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The moment after writing the musing about missing Duck Day this year and wondering about the changes that can and should occur within church and ministry, we find ourselves staring down staff changes again. We say we understand that change is opportunity and frequently brings health with it, but I was referring to others' adjustments to the transitions of life, not my own.

All of that is to say the office staff and the congregation grieve the loss of productivity and the ready smile and laughter of Pam Fisher in the front office. Fortunately her friendship is not conditional to her employment for us. But the transitions in this moment are all the more difficult because she has been the leading proponent and designer of the heightening technology and social media communication into which we have felt compelled to move. Pam has served us well and we are forever grateful for her good spirit, compassionate heart, and creative courage.

But then know that as we work through these moments of change, and seek another to help us with these issues of communication and technology, I am thankful for Rich Pittenger's willingness to crash course with a steep learning curve to pick up these tools and keep them functioning for us in the interim. If you have appreciated the delightful laughter of Pam Fisher in the front office you probably are aware that it was most frequently because of Rich's quick wit and blend of humor. That humor may have to be in overdrive as Rich tries to manage multiple tasks from two chairs. He is finding willing help to fill in around him, but much of this load will be born by his energy.

As in the past when transitions happen, we may look different, we may change some of the procedures, but we still have our minds and our hearts open to God, still

have a commitment to move the congregation into experiences of the Holy Spirit and the activity of true discipleship to Christ.

There are multiple routes for our journey, and multiple arrangements of tools, personnel, and programs to move us along. Only the journey toward and with God is not negotiable. All else including pastors and staff are interchangeable.

God is flinging open our possibilities again, and we can do nothing less than embrace the potential that God is bringing to us.

Jim

(If you or someone you know has an interest in this media and marketing position please see the Central Church website.)

WORSHIP NOTES

JULY 17, 2011

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Infant Baptism
Preaching: Rev. Jim Kellermann
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
"The Wheatings of the Field"
Music: Sue Waters and Matt Berg

JULY 24, 2011

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Invitation Sunday
Preaching: Rev. Jim Kellermann
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
"It's Only Me"
Music: Kathy Scafuri

JULY 31, 2011

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Preaching: Joseph Bradley
From "Justice for Our Neighbor"
Video: "Jasmine's Story"
Music: Jill and Becka Leek

KIDS CENTRAL MINISTRY NEWS

KIDS SUMMER DAYS

Rev. Kathy is leading two more Kids Summer Days in August. The first is on August 4th at the Detroit Zoo. We will meet at the front entrance gate at 9:30am. The second is on Wednesday, August 17th at the Waterford Oaks Wave Pool. We will go in the evening to take advantage of the twilight rate and special bogo free admission. If you are planning on attending either (or both) of these special days, please contact Rev. Kathy.

YOUNG FAMILY GROUP

The next Young Family Group will be on Friday, July 29th from 6:00pm - 9:00pm at Rev. Kathy and Rich Pittenger's home. This group is open to all families and is geared for families with children age 0 to 5th grade. The kids hangout at the church and the adults gather at the Pittenger's. It is a casual and relaxing time to connect, laugh, and grow. Contact Rev. Kathy for more information or to RSVP.

FAMILY VISITS

Rev. Kathy will be doing family visits in August. Watch for your postcard in the mail!

FAMILY PICNIC

Everyone is invited to come to an end of the summer picnic at the Pittenger's home on Thursday, August 25th. Mark your calendar now! Details coming soon.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

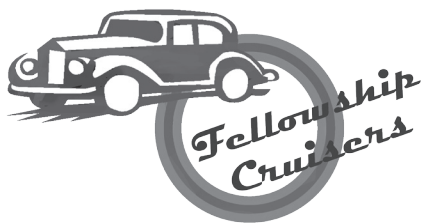
Volunteers are needed for Summer Sunday School in both the nursery (infant through preschool) and with the elementary group (as leader or shepherd/helper). If you are interested and available please contact Rev. Kathy.

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

www.kidscentralweb.org

TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF 7/6/2011:

Year to date income: \$280,031.98
Year to date expenses: \$310,751.12
Sunday 7/3/11 offering: \$11,031.02



CRUISE FOR A CAUSE

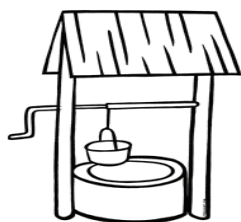
Time is drawing near...The 8th Annual Cruise for a Cause, car show/M.S. fund raiser. The date has been set for July 21, with a rain date of July 28, 2011. Once again this year, we have arranged for great entertainment, food and best cruise cars anywhere. If you would like to get involved, join the Fellowship Cruisers at their next meeting on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. or just come and support the fight to end Multiple Sclerosis. A Free Will Offering will be taken at the entrance. 100% of the proceeds go to the National MS Society, Michigan Chapter.



CALL FOR WATER (JUGS)

Answering the call for Water, Central United Methodist Church will be raising money to pay for the placement of a well in the location of our sister district in Liberia, on the West Coast of Africa.

For folks living in this area, the only access to clean water is a five mile walk, carrying heavy vessels balanced on their heads. After hearing of the great need for water from the Rev. Albert Barchure, one of the Liberian UMC District Superintendents, the Wednesday Morning Group decided to coordinate this effort to provide a well which will serve several communities. The purchase and placement of a well costs \$2000. Help us raise these funds by collecting change (or cash!) in a clean milk jug. Keep watching for our details on when to return your "water jug" back to the Church! **Got Water?**



MEDIA & COMMUNITY RELATIONS COORDINATOR POSITION

Central Church is seeking someone to fill the position of Media & Community Relations Coordinator. The job description and the application are available on the Church website: <http://waterfordcumc.org/> on the left hand side of the home page. You can also find the job description and application in the Church office. The deadline for applications is July 15th.

INVITATION SUNDAY

Sunday, July 24 will be an Invitation Sunday. If you or those you know are interested in joining the Central Congregation, this day an invitation will be made during the 10:00 service.

If you anticipate joining, please contact the church office. But if the Spirit of God catches you on that day without warning, know that when the invitation comes you need only respond.

MEMORIAL GARDEN WEEDING

We will be weeding the garden on the following Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am: July 19 & August 16. We'd love to have you join us for fellowship and light refreshments. Please bring your garden tools! We hope everyone will consider the garden as a place for meditation and reflection and enjoy the beauty of God's creation!

-The Memorial Garden Committee.

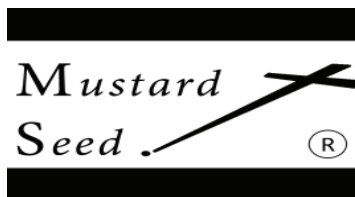
FINE ARTS CONCERT SERIES

Save the Date!

Friday, July 29, 2011, 7:30 p.m.

Mustard Seed: In Concert

Mustard Seed is a Christian rock band out of Schenectady, New York. Find out more about them and hear samples of their music at www.mustardseedband.com.



WHAT'S NEW AT BALDWIN

You may have seen the Channel 7 promos for the Baldwin Center. They have started serving dinners twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Serving crews of 8-10 people are needed from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Sign-up with Janice Mann or in the hallway to form a group. Baldwin needs one group for July 19th. You do not need to provide the food.

-Baldwin Support Group



DID YOU KNOW CENTRAL SELLS OUR OWN REUSABLE TOTE BAGS!

Central Cares about God's Planet!



We have beautiful tote bags available at \$2.50 per bag or 3 for \$10 with one additional bag being donated to a first time visitor. Bags are available at the Scrip table on Sunday,

or in the Church office.

Our Deepest Sympathies

Our deepest sympathies to Polly Strosahl and Rev. Jim Kellermann on the death of her mother.

Our deepest sympathies to Abby Kellermann, Noah and Kelsy Kellermann on the death of their grandmother.

Our deepest sympathies to Harper and Alden Kellermann on the death of their great-grandmother.

Born to Eternal Life

Frank Merwin

12/13/1922 ~ 7/10/2011

Member of Central since
9/16/1987

PARTIAL JULY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, July 17

10:00 Worship Service

MONDAY, July 18

11:00 Alcoholics Anonymous

TUESDAY, July 19

9:30 Memorial Garden
Weeding

10:30 Recovery International

WEDNESDAY, July 20

10:00 Book Study

6:30 Disciple

THURSDAY, July 21

8:00 Thursday Morning
Breakfast

4:00 MS Cruise for a Cause

7:00 Membership Class

7:30 Nar-Anon

8:00 NA

FRIDAY, July 22

Office Closed - Summer
Office Hours

SATURDAY, July 23

7:00 NA

SUNDAY, July 24

Invitation Sunday

10:00 Worship Service

MONDAY, July 25

11:00 Alcoholics Anonymous

6:30 ALS Support

TUESDAY, July 26

10:30 Recovery International

WEDNESDAY, July 27

10:00 Book Study

6:30 Disciple

THURSDAY, July 28

8:00 Thursday Morning
Breakfast

4:00 MS Cruise for a Cause
Rain Date

7:30 Nar-Anon

8:00 NA

FRIDAY, July 29

Office Closed - Summer
Office Hours

SATURDAY, July 30

7:00 NA

SUNDAY, July 31

10:00 Worship Service

TRUSTEE'S SUMMER PROJECTS

This summer the Trustees are pursuing some projects that need to be addressed quickly.

These include:

- The replacement and upgrade of the chair lift. (The current chair lift is continuously in need of repair, and its age and style makes it a treacherous machine to use.)
- The replacement and accessibility enhancement of entry doors. (doors by sanctuary and by office). (The current doors are 50 years old and have been repaired as much as they can. Parts no longer exist for renewing them. At the same time, concerns about adequate accessibility which wasn't required when the doors were installed fifty years ago need to be addressed.)
- The repair, resealing and or replacement of the flat roof above the parlor. (this has been an ongoing problem addressed and repaired regularly and still without satisfaction.) The follow-up to this project will be the repair of the ceiling in the Parlor.
- The patching, and resealing of the parking lot and drive (the pot holes are becoming treacherous)

Funding for these items are coming from the Capital Improvement funds generated over the last few years from Major Gifts, and Major Gifts (the Balmer Fund and the Selle and Luther Fund). We are grateful to the trustees and the project managers who are helping maintain this facility as a tool for ministry.

PLEASE NOTE either or both of the two trustees issues (#1 and #2) may be funded through Dick Balmer's Major Gift Funds. His funds are designated for capital Improvement or for ministries that effect the older populations of the congregation. Other funds available for the projects include the Virginia Selle and Margaret Luther funds.

Thank You!

Thank you Bill Wright and anyone else who has helped him groom the courtyard. Bill has been living in the courtyard for the past month.

Central Church

Dear Church Family

Thank you for sending us to mini camp. It means a lot to us. We had fun, but we really missed our church family. Something we really enjoyed was...passing our swim test. Our counselor read bed time stories to us. We made crafts, one was a welcome sign. We hope we have a good time next year,

Love, Ashley and Aubrey

Dear Central Church,

The Open Door Outreach Center sends its appreciation for the food gathered for their pantry. These canned goods were brought in June as a Pentecost Celebration shared and sponsored by the Waterford Ministerial Association. Central Church's participation totaled 274 pounds of food. Thanks to the Tracys for delivering them.

Many thanks to all of the volunteers who made Shake It Up Cafe VBS a huge success! 80 children and over 40 youth and adults participated. The children raised \$250.50 for a well in Liberia and collected food for the FISH pantry.

Rev. Kathy

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July 21 for the
July 31, 2011 Chimes.

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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 of-
fice and he'll sign you up himself!

Worship Participants

A complete list of Worship
Participants, Sermons & Select Music
is available online on our website at
www.waterfordcumc.org

Sign-up for Central's e-Newsletter at: www.waterfordcumc.org

Click the *Sign-up* button on the right hand column.

Summer Worship Time

Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Sermons available online:
www.waterfordcumc.org

Large print hymnals, Bibles, & wire-
less hearing device, wheelchairs are
available at both services.

At the 10:00 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

Summer Hours

The office is open Monday through
Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
The office will be closed on Fridays.

PROGRAM STAFF

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Administration/Worship Pastor
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**Summer Worship Service at
10:00 am**