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We await the birth of our second child at any moment, or maybe any week. It is very difficult to pre-determine the timing of such miracles and grand moments of life. Because of history and an awareness of medical options the possibility of a Caesarean birth is always left in the future as a backup plan should the health of mother or child warrant it.

I greatly appreciate the wisdom of my daughter-in-law and son who long for the birthing to be natural but also prepare for the contingency. I know that neither option will exclude the great love and grace into which that baby, Alden by name, will emerge. Neither do I doubt the changes in life that will grow around this family, my family. The child will constitute a change in lifestyle, schedule, finances and available energy. Nonetheless Alden will join Harper in carrying all of us into a gracious and exciting future that will be filled with potential and possibility we can not yet imagine.

It is the paradigm of the church. We sometimes believe that we are fixed and set and have who we are and what we do down pat. But we are constantly finding that there is new life growing in and around us waiting for birth. The church is and has always been organic like that.

Some people are good at recognizing its potential and encouraging the transitions into this new life. And it flows naturally from what we have been and we let it unfold in its own good time. But there are those moments when the birthing of our future requires assistance. This is so not because of impatience, but because we see the "life that can be" not being given enough space to grow. Ernie Bauer's words ring in my ear (words he has heard from others): "Just do it."

What are we yet to be? Who has need of a ministry we do not yet offer? What worship formation will carry someone's imagination and soul to God that has yet to be shaped? What mission cries for assistance? What can hands and minds yet develop to offer God's love to this community and world?

There is a miracle yet to behold. It will unfold naturally among us even as it may require some assistance in finding its birth. Life will change (as it always has). And we will be found in joy because it will be the work of the Holy Spirit in which we will be engaged.

Jim

Worship Notes

WORSHIP NOTES

May 15, 2011

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47

"A Community in Connection"

Preaching: Rev. Jim Kellermann

Worship Arts

9:00 a.m. Good News Ringers

10:30 a.m. Good News Ringers/

Chancel Choir

May 22, 2011

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Aldersgate Sunday

(Annual Conference Weekend)

ONE SERVICE – 10:00 a.m.

Preaching: Mr. Kevin Brandon

Worship Arts

10:00 a.m. New Joy and Carol Choirs

May 29, 2011

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Memorial Day Weekend

Acts 17:22-31

"A Touchable God"

Preaching: Rev. Jim Kellermann

Worship Arts

9:00 a.m. YTBN Bells

10:30 a.m. YTBN Bells/

Chancel Choir

TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF 5/8/2011:

Year to date income: \$206,176.00

Year to date expenses: \$210,725.00

Sunday 5/8/11 offering: \$7,799.50

Born to Eternal Life

Clarence Boyer

11/20/1911 ~ 4/20/2011

Member of Central Since

4/6/1952

Our

Sincere Sympathies To

David Bess

on the death of his uncle

KIDS CENTRAL MINISTRY NEWS

SHAKE IT UP CAFE VBS

Summer will soon be here! Please make sure your calendar is marked for vacation bible school the week of June 20. We are also working on props and backgrounds for VBS every Thursday evening from 6-8 p.m. in Room 6 (downstairs). If you are available to help, please contact Rev. Kathy.

SUMMER CAMP

Kids, youth, and adults of all ages enjoy going to summer camp. The Detroit Annual Conference has a strong summer camping program for all ages. If you want to know more about summer camp, please see Rev. Kathy. Kids who have just completed Kindergarten through 2nd grade are also encouraged to come to the camp where Rev. Kathy is the Dean in August! If you missed Camp Sunday and would like to donate money to the camp scholarships fund, please contact Rev. Kathy. Last year we sent 11 campers and provided \$1666 in camp scholarships. Our scholarship fund is at zero and we want to support our campers. Your help is needed!

www.kidscentralweb.org

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Central offers a co-op childcare group for parents called Parents Night Out. The group offers childcare on the 3rd Saturday of the month for enrolled families. Parents are responsible for childcare twice a year, leaving 10 Saturdays a year for a free night out. Enrollment is usually open during the month of January, but a few of our enrolled families will be relocating, or "growing out" of the group, leaving openings. If you are interested, please contact Lincoln Simoni at (248)562-7219 or Carolyn Burnham at gentryburn@aol.com or call (248)673-1697.

*Our
Sincere Sympathies To*

Barbara Coombe
on the death of her mother,
Jill and Zenon Tomyn
on the death of her
grandmother

Audrey, Marcus and Cameron
on the death of their
great-grandmother

ANNUAL CONFERENCE OFFERINGS

A special Covenant Mission Offering will be received on Sunday, May 15 which will be taken by our lay members to the Detroit Annual Conference. These funds are for Haiti and/or Liberia with a project to be determined by the Conference Board of Global Ministry.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE MEMBERS:

Those attending Annual Conference with connection to Central Church this year will be: Active clergy: Rev. Kellermann; Rev. Kathy Pittenger. Lay members: Alice Alt; Ernie Bauer; Lisa Kelley. Additional lay members (representing other conference agencies: Jessica Arnold; Nancy Arnold; Cathy Hazen. Retired members of the Annual Conference: Rev. Paul Blomquist; Rev. Bonnie Byadiah; Rev. Rich Peacock; Janice Caldwell.

ORDINATION SERVICE

This is Annual Conference weekend and the moment for the ordination of Rev. Kathy Pittenger. The conference and ordination service take place at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, May 22 at Adrian College Chapel. In order to allow and encourage the congregation from Central to travel to Adrian we will share a single combined worship service at 10 a.m.. If you are planning on going to Adrian on Sunday and would have space for additional riders, or would be looking for a ride, please see the bulletin board outside the church office or call the office.

MAY 22 – ONE COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10 A.M.

ALL CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY

This wonderful building that is a tool for ministry is in need of an annual cleaning and fixing. All members are asked to share in this experience on Saturday, May 21, from 9 – noon. The Trustees will be developing the list of projects to help focus the day. Come and share the fellowship and help the church find its Godly shine.



TIME TO PLANT THE GARDEN!

The flowers will be planted in the Memorial Garden on Wednesday, May 18th starting at 9:30 am. Your help is needed and many hands make light work! Our rain date will be Thursday the 19th, same time. Your efforts will be greatly appreciated by all who enjoy the garden throughout the summer and fall. Please bring your garden tools, gloves and something to kneel on. Light refreshments will be served. We are also asking for help on the following Tuesdays for weeding: June 21, July 19 & August 16th all at 9:30 am. Mark your calendars now and watch for reminders in the Chimes and e-Central news. Thank You! The Memorial Garden Committee.

SPRING RUMMAGE NETS \$5,500!

Our church family always comes through and manages to accomplish the mission goals of our United Methodist Women. Our spring sale was made up of individual department leaders for Fellowship Hall, the Boutique, Books, Toys, Men's Dept., French Room and the kitchen, along with our very efficient treasurer who makes sure our cashiers keep the customers happy! Special thanks go to Rachel Pierre who worked as a co-chair for the entire week and made sure the sale was a success. If you ever want an example of teamwork and fellowship, please plan to join us for our fall sale! We definitely have the Holy Spirit working among us! Joanne Green, Rummage Coordinator



FISH PANTRY CUPBOARD IS NEARLY BARE!

Can you help us restock the Community Food Pantry? We are experiencing increasing requests for food assistance from our FISH pantry. We are out of spaghetti sauce, spaghetti noodles, cereal and jelly. We are also extremely low on canned tuna fish, canned fruit, crackers, jello/pudding, canned pasta, boxed potatoes, paper towels, toilet paper, tooth paste, and bar soap. We often have requests for laundry detergent as well. Your help is greatly appreciated.

FISH PANTRY SHOPPER

Are You Interested in Occasionally Shopping For FISH? If so, please contact Pam Fisher in the Church office, or contact rmpierre@comcast.net.

ATTENTION ALL GRADUATES AND PARENTS!

Are you, your son or daughter, graduating from high school, college or trade school this spring? If so, we want to know about it! Please be sure to turn in the graduation information along with a photo to the church office by May 31. Forms are available in the Church office or on line. Remember to include future plans such as college, work, military service, marriage, etc. We will use the photos and information as part of a celebration display for Graduation Sunday on June 12. Please join us on that day so we may recognize your accomplishments! Any Questions? Please contact Leslie Tobakos at 248-698-9535 or Pam Fisher.

Did You Know?

LABEL COLLECTION

We will no longer be collecting the Heinz Baby Food labels or the Campbell Soup labels here at the Church. Campbell Soup Labels may be sent to Sandburg Elementary School at: 1355 MERRY RD WATERFORD MI 48328, or you may drop them off to Rachel Pierre. Rachel will coordinate delivering the labels to Sanburg School.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Through the graciousness of the Kuhn Family and the estate of Margaret Luther and Virginia Selle, Central Church is able to offer five college scholarships for graduating high school seniors and three scholarships for continuing college students. These are in the amounts of \$1,000 each. The applications can be accessed online through the church website. The scholarship application deadline is May 31. Also available is scholarship assistance for technical or trade training in memory of Donald Loomis. Please inquire in the church office.



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

NEW PLAY YARD MULCH!

Parents and Church Leaders: Please be sure to supervise children in the play yard behind the Church. The newly placed mulch has been installed to ensure the safety of all children utilizing the area. The mulch should remain on the ground and not be carried onto the structures. Thank you for your cooperation.

CENTRAL CINEMA

Central Cinema presents "Avatar" on Saturday, June 5, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. From the imaginative science fiction genre comes this epic story of a paraplegic marine on a mission to a distant moon where technology allows him to function in the body of an Avatar. Through this persona he finds love and a deeper meaning to life than the consuming greed of those who brought him here. Celebrated for its technology and special effects, this film is rated PG 13.



Our Final Central Café meal of the season will be served on May 19. We will be having hot dogs and toppings with an alternate entree. Come and celebrate the close of another great Central Café season. Thank you Sheila and Thursday evening volunteers for all of your hard work!

FAITHLINK SCHEDULE

Faithlink is a Sunday morning group that focuses on application of faith to current events connecting the Bible, United Methodism, and life today. Our Faithlink group meets in the Library (Room 108) with social time at 9:00 a.m. Class at 9:15 am.

May 15, the topic will be "Asking the Questions." Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend!

Coming up: "What Happened at the Detroit Annual Conference"

Watch for dates to be announced!

May 22, no class. One 10:00 a.m. service!

May 29 and June 5, Reports from Annual Conference.

HARVESTER SCHEDULE

May 26, (Fourth Thursday)

Potluck in the Parlor

followed by the DVD:

"When Christians Get It Wrong."

Please call Alice and Jim Alt if you have any questions. (248) 681-9745.



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SPRING FLOWER SALE

Our annual spring plant sale has begun and will run through June 9. The Spring Flower Sale is sponsored by Sunshine Plants, located at: 1240 Bogie Lake Rd, in White Lake Township. By arrangement with Sunshine Plants, 7% of every sale will come back to CUMC for use by the various ministries. Flats are only \$9.99! Coupons will be coming soon to your spring Sunday bulletins and will also be available in the Church office in the next coming weeks.



UMW INGATHERING

"Sleep Tight, Sleep Safe"

Central United Methodist Women are collecting new twin sheet sets in x-long lengths for shelters and other social service agencies in this area as part of the Detroit East District UMW InGathering. Sheets can be any color, print or fabric, with the exception of satin or other slippery fabrics. Sets include 1 flat sheet, 1 fitted sheet and 1 pillowcase. If the sheets are not pre-packaged in sets, please put them in extra large zip-lock bags. Sheets sets may be dropped off at anytime in the Church office.

LOOKING AHEAD

UMW FALL RETREAT

September 9 & 10, 2011

Bad Girls of the Bible!

SENIORS' LAW DAY

Tuesday, May 24, 2011,

9 am - 12 Noon.

Waterford Senior Center,
3621 Pontiac Lake Rd.
Waterford. 248-682-94-50.

The following FREE seminars are being offered:

- Estate Planning: Wills and Trusts
- Reverse Mortgages
- Medicaid
- Family Law for Seniors
- Credit Cards and Financial Scams

Free Legal Advice-Ask a Lawyer

A free continental breakfast will be available from 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. by Medical Professionals and Booth Patterson, Attorneys & Counselors. A free Lunch will be available on a first come first serve basis sponsored by the Oakland County Bar Foundation. Please call to register for this free event a (248) 334-3400.



MINUTES ON LINE

We have begun putting the CUMC committee meeting minutes on the Central on-line calendar, available on our Central United Methodist Church website! You can find them by opening up the meeting event listing for the date on which they occurred. Just click the link and they will open up in a new window. We hope that this effort will provide improved understanding into each group's function and procedures. If you have questions about accessing the minutes, please contact Pam at: pfisher@waterfordcumc.org.

Thank You!

Many Thanks

to the Church for the beautiful Easter Lily and to Beth and Hannah Perry for delivering it after Church. It had eight beautiful lilies.

Virginia Behler

Thank you for helping me with food in April. I am going through very tough times right now, and I appreciate your caring and generosity. For a few weeks, I can stop worrying about how I will feed myself. I currently don't have a driver's license, so I am unable to work, and I have to rely on the generosity of others. I appreciate your help. Keep me in your prayers.

Matthew from Waterford

Address Changes

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Ortonville, MI 48462



Special thanks to Rev. Rich Peacock, Barb Laing and the 15 mentors who walked with the students, and thank you to the parents and families of the students.

Pictured from top left: Barb Laing, Vince Fochesato, Kate Blomquist, Anna Kelley, Shannon Beedle, Holly Brandon, Rev. Kathy Pittenger, Matthew Hoehn, Sara Lain, Connor Bollenbacher, Ellie Braden, Sean McLaren, Anthony Simoni, Rachel Maes, Trisha Lyon, Anna Kuhn, Cameron Tomyn.

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fice and she'll sign you up herself!

Worship Participants

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

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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.

MAY 22, 2011 - ONE SERVICE

We will have only one combined service
on Sunday, May 22, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.
to allow for the congregation to attend
the ordination ceremonies at 2:00 p.m.
of Rev. Kathy Pittenger at
Adrian College Chapel.

PROGRAM STAFF

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**Worship Services at
9:00 & 10:30 am**