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In his latest book, *Have a Little Faith*, Mitch Albom examines and expands his faith through interviews with his lifelong Rabbi, who has asked Mitch to give his eulogy. Visiting his childhood home, he finds the same rhythm of life he left behind, and reflects on his childhood wish to leave the banal and be a citizen of the world. He now realizes that "you can touch many things but be connected to nothing." His 'community' was his workplace, and the commonality they shared, but with layoffs and downsizing, where did his coworkers go for comfort?

Albom sees that it is the gift of churches and temples who have comforted, took up collections, cooked meals, and gave money to pay bills. "They did it with love, empathy, and the knowledge that it was part of the supportive undercarriage of a 'sacred community'."

This is the impetus of our Communities of Ministry structure. Each of us is connected to this sacred community, small groups bind us together, and we deepen our faith as we hold each other in Christian love and prayer. If you've not yet had an opportunity to fill out your ministry interest inventory (available in the office), I encourage you to do so. You will find, as I have, that the gifts we receive in the sharing of our time and talent, are greater than our contributions.

Nearly sixty members gathered on November 8, for our annual church conference with District Superintendent Rev. Duane Miller. We saw a parody of "The Wizard of Oz" with the pastor waking up in the Land of Oz thinking he alone has to manage all of the aspects of church. The end clip shows him clicking his ruby slippers and finding upon his return to Kansas that his church is full of every gift needed for ministry, echoing our Communities of Ministry model.

**Visit our websites at:** [www.waterfordcumc.org](http://www.waterfordcumc.org), [www.littlesproutspreschool.org](http://www.littlesproutspreschool.org)

**Visit the Kids Central Website at:** [www.kidscentralweb.org](http://www.kidscentralweb.org).

**Sermons & Select Music also available online on our main website!**

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Annual reports show our membership held at 754 in 2009, despite the loss of many saints of the church, and giving thanks for our newest members. We affirm the grace and gifts of ministry led by senior pastor Rev. Jim Kellermann, and grieve the necessary wage freeze that affects Jim and staff. Rev. Karen Williams and Rev. Kathy Pittenger will each receive an increase to the minimum wage level required for their status and years of service as required by the annual conference. We affirmed the gifts of retired clergy and certified lay speakers in our midst.

Church council chair Rich Kuhn Jr., as Regis Philbin in "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" engaged the audience in fun exploration of ministry highlights. He quizzed Lisa Kelley, our Communications Coordinator, while the youth added campy flash-light special effects. We laughed together, we grieved together, and together we form a sacred community for which I am grateful.

Special thanks to Janice Mann who steps down after several years of serving as the Outreach Ministry Coordinator. Her great work in connecting us to missions has allowed our light to shine into the dark corners of the world. Thank you for sharing your heart and passion with us so generously.

*Nancy Arnold*  
Lay Leader

**YOUR MINISTRY COORDINATORS**

***NURTURING:***

**BOB AND RAINY STEVENSON**

***OUTREACH:***

**MARIA BURDEN**

**CHIMES** Deadlines...

The Chimes deadline is November 25 for the December 6 Chimes.

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**WORSHIP NOTES**

**November 22, 2009**

Reign of Christ Sunday  
Thanksgiving Sunday  
John 18:33-37  
"The Return of the King"  
Rev. Jim Kellermann, preaching  
9:00 a.m.  
New Joy and Carol Choirs  
10:30 a.m.  
Chancel Choir  
New Joy and Carol Choirs

**November 29, 2009**

First Sunday in Advent  
United Methodist Student Sunday  
Rev. Karen Williams, preaching  
9:00 a.m.  
Chelsea Cortese, dance  
10:30 a.m.  
Chelsea Cortese, dance  
Chancel Choir

*Born to Eternal Life*

Phyllis Landon  
5/4/1916 ~ 11/2/2009  
Member of Central since  
5/18/1980

*Welcome New Members*

Leonard and Judy Klaft  
2360 Fairbanks  
Waterford  
Lawrence Williams  
4011 Shaddick Rd.  
Waterford, MI

Mark and Pamela Karavite  
Nicholas, Christian, Brandon & Mandy  
Waterford, MI  
CONGRATULATIONS  
TO OUR NEWEST  
*50 Year Member*  
Pauline Smith

*Mark your Calendar*

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE  
November 25 at 7:00 p.m.  
A NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM  
December 6, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
BLUE CHRISTMAS  
Wednesday, December 9 7:00 p.m.  
UMW CHRISTMAS PARTY  
When: 11:45 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 13  
MISSION CARDS  
Will be available in the Chapel Hallway  
Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13 and 20.

**KIDS CENTRAL MINISTRY NEWS**

*Bible Challenge*

The ROCK Bible Challenge is well underway. Congrats to the kids who have reached 10 points and gotten their sticker. Information and the point chart are on the Kids Central Bulletin Board and on The ROCK board (by the Chapel). Kids – check it out to see your progress. For more information about the Bible Challenge go to: [www.kidscentralweb.org](http://www.kidscentralweb.org).

*Compassionate Christmas*

The ROCK kids are participating in Compassionate Christmas this year by selling "stained glass" stars to benefit the C.W. Duncan School in Liberia, Africa. Each star will be \$5.00 and will include information about the school. Tuition for a student to attend the C.W. Duncan School is about \$70 per year. Our goal is to sponsor two students to attend school, which means we need to sell 28 stars.

*A Night in Bethlehem*

Make sure your calendar has Sunday, December 6th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. marked off as a Night in Bethlehem. This Inter-generational Hands-On Holy Land Experience will be one to remember! Families will have the opportunity to meet shopkeepers and help with their craft, sing Christmas songs, meet Mary and Joseph in the Stable (along with some real animals), have your family picture taken and more! You do not want to miss this night! Sign-up sheets are located outside the church office and at [www.kidscentralweb.org](http://www.kidscentralweb.org). For more information, please contact Rev. Kathy or visit the website.

*Babies First Christmas*

We will celebrate all the babies born in 2009 who are celebrating their first Christmas on Sunday, December 6th at the 10:30 a.m. service. If you have not received a letter from Rev. Kathy and want your child to be included in this event, please contact Rev. Kathy as soon as possible.

*Advent Studies For Kids*

We will have two Advent Studies for our kids this year. The first is for all Tweens (grades 4-6) on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Miss Kathy's house (Dec. 2, 9, and 16). The second is for all elementary age kids on Thursday evenings from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in The Oasis. An Adult Advent Study will take place at the same time and will be led by Rich Pittenger. If you are interested, please contact Rev. Kathy: [kpittenger@waterfordcumc.org](mailto:kpittenger@waterfordcumc.org)

[www.kidscentralweb.org](http://www.kidscentralweb.org)

### HANGING OF THE GREENS

a/k/a Deck the Halls!

Hanging of the Greens is one of those wonderful traditions at Central that is a true inter-generational family affair. On the Saturday after Thanksgiving, November 28, we will decorate the entire Church building for Christmas. Everyone is welcome to join us at 9 a.m. to hang wreaths and garlands, decorate Christmas trees, put up lights, and set up nativity scenes. Lunch is provided. Since we need a head count, please sign up on the sheet posted by the office. Thanks.

### CHRISTMAS IS COMING

I know it's hard to believe, but Christmas will be here before we know it! Plans are already underway for this year's Clothe-A-Child Program. Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, we were able to clothe 416 children from the Waterford School District in 2008! Due to the increased economic struggles the families in our community are facing, we have added a 5th school to our list this year. With this in mind, we are anticipating having over 500 children to clothe. As you start your Christmas Budgets, 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. Contact Andrea Baxter (ab73blue@hotmail.com or 248.666.9788) if you have any questions.

### DECEMBER 6 COMMUNION

For Communion on the Second Sunday of Advent (December 6), we are inviting the congregation to help provide bread from their own cultural traditions. The focus for all Advent will be around the Christ child as a Child of the World. The varying breads will help share that wider global image of the Body of Christ we will share in communion. Please have the bread wrapped and sealed and at Church no later than Thursday morning so it may be prepared for communion.

### CHILDREN'S HOME CARDS

Delightful hand-drawn Christmas Cards with the artist's message are for sale again benefiting the Methodist Children's Home Society. The children gather before the Holidays and design their own entry for the Christmas cards each year. This year we have a choice of six designs (two of each design) 12 cards in a packet for \$8.00. Becky Lund and Nancy Radenbaugh will have them available through the 13th of December. We will be in the hallway on Sundays and at the Compassionate Christmas Sale 11/22/09.

### BLOOD DRIVE

Roll up your sleeves and participate in our 'day after Thanksgiving' Red Cross blood drive at Central. The date is Friday, November 27, from 1:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. in fellowship hall. Walk-ins are welcome, but best to sign up after church on the sign-up sheet in the hallway by the coat closets, or weekdays inside the office. See you there!

**THANKSGIVING HOSPITALITY**  
Communities, like families, care for each other. Many of you have been or are being graced by the ministry communities at Central. As Thanksgiving Day approaches, the Nurturing Community would like to connect those who are unable to spend the holidays with family with other folks willing to invite them to their homes for a Thanksgiving celebration. If you're interested in being a host or a guest on Thanksgiving, please fill out the form in your bulletin and put it in the offering plate or take it to the office. If guests and hosts are not already connected, Bob and Rainy Stephenson will match you up.

### BALDWIN INGATHERING

CUMC will once again participate in a collection of gift items and perishable foods for Baldwin Center Holiday Store. For a complete list of items needed, go to <http://www.baldwincenter.org/needs.htm>. Drivers are needed to deliver to Baldwin. Please call the Church office if you can help. 248-681-0040.

### MORE COMMUNION NOTES

We have become conscious of the H1N1 flu issues and are trying to continue to provide the sacrament with better hygienic options to protect as much as we can. Therefore we have been using small glasses rather than the common cup (used for intinction) and cubed bread. We will also make additional adjustments to help care for each of you as this flu season continues.

### PRAY THE DEVIL BACK TO HELL

This is the title of a film about the mothers' call for justice that ended the civil war and brought the opportunity for renewal and reform in Liberia. This film will be shown during Compassionate Christmas as well as other times. It is a great history lesson of the conflict in Liberia, its aftermath, and the reason for so much of our prayers and support as they rebuild their country. Liberia is a strong United Methodist Conference and the Monrovia district is the sister district to our own Detroit East District. Donations for this film will support scholarships for the C.W. Duncan School (a local United Methodist Church run K-9 school).

### DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY

A Disciple 1 Bible Study Class is being created for Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. beginning December 7. This intentional Bible study builds community, inspires discipleship and creates a sound understanding of the Bible. It requires daily readings and a 2 to 2 1/2 hour class for 34 weeks. Contact Rev. Karen Williams if you would like to join the class. You will not be disappointed.

### ADVENT BOOK STUDY

Join Rev. Karen Williams on an Advent Journey as you study a Christmas book by J. Ellsworth Kales entitled Christmas from the Backside. We will meet Wednesdays in Advent, December 2, 9, 16 at 7:00 p.m. and Closing on Sunday, December 20 after second service with a Pot Luck Christmas celebration. Cost of the book is \$7.00.

### COMPASSIONATE CHRISTMAS

Is happening again this year on November 22! Many missions will be present. We will have a Dad's Diner and Cookie Walk! If you are making cookies, please drop them off that morning or earlier!

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• POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

• As part of our Advent/Christmas celebration, we will be ordering Poinsettias

• to use as part of the decorations in the sanctuary. These plants will be in six-

• inch pots with gold wrappers. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

• In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

• In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

• I will take after the 11:00 p.m. service on December 24th \_\_\_\_\_

• OR Please deliver to a shut-in \_\_\_\_\_

• Amount enclosed: Number of plants \_\_\_\_\_ x \$7.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

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

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## FIRST WEEK IN DECEMBER

A full December Calendar will appear in the next publication. Go to [www.waterfordcumc.org/calendar](http://www.waterfordcumc.org/calendar) for the most up-to-date calendar listings.

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

10:30 Recovery International  
1:00 Hutchinson Circle  
7:00 Survivors of Suicide

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

11:30 Olive Mae Glenn  
6:00 Ceremony of Carols Rehearsal  
7:00 Advent Bible Study

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

8:00 Thursday Morning Breakfast  
5:00 Central Cafe' Schedule  
6:00 Ceremony of Carols Rehearsal  
7:00 Advent Bible Study  
7:30 Nar-Anon  
8:00 NA

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

No events scheduled

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

A Night in Bethlehem Setup  
11:00 Harvesters to Redford Theater  
4:00 Alcoholics Anonymous  
5:00 Motor City Brass

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

9:00 Faithlink  
9:00 Worship Service  
10:30 The Rock & Stepping Stones  
10:30 Worship Service  
11:45 UMW Christmas Party  
12:00 Divorce Care 4 Kids  
12:00 Divorce Care Support  
5:30 A Night at Bethlehem

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20 Bultonwood Dr.  
Exton, PA 19341-2057

Walter and Doris Cortese  
5930 Highway 85  
Riverdale, GA 30274

## December Birthdays

Best Wishes to the following members  
Celebrating a Birthday of  
80 years or more.

David Bess, December 5  
Earline Huntley, December 12  
Frank Merwin, December 13  
Mary Tang, December 15

## December Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following couples  
Celebrating an Anniversary  
of 50 years or more.

Ralph and Virginia Behler  
December 4, 61 Years  
Charles and Jean Smith  
December 8, 53 Years  
James and Virginia Bensken  
December 11, 56 Years  
Maurice and Darlene Grant  
December 11, 54 years  
John and Nancy Radenbaugh  
December 20, 51 Years  
John and Elizabeth Sawyers  
December 28, 52 Years

## Thank You

*Dear CUMC,*

It was so nice to receive some cookies from home! The cookies were delicious. Thanks for thinking of me. Love, Audrey Tomyn

*Dear Central,*

Thank you for the care package of cookies. It was very thoughtful of you all! It's my senior year and I can't believe it's almost over. I hope everyone has a wonderful year and thank you again.  
Nicky Lijewski

*Dear Church family,*

Thank you so much for the package of treats. It is always fun to get a package and it is nice to know people are thinking of you. It gave me something yummy to snack on while I was studying. Thank you so much again  
Megan Gay

*Dear Central staff,*

I Thank you very much for helping

Tuesday Musicale reach out to the greater Pontiac community. Everyone appreciated the symbolic gesture. The last words spoken to me by two of our visitors were words of appreciation; "this is what a church is supposed to do, bring people in the community together." ...Thank you for making it possible  
Sincerely, June Harting  
Chairman, "One Night of Jazz"

*To Central staff,*

Thank you for the birthday cards, They come around every year and I am thankful for reasonably good health, and all the comradeship I receive at the church.  
Frances Bevington

*To the office staff,* Purple Threads, and other friends at Central, my Thanks to each of you who send greetings of love and prayers to me so often.  
God Bless you,  
LaVonne Kaul

*Thank you everyone,*

For your prayers and phone calls. Thanks to John and Kathy Resiegh for the beautiful flowers they brought and to Becky Lund for her visit. Also to Purple Threads for their prayers and cards and for the many cards from the ladies care group. Thanks also for the Upper Room.  
Violet Jordan

*Dear friends,*

The all Saints Rose Memorial Service was an event that I will always remember. The combination of familiar hymns sung and interpreted beautifully by the sacred dancers was heart warming and very meaningful. Thank you for providing this special memorial for our loved ones. Blessings,  
Olive Mae Glenn

*To Central Church,*

My mom has been unable to attend or participate in any activities at the church for several years now because of her health. She continues to live at Canterbury on the Lake. She would like to thank Phyllis Liming and the ladies group for their many, many cards, which she really enjoys. Bless you all.  
Fondly,  
Virla Cleasby, (for Phyllis Landon)