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I have frequently imaged my faith journey as a life movement toward God. It is as if I need to transverse a great landscape. There are times when I am striding with strength and determination in the direction I sense God to be. But at times (more frequently than I would like to admit) I move sideways or even backwards, forgetting my bearings, and my destination.

In those times I wonder if I need to go back to where I started to find that direction, that single path to God. But the Holy Spirit reminds me that wherever I am is the starting point toward God. I just need to turn and start tracking again. It is parabled in that electronic voice on some GPS units that tell you how to get to your destination. If you take a variant way, the voice says "recalculating directions" and starts all over from wherever you are at the time.

A long time ago, I fell in love with John Wesley's Covenant Service. I have chosen to make it a part of every congregation on a yearly basis hoping that it reminds us that we get a chance to begin again moving in the direction of God. I know that such recalculations are a regular part of life and reserved only for early January. It gives us words and a sense of what it means to be committed to living toward God. Join us on January 8 for this covenant service.

Jim

Worship Notes

JANUARY 8, 2012

Covenant Sunday

Genesis 1:1-5

Mark 1:4-11

"Chaotic Covenant"

Rev. Jim Kellermann, preaching

Worship Arts:

9:00 - Agape Bells

10:30 - Agape Bells,

Chancel Choir

JANUARY 15, 2012

Human Relations Sunday

John 1:43-51

1 Samuel 3:1-20

"Courage to Say 'Yes'
and Confidence to Say 'No'"

Rev. Jim Kellermann, preaching

Worship Arts:

9:00 - Salt Shakers

10:30 - Salt Shakers,

Chancel Choir

MARTIN LUTHER KING CELEBRATION

The Detroit Renaissance District is continuing its long tradition of honoring Dr. Martin Luther King in January. This event will be on January 8 at 4:00 p.m. Come and join us for the 18th annual celebration where the theme is "The Beloved Community: 'That My Living Shall Not be in Vain'". Rev. Faith Fowler will be the keynote speaker and this year Waterford Central Church is the host Church! Come and join the celebration!



KIDS CENTRAL MINISTRY NEWS

KIDS DAY OUT

Over the past several years our church family has done special events for kids and families like the Snow Day, Swimming at Mott High School, going to the movies and more. Would your family like to participate in a Kids Day Out? Contact Rev. Kathy with your suggestions for the next Kids Day.

THE ROCK

During the month of January the children in The ROCK (Sunday morning children's ministry for Kindergarten through 5th grade) will be learning about "Who is Jesus." Ask a child what workshop they went to and what they learned!

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

www.kidscentralweb.org

Born to Eternal Life

Roy W. Chisnell

10/27/1934 - 12/15/2011

Member of Central Since

11/26/1961

Our Deepest Sympathies

Our deepest sympathies to
Beverly Chisnell on the death
of her husband.

Born to Eternal Life

Beulah (Babe) C. Scott

7/24/1928 - 12/27/2011

Member of Central since

7/24/2011

OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on Monday, January 16 for Martin Luther King Day. If you have an emergency on that day, please call Rev. Kellermann at 248-390-2416.

THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY resulted in lots of awards to some very special persons at Central who go that extra mile in serving the Lord. Special Mission Recognition pins were given to Rev. Rich Peacock, Kathy Reeseigh, Jim Trosin, Cindy Trosin and Gerry Stevenson, along with a posthumous recognition pin for Mary Anderson presented to Marion Steeber. The Five-Star Women earning Certificates were: Sharon Thomas and Kathy Scafuri from 2010 and Diana Carter, Joanne Green, Cheryl Hinsberg, Kathy Reeseigh, Polly Strosahl, Lynn Vincent and Phyllis Liming from 2011. Also, Reading Certificates for 2011 were awarded to Janice Mann, Helen Fitzgerald, Ruby Rickard, Barb Heichel and Frances Bevington. Please congratulate these individuals when you see them for their dedication!

In addition, the following officers were installed for the New Year by Janice Caldwell: Joanne Green, Secretary; Barb Spiece, Treasurer; Lynn Humphrey, Nominations; and Polly Strosahl Kellermann, Program Resources. The Mission Coordinators installed were Cheryl Hinsberg, Spiritual Growth; Leslie Brandon, Education & Interpretation; Barb Spiece, Social Action; and Diana Carter, Membership Nurture & Outreach. Please note that we are without a President and Vice President for the upcoming year and are asking everyone to offer up prayers that someone might come forward so we can continue accomplishing our "PURPOSE."

TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF 12/28/2011

Year to date income: \$533,795.00
 Year to date expenses: \$568,242.00
 Sunday 12/25 offering: \$7904.50
 Christmas offering: \$4,588.50



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.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation for 7th and 8th graders will be starting in January. Students who are interested in participating and have not been contacted by Rev. Kathy should call the church office. Mentors for the students are also needed. If you are interested in participating, please contact Rev. Kathy.

HOPE WARMING CENTER

We need volunteers to work the Hope Warming Center Monday, Jan 16 through Sunday Jan 22. We have openings at CUMC for food preparation during the day; Kitchen help at the Warming Center and Registration approximately 6:30 - 11:00 pm; and people to work the second shift (11:00 pm - 7:00 am). Please fill in the enclosed cards and put them in the offering plate, or sign in on the sheets in the hallway outside of the offices. We also need funds to buy the items necessary to feed the homeless. A donation can will be on the table."

CENTRAL CINEMA

Central Cinema returns, at 7:00 p.m. on January 7 with a showing of "Eat, Pray, Love," based on the popular book by Liz Gordon. It is an attempt to search for her own true love during an around the world trip. It is rated PG 13. Central Cinema is held in the comfort of the parlor but shown on a big screen with some brief reflections and conversation following. Everyone is welcome.



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.

METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

A very special thank you to Diana Carter for organizing, promoting, sorting, labeling, an helping with the delivery of over 200 Christmas Gifts and Gift cards for the Methodist Children's Home Society/

This was a gigantic effort and would have been impossible without the generous support of our Congregation. Blessings to all for your very generous donations of items that each boy listed and received Christmas Day.

We all know and appreciate Diana's organization of anything that she does and the Development Director was over-joyed with boxes labeled by cottage, snowmen attached to each gift with the boys name and his gifts listed. Gift cards were recorded and the child designated to receive per request.

Thank you to all who participated so generously to provide a special Christmas for the young boys and teens of the Village.

Nancy Radenbaugh



CENTRAL CAFÉ

Come and share a meal with your children, with your friends and your faith community. Meals are served Thursdays between 5:15 and 6:45 p.m.

We always need kitchen volunteers!

YOUNG FAMILY GROUP

The next Young Family Group is on Friday, January 13th from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. Childcare is provided at the church for the kids and the adults meet at the Associate Parsonage. YFG is open to all families with a child age infant through 5th grade. For more information, contact Rev. Kathy.

Mark your calendar for the Super Bowl Party on Sunday, February 5th!

JAIL MINISTRY CHRISTMAS PROJECT REPORT

We were able to deliver 506 bars of soap, 459 stamped Christmas cards and several personal hygiene kits for inclusion in the "Packages of Hope" for the inmates at the Oakland County Jail. They were truly appreciated. A note from Sister Peggy and staff at the Jail Ministry Office says it "well": "Thank you for your kind and thoughtful generosity. It really means a lot. We pray in turn that you'll be blessed by the loving hand of God. We pray your day be filled with peace and with God's awesome grace and may you know his presence more as you behold his face."

GROUP MEETING SCHEDULES

In order to keep things up to date on the calendar and to make sure that there are no conflicts in Church scheduling, the Church staff is requesting that groups please turn in a schedule of their meeting dates, times and room(s) requested. It is a large task to keep everything running smoothly in such a large facility and it helps the staff to make sure everyone is accommodated sufficiently.
The Staff of Central

Central Café Schedule

4:15 -- 5:15 Alleluia 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
6:20 -- 7:15 Agape Ringers
6:30 -- 7:30 New Joy Choir
6:30 -- 7:30 Jubilate Dancers
7:30 -- 9:00 Chancel Choir

HOSPITALITY HELP

Coffee Fellowship, that hospitable moment between services for conversation, is in need of revival. The Hoslers no longer can manage the arrangements for it. We look for someone who can schedule and organize people to host that moment on a regular basis. If you are interested, contact the church office.

ACOLYTES

We are having a very hard time filling in the acolyting sign-up sheet! If you are of acolyting age and would like to be an integral part of worship, please contact Rachel Pierre at 248-681-0040 or by e-mail at info@waterfordcumc.org.

Happy New Year!



We pray that 2012 will be a year of peace and blessing to all!

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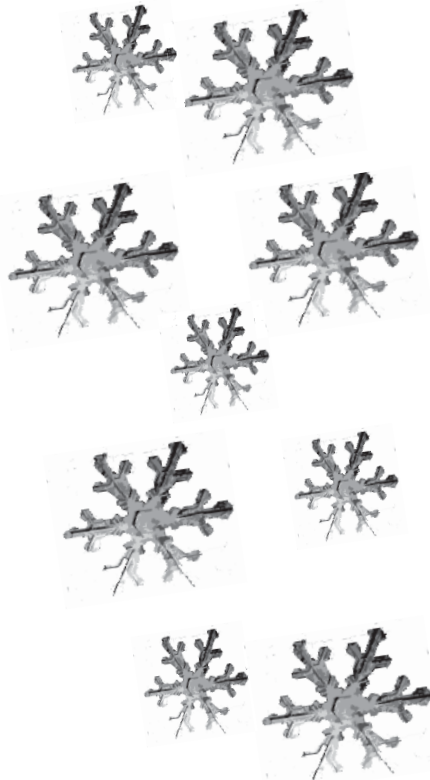
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Thank You!

Dear Central UMC,
We certainly appreciated the youth group and their leaders coming to our home Christmas caroling. I would also like to thank Reverend Kellermann for his visit while I was recovering from surgery

Bob and Joanne Kaminskis

Dear Central UMC,
My family and I want to thank everyone for their prayers and cards sent over the past few weeks. My recent battle with cancer has been very difficult. From early diagnoses on Sept. 26th, to surgery on Nov. 15th with biopsy results Monday Nov. 28th - my world was ROCKED, yet faith continues to pull me through. My recovery will last for months, yet we received the best news possible Nov. 28. Three words I will never forget - "margins are negative" - that is medical jargon for "there is no evidence of any more cancer cells."

What an emotional moment; our prayers were answered and I can move ahead. Thanks again.

Sincerely, Ralph Scafuri

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for all of your kind words of encouragement in the many cards sent to me in my shut-in days. My balance is now back and I am able to drive once again. My hip surgery was successful, however I still use my cane due to the rod in my left femur. Your cards and thoughtful words were greatly appreciated. They often made my day and touched my heart knowing I was being prayed for. Thank you seems small in comparison for what all of you did for my morale. Bless all of you and God be with you.

Ginny Abney

P.S. - It's great to be back at Church!

To All Our Dear Friends at Central,
Thank you for the flowers. Thank you for the cake. Thank you for the rides to the doctor's offices etc. The list goes on and on. John and I have been truly blessed to have so many wonderful friends. You have kept us going, the few minutes we spend with you on Sunday keeps us going for the week. Also calls and beautiful cards are much appreciated. We wish you all a blessed new year.

Love John and Vivian Eddy

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Deadlines..

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January 12 for the

January 22, 2012 Chimes.

Please send all articles to:

rpittenger@waterfordcumc.org

At the 10:30 worship service:

The ROCK: Central's Sunday morning ministry for children K-5th grade.

Stepping Stones: Ministry for infants through pre-schoolers meet in room 112

Central UMC's Web site

Did you happen to miss a sermon or special music selection? You can find them on our web site (if they were recorded!).

www.waterfordcumc.org

Our web site is not only just for music and sermons but you can also see our calendar, the Worship Notes for the next Sunday, find updates on the ministries of the Church and much more! If there is something you would like to see on the web site or if you have any questions or concerns please contact Rich Pittenger in the Church office.

SIGN UP FOR YOUR E-CENTRAL NEWSLETTER
Just go to the CUMC Website at: www.waterfordcumc.org and click on the "Sign-Up" button on the right hand column, or call Rich at the Church office and he'll sign you up himself!

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

Sign-up for Central's e-Newsletter at: www.waterfordcumc.org
Click the *Sign-up* button on the right hand column.

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