the face of the strong winds of the Spirit, and being changed. The Big Event of God is our destiny.

Jim

Worship Notes

February 13, 2011
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
Beatitudes Sunday
Preaching: Rich Pittenger
Worship Arts:
9:00 Agape Ringers
10:30 Agape Ringers
Chancel Choir

February 20, 2011
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
Youth Sunday
Worship Arts:
9:00 and 10:30 – Youth Choir

February 27, 2011
Eighth Sunday after Epiphany
Matthew 6:24-34
"Squirrel"
Preaching: Rev. Jim Kellermann
Worship Arts:
9:00 – SA²MBE
10:30 – SA²MBE
Chancel Choir

Born to Eternal Life

Marv Wilson

11/19/1922 ~ 2/2/2011

Member of Central since
September 15, 1968.

*Our Deepest
Sympathies*

Central extends our deepest
sympathies to Mary Wilson
on the death of her husband

Born to Eternal Life

William David Bradley
2/9/1917 ~ 1/21/2011

Member of Central since
April 6, 1952.

KIDS CENTRAL MINISTRY NEWS

shake it up cafe'

Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendar for VBS 2011 – June 20 – 24 from 9 a.m. – 12 noon and June 20 – 23 from 6-8 p.m. (if we have enough participants). Watch for more details and a list of items we need coming soon!

Summer Camp

I started going to summer camp when I was in 2nd or 3rd grade and went every summer at least once until I graduated from High School. Now you have the opportunity to send your kids to summer camp. Rev. Kathy will be the Dean of Black Bear Camp August 7-10 at Lake Louise for kids in K - 2nd grade (but camps for age 4 – 5th grade will also be happening that week). I would love to have some kids with me at Black Bear Camp and would love to have lots of our kids sign up for camp this summer at any of the UM Camps. Camp brochures are now available in the church office and at The ROCK blue board. Please talk with Rev. Kathy, Megann Graham, or Nancy Arnold for more information about summer camps. Scholarships are available.

Kids Bake Sale

During the month of January the kids in The ROCK have been learning about missions. They will be hosting a bake sale on February 13th to raise money to send a box of medicine to Haiti. Each box costs \$455, so our goal is to raise enough money to send one box. Everyone is invited to donate something to the bake sale and then purchase treats! If you would be interested in helping on the 13, please contact Rev. Kathy.

www.kidscentralweb.org

UMY GROUP UPCOMING

DATES:

- February 13 – Bowling (middle school only)
- February 20 – Youth Sunday – youth groups conduct the worship services
- February 27 – to be announced.

Questions? Contact Mark (Mark.STROBEL@3ds.com) or Megann at megafone47@hotmail.com

TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF 2/6/2011:

Year to date income: \$62,820.00
Year to date expenses: \$49,672.00
Sunday 2/6/11 offering: \$14,177.73

GOOD SAMARITAN FUND

Thank you for being so generous in supporting the Good Samaritan Fund of Central Church. This fund gives emergency grants to members of the church and the community who struggle with rent, heat, or other expense issues. Last year we extended grace to over sixty households. In order to stretch the funds to touch as much life as possible we limit the frequency and size of grants. Even so we are often out of funds and have a backlog of people waiting for assistance. The last Good Samaritan offering (January 31) allowed us to cover some of our earlier commitments, and still the pile of applications outgrows the replenished funds. If you did not get a chance to share in this gracious giving and would like to, please make checks payable to Central church and notate "Good Sam."

DAD'S CLUB RETREAT

Mark your calendars for the Dad's Club Lodge Weekend Retreat, March 4, 5 & 6, 2011 at the Judson Collins United Methodist Center in Onsted, MI. We will be focusing on the book by Bill Hybels; Live Wisely - James. The book is part of the New Community Series intended as a high impact tool for experiencing the transforming power of God's Word. This cutting-edge series lets you explore life-changing topics from a biblical perspective in community with others in a small group. The cost of the retreat will include two nights lodging, plus three meals and brunch on Sunday. Total cost for the retreat will be available soon. Activities will include fellowship, lodge campfires, movies and games. Optional Activities depending on the weather may include a horse-drawn wagon/sleigh ride or kite flying! There is also an optional astronomy program (weather permitting). Sign up after Sunday services or outside the church office. For more info, call Dan Arnold at 248.682.6140 or Myke Robson at 248.698.0430. Check out the Judson Collins website to find out more about the retreat center and check the Dad's Club webpage for more information including pricing as it becomes available.

UMW DIRECTORIES

The 2011 UMW Directories are now available from your circle chairperson. If you are a Member At Large, you may pick up a copy from the counter in the church office. Diana Carter, Membership, Nurture and Outreach.

GREETERS NEEDED

No Experience Required!
Sunday Mornings, 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.
Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. If you've indicated you'd be interested in participating in the Nurturing Ministries, this is an opportunity to contribute to that area. Try It! You'll Like It!!!

FAITHLINK UPCOMING TOPICS

Faithlink's focus is a Sunday morning application of faith to current events connecting the Bible, United Methodism and life today. Faithlink meets on Sundays at 9:15 a.m.

- February 13 - "Homes for the Homeless" - Led by Janice Mann
- February 20 - "Sin, Salvation and Gratitude" Led by Rev. Rich Peacock
- February 27 - "Disability Awareness"

HARVESTERS DATES

There is no minimum age requirement to be a Harvester! If you are interested in anything we are doing, just come. There is usually a sign-up sheet outside the office door to help us plan. It is nice but not necessary for you to sign up before the meetings. If you need transportation, let us know and we will arrange for you to be picked up. We look forward to having YOU join us! Find out more about us on the Harvesters webpage!

Upcoming Dates

- Thursday, February 17, 2011
Bring your favorite game for Game Day. We will have a light lunch at 12 noon. Chili and drinks will be provided. Please bring a sandwich for yourself and snacks to share during the games.
- Thursday, March 17, 2011
Potluck at 12 Noon followed by the 20 minute video "When Christians Get it Wrong" - When speaking about other religions.

Questions? Contact Jim and Alice at JLALT@aol.com.

WHEN CHRISTIANS GET IT WRONG

This is a new, six-week book study based on the book by Adam Hamilton: "When Christians Get It Wrong". The study will take place on Tuesday evenings through - March 15, 2011, at 7:00 P.M. in room 106. The study and discussion will be led by Jim and Alice Alt. Those who read "When Christians Get It Wrong" will gain a different way of understanding the issues that keep people away from Christianity and keep Christians from living a more compelling faith. Because, honestly, if we don't start getting it right, we may lose an entire generation. E-mail Jim and Alice Alt with questions at JLALT@aol.com.

UMW NOTES

UMW Mission Team,
Wednesday, February 16,
6:30 pm Parlor

Eschtruth Circle

The Next Circle Meeting is March 8th at 7:00 in the parlor. No meeting in February. Sorry for the Confusion!

SUPPORT GROUP FORMING

Central United Methodist Church will be forming a new support group to better serve the 50 and up age group, who are widowed, divorced or going through a divorce. If you are interested in being a part of this group and there is a specific meeting time that would best work for you, or days and times that would not, please let us know by emailing Cindy Brown

CHILI COOK-OFF

CUMC has reached another milestone in her over 100 years: a decade of chili! And now, come one and all to the Dad's Club 10th Annual Chili Cook-Off on March 13th after 2nd service in Fellowship Hall. Bring your best chili (Hot & Wild or Meek & Mild) and taste buds and let's crown the next Central Chili Champions. A sign-up sheet will be posted outside the office.

REMINDER: GET YOUR VG'S COMMUNITY REWARDS CARD TO START SHARING!

There has been a big change in the VG's Community Share Program. In order for Central to earn Community Share points, you must have a VG's yes Rewards card. You may sign up at a VG's store or go on line to www.myyesrewards.com. You will receive a special VG's yes Rewards card you can use each time you shop and receive special discounts and exclusive offers. When you use your card, the community share points will be printed on the bottom of your receipt. If you do not use your card, you will not receive the points. Another change in the program. You only need to turn in the bottom portion of the receipt which shows the community share points. You do not need to turn in the entire receipt. Important: Any receipts you have received prior to the yes Rewards program, are still valid. If they show Community Share points on the receipt, you may still turn them in. Last year Central earned \$749.82 from VG's Community Share. Please continue to support this program as part of the Scrip fundraising program. You may turn the receipts into the church office or to the Scrip table.

C.W. DUNCAN SCHOOL MISSION PROJECT

24 Scholarships have been awarded to school age children in Haiti for the C.W. Duncan School. The cost to attend is about \$5,500 Liberian dollars, or about \$80 US dollars (the actual amount varies between \$74 and \$112 depending on the school grade). Central's own Jessica Arnold is founder of the mission project! Learn more about the C.W. Duncan School Mission Project on Facebook (under the same name) or in the Chapel Hallway!

300 BOWLERS SHARE FELLOWSHIP & FUN

The laughter was contagious last Sunday at 300 Bowl as 50 people threw real bowling balls at real bowling pins (not the Wii ones). A cheering section of non-bowlers shared in the camaraderie when kids as young as two and grownups as old as _____ (you fill in the blank) rolled a couple games and shared a fun-filled, inexpensive afternoon. There were the usual reasons for not bowling a perfect game, but that only added to the fun and to the infamous 'Bowlers List of 365 Excuses'! Oohs, ahhs, and triumphant shouts of "YES", were heard up and down the alley for strikes, spares, and close encounters with splits and near misses. Some participants were paired with others they didn't know well when they started, but got to know a lot better after the games we bowled. It was fun listening to their stories about the last time they went bowling, the first time they went bowling, their shock at finding their shoes didn't fit after 10 years, etc. Some people reminisced about the league started by Central a number of years ago, and were surprised to find out from Bob and Rainy, the only Central bowlers still bowling on that league, that it still exists and bowls every other Friday night at 300 Bowl (hint hint-see Bob or Rainy to sign up for next September's season). The 300 Bowl staff set up extra bumper lanes and provided a ball ramp for the youngsters. Appetites were satisfied with a wide variety of tasty food from the snack bar. All in all, it was truly a fun afternoon. The question is: will we do it again??? Answer: You bet! Tell us who you bowled with and about your experience on the Central Blog! at: <http://blog.waterfordcumc.org/>

CARPET COMING TO A HALL NEAR YOU!

CUMC will be installing new carpet tiles in the hallways. This project was suggested to the Major Gifts committee, brought to the trustees, and then presented to Church Council. After more than a month of dialogue to respond to all of the questions that could be thought of, the council voted to proceed with this project for the overall benefit of the church and safety of our congregation. The carpet will be installed mid-February. The results will be safer floors, noise reduction, and a warmer and more inviting atmosphere than we already provide. For more information please log in to the Central Blog and follow the blog entitled Coming Soon to a Hallway Near You! posted on January 27th, 2011. Please sign in and leave any comments you have about the carpet. We are waiting to hear your questions!

VIM

The Volunteers in Mission are heading to Mississippi to restore homes damaged by the tornados of 2010. This trip is scheduled for March 12-20. We are driving and staying in churches on the way down and back. The cost of the trip to the participants is \$200 and mission scholarships are available. If you are interested in going see Bud Leverenz or Rev. Kellermann. The projected cost of the Mission project is \$6500. If you would like to assist the mission team, donations are greatly appreciated. Make checks out to Central UMC and mark them VIM in the notation.

CENTRAL CINEMA

At 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 5, Central Cinema will celebrate Women's History Month with "A Mighty Heart". The movie recounts the true story of the kidnapping of the Wall Street Journal Reporter, Daniel Pearl and the strength of character and resolve of his wife, Mariane, to find him. This movie is rated R. All are welcome to experience this movie in the comfort of the Parlor on big screen projection. Bring a snack to share and enjoy the story telling among friends.

WEDNESDAY MORNING STUDY GROUP

The Wednesday morning study group meets at 10:00 a.m. every Wednesday and is currently watching and discussing the video series "Living the Questions". Living the Questions is a source of curriculum and media for both seekers and "church alumni" convinced that Christianity still has relevance in the 21st Century. Providing a variety of flexible resources, Living the Questions can help people explore the future of Christianity and what a meaningful faith can look like in today's world. People know that at its core, Christianity has something good to offer humanity. At the same time, many have a sense that they are alone in being a "thinking" Christian and that "salvaging" Christianity is a hopeless task. What is needed is a safe environment, where people have permission to ask the questions they've always wanted to ask but have been afraid to voice for fear of being thought a heretic. The Wednesday Morning Bible Group is one of those places. Please join us for this thought-provoking series.

**CUMC
Red
Cross**

**Blood
DRIVE**

February 28

1 - 7 P.M.

**Mark Your Calendars!
Sign up in Chapel Hall**

Central Café

Schedule:

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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Thank You Notes

To My Central Friends,

Thank you very much for the lovely poinsettia that was brought to me. I appreciate the visits and all the cards that you have sent. God bless you all!

Ottillie Peterson

WHAT IS WALK FOR WARMTH?

Walk for Warmth, a fundraiser held by Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency (OLHSA) will help keep the heat on in homes across Oakland County. With your help, OLHSA hopes to raise more than \$180,000 at this year's Walk to help our neighbors heat their homes and pay their utilities all year round. 100 percent of all proceeds raised go directly to helping the community. The 21st annual Walk for Warmth will take place at the Palace of Auburn Hills on February 27 from 1 - 3 p.m. and offers something for everyone. The event includes live entertainment, a Kiddie Court with games and prizes, and a Green Corridor featuring information about energy efficiency. How can you help? Come and take part in the fun or send a check payable to OLHSA to the following address:
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196 Cesar Chavez, Box 430598
Pontiac, MI 48343-0598

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February 27, 2011 Chimes.
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pfisher@waterfordcumc.org
with your address

Worship Participants

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Participants, Sermons & Select Music
is available online on our website at
www.waterfordcumc.org

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**For Information about
Joining the Church:**
Classes take place several times
throughout the year.
For more information, please con-
tact Rev. Jim Kellermann

Worship Times- 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Sermons available online:
www.waterfordcumc.org

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

At the 10:30 worship service:

The ROCK: Central's Sunday
morning ministry for children
K-5th grade: Meet in the Chapel
before the service begins.

Stepping Stones: Ministry for
infants through pre-schoolers meet
in rooms 110 - 114.

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**Worship Services at
9:00 & 10:30 am**