

LENT GATHERINGS AT CENTRAL

On Wednesdays during Lent the church is invited to share a light meal and a brief prayer and meditation worship. The soup and salad begins at 6:30 p.m. followed by the prayer service at 7:15 p.m. The evening concludes by 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 10:
"Praying with our Senses"

Wednesday, March 17:
"Praying in our Economy"

ECUMENICAL NOON LUNCHEON SERVICES

On Wednesday at noon the Waterford Ministerial Association hosts a half-hour worship service followed by fellowship and a light soup and sandwich luncheon. These services move from church to church.

Wednesday, March 10

Lutheran Church of the Ascension
Rev. Karen Williams, preaching

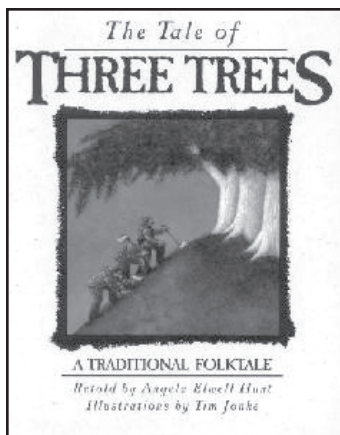
Wednesday, March 17

Central United Methodist Church
Rev. Ken Fouty, preaching

The full Lenten Schedule is available online at www.waterfordcumc.org

CHILDREN'S CANTATA

Sunday, March 21 at both the 9 and 10:30 a.m. services, the New Joy and Carol Choirs will perform the *The Tale of Three Trees*, -arr. by Long and Pote, under the direction of Jill Leek. On Saturday, March 20, there will be a dress rehearsal in full costume. This will be a perfect time for parents to take pictures so as not to disturb the performance. We hope everyone will be able to attend this enchanting performance of our youngest choirs.



UMW PROGRAM/ EMPTY BOWLS LUNCHEON

On April 25, UMW will present a program on Immigration led by Janice Mann featuring Rich Peacock with an *Empty Bowls* luncheon to benefit the Baldwin Center. Some hand crafted 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.

Thank You Notes

Dear CUMC,

Thank you for creating a space for meditation (Meditation and Spirituality) in your church. It felt good last night to participate in a circle of open hearts who agreed to pray for self, church, family, community, nation, and world peace. As a visitor, I felt welcome and for that I give thanks.

Maude Earhart

A special word of gratitude to a giving and caring church family. You responded to a challenge goal for Haiti Health Kits with enthusiasm and generosity. To all who contributed in this effort: the church staff, monetary donors and kit providers, and to the great help of those who came to pack and deliver the kits - we say thank you. You may have heard that the congregation provided 615 kits! We attribute this missionary outreach to the movement of God's Loving Spirit in our midst. May this be an indication of our will to connect and to support the great ministries of Central UMC.

Paul & Bea Blomquist

Dear Staff and Friends at Central, I have received several cards and letters from home and appreciate them. I am continuing to use my walker with every step and no pressure on my left leg so hopefully it is mending. Later this month I will have another x-ray to see how the hip is really doing. I am certainly not used to this slow pace. Don has taken on more chores. Yes, it's teamwork. Always has been.

Mary Lou Osborne

To the Congregation, Receiving cards and letters from home is always welcome, however, never more welcome as when you have been ill and in the hospital. Saying thank you for the support I received in cards, letters and prayers doesn't seem to cover my heartfelt feelings, but it's all I have. So, thank you to my friends. Our Telephone number is 863-603-8976

Helen Fitzgerald

Dear Central,

Thank you so much for all of the birthday cards. They were much appreciated.

Phyllis Landon

Thank you to all of you who have expressed concern about my recent ailments and your wishes for a quick recovery. I have some remaining treatment, but I am assured that the prognosis is good and discomfort is unlikely.

Stu Packard

Dear Central,

This is an update regarding my father-in-law, Jim Schilb, who has been a long time member of CUMC. Nearly a year and a half ago, my husband, Ron and I moved Jim closer to us. We have been able to monitor Jim's medical conditions better and have been able to address several health issues before they became too advanced (ie. skin cancer, glaucoma, prostate, & Alzheimer Syndrome) Jim enjoys receiving letters from those of you who have graciously written him. Jim does not correspond to letters and cards. His memory may play a part in his ability to reply to your letters and cards, however, Jim keeps everything that is sent to him so that he can read them again and again. Cards and letters may be sent to Jim Schilb

c/o Brighton Garden Assisted Living, Room 339

6800 Paragon Road

Centerville, OH 45459

937-428-1067 (personal phone line; no answering machine).

Thank you for thinking of and praying for Jim!

Sincerely,
Audrey Schilb





CHIMES

Central United Methodist Church *The Church of the Good Shepherd*

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Pastors Ponderings

At the recent congregational meeting on February 21, the Church Council, with the assistance of the committees and communities of ministry of the church, shared the anxiety that is felt in developing a budget that anticipates less income in this year than last year, and far less than the year before that. The implications that impact staffing, programming, and facilities management are huge. Much of this and the budget will be shared in a letter coming to the congregation as soon as some administrative responses are finalized.

But what is clear in those changes and the sorrow and anxieties that come with them is a determination not to reduce the impact of mission and ministry of Christ on the world that moves through this congregation. The budget adjustments may be the trigger as we adjust to economic realities, but the possibility rises now for us to RETHINK CHURCH.

RETHINK CHURCH is the encouragement of the United Methodist Church as we continue to find ways to have our hearts opened, our minds opened, and our doors opened to the world into which the Spirit of Christ has not stopped sending us.

This is the moment that can be the catalyst for new ways of doing church. This is the moment God is awakening new energy and vision to rise up among us and make church real again within this faith community and through this faith community.

What would happen if..... is the introduction to a new way of thinking about doing and being church not confined to a building or a structure or a scheduled moment of gathering. Church becomes the way we live and name Christ in the world. As we adjust to the changes and challenges of the economy of life we need to begin to live the extravagance of ministry that is rich in spirit

and open to a world that needs the Holy Spirit, but named and introduced in new ways.

Now is the moment to imagine "what if...."

Jim



UPCOMING LENTEN SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 7

Book Study

3:00 p.m.

Easter from the Back Side

Wednesday, March 10

Central's Evening Lenten Program

6:30 p.m. Light meal

7:15 p.m. Prayer Service

Introduction and Praying the Circle
(Child Care provided upon request)

Wednesday, March 10

Lutheran Church of the Ascension

4150 Pontiac Lake Rd

248-674-1212

Worship Leader:

Rev. Karen Williams

Saturday, March 13

5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Dinner and Game Night

(Child Care for 3 years and under)

Saturday, March 13

7:00 p.m.

Central Cinema

The Secret Life of Bees

Rated PG 13

Sunday, March 14

Book Study

3:00 p.m.

Easter from the Back Side

Wednesday, March 17

Central's Evening Lenten Program

6:30 p.m. Light meal

7:15 p.m. Prayer Service

Prayer Walk

(Child Care provided upon request)

Wednesday, March 17

Central United Methodist Church

3882 Highland Rd

Worship Leader:

Rev. Ken Fouty of Calvary

Lutheran Church, White Lake

KIDS CENTRAL MINISTRY NEWS

Dinner and Game Night

The next Game Night is on March 13th from 5-8 p.m. We will start with a potluck dinner @ 5 p.m. Child care will be available for kids 3 and under. Everyone is invited. Bring your favorite games to play. Sign up outside the church office.

Galactic Blast

Our summer Vacation Bible School will be out of this world!! Mark your calendar now: June 21-25 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. or NEW this year... we are offering an evening Vacation Bible School June 21-24 (Monday through Thursday) from 6-8 p.m. Many volunteers are needed to make Galactic Blast a fun, creative, spirit-filled, and safe week. If you are interested in volunteering (before, during or after VBS) or have ideas, comments or suggestions, please contact Rev. Miss Kathy.

Easter Egg Hunt

Save the date! Sunday, March 28 following the 10:30 a.m. service will be our annual Easter Egg Hunt. The youth will be making a delicious lunch and we will have games, egg coloring, pictures with the bunny, and of course, the Egg Hunt! Donations and volunteers are needed. Contact Rev. Kathy if you are willing to help. Please sign up by the church office or at www.kidscentralweb.org if you are planning to come so we have enough of everything.

Lunch with Miss Kathy

Come enjoy lunch with Miss Kathy on Wednesday, April 7 at 12:00 p.m. at the church. We will eat lunch together (bring your own lunch) and if the weather is nice, we will play outside (bring your bikes, skates, or scooter and don't forget your helmet!). If the weather is icky - we will play in Fellowship Hall.

Hey kids... have you done the March Bible Challenge yet?

www.kidscentralweb.org

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

www.waterfordcumc.org

* Praying Man image courtesy of Jean Smith

Daylight Savings Time
begins at 2:00 a.m. on March 14!
Turn your clocks forward 1 Hour!

LENTEN BOOK STUDY

Spend some time with us as we contemplate Easter with J. Ellsworth Kalas' book: "Easter from the Back Side." This 5 week study, led by Rev. Karen Williams, runs through March 21, on Sunday afternoons at 3:00 p.m. Sign up outside the Church office or contact kwilliams@waterfordcumc.org for more details.

CAT'S AND THE FIDDLER

At 7:00 p.m. Saturday night, March 6 the young inspiring trio "Cat's and the Fiddler" will take to the stage (actually the Sanctuary of Central Church) with their unique bluegrass sound. This trio played gospel bluegrass several years ago for our tent worship and were amazing then. Now, at the age of 14, they are seasoned professionals and will still amaze you with the skill. The concert is hosted by the Volunteer in Mission Team as a fundraiser to facilitate the work project around Atlanta, GA at the end of May to rebuild homes that were damaged by severe flooding a year ago. A free will offering will be taken.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
March 14 is "One Great Hour of Sharing." This Sunday is designated to remind us that, together as United Methodists, we share a great capacity for care and love in the midst of the deepest tragedies. This is a special offering that will support the work of the United Methodist Committee on Relief, whose work around the world is recognized as strong, meaningful, and working toward full restoration following disasters in all their forms that impact the human community, bringing food, shelter, health and peace.

CALLING ALL COOKS

The 9th Annual Chili Cook Off is coming! The date is Sunday, March 21, right after 2nd service, so bring your tastiest chili concoction to enter for a chance to be crowned Central Chili Champ. There are 2 categories: Meek & Mild and Hot & Wild. Even if you don't have a chili to enter, we need you to come judge and determine the winners. Dads' Diner will be open for lunch. Proceeds will benefit the Good Samaritan fund. Contact Myke Robson for more info...248-698-0430.

**HAPPY 20TH BIRTHDAY,
PURPLE THREADS!**

The Purple Threads will be celebrating their 20th Birthday this month. We invite all former Purple Threads members to be our guests at our year-end potluck on March 16th at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Following dinner we will view the DVD, "The True Easter Story, The Promise Kept" by Ray VanderLaan. Please RSVP to Diana Carter, 248-666-2575, by March 14 if you plan on attending. Purple Threads began on March 6, 1990 and over the past 20 years, 83 women have participated in various Bible studies and have been an active intercessory prayer group. We encourage all women of Central to join us in September when we will begin our 21st year. More information about the Purple Threads may be found on the church web site, <http://www.waterfordcumc.org/> under the Spiritual Enrichment tab.

30-HOUR FAMINE

Be sure to pledge your support for one (or more) of our Central youth as they participate in World Vision's *30-Hour Famine*, which kicks off Friday, March 19, at 6 p.m. and ends on Sunday, March 21. The kids will be making the rounds with their pledge forms in the coming week. Let's support our youth as they share in this valuable experience.

Welcome New Members

Steven and Sarah Credit
Leila Brandt, Claire and Sophia
1425 Bielby St.
Waterford, MI. 48328
248-618-3530

Ruth and Gary Greene
703 Sheryl Dr.
Waterford, MI 48328
248-682-9143

Cradle Roll

Welcome Kate Elizabeth
and Jake Jonathon Crump
born 2/24/2010
Daughter and Son of
Skip and Kim Crump
Grandchildren of Gay Crump
Niece and Nephew of
Ladessia and Kris Franklin
Cousins of Gabby and Olivia

COMMUNITY OF JUSTICE

Our first meeting was snowed out so you still have the opportunity to join us for the inaugural meeting on Tuesday, March 9, at 6:15 p.m. sharp to 7:00 p.m. Our purpose is to relate the gospel of Jesus Christ to the members of Waterford Central and to the people and structures of Waterford and the world. We will demonstrate that the reconciliation that God effected through Christ involves personal, social, and civic righteousness. Our prime responsibility is to seek the implementation of the Social Principles and Resolutions of the General and Detroit Annual Conferences on Christian social concerns. Just come or RSVP to Barb Spiece, stolafs@att.net, 681-4728 or Rev. Rich Peacock, rjpeacock@wowway.com, 1-248-321-7480

**ESCHTRUTH CIRCLE MEETS
MARCH 9th!**

The Eschtruth Circle will meet at 7:00 p.m. in Room 20 (downstairs) on Tuesday, March 9th. We will finish our book study and also have a program presented by Janice Mann on "The Masks We Wear." You are encouraged to bring a mask if one is available. Plan to join us as we resume our regular schedule! Any questions, please call Joanne Green at 248-698-1224

EASTER BRUNCH HELP

Are you able to lend a hand with the Easter Brunch on Easter morning? Rainy Stephenson is looking for some assistance with preparations for brunch. If you are willing to help out, please contact Rainy at rstephen@oakland.edu



FISH CLOSET

We are in need of the following items for our FISH Closet:

- Baked Beans
- Peanut Butter, large and small
- Jelly
- Soup
- Crackers
- Jello and Pudding
- Canned fruit
- Bathroom tissue,
- Paper towels
- Tooth paste, tooth brushes
- Health and beauty products (deodorant, shampoo, etc.)

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Deadlines..

The Chimes deadline is
March 11 for the
March 21 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
are available online on our website at
www.waterfordcumc.org



Let Me Shine
Let Me Shine
Let Me Shine
But Only If You Need Me

Worship Notes

*IN the beginning, God created
the heaven and the earth.
The earth was without form
and darkness was upon the
face of the deep. And the Spirit
of God was hovering over the
water.*

March 7

March 7, 2010

Third Sunday in Lent

Rev. Karen Williams, Preaching

9:00 a.m. Agape Ringers

10:30 a.m. Agape Ringers

Chancel Choir

March 14

Fourth Sunday in Lent

One Great Hour of Sharing

Communion

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Luke 15:1-3; 11b-32

“Welcome Home”

Rev. Jim Kellermann, Preaching

9:00 a.m. Jubilate Dancers

10:30 a.m. Jubilate Dancers

Chancel Choir

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

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