



CHIMES

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Transfiguration Sunday is a high mountain day, a transition Sunday, ending the longer than usual season following epiphany, and awaiting Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent and our journey to Easter. It is a Sunday that frequently is a great moment in worship. I hope that is what worshippers found.

But behind the scenes, this Transfiguration Sunday was one of those that lost power for me. The fluctuating temperatures dropped as did more snow than predicted (which in itself bucks the trend of over predicting we have been experiencing this winter). A call to our contracted snow remover was promptly responded to, until part way through the morning and before the whole job was done, his truck broke down. (It still sits waiting for attention on Monday morning). The added snow kept some of our members hesitant to come out (wise choice for many of you, but the community is incomplete when we miss so many).

Then we discovered that there was no heat in the building. Our contracted service provider responded quickly but it wasn't until the end of the second service before we began feeling comfortable enough to remove our winter coats indoors. Evidently something blew one of our main fuses which affected the boilers and some other areas of the church. No reason has yet been found for this to occur, other than the possibility that it is a fifty year old system.

Add to that the spent energy that I had not yet regained following the work of the Board of Ordained Ministry the

week before and the high and holy moment on the Mountaintop with Jesus lacked something. I hope it was only in my perception and not a shared sense of the congregation.

Central Church, as part of the whole Body of Christ, requires an empowering, passionate commitment to do the work that carries grace to the world, touches life with love, calls hearts to God, and frees people from the shadows and constraints of their living. But when our hearts shut off because of overload, when our spirits become chilled because the source of heat has been interrupted, when our commitment breaks down like a snow plowing truck, we become considerably less than our true and called selves, no longer thriving in the Spirit of Christ, but merely surviving in the face of the trials and tribulations of life.

These are only metaphors. But they challenge me and I hope you as well, to begin this Lenten season both individually and communally as a time to find again the love of Christ which first engaged our imaginations, the excitement for ministry that first defined us, and the joy of faith that makes all commitments worth holding.

The heat is on, the engines running. Let our faithful living become bold again.

Jim

*Born to
Eternal Life*

Ben R. Wales
9/6/1921 ~ 2/26/2011
**Ben was a member of Central
since February 24, 1963.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT AS
OF 3/6/2011:**

Year to date income: \$103,855.00
Year to date expenses: \$66,031.00
Sunday 3/6/11 offering: \$90,167.00..

KIDS CENTRAL MINISTRY NEWS

JUMPING FOR JESUS

Save the date! Saturday, April 23 from 1-4 p.m. We will have a new family experience (for all ages) to bounce, play games, make crafts, and experience Jesus' life from Palm Sunday through Easter morning. Watch for more information.

YOUNG FAMILIES GROUP

All families with children age 0 through 5th grade are always welcome to come to YFG. Our next group is scheduled for Friday, March 25 from 6-9 p.m. (but it is okay to come later and leave earlier). Contact Rev. Kathy for more information.

SUMMER CAMP

Sending your child to summer camp can be one of the most meaningful experiences in your child's life. Believe me, I attended camp from 2nd - 12th grade. It helped form and strengthen my faith. I would encourage everyone to find out more about summer camp. Summer camp information is available in the Church office or you can contact Rev. Kathy for more information - did you know that Rev. Kathy is going to be a Dean of a camp this summer? Ask her for more information!

www.kidscentralweb.org

Worship Notes

March 13, 2011
(DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS)

First Sunday in Lent
Lenten Theme: "Time for God"
Preaching: Rev. Rich Peacock
Worship Arts:
9:00 Good News Ringers
10:30 Good News Ringers/
Chancel Choir

March 20, 2011
Second Sunday in Lent
Lenten Theme: "Time for God"
Preaching: Rev. Paul Blomquist

Worship Arts:
9:00 Carol and New Joy Choirs
10:30 Carol and New Joy Choirs/
Chancel Choir

March 27, 2011
Third Sunday in Lent
Lenten Theme "Time for God"
"The Time Is Coming"

Preaching: Rev. Jim Kellermann
Worship Arts:
9:00 YTBN Bells
10:30 YTBN Bells/
Chancel Choir



Time For God in March

The following is the upcoming schedule of dates and events for the March portion of the Lenten season. Please mark them in your calendar so that you will know where to be and when! **See the listing for the March Worship schedule** on the front page. The full Lenten schedule is available online at:

[www.waterfordcumc.org/
Lent Brochure2011.pdf](http://www.waterfordcumc.org/Lent%20Brochure2011.pdf)

March 23

Reflections on the Eight Theses
7:00 p.m.
Led by Rev. Jim Kellermann.

MARCH 26

Guest Youth Choir Concert
from Downers Grove UMC
7:00 p.m.

March 27

Talent Show and Potluck
Potluck, 5:30 p.m.,
Show at 6:30 p.m.

March 30

Reflections on the Eight Theses
7:00 p.m.
Led by Rev. Jim Kellermann.

**April's Lenten schedule at
Central will
appear in the next Chimes.**

REV. KATHY PITTENGER

Rev. Pittenger was approved by the Board of Ordained Ministry and will be recommended to the Detroit Annual Conference for ordination as a deacon in full connection. This is not an easy process and requires a combination of intellectual reason, grounded, articulated and integrated theology, emotional balance, and a deep and faithful response to the call of God. Such issues are not easily assessed, but Rev. Kathy was overwhelmingly approved. We are the envy of the conference because we have her on our staff. Congratulations. We look forward to celebrating with you as your ordination approaches.

BLOOD DRIVE SUCCESS!

Thank you to everyone who came up to donate blood for the Urgent Need Red Cross/CUMC Blood Drive (thank you, also to those of you who tried!). We collected 31 pints!

Waterford Ministerial Association Wednesday Noon

Lenten Devotional & Luncheon

All programs begin at 12:00 p.m. at the locations as noted and are followed at 12:30 p.m. with a soup and sandwich luncheon. (Free Will Offering)

March 16

Christ Lutheran Church
5987 Williams Lake Rd.
Worship Leader:
Rev. Bea Fraser-Soots
Four Towns United Methodist Church

March 23

Central United Methodist Church
3882 Highland Rd.
Worship Leader: Rev. John Negele
Christ Lutheran Church

March 30

Canterbury on the Lake Episcopal Church
5601 Hatchery Rd.
Worship Leader: Rev. James Kellermann
Central United Methodist Church

April 6

Bethel United Church of Christ
6650 Elizabeth Lake Rd
Worship Leader: Rev. William Kale
Canterbury on the Lake Episcopal Church

April 13

Four Towns United Methodist Church
6451 Cooley Lake Rd.
Worship Leader: Rev. Diane Baker
Bethel United Church of Christ

FELLOWSHIP HALL WRAP-UP
Okay Fellowship Hall fans, here's a bit of a wrap-up on the remodeling and acoustic absorber panels project. Looks great! Sounds great!

And it's DONE! Well, certainly the primary objectives so that all the initial hopes, plans, desires, and prayers should be satisfied. We might be pecking away at a few details and fine tuning for a while but the big deal is complete. Whew!

The troops of workers did an outstanding job. Quality work, dedicated effort, and great stick-to-itiveness. No Little Red Hens here. And some nice things happened at coffee hour last Sunday:

Good friends, nice snacks, and CONVERSATIONS. Yes, Fellowship Hall delivered 100% on being a good place to gather and, what else, have fellowship.

Many many thanks to all the folks who helped out in many ways. We all owe you a debt of gratitude. We figure we'll be paying back favors, real and assumed, for a long time - and that will be fun too.

Jannette & Bob

Helpers: Lenny Klaft, Bob Swartz, Roger Crick, Chuck Kneisel, Larry and Barb Spiece, John Pierre, Pat Loomis, Shiela Strang, Kathy and Ralph Scafuri, Donna Bevington, Nancy Radenbaugh, Bryan Murphy, Diana Carter, Derek Taylor, James Abell, Dave Hecox, Bruce Crossman, Gil and Sue Waters, Velethe Svenkesen, Randy and Debbie Cooper.



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 13 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. The cost is \$3 per ballot or 2 for \$5 to taste & judge (proceeds go to the Dad's Club fund). Also available, beverages, cornbread, and chicken soup. Dessert will be available for a donation (please). Free-will offering will be accepted. A sign-up is posted outside the office, or during the week, e-mail Pam and she'll save you the trip!

LIGHT METAL BAND

April 3, 7:00 P.M.

The Light Metal Band is a brass quintet with a repertoire of over 600 pieces ranging from classical to jazz, to rock. They will entertain us in the sanctuary. Tickets will be \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for high school students.

The Light Metal Band incorporates music education into their concert so as an outreach mission of the Church, we will be offering free entry for the first ten Waterford area high school and middle school students who arrive at the door. Elementary age and younger attend for free. (To keep this as a mission project, Central United Methodist members are not eligible for those tickets. Any CUMC student needing a scholarship should contact Rev. Jim and they will be accommodated.)

HELP WANTED!

Fine Arts will be hosting this event and the Chapel Choir event on March 26 and will need assistance with set-up and afterglow receptions on both dates. If you are interested in helping with this concert, please contact Rainy Stephenson at: rainstep@aol.com

YOUTH CHOIR CONCERT DOWNERS GROVE UMC

The Chapel Choir of First United Methodist Church in Downers Grove, Illinois will be performing a Free Concert here at Central on Saturday, March 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Celebrate the Lenten season with this 50-member high school choir as they present a concert featuring a blend of Contemporary Christian, Worship, Gospel and Spiritual music that will deliver a powerful message about our faith and relationship with Jesus Christ!

This is part of the 40th Annual Spring Break Tour. Central has been fortunate to be added as a bonus concert stop! Be sure to include this opportunity into your Lenten schedule!

POTLUCK & TALENT SHOW
 Come for an evening of friendship and fun on Sunday, March 27 from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. We will share a potluck dinner at 5:30 p.m. and the Talent Show will start at 6:30 p.m. If you plan to come, please sign-up outside the church office or at www.kidscentralweb.org.

KIDS BAKE SALE REPORT
 Many thanks to everyone who donated, purchased, and supported the children's mission project to purchase medicine boxes to send to Haiti (part of the Detroit Annual Conference Special Collections). Each medicine box costs \$455. Through the efforts of the Kids Bake Sale and a special donation, the children will be sending two medicine boxes to Haiti. Each medicine box includes 18 essential drugs and will provide enough medicine for 1,000 people for up to 3 months.

**UMW PROGRAM/
 Empty Bowls Luncheon**
 On May 15, 2011, UMW will present the *Empty Bowls* luncheon to benefit the Baldwin Center. Some handcrafted bowls made by the youth will be available. The program will take place immediately following second service (11:45 a.m.). Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. We will need salad and dessert donations for the luncheon. If you can help, please contact Janice Mann at: JANICEMANN6702@comcast.net

VIM
 The Volunteers in Mission Team from Central Church has hit the road for Yazoo, Mississippi. They left on Saturday, March 12 and will be returning on Sunday, March 20. This team of 14 persons are offering their services and talents to rebuild and restore homes damaged by the tornados of 2010. Listen for news from down south on the blog and web site at: <http://blog.waterfordcumc.org> and <http://www.waterfordcumc.org>.

EIGHT THESES
 What would the church be like if we could be our best and most faithful self, bringing resource, energy, compassion and commitment to the work of Christ? Conversations of such issues will fill our Lenten evenings as we study the 8 Theses that Rev. Kellermann laid out last fall for us to consider. This Lenten Study will be on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. beginning March 23 and running through April 13. All ages are invited as we explore our hospitality, compassion, justice, and assets.

HARVESTERS DATES
Upcoming Dates
 •Thursday, March 17, 2011
 Potluck at 12 Noon followed by the 20 minute video "When Christians Get it Wrong." Questions? Contact Jim and Alice at: JLALT@aol.com.

UMY MARCH CALENDAR
 •March 13 --
 The Living Stations of the Cross, a New Musical (Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Detroit) both mid and senior high.
 •March 20 --
 Ice Skating at Lakeland Arena (time to be announced). Senior high at Church.
 •March 27 --
 Church Talent Show (5:30 dinner, 6:30 show) both mid and senior high.



Thank You

Dear Janice, Jim and HOPE Volunteers:
 From delicious meals that warm body and soul to fellowship that lightens the heart, you all have made a huge difference to our guests at HOPE Hospitality & Warming Center. Despite the challenges of our new location, braving weather, etc. you made sure that those seeking shelter had all they needed, including the most important piece...that someone cares deeply about them. From the bottom of my heart, thank you!
 Sincerely,
Elizabeth Kelly
 Executive Director

Many Many Thanks to the Caring Core Angels of CUMC,
 Your cards are so special to me. They remind me that we are not there in person we can still be there in prayer. Virginia's ALZ has advanced to that point where she does not know me or anyone else in the family, she is now confined to a wheel chair unable to communicate to me or anyone. Life will go on.
 Thanks again,
James Bensken

Dear CUMC,
 I can't thank you and your staff enough for all you did for Ken's service! It was a spectacular display of love, grace and kindness. The work you all did to feed and welcome so many people took my breath away! You are all true disciples of Christ, and by works, shows others why Ken loved the United Methodist Church! God Bless,
Claudia Bracken

Dear Friends at CUMC,
 Thank you for your many kindnesses at the time of my sister, Helen Clement's passing. Whether it was a card, visit, or prayers. My family and I want to express our appreciation.
Carol Nelson

Dear Church Family,
 Thank you for celebrating my 90th birthday with many beautiful cards, letter, hugs best wishes and songs! I am blessed.
Marge Jones

Dear People of God,
 Thank you so much for your cards and phone calls, they have touched our hearts with your love. We are both doing very well now and thanking God. With warm memories,
Lew & Judy Bradbury

Dear Rev Jim Kellerman,
 I liked your Feb. 27th sermon. It is fun to hear a church of laughter. I couldn't follow the whole message but its nice to visit a service where people are happy. I liked the sermon you gave awhile back about living through the fear. How it is only fear that wants us to quit, cry, hide, puke, run, or cheat in a manner of speaking. I am not Methodist so I do not get it all what your trying to deliver in words, but I am grateful every day to get up and work and breathe and grow.
 Thank you
Maude Earhart

EASTER LILIES ORDER FORM - DUE MARCH 13

As part of our Easter celebration, we will be ordering Lilies to use as part of the decorations in the Sanctuary. These plants will be in six-inch pots with four or more blooms. If you wish to place an order, please fill out the information below and return it to the Church Office with your payment.

Name of Donor(s) _____

Phone: _____ E-mail _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

I will take after the 10:30 a.m. _____. OR Please deliver to a shut-in _____

Amount enclosed: Number of plants _____ x \$5.50 = _____

Please do not include monies for the plants with your regular offering.

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Deadlines..

The Chimes deadline is
March 17 for the
March 27, 2011 Chimes.
Please send all articles to:
pfisher@waterfordcumc.org

SIGN UP FOR YOUR
E-CENTRAL NEWSLETTER

Contact Pam Fisher by e-mail at:
pfisher@waterfordcumc.org
with your address

Worship Participants

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



**Daylight Savings Time
Begins at 2:00 a.m. on
March 13! Remember
to turn your clocks
forward 1 hour
Saturday night!**

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**