



# CHIMES

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We have moved across the cusp of All Hollow's Eve and through All Saints' Day. Now, on November 6, 2011 we will celebrate All Saints' Sunday. It is a day we remember with a rose memorial service, those within this community of faith who have joined the circle of saints. It is a high holy moment to remember the nature of the church historical as both standing in time and yet not bound by a single moment.

This past week we have remembered the fun of fright (in good ways), particularly with stories like Washington Irving's The Legend of Sleepy Hollow. That tale revolves around a frightened, though learned 18th century school teacher, Ichabod Crane, who challenges the town bully for the affections of the fair maiden in the hamlet. Crane's superstitious nature seems out of character in an educated man, but the result is a person who is frightened to death of a headless horseman who rides at night.

I mention it here because it reminds us what fear can do to prevent what could be a grand opportunity from unfolding. None of the saints of this congregation would be accused of being frightened into inactivity in the manner of Ichabod Crane. These ancestors in faith took great risks to move into new communities and start new congregations. They were strong enough to make decisions to relocate when they could not find a way to restore the old building and expand the property for their needs. They walked through difficult, if not confusing moments in history that altered educational options for all persons regardless of the color of their skin; who engaged in conversations and actions that resisted evil in the world and brought an end to how many wars; who stood for justice for workers both in factory and farm settings. They may not have been perfect but they boldly tried to bring God into the conversations that affect the life of community and world.

On this All Saints' Sunday, as we share roses and remember who these persons were and how they have moved in our lives, how they built a living community of faith with their lives invested in Christ, we will ourselves be challenged to continue the work of the authentic

church without debilitating fear: to keep moving beyond the wall of the church to change the world; to bring justice; to be compassionate; to be hospitable to all persons. Our best honoring of the saints is to live in the joyous courage that follows where we are led by Christ into the world and to make it new.

*Jim*

ON THIS ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY, WE HONOR THESE SAINTS OF THE CHURCH WHO HAVE ENTERED INTO LIFE ETERNAL THIS PAST YEAR:

*Mary A. Anderson  
Ralph Behler  
Clarence Boyer  
Rev. Kenneth Bracken Sr.  
William (David) Bradley  
Thelma L. Carter  
Betsy Lewis  
Frank Merwin  
Jean L. Smith  
Gene E. Stottlemire  
Lloyd Turner  
Ben Wales  
Marvin C. Wilson*

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY Sunday, November 6 is All Saints' Sunday. We celebrate it as Rose Memorial Sunday and will dedicate all new memorial gifts and celebrate the saints whose lives have been intertwined with this congregation. Please call the church office if you can help with either of these needs.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS SUNDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 6 - REMEMBER TO FALL BACK!!!

Set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday evening. Or stay up and watch the extra hour pass in the middle of the night.

## KIDS CENTRAL MINISTRY NEWS

### YOUNG FAMILY GROUP

The next YFG is Friday, November 11th at the Pittenger's home from 6:30-9:00pm. We will have a game night including (but not limited to): Euchre, puzzles, Guitar Hero, marbles, Mexican Train, etc. Childcare is provided (and it's free!). Contact Rev. Kathy for more information.

### 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](mailto:kpittenger@waterfordcumc.org) or 248-681-0040 ext. 15

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

### INVITATION SUNDAY

Sunday, November 20, is the next Invitation Sunday. This is a time we invite persons who desire to join the church to declare their faith and enter into membership at either of the worship services. A Membership Class is being offered on Thursdays (Nov. 3, 10, and 17). However, we receive members prior to as well as following the class. If you are considering joining the church or know someone who is, please contact the church office.

### FOUNDERS' SUNDAY

Sunday, November 13 is our Founders' Sunday. We celebrate those who have made living commitment as members of the church across their lives. We recognize that some have been invested in several churches because of life transitions. Some have been committed to this church for over fifty years. Come celebrate these who model discipleship for us.

 It's time to "Fall Back!" Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday at 2am

## 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.

## TRUNK OR TREAT FOLLOW-UP

Thanks to everyone who participated in Trunk or Treat this year! It could not happen without the donations and support of you all!

We intentionally invited the community and had about 425 people come!

It was a great experience for everyone who came!



## MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

The next round of membership classes is scheduled at 6:15 on Thursday evenings November 3, 10, and 17. These classes will help answer questions about the nature of Central Church, and the United Methodist Church touching on theology, organization, ministry and style. Those who have already joined the church but have not yet taken the class, are invited to share as well as those who are anticipating joining.

Note that Central Café dinner is served from 5:15-6:30 p.m. on Thursday evenings for a nominal cost. This gives persons a chance to meet others from the church who gather for dinner, and for worship arts.

## TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF 10/30/2011

Year to date income: \$437,391.00  
Year to date expenses: \$460,209.00  
Sunday 10/16 offering: \$8,377.50

## THE MANY FACES OF CHRISTMAS

Advent Events  
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

## CURRENCY OF GRACE

If you missed the Currency of Grace Celebration on October 30 when the whole church family projected their estimates of financial giving for 2012, we invite you to still make your estimate known. A personalized estimate of giving card awaits you in the church office. If none has been filled out for you with a previous history, blank ones are available. These estimates help us best plan our ministry and scope of mission for the coming year. Please contact the office today to make your estimate.

## 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

## Central Café Schedule

4:15 -- 5:15 Alleluia Dancers  
4:45 -- 5:30 Carol Choir  
5:15 -- 6:30 Dinner served  
5:15 -- 5:45 Good News Ringers  
5:45 -- 6:25 YTBN Bell Ringers  
6:20 -- 7:15 Agape Ringers  
6:30 -- 7:30 New Joy Choir  
6:30 -- 7:30 Jubilate Dancers  
7:30 -- 9:00 Chancel Choir

## 9:00 A.M. USHERS NEEDED!

There is a shortage of 9:00 a.m. ushers for Sunday morning worship. If you are interested, please contact either Don Stoughton or Bill Svenkesen. Thank you!



## CENTRAL CAFÉ

Come and share a meal with your children, with your friends and your faith community. Meals are served Thursdays between 5:15 and 6:45 p.m. We always need kitchen volunteers!

## COLLEGE/MILITARY COOKIES

A big THANK YOU to all of the bakers in the congregation for providing all the yummy looking cookies for the college students and the military care packages. We packaged cookies for 35 people and we even sent one to England! Having been a recipient myself, many years ago, I know they will be happy to receive their box of goodies!

God Bless, Kristi Cornish

## JAIL MINISTRY CHRISTMAS PROJECT

At Christmas time, members of the faith community prepare "Packages of Hope" for the 1600 inmates at the Oakland County Jail. The packages include 3 stamped Christmas cards, a Bible, and personal hygiene items.

Olive Mae Glenn Circle is sponsoring an All Church collection of hand soap and Christmas Cards with stamped envelopes. Collection boxes will be in the Narthex from September 17 to Thanksgiving. There are many other ongoing needs upon release from jail. Specific needs include warm clothing, hats, gloves, sturdy shoes or galoshes. These items can be brought to the Church office (please mark Jail Ministry).

## 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!



## Dad's Club Men's Summit

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.

## KNIT FOR KIDS

Help us reach our goal of 1000 sweaters before the end of the year. **We need just 19 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

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

Mary Jo Fries - November 2  
 Howard Shipley - November 2  
 Mary Wilhoyte - November 3  
 Jane Johnson - November 17  
 Joe Aperauch - November 21  
 Margaret Wilmot - November 22  
 Frieda Hayes - November 23  
 Raymond Wilson - November 26

**November Anniversaries**  
 Congratulations to the following couples  
 Celebrating an Anniversary  
 of 50 years or more.  
 Richard and Sally Kuhn  
 November 18 ~ 56 years

**CENTRAL CINEMA**

On Saturday, November 5, in honor of All Saints Sunday, we offer a movie directed by Clint Eastwood and starring Matt Damon. "Hereafter" tells three parallel stories about three people affected by death in similar ways - all three have issues of communicating with the dead; one, a factory worker/clairvoyant; another, a French television journalist, who survives a near death experience in a tsunami; and a child, whose twin brother dies. They are challenged to stretch their core beliefs about that which lies beyond our dying. Rated PG13. Central Cinema gathers on the first Saturday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the parlor to view these movies on a wide screen and share observations and conversations about our faith and spirituality.



**BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK**

The mission of Blessings IN a Backpack is to provide backpacks with food for those children and their families over the weekends throughout the school year. It costs \$100 per child, per school year, to make sure those children receive the nourishment they need. Better test scores, improved reading skills, positive behavior, improved health and increased attendance have all been attributed to the success of this program. For more information please contact Barb Laing at 248-674-2396 or by e-mail at frippster@sbcglobal.net.

**Thank You!**

*Dear Friends at Central UMC,*  
 I wish to thank all of my friends at Central. I especially wish to thank Rev. Kellermann and all who called on me at Canterbury. All of your cards and prayers were greatly appreciated. Blessings to you all.  
*Sincerely, Mary Wilhoyte*

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**GROUP MEETING SCHEDULES**

In order to keep things up to date on the calendar and to make sure that there are no conflicts in Church scheduling, the Church staff is requesting that groups please turn in a schedule of their meeting dates, times and room(s) requested. It is a large task to keep everything running smoothly in such a large facility and it helps the staff to make sure everyone is accommodated sufficiently. The Staff of Central

**HOSPITALITY HELP**

Coffee Fellowship, that hospitable moment between services for conversation, is in need of revival. The Hosler's no longer can manage the arrangements for it. We look for someone who can schedule and organize people to host that moment on a regular basis. If you are interested, contact the church office.

**Thank You!**

*Dear Central UMC,*  
 Thank you so much for the continued thoughts, prayers and cards for my mom, Anna Hayes. Everyday that a card arrives, her face lights up and makes her day! Blessings to all of you, her church family. You are very special.  
*Sincerely, Lorna Adams*

**College Cookie Thank You!**

The best thing about being in my 7th year of college is that it's the 7th year of receiving a cookie care package from you all! Thanks! It brightens my fall every time!

*Abby Bauer*

Thanks for the cookies! Seriously, it makes midterms soooo much better every year.

*Mandy Waltz*

Thank you for the cookies! My roommate and I were so excited when they came in the mail!

*Heather Marks*

REALLY?!?!? YOU SHIPPED MY COOKIES ALL THE WAY TO ENGLAND?!?!?!?!?! I really did not think I was going to get cookies this year. Perfect timing as I'm a little homesick and my birthday is this week! LOVE YOU GUYS! THANK YOU!!!!

*Lara Stephenson*

Thanks for the cookies WCUMC!! They made my week :D

*Kristen Marks*

I look forward to these cookies every year!! Thank you so much, you guys do such a great job :)

*Erika Lauren*

Thanks for the amazing cookies!

*Ali Belsky*

Thank you so much for the cookies. :)  
*Cait Kelley*

Thank you all so much for the cookies... They're already gone =)  
*Shannon Belsky*

Thank you so much for sending me the delicious cookies and treats. They came just in time to help my friends and me get through a weekend of studying for midterms. It's a blessing to have such a loving and supportive Church, even when I am away at school and it's comforting to know that I am still included in the warmth and generosity of Central. Thank you!

*Jessica Arnold*



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November 20, 2011 Chimes.  
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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 device, wheelchairs  
are available at both services.

**Worship Notes**

**NOVEMBER 6, 2011**

All Saints Sunday  
Rose Memorial  
Communion  
Dedication of Memorials  
Joshua 24:1-3a; 14-25  
1 John 3:1-3  
"Prodding Stories"  
Rev. Jim Kellermann, preaching  
Worship Arts  
9:00 a.m. Brass  
10:30 a.m. Brass , Chancel Choir

**NOVEMBER 13 2011**

Founders' Day Sunday  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  
Matthew 25:14-30  
"Productive Memory"  
Rev. Jim Kellermann, preaching  
Worship Arts  
9:00 a.m. Jubilate Dancers  
10:30 a.m. Jubilate Dancers  
Chancel Choir

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Pastor of Children's & Family Ministries  
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