



CHIMES

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The crow is back. We have shared with you the menace of this bird (as if most of you weren't already introduced to this character before during worship). Because we have added the filtering film to the windows in the sanctuary to cut down on the glare, the outside window looks like a mirror. A bird, such as a crow, that sits on the flat roof outside the sanctuary and glances that direction sees another crow looking back. Being territorial, the bird begins to attack the other. The result (usually during morning worship on Sundays, particularly while I preach) is the bird begins to bang into the window repeatedly, until frustration takes over and it leaves.

The first suggestion we have from those who are wild life specialists is to put pictures of predatory birds on the window to keep the crow from seeing it as a hospitable place. Gerry, the custodian, has now mounted 8 laminated pictures of hawks on the windows. We wait to see the result.

What is most unsettling is that such a practice runs counter to a community of faith that is called to practice hospitality. While we are a more communal bunch it is possible that those who move among us, ourselves included, encounter images that frighten us and we make a fuss about it; banging away trying to find our way into the community.

The scary part is that communities sometimes intentionally and unintentionally hang predatory images among its people and its responses to others. The result is that people are duly scared off from being a part of the community. We use language that we think is foundational, asking people to respect our building, our schedules, our priorities, while ignoring whatever joy or pain in which they may come or making the experience of the Spirit of Christ a secondary need.

I hope this is not the way of Central Church. We are called to be a people of radical hospitality, practiced with everyone who comes to us and the community into which we must go.

Perhaps our image is to be about removing the predatory images from our faces, our lives, our communities that make others even among us feel restricted in their encounter with God through us. The kind of hospitality and energy we shared with the Detroit Renaissance District at the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration demonstrates our capacity and what should be the norm for our life together.

Here is hoping the crow leaves but the people find a home with God among us.

Jim

Born to Eternal Life
 Geraldine Torley
 9/17/1920 - 1/2/2012
 Member of Central since
 12/18/1949

COMMUNITY BREAKFASTS
 To continue our good care of the members of our community, and as an outgrowth of our participation in the Blessings IN a Backpack at Sandburg School, Central Church is anticipating a monthly free breakfast. The first one we hope will be on Saturday, January 21. This simple meal will supplement what we send home for the children at Sandburg but be available for the wider population. Plans are still in the works, but if you want your heart warmed by the Spirit of God, come and help do the work that prepares, serves, and cleans up for this special day. Contact Leslie Brandon or the church office if you would like to assist.

CENTRAL CINEMA
 Central Cinema film of the month for February (at 7:00 p.m. February 4) is "Toy Story 3" This is a children's movie rated G. But don't be fooled by the characters being toys. The emotion and the content deal with human relationships, quality of life and purpose on the highest level. Bring your kids and grandkids and join us in the parlor. All are welcome.

KIDS CENTRAL MINISTRY NEWS

SUMMER CAMP

Ready to start thinking about the summer?? Again this summer, I am Dean of the Black Bear Elementary Camp at Lake Louise Community Camp from August 5-8th. I would love to have some of our children join me this summer. You can get more information about summer camps at umccamps.org or lakelouisecommunity.org. Scholarships are available to help with the costs and I still need 1 male and 1 female counselor to help at my camp and you get a discount on the registration fee for someone else in your family. Contact Rev. Kathy for more information.

THURSDAY KIDS CLUB

For the safety of our children, ALL children in 6th grade and under MUST be in their rehearsal, Fellowship Hall (with a parent or guardian) or in Room 112 and 114 (from 5:45-6:30pm). Parents, please remind your children that they are not allowed to wander the church and they must be in one of those three places with an adult at all times. Starting on January 12th there will be activities for children to do (crafts, games, etc) in both Room 112 (for elementary kids) and Room 114 (for preschool/young elementary kids). Parents will be asked to assist with the Kids Club from 5:45pm-6:30pm. If you have any questions, please contact me (Rev. Kathy).

SANDBURG ELEMENTARY

- Mentoring Program – the school needs adults who would be willing to be a mentor to students. The time commitment is one hour once a week.
- After School Club – We have the opportunity to provide a safe and fun place for elementary kids to "hang out" after school one afternoon a week. We would like to plan 6-week mini-experiences for the kids (crafts, games, gardening, etc).
- If you are interested in getting more information or helping in either of these areas, please contact Rev. Kathy.

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

www.kidscentralweb.org

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.

SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITIONS
AWARDED BY OUR UNITED
METHODIST WOMEN:

Following is a listing of the persons who received Special Mission Recognition pins at our annual Christmas Party: Barb Laing, Rev. Rich Peacock, Kathy Reseigh, Jim Trosin, Cindy Trosin and Gerry Stevenson. A posthumous recognition pin for Mary Anderson was presented to Marion Steeber. These awards reflect the "over and above" service as disciples within our Central family. Please offer your congratulations to them.

PLANS CONTINUE FOR VIM

The Central Church VIM team is now being formed and identified for a mission trip to Joplin, MO where some of the most deadly tornadoes in history decimated much of that area last year. The trip is scheduled for April 21-29. If you are interested in working on rehabbing homes with this team please contact Rev. Kellermann or Bud Leverenz.

VISITATION TEAM

We have a large group of homebound saints who Rev. Kellermann attempts to be in touch with periodically. But the group is large enough that those visits are far between. Rev. Kellermann is looking to expand a visitation team group whose members could do some periodic visits. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Rev. Kellermann.

DETROIT RENAISSANCE DISTRICT'S 18TH ANNUAL
REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION

Dear MLK Hospitality People,

Thank you very, very much for a ministry well done!

The District's MLK committee members have sent numerous emails among themselves since we hosted the 2012 Celebration. The emails have been celebrating Sunday's event. "The best ever," was written by more than one or two. The food and fellowship atmosphere was lively. 410 out of the 500 MLK comic books were sold. The menu was superb. The fruit and cheese & crackers were especially popular. Every element of worship was sincere, special, and significant. The offering for scholarships was larger than ever.

91 signed up on the clipboards for kitchen set up, clean up, cookies, hosts, and hospitality. There were also Fellowship Hall decorators, ...sign makers, ...pew cleaners, ...a hospitality tag producer, ...bathroom cleaners, ...a golf cart operator, ...an arrangement to get snow plows if we had snow, ...outstanding flexibility and technical assistance (Matthew Berg, Sara Hazen, Larry Spiece for example), ...recruiters (Polly Stroshal, Mark Strobel, Megann Graham for example), ...ushers, ...food preparers and more food preparers, ...organizers (Pat Loomis and Shiela Strang for example), ...custodians, ...comic book sellers and more.

We estimate 120 Waterford Central folk contributed time, energy, smiles, and yes... cookies.

Many of us experienced a beautiful dance that illustrated bridging the racial divides, ...exciting piano and organ music, ...black gospel music well done, ...clever ideas from the hearts of many speakers, ...2 fine essays by the scholarship recipients, ...Paul's call to "Occupy the Gospel," ...an inspiring sermon (Who knew that history could be so vivid and significant? Have you ever heard such a swimsuit story like that in church?). We believe we exhibited one of our Church's highest values: radical hospitality.

Thank you!!!

Rich and Barb,
Community of Justice

BOWLING FOR FUN

Don't be a couch potato – get some exercise and join your Central UMC friends on January 29th at 1:30PM for a couple games of bowling! We've reserved 16 lanes at 300 Bowl. The cost is a whopping \$5.50 per person for two games; shoes are FREE! The bowling alley is asking us to prepay and handle the money; so please see Rainy Stephenson in the hallway to sign up and pay by JANUARY 22nd. The youth group will be joining us so we're sure to have a fun time. You can also sign up and pay in the office. All ages are welcome; we'll set up bumpers for anyone who wants them!

FISH PANTRY

The Fish Pantry is starting to look a little bare. The items that we are in most desperate need of are: cereal, hamburger helper, dry milk packets, spaghetti and sauce, boxed potatoes, canned corn, baked beans, boxed stuffing, muffin mix, tuna, and paper bags.

Thank you for your generous support of this ministry!

CHIMES ARTICLES

I will be putting the thank you notes and the address changes in the next Chimes. I'm sorry for any inconvenience. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Rich Pittenger at 248-681-0040 or by e-mail at rpittenger@waterfordcumc.org.

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
Sally Hon - February 11
Joyce Clarkson - February 12
Marjorie Jones - February 15
Marie Arthurs - February 19
Dawn Davis - February 25
Phyllis Liming - February 25

February Anniversaries

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

Russell and Barbara Jacobson
February 12 ~ 57 years

Jule and Joyce Clarkson
February 22 ~ 66 years

Larry and Doris Quick
February 25 ~ 51 years

KNIT FOR KIDS

We almost made our goal of 1000 sweaters by the end of 2011. On January 6, 2012, I mailed off 20 sweaters to reach that 1,000 sweater mark, just a few days beyond our goal. However, the fact that we have knit and crocheted 1,000 sweaters is reason to celebrate. Thank you to those who continue to support this project and provide warm sweaters to needy children throughout the world.

While our project is well known at Central, others in our community know about it and have been supporting us. We just received a LARGE donation of brightly colored yarn from The Gap store on Orchard Lake Rd. The yarn was used in their displays and they were looking for some place to donate it. They heard about our Knit for Kids project and we are the lucky recipients! Please feel free to take any of the yarn in the basket under the table if you wish to make sweaters for Knit for Kids. I only brought in some of the yarn which they donated and I will keep refilling the basket as needed. Patterns for knitting and crocheting are also available at the display table. Gee, I wonder how long it will take us to get to 2,000?

February 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
<p>5</p> <p>No Middle School Youth Group 9:00am Faith Link - Parlor 9:00am Worship Service 10:30am The Rock 10:30am Worship Service E/R Rehearsals-FH 5:30pm Lakeland Players 6:00pm High School Youth Group- S.B. Party 6:00pm Young Family Group</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:00am UMW Book Club - Parlor 11:00am Alcoholics Anonymous 5:30pm Lakeland Players 7:00pm E/R Rehearsals-FH Boy Scouts - Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:00am Adele Thomas Bells-Bell Room 10:30am Recovery International - Room 108 1:00pm Hutchinson Circle-Parlor 1:00pm Tuesday Musicals Board mtg. - Room 108 5:30pm Lakeland Players 6:30pm Bellissima! - Bell Room 7:00pm Purple Threads - Room 108</p>	<p>1</p> <p>10:00am Book Study - Room 108 11:30am Olive Mae Glenn Circle-Parlor 7:00pm Alternative Worship Meeting-Room 108</p>	<p>2</p> <p>8:00am Central Cafe Schedule Thursday Morning Breakfast 12:00pm Harvesters-Parlor 4:15pm Kids Club - Room 114 5:30pm Lakeland Players E/R rehearsal-Stage 7:30pm Nar-Anon 8:00pm NA - Room 20</p>	<p>3</p> <p>12:00pm Girl Scouts Dance-All FH</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Central Cinema - Parlor 10:00am Confirmation Meeting-Parlor 11:00am Cub Scouts Blue & Gold Banquet-FH 7:00pm NA</p>
<p>12</p> <p>9:00am Faith Link - Parlor 9:00am Worship Service 10:30am The Rock 10:30am Worship Service Lakeland Players E/R Performance-FH 3:30pm Confirmation Meeting&Dinner-Parlor 5:30pm Youth Group-Chapel</p>	<p>13</p> <p>11:00am Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00pm Finance Meeting - Room 108 Lakeland Players E/R Performance-FH Meeting&Dinner-Parlor Youth Group-Chapel</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:00am Adele Thomas Bells-Bell Room 10:30am Recovery International - Room 108 1:00pm Bell Program-FH 6:30pm Bellissima! - Bell Room 7:00pm Ministry Coordinators - Room 108</p>	<p>15</p> <p>10:00am Book Study - Room 108 6:30pm UMW Mission Team -Parlor 7:00pm Alternative Worship Meeting-Room 108</p>	<p>16</p> <p>8:00am Central Cafe Schedule Thursday Morning Breakfast 9:30am Tuesday Musicals Chorus - Choir Room 12:00pm Harvesters- Parlor 4:15pm Kids Club - Room 114 5:30pm Lakeland Players E/R rehearsal-Stage 7:30pm Nar-Anon 8:00pm NA - Room 20</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:30am Mom's Club of Waterford-Room 114 6:25pm Young Family Group 7:30pm Lakeland Players 7:00pm E/R Performance - FH</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Community Breakfast 4:30pm Parent's Night Out 7:00pm NA Lakeland Players E/R Performance - FH</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Youth Sunday 9:00am Faith Link - Parlor 9:00am Worship Service 10:30am The Rock 10:30am Worship Service Lakeland Players E/R Performance-FH 3:30pm Confirmation Meeting-Parlor 5:30pm Youth Group-Chapel</p>	<p>20</p> <p>11:00am Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00pm Boy Scouts - Fellowship Hall 7:00pm Church Council - Room 108 Lakeland Players E/R Performance-FH 3:30pm Confirmation Meeting-Parlor 5:30pm Youth Group-Chapel</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:00am Adele Thomas Bells-Bell Room 10:30am Recovery International - Room 108 6:00pm Pancake - FH 6:30pm Bellissima! - Bell Room 7:00pm Purple Threads - Room 108</p>	<p>22</p> <p>ASH WEDNESDAY 10:00am Book Study - Parlor 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Central Cafe Schedule Breakfast 9:30am Tuesday Musicals Chorus - Choir Room 4:15pm Kids Club - Room 114 5:30pm Lenten Study-Parlor 7:30pm Nar-Anon 8:00pm NA - Room 20</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7:00pm NA</p>
<p>26</p> <p>9:00am Faith Link - Parlor 9:00am Worship Service 10:30am The Rock 10:30am Worship Service 5:30pm Youth Group - Chapel</p>	<p>27</p> <p>11:00am Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30pm ALS Support Group - Parlor 7:00pm Boy Scouts - Fellowship Hall 7:00pm Staff Parish - Room 108</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:00am Adele Thomas Bells-Bell Room 10:30am Recovery International - Room 108 6:30pm Bellissima! - Bell Room 7:00pm Purple Threads - Room 108</p>	<p>29</p> <p>10:00am Book Study - Parlor 7:00pm Alternative Worship Meeting-Room 108</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Central Cafe Schedule Breakfast 9:30am Tuesday Morning Chorus - Choir Room 4:15pm Kids Club - Room 114 5:30pm Lenten Study-Parlor 7:30pm Nar-Anon 8:00pm NA - Room 20</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7:00pm NA</p>



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Worship Notes

JANUARY 22, 2012
Third Sunday after Epiphany
Mark 1:14-20
"Applied Gifts"
Rev. Jim Kellermann, preaching
Worship Arts:
9:00 Alleluia Dancers
10:30 Alleluia Dancers
Chancel Choir

JANUARY 29, 2012
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
UMW Sunday
Mark 1:21-28
"Beyond His Three Minutes"
Rev. Jim Kellermann, preaching
Worship Arts:
9:00 Good News Ringers
10:30 Good News Ringers
Chancel Choir

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