

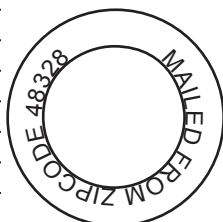
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The year that has passed has been both challenging and fulfilling. Our passion for mission has touched people in Waterford, Pontiac, Haiti and Liberia and we have discovered the youth among us who are encouraging our hearts as they lead us to explore more. Our worship has been filled with cantatas, and bells, with dance and with visual arts. We have renewed the model for the organization of ministry, and extended the ministries with new people and participants who bring willing hearts and open imaginations. We have renewed the facilities and physical resources where they required it. We have started new possibilities including a shuttle golf cart. We have had to say good-bye to some staff and have greeted others. Some of our congregation have found their renewal for life in death. Others have entered our embrace in birth. It has been a year challenged by these comings and goings amidst the strain of an economy that touches income, employment, housing, and health. All of that has been harsh upon the life of faith communities like Central Church.

As we enter the New Year, the changes and challenges will not stop. The economy will require us to seriously consider the best use of our financial resources. The shifting nature of the culture always requires us to “rethink how we do church.” We anticipate that death and birth will continue to be about our shared life. But the call of God does not change. We are the Body of Christ and disciples committed to experiencing the love of God and then sharing it with the world. We continue to be the hands and the hearts that God uses to extend grace into the world. We therefore must work to:

**PROGRAM STAFF**  
REV. JIM KELLERMANN  
Administration/Worship Pastor  
REV. KAREN WILLIAMS  
Associate Pastor  
REV. KATHY PITTENGER  
Director of Children’s Ministries  
SARA HAZEN  
Director of Music

1. Be faithful to the covenants we have made with God in our baptism and church membership;
2. Be forgiving and tolerant as we work as the reconciled community among ourselves and modeled for the world;
3. Be imaginative in our ministries and deployment of resources as we work at calling new generations to experience the grace of God;
4. Be in joy in all things, for God is still and always with us.

*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).  
**Sermons & Select Music also available online on our main website!**

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.  
CELEBRATIONS

We celebrate the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. as a nation because he lead and embodied the challenges to and changes in attitude, in politics, and in social engagement of the nation. His leadership in the civil rights movement still rings with a clear call to justice and equality that sadly we have not yet achieved even while we have made great strides. Several opportunities are available in the area to celebrate this life and this vision.

1. Detroit East and West District of the United Methodist Church "The Beloved Community" Sunday, January 10, 2010 4:00 p.m. Hosted by Grosse Pointe UM Church 211 Moross Rd., Grosse Pointe Farms William Armstrong, one of our members and a student at Albion College, is receiving an MLK Drum Major scholarship at this event and will read his winning essay on justice.

2. Waterford Community Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Sunday, January 17, 2010, Waterford Kettering Auditorium This community-wide event will include several of Central UMC's liturgical dance choirs under the direction of Stacy Kawa and Polly Strosahl.

*The Church office will be closed on January 18 for the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.*

WORSHIP NOTE



**January 3, 2010**

Second Sunday after Christmas  
Epiphany Sunday  
Communion

Rev. Karen Williams, preaching  
9:00 a.m. Solo/Special Music  
10:30 a.m. Solo/Special Music  
Chancel Choir

**January 10, 2010**

First Sunday after Epiphany  
Wesley Covenant Sunday  
Isaiah 43:1-7

Luke 3: 15-17; 21-22  
"Water Finds a Way"  
Rev. Jim Kellermann, preaching  
9:00 a.m. New Joy & Carol Choirs  
10:30 a.m. New Joy & Carol Choirs,  
Chancel Choir

**January 17, 2010**

Second Sunday after Epiphany  
Human Relations Sunday  
"Restoration Living"

Rev. Jim Kellermann, preaching  
Isaiah 62:1-5  
John 2:1-11  
9:00 a.m. Salt Shakers  
10:30 a.m. Salt Shakers  
Chancel Choir

CELEBRATION!



*Happy New Year!! The office will be closed on January 1st.*

*Born to Eternal Life*

Rose Turner  
4/15/1935 ~ 12/17/09  
Member of Central Since  
9/24/1995

*Cradle Roll*

Allison Rene Lockwood  
Born 12/22/09  
Daughter of  
Andrea and Alan Lockwood  
Granddaughter of Ernie Metzner  
Great-granddaughter of  
Della Schram

*Our Sympathies*

Central United Methodist  
extends our deepest sympathies to

Lloyd Turner  
on the death of his wife

Bob and Barb Tracy  
on the death of his brother



CHIMES

Deadlines..  
The Chimes deadline is  
January 13 (earlier) for the  
January 24 Chimes.  
Please send all articles to:  
pfisher@waterfordcumc.org

KIDS CENTRAL MINISTRY NEWS

*Kids Bible Study*

The Kids Bible Study will start up again on Thursday, January 14, from 6-7 p.m. in the Oasis. All kids in Kindergarten through 5th grade are welcome. New Joy Choir kids are welcome to come from 6 – 6:25 p.m.

*Tween Group*

The Tween Group will start up again on Wednesday, January 13, from 6:30 -8 p.m. at Miss Kathy's house. The Tween Group is for anyone in 4th – 6th grade. If you need more information or directions to Miss Kathy's house, contact Kathy.

*Family Afternoon at the Movies*

On January 23, at 3:00 p.m. we will have an Afternoon at the Movies in The North Star (theater at church). We will be showing *A Bug's Life* (rated G). Popcorn will be available. Signing up ahead of time is not required, but helpful (you can sign up by the church office or at [www.kidscentralweb.org](http://www.kidscentralweb.org)).

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Rev. Kathy Pittenger.

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

SIGN-UP FOR YOUR  
E-CENTRAL NEWSLETTER

Contact Pam Fisher by e-mail at:  
pfisher@waterfordcumc.org with the  
address you would like our new  
e-newsletter to be sent to.

We hope you enjoyed the special Advent devotional e-mails. We hope to keep you informed of any important Church information with this useful media tool.

SIGN-UP SHEETS

The altar flower and greeters sign-up sheets are posted in the Narthex for 2010. Claim your dates early so you won't be disappointed. Remember, you may make a donation to the church in the amount of \$50 or more in lieu of a flower arrangement on the altar. Your message will still appear in the bulletin's worship notes and on the Worship Notes web page.

YOUR MINISTRY COORDINATORS

*NURTURING:*

BOB AND RAINY STEVENSON

*OUTREACH:*

MARIA BURDEN

## CONFIRMATION

Our 2010 Confirmation class will begin in January. If you are a 7th or 8th grader and have not been contacted by Rev. Kathy Pittenger, please call the church office as soon as possible.

### CONFIRMATION MENTORS NEEDED:

If you would like to be a confirmation mentor and walk with a 7th or 8th grade student as they continue their faith journey, please contact Rev. Kathy Pittenger.

### WOMEN IN TRANSITION

January 27, 2010 at 12:30, there will be a presentation on fire safety for seniors along with a potluck lunch. John Lyman from the Waterford Fire Department will come to Central to offer fire safety tips for seniors. Harvesters are cordially invited. This is also open to anyone wishing to attend.

### UNDECORATING CHRISTMAS

Christmas comes with such beautiful decorations and lights. We have them up throughout Advent and now through much of the official Twelve Days of Christmas. The Spirit of Christmas should continue through the year but it is time to return the decorations to their storage places. Everyone who can is asked to help do this task on Tuesday, January 5, at 9:00 a.m.

### BOXED OFFERING ENVELOPES

As we begin the New Year, we still have some personalized boxes of Offering Envelopes waiting to be picked up and used. They are in the Chapel hallway. If you don't find one with your name on it and would like a set, please contact Carolyn in the Church Office (248 681-0040).

### WEEK OF CHRISTIAN UNITY

The week of Christian Unity, celebrating the breadth of the Body of Christ, begins on January 18 and ends on January 24. The Waterford Ministerial Association will be sharing in an Ecumenical celebration hosted by Waterford Central UMC on Sunday, January 24, at 5:00 p.m. Bishop Marsh of the Episcopal Church will preach and Sara Hazen will lead a combined choir to share in this remembrance of our baptism and shared commitment to Jesus Christ.

*We still have OFFERING ENVELOPES that need to be picked up in the CHAPEL HALLWAY.*

## ESTIMATES AND BUDGET PLANS FOR 2010

The 2009 Financial books for Central Church have been kept open for a few days to allow for last-minute gifts to be received, or final payments to be made.

If you would like to make a special contribution to help cover the deficit (projected to be as high as \$70,000) in 2009 or to complete a commitment you made with yourself and God, now is the time to do it. Please contact Carolyn Howard (248 681-0040) if you have questions.

### WALK FOR WARMTH

Save February 7, 2010 as a day that you can help others keep warm this winter by supporting WALK FOR WARMTH. There are many people who cannot meet the high cost of heating their homes. You can help individuals and families keep their power on by giving your time and financial support to Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency (OLHSA) annual Walk for Warmth. This is a family-fun event, with games, prizes, entertainment, and face painting for kids. Breakfast will be available and all participants will receive a T-shirt. Walk for Warmth will take place at the Palace of Auburn Hills, February 7, 2010 from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to participate.

### COMPASSIONATE CHRISTMAS RESULTS

Our proceeds from Compassionate Christmas totaled \$3,613! Thank you to everyone who contributed with your hands, hearts and dollars!

The breakdown is as follows:

A Place of Hope	\$170
Baldwin Center	\$255
Clothe-a-Child	\$912.50
C. W. Duncan School	\$822.50
Heifer Project	\$350
Haiti Hot Lunch Program	\$200
Knit for Kids	\$172.50
Church World Service Blankets	\$270
Volunteers in Mission	\$110
Clean Water	\$125
Apportionments	\$137.60

## PLACE OF HOPE

Looking ahead to the new year, keep in mind that CUMC will be volunteering in January for the Place of Hope Warming Shelter at Baldwin. Those of you who have volunteered at Place of Hope previously, please spread the word about what a worthwhile mission this is.

Contact the Church if this is a job you can fill! 248-681-0040 or info@waterfordcumc.org.

Help Wanted:

Salary: \$0

Benefits:

Following in the footsteps of Jesus

Work Schedule:

Jan. 18-20 and 22-24

A few hours at Central to do food preparation

7-11 p.m. to serve the clients

11 p.m. - 7 p.m. watch over the clients while they are sleeping



### UMW MISSION TEAM

#### MEETING

There will be a UMW Mission Team meeting on January 20 at 6:30 p.m.

### UMW SUNDAY

Please join us on January 24 for UMW Sunday.

### UMW ASSEMBLY TRIP

April 29 - May 2, 2010

St. Louis, MO.

Lodging, select meals, shuttle service to assembly from \$285.00 UMW has scholarship money available to help defer travel expenses. \$100 deposit will confirm your reservation. Full payment due by March 15, 2010. Find more information on the UMW board.

### Faithlink

We will resume on Sunday, January 10th at 9:15 a.m. (Social time at 9:00) See you there!

### FISH PANTRY

The fish pantry is short the following items:

Spaghetti noodles and sauce, large peanut butter and jelly, tuna fish, boxed potatoes, paper towels, assorted beans, toothpaste and brushes, cake mix and frosting.

Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry of the church. There is no charge for FISH services. The FISH organization exists purely to help those in need and is stocked solely by donations given by the Central United Methodist congregation, our friends and neighbors.



## Thank You!

*The Nurturing Community* wants to extend its thanks to the families who offered to share their Thanksgiving tables with others this year. Although there weren't any dinner guests, we are very grateful for your willingness to open your homes to others.

*My special and heartfelt Thank You* for the support and kindness Central Church has given these last 22 years to the Methodist Children's Home Society. I have loved the connection you shared with me while serving on the Village Board. The caring support our church has given as well as the many individuals who shared in so many unique ways has given me such pride to be a representative of both organizations. My decision was made easy when Becky Lund agreed to join the Board with all of her expertise and talent. Please feel free to contact her with any questions, donations, need for literature or desire to visit and tour the Village. In deep appreciation to all, *Nancy Radenbaugh*

*Thanks to Bob Swartz* for taking care of the church sign every week. Whether inspirational, thought provoking or informational, it's always excellent.

*Dear Central Family,*  
Thank you so much for your cards and prayers. They helped me get through some hard times. I have been cancer free for over a year!  
*Thank God! Colette.*

*Many thanks* to my Central Methodist Circle, friends, and family for all of the support you sent in your cards and letters. Your caring words have lifted me through my illness and carried me as I recover. As I continue in my journey, the vision of your faces and the sounds of your words help me continue to work ever harder.  
*Maxine Ashley*

*Thank you* for the care package. It really helped out with all the studying here in Atlanta. I'm really looking forward to finishing school and becoming a chiropractor and moving back home. But most of all, I'm really looking forward to taking care of all our members and helping them stay in optimal health. Thanks again. God bless.  
*Matthew Lindsay.*

*I want to thank* pastor Jim Kellermann and pastor Karen Williams for all the support they have given in my despair of pain and difficult times I've been through with my mother. I just want to thank you for everything and prayers.  
*Tammy Booker*

*Dear Central United Methodist Church Family,*  
Thank you so much for the scholarship to Judson Collins Explorers Camp. I had so much fun, but I never thought about the reason why I could have that fun. I wish I could give you more than a card.  
*Vince Fochesato*

*Dear Choir Friends,*  
Thank you for the opportunity to make great music with you by accompanying you on the Benjamin Britten Ceremony of Carols. It was wonderful to share the joy of this great piece of music with you and members of your congregation. I am returning a check for 20% of the gross profits. I must congratulate all of you, and especially Sara, on the excellent performances you gave on Sunday. This is not an easy work of music, even for experienced, professional choirs. You carried it off with great aplomb!  
*Sincerely, Christa Grix - Harpist*

(A lost, but found thank you!...)

*To the Anonymous person* who left us a treat Thursday, October 22. It was most thoughtful and we both appreciated it greatly. Your "reverse" Trick of Treat is really clever and fun. Thanks.  
*Bob and Marcia Swartz*

JANUARY 6  
EPIPHANY OF THE  
LORD

The Epiphany celebrates God's revealing or manifesting of Jesus' identity as true God, Messiah, and Savior of the world. Through the star and the Scriptures (while in Jerusalem, the magi were directed to Bethlehem on the basis of Micah 5) God revealed Jesus to the Gentile magi. They received Him and responded by worshipping Him and bestowing gifts.



IN RESPONSE TO  
C.W. DUNCAN SCHOOL

*Dear Jessica,* As our UMW unit read your article in the newspaper about the Mission Project you are working on, we decided we wanted to send a child to Liberia Duncan School. God Bless you for all you're doing for Liberia.  
*Warren First UMW*

*Dear Central UMC*  
I am enclosing a check for the amount of \$70 for the C.W. Duncan School Mission Project. This donation is in response to the article that appeared in the Detroit Free Press about Jessica Arnold. Jessica sounds like a very caring young lady and I know that your congregation is very proud of her. This donation is in honor of my son-in-law who requested this in lieu of a Christmas present. Good luck on this project. God Bless!  
*Jacqueline Wilkinson*

*Dear Jessica,*  
Our circle is making an end of the year donation from our Sunshine Fund to go to the C.W. Duncan School Mission Project. Thank you,  
*Sincerely,*  
*Hope Circle, Warren First UMC*

**Remember that sermons and select music from worship services are available online at:**

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

**Available at Both Services:**

*Parking lot to door delivery, wheelchairs, Large print hymnals, Bibles, & wireless hearing device, and Nursery care.* If you need any additional assistance or information regarding these or other services, please contact the church at 248-681-0040

**Central Café Schedule**  
resumes on January 7th

4:15 Alleluia Dancers (3-6 grades)  
5:00 Carol Choir (4yrs to 1st grade)  
5:15 Good News Ringers (4-8th grades)  
5:15 Dinner Served  
5:45 YTBN 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