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We face Thanksgiving this week and it prompts us to reflect and verbalize what we are called to do daily: to remember and rejoice in grace in every moment.

The national image of Thanksgiving in the United States is that of a community of Europeans who celebrate the founding of their colony and the survival of their first year. It was a survival that was made possible only because of the generosity of the native population there who provided the necessary seed and knowledge to produce enough food for the colonists. Without that hospitality, there would not have been enough food for the number of people in the community.

Perhaps our Thanksgiving commitment ought to be to offer this same hospitality for those who are seeking to survive in harsh environments as we celebrate community. How much of our ministry is gauged by hospitality: work at Baldwin Community Center; Good Samaritan ministries; Fish Closet food; Blessings in a Backpack; Oakland County Jail Ministries; free breakfasts for those in our community; explorations of support for Justice for Our Neighbor and for ministries to the growing Hispanic population in our midst.

Thanksgiving is an acknowledgement of grace that God has provided through all sorts of challenges and difficulties and is manifested through the lives and gifts of others. How are we manifesting that grace to the community and the world around us so that others will find themselves thankful to God for grace and gifts given them?

Jim

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS
The traditional hanging of the Greens at Central Church will be Saturday, November 26 from 9:00 to noon. Many hands are needed to set up trees, deck the halls, and add that wonderful spirit of Advent/Christmas for this season. The fellowship is deep, the joy profound, and the work a blessing to the faith community. Come join the fun. All are welcome. Thanks to Tom Lewis for organizing and gathering again this year.

CURRENCY OF GRACE

123 individuals and families have already responded to the Currency of Grace given through them by God with estimates of giving for 2012. These total \$306,753. This is a good beginning and reflects an increase among this body of people. While we celebrate the beginning, we recognize that many of you have not had this opportunity to share in the hope and expectation of vital ministry in the coming year with an estimate of your giving. Forms that help you think about this have been mailed to your homes (unless you have already given an estimate). Your quick and faithful response will allow the grace of God to flow ever stronger through us and into a world waiting to be touched by God's love. If you have questions or need to change your estimate at any time, please do not hesitate to call the church office.

INVITATION SUNDAY

Sunday, November 20 is Invitation Sunday. Anyone desiring to join Central Church as an active Member is encouraged to declare their faith and membership at either of the morning worship services.

LUNCH ON NOVEMBER 20

Stay after the 10:30 am worship service for a special Thanksgiving-like meal. All proceeds will go to the Blessings IN a Backpack program at Sandburg Elementary School.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

I know it's hard to believe, but Christmas is just around the corner! Plans are already underway for this year's Clothe-A-Child Program. The program provides warm, winter clothing to local children. Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, we were able to clothe 477 children from the Waterford School District in 2010! As you start planning your Christmas Budgets and Charitable Giving, please keep this wonderful program in mind. Checks can be made out to the United Methodist Women (please write "Clothe-A-Child" on the memo line) and dropped off in the church office. Watch for more information in future chimes, on a display board in the office hallway, at Compassionate Christmas, or you can contact Andrea Baxter (ab73blue@gmail.com or 248.666.9788) if you have any questions.

KIDS CENTRAL MINISTRY NEWS

BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY

Are you up to the challenge? I hear all the time, "we need more children and young families at church." So here is your opportunity to invite a friend, co-worker, or neighbor who doesn't go to church and may be looking for a community to belong to. Rev. Kathy probably has something up her sleeve if we meet the challenge. :)

SAVE THE DATE

One Starry Night
Sunday, December 4, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Come experience Bethlehem as it was at Jesus' birth. Meet the innkeeper, census taker, marketplace shopkeepers, Mary and Joseph, and more!
All ages are encouraged to come and participate!

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

www.kidscentralweb.org

JAIL MINISTRY CHRISTMAS PROJECT
253 bars of soap and 120 Christmas cards with stamped envelopes have been received from you and delivered! We are still collecting until the Sunday after Thanksgiving.

The "Packages of Hope" project goal is to give each inmate at the Oakland County Jail a gift package containing 3 stamped Christmas cards (which they can send to loved ones), soap, a Bible, and other personal hygiene items.

A note received from "Jail Ministry Outreach" Staff and Volunteers: for items received to date from our Church: soap, cards, and items from the Rummage Sale: "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."

INGATHERING FOR BALDWIN

On November 20, we are asking you to bring in food for Thanksgiving food baskets for Baldwin. While you shop for your Thanksgiving, please think of those who do not have the funds for this special day. If shopping is not on your list, we will gladly accept donations to CUMC for Baldwin food baskets. Thanks!

THE MANY FACES OF CHRISTMAS

Advent Event
November 27th

Creche Displays in Fellowship Hall
Display of individual special Christmas Collections

To make this a special advent occasion you are encouraged to wear your Christmas accessories.

Velette Svenkesen and Marion Steeber

KNIT FOR KIDS

We are getting closer! Can you help us reach our goal of 1,000 sweaters before the end of the year? We need just 16 more! See the table next to the Bride's Room for samples, patterns and free yarn. We send the sweaters to World Vision and they are sent to children in this country and all around the world. Cold weather is approaching for many children and a warm sweater will be a gift of love to those who need to know that someone cares. Thank you to our dedicated knitters!

Diana Carter, Knit for Kids Chairperson,
248-666-2575



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.

PRAYER SHAWLS

Four members of our church met between Worship Services, Sunday, Oct. 23, to bless 4 shawls made by our members. They will be taken to 4 persons who we want to know we love them. This makes a total of 10 shawls made by our members.

Do you have time to pray and crochet or knit a prayer shawl for a shut-in or very ill member? Please contact me for instructions or when you have one completed. God bless you,
Phyllis Liming 248-673-7584

VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION

In May of 2011 Joplin, MO was struck by one of the deadliest tornados in U.S. history. 162 people lost their life in the path of destruction. Besides human life lost, the damage to the community is the costliest in America. With the intent to aid in the rebuilding of the community and the bringing of grace and hope, Central UMC is planning a Mission Trip to Joplin Saturday, April 21, through Sunday, April 29 2012. This Volunteer in Mission Trip (VIM) is looking for team members and fund-raising opportunities. Contact Rev. Kellermann if you are interested or want more details.

ADVENT HOME WORSHIP

MEDITATIONS

The staff and congregation of Central Church have provided a series of meditations for daily use during Advent this year. With a Thank you to Rev. Pittenger for editing it, these will be available in the church office and on the tables around the church.

BOWLING

With shouts of joy and dismay, 54 bowlers gave it their best shot at 300 Bowl on Sunday, November 6. Some of them were cheers for strikes and for some really nice pickups on spares. One team, "Penny's Loafers", even had matching team shirts, making all of us wonder if we were in the big leagues! Big kids and little kids all had a great time. Mark your calendars for the next bowling opportunity on January 29 at 1:30 p.m.

HOLIDAY CONCERTS

We are blessed to have the Motor City Brass and the Jackson Chorale back again at Central this holiday season!

The Motor City Brass will be here December 3 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15 or \$10 for seniors and students. Tickets are available at the Waterford Library or Waterford Parks and Rec.

The Jackson Chorale will be performing on December 10 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$13 in advance or \$15 at the door. Senior citizens and students are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. Please visit www.jacksonchorale.org for ticket info.

BLOOD DRIVE

Roll up your sleeves and participate in our vital 'day after Thanksgiving' Red Cross blood drive here at Central. WHO? You! WHEN? Friday, November 25, from 1:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. WHERE? In Fellowship Hall. WHY? Because you are blessed with compassion. HOW? Sign-up sheet is in our fellowship hallway, or (brand spanking new) go to www.redcross.org and use our e-donor schedule found there!

MISSION CARDS

Christmas greeting cards supporting missions will be available for \$5 each on Sundays, Dec. 4, 11, and 18. The inside of each missions card is "a gift in your honor has been given to...(name of mission) Cards for 4 or 5 missions including Baldwin Center, A Place of Hope, C. W. Duncan School in Liberia, and Clothe-a-Child will be on a table in the chapel hallway. These cards make great gifts for coworkers, teachers, friends and relatives.

UMW PROGRAM

The UMW sponsored lunch and Christmas program will be held Sun., Dec. 11 right after second service. All are invited regardless of age or gender. If you can bring a salad or dessert or if you can help with set up, or clean up, please contact Janice Mann.

TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF 11/14/2011

Year to date income: \$457,915.00

Year to date expenses: \$474,027.00

Sunday 10/16 offering: \$7,768.50

December Birthdays

Best Wishes to the following members

Celebrating a Birthday of
80 years or more.

David Bess - December 5

Earline Huntley - December 12

John Pagen - December 27

December Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following couples

Celebrating an Anniversary
of 50 years or more.

Ron and Sue Pearsall

December 2 ~ 50 years

James and Virginia Bensken

December 11 ~ 58 years

Maurice and Darlene Grant

December 11 ~ 56

John and Nancy Radenbaugh

December 20 ~ 53 years

John and Liz Sawyers

December 28 ~ 54 years

Walter and Irene Kuznecoff

December 30 ~ 50 years

BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK

Packing has started and there will be pictures and updates on the Church web site. Thanks for all of your support for this ministry!

THANK YOU!

Thanks to the Thursday Morning Breakfast men, and particularly to Chuck Kneisel for opening up our brambled path. What a delight to discover the road we all use under the canopy of trees and between the wetlands on the church property.

FAITHLINK: ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

You are invited to join us on Sunday mornings. Coffee at 9:00 am and class begins promptly at 9:15 and goes until 10:15. You are welcome whenever you can come! Recent topics have been Peace and Poverty, Young Christians and the Church, and Call to Action - a plan to reorder the UMC.

Leaders: Rev. Rich Peacock, Janice Mann and Barb Spiece

THE SEED IS PLANTED...

We are exploring a new kind of service to add to our schedule. This would be an energetic, interactive, emerging worship service. We hope to reach those looking for something new, those looking to be recharged, and those in the community just looking. If this appeals to you, we invite you to join us on this venture! We begin in a few weeks with a study by Dan Kimball so that we may discover our purpose and direction.

For more information, contact Myke Robson or Kevin Brandon. Let the Spirit move you!

December 2011

The services on Sundays are at 9:00 and 10:30 am.

The Rock is our children's program during the 10:30 am service. Nursery and Pre-School care available

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 World AIDS Day 9:00am Faith Link - Room 108 9:00am Worship Service 10:30am The Rock 10:30am Worship Service 5:30pm One Starry Night 5:30pm Youth Group	5 10:00am UMW Book Club - Parlor 11:00am Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00pm Boy Scouts - Fellowship Hall 7:30pm Jackson Chorale Rehearsal - Sanctuary	6 9:00am Adele Thomas Bells - Bell Room 1:00pm Hutchinsonson Circle-Parlor 1:00pm Tuesday Musicales Board mtg. - Room 108 6:30pm Bellissima! - Bell Room	7 7:00am Blue Christmas 10:00am Book Study - Parlor 11:30am Olive Mae Glenn Circle- Parlor	1 Central Cafe Schedule Harvesters-Outing 8:00am Thursday Morning Breakfast 9:30am Tuesday Musicales Chorus - Choir Room 4:15pm Kids Club-Room 114 6:15pm Advent Study-Parlor 7:30pm Nar-Anon 8:00pm NA - Room 20	2 2:30pm Piano Tuning-Sanctuary/Choir room	3 One Starry Night~Setup 8:00am Scrapbook Openhouse-Room 20 7:00pm Motor City Brass 7:00pm NA
11 9:00am Faith Link - Room 108 9:00am Worship Service 10:30am The Rock 10:30am Worship Service 12:00pm UMW Luncheon and Program - FH 5:00pm Christmas Caroling 5:30pm Youth Group Christmas Party-Parsonage	12 9:30am Tuesday Musicales Dress Rehearsal - Sanctuary 11:00am Alcoholics Anonymous 5:00pm Boy Scouts - ALL FH 7:00pm Finance Meeting Rm 108	13 9:00am Adele Thomas Bells - Bell Room 7:30pm Tuesday Musicales Program - Sanctuary and FH	14 10:00am Book Study - Parlor 6:30pm UMW Mission Team -Parlor	15 Central Cafe Schedule 8:00am Thursday Morning Breakfast 12:00pm Harvesters - Parlor 1:30pm Piano Tuning~FH(Stage) 4:15pm Kids Club-Room 114 6:15pm Advent Study-Parlor 7:30pm Nar-Anon 8:00pm NA - Room 20	16 9:30am Mom's Club of Waterford-Room 114	17 7:30am Tuesday Musicales Auditions - Sanc., FH 1:00pm Poinsettia tree set-up 3:00pm Piano Recital - FH Stage End 4:30pm Parent's Night Out 7:00pm NA
18 Caroling No Youth Group 9:00am Faith Link - Room 108 9:00am Worship Service 10:30am The Rock 10:30am Worship Service	19 11:00am Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00pm Church Council - Room 108	20	21 10:00am Book Study- Room 108 12:00pm Harvesters- Parlor	22 No Central Cafe 8:00am Thursday Morning Breakfast 6:15pm Advent Study-Parlor 7:30pm Nar-Anon 8:00pm NA - Room 20	23	24 6:00pm Christmas Eve Family Worship Service 7:00pm NA 8:00pm Carols and Candle Light Worship Service
25 No Youth Group 9:00am Faith Link - Room 108 10:00am Worship Service 10:30am The Rock	26 11:00am Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30pm ALS Support - Parlor 7:00pm Staff Parish Meeting - Rm 108	27 7:00pm Trustees - Room 108	28 10:00am Book Study - Parlor	29 Central Cafe Schedule 8:00am Thursday Morning Breakfast 4:15pm Kids Club-Room 114 7:30pm Nar-Anon 8:00pm NA - Room 20	30	31 7:00pm NA

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column, or call Rich at the Church
office 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

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

NOVEMBER 20, 2011
Reign of Christ Sunday
Thanksgiving Sunday
 Bread for the World Sunday
 Baldwin Ingathering
 Invitation Sunday
 Matthew 25:31-46
 "Affording the King's Tribute"
 Rev. Jim Kellermann, preaching
 Worship Arts
 9:00 a.m. - Youth Choir
 10:30 a.m. - Youth Choir, Chancel Choir

NOVEMBER 23, 2011
Thanksgiving Eve Worship
 7:00 p.m. Wednesday
 Luke 17:11-19
 "The Gift within the Gift"
 Rev. Jim Kellermann, preaching

NOVEMBER 27, 2011
First Sunday in Advent
 (United Methodist Student Sunday)
 Mark 13:24-37
 Isaiah 64:1-9
 "A Time Worth the Wait"
 Rev. Jim Kellermann, preaching
 Worship Arts - Chancel Choir

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