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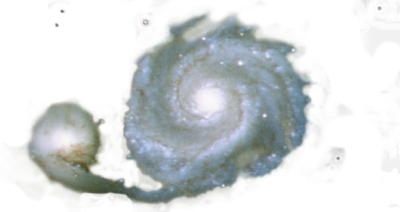
OKI get it. The movement of time is a matter of perception. Time itself is generally understood to be metered and measured in cadence and never changing, (though I have no doubt that some physicists and mystics would offer another version of that). But perceptibly, our experience of time finds that in hindsight it is swifter than future time. Our minds edit the time spent leading up to the event and thus it becomes significantly shorter (leaving the cut film on the editing room floor so to speak). And our anticipation of time carries a myriad of options, all of which we fold into the expectation, and elongate the experience beforehand.

All that being said, we stand on the edge of Advent again and I don't know how we arrived here so soon. The year which I felt was moving so agonizingly long, waiting for opportunities to visit our grandson, Harper, or for some high worship moment to arrive, or ministry event to occur, has swiftly come and gone again and we begin a new liturgical year on November 28.

Advent is itself about time. If it weren't for the need to prepare, plan and shop, so many of us repeatedly would wish it were passed and Christmas were here already. Advent is a tough season. It promises Christmas, but holds it way off in the future for us. But that is the intent and meaning of Advent. It reminds us that God has not yet completed the work of the world, nor of life, and that we are awaiting not a warm mug of hot chocolate on an early morning around a Christmas Tree with family, but a life changing event that will complete and fulfill the universe. It is the coming of Christ not as a memory in the past, but as that which will rock our world in the future. Advent is about getting ourselves rocking with God and in that hope, living as if that were happening tomorrow. It is about changing who we are and how we live. It is about changing how we move through time and use that time.

Time is a matter of perception....and Advent of perceptive faith.

Jim



Advent 2010: Cosmic Disturbance:

How magnificent is the God of the universe who touches the chaos and brings forth creativity; who senses our fears in the darkness and brings to us light; who feels our despair and comes to us as a newborn to grow and live with us.

Worship Notes

9:00 a.m. in Chapel
10:30 a.m. in Sanctuary

November 21, 2010
Christ the King Sunday
Thanksgiving Sunday
Bread for the World Sunday
Luke 23:33-43
"Of Iron Masks and Thrones"
Preaching: Rev. Jim Kellermann
Worship Arts (10:30):
Chancel Choir
YTBN Bells

November 24, 2010
THANKSGIVING EVE 7:00 p.m.
Communion
Celebrant Rev. Paul Blomquist
Mr. Kevin Brandon, preaching

November 28, 2010
First Sunday in Advent
United Methodist Student Offering
Rev. Kathy Pittenger, Preaching
Worship Arts (10:30):
Chancel Choir

December 5, 2010
Second Sunday in Advent
AIDS Awareness Sunday
Isaiah 11:1-10
Matthew 3:1-12
"Cosmic Disturbance:
An Uncomfortable Man Unnerving
My Soul"
Preaching: Rev. Jim Kellermann
Worship Arts (10:30):
Chancel Choir, Agape Ringers

KIDS CENTRAL MINISTRY NEWS

A Night in Bethlehem -
December 5th from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Activities and fun for ALL ages. Please sign up outside the church office door or at www.kidscentralweb.com.

Young Families Group -
The next Young Families Group will be on Friday, December 17th from 6-9 p.m. (but you can leave whenever you need to for bedtimes). Bring a white elephant gift. Childcare is provided.

Family Christmas Eve Service
We have started a Christmas Tradition to have a no-rehearsal Christmas Pageant at the 6:00 p.m. Family Christmas Eve Service. We will be doing that again this year. If you or your child would like to participate, please sign up outside the Church Office. Participants need to be at the church at 5:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve to prepare.

Thursday Evening Changes -
In an effort to be faithful to the Safe Sanctuaries Policy at our church, children and youth must be under the supervision of a responsible adult while they are at the church (the staff has also been notified of some recent vandalism). The staff is working on creating a safe space in the Fellowship Hall (on the stage end) where kids can relax, play games, read, or do homework. There will also be safe places for youth. Parents who have children here on Thursday evenings will be asked to help staff the kids and youth areas on Thursday evenings. Please watch for more information and feel free to contact Rev. Kathy with any questions.

www.kidscentralweb.org

TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF 11/14/2010:
Year to date income: \$492,718.00
Year to date expenses: \$497,619.00
Balance of apportionments
NOT paid for 2010: \$53,169.41
Sunday 11/14 offering: \$8,974.50

*Thank You Notes
will appear in the
next Chimes*

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Advent is when we begin preparing our hearts, homes, and the Church for the birth of our Lord. At Central, Hanging of the Greens is one of our wonderful intergenerational traditions where everyone is invited to help decorate the sanctuary, the hallways, and Fellowship Hall for Christmas. The First Sunday of Advent is the Sunday following Thanksgiving Day. Because the First Sunday of Advent is the Sunday following Thanksgiving Day, we "hang the greens" on Saturday, November 27. If you will join us at 9 a.m., we'll have coffee, bagels and donuts for you to enjoy while you hang wreaths, decorate Christmas trees, and put up lights, garlands, and nativity scenes. Betsy and Tom Lewis and their family are once again coordinating the event and arranging for everything to be out of storage by the time you get there on Saturday morning. We'll serve you lunch when we're done around noon. Get into the spirit and decorate the church. Bring your whole family and invite your friends. Sign up on the sheet posted by the office so we know how many to serve for lunch. Thanks.

BLUE CHRISTMAS

Central Church will celebrate Blue Christmas on Wednesday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m. This service seeks to be sensitive to those who have experienced loss and grief and find the normal joy of the Christmas Season a difficult and painful time. Persons who have experienced loss of any kind (job, home, relationship or loved one) are encouraged to attend this service.

FRAGRANCE FREE ZONE

in Worship

The congregation has spoken and we will shortly be implementing a "Fragrance Free Zone". Members of our congregation have expressed a concern about the various fragrances that others may wear that triggers an unpleasant physical reaction. This concern was placed before the congregation for comment and all the feedback was positive. For the comfort of all we will be designating a pew area that will be reserved for those who are fragrance free or need those around them to be so. Look for the "Fragrance Free Zone" coming soon to a pew near you!

CARING CORE

Do you like to talk with people? Do you like people to call on you when you are ill? Caring Core needs a few friendly folk to visit those on our prayer list who are ill, shut in and may not have much family left to talk to. Please call me if you are willing to make 3 or 4 visits each month. Thank you. Phyllis Liming, Caring Core Coordinator: 248-673-7584



"A SNOWFLAKE TALE"

UMW Christmas Luncheon –
December 12, 2010

Have you every wondered what the snowflakes are thinking as they float down to earth? What do they think of us mortals when they finally land here among us? Come and find out on December 12, 2010 at the United Methodist Women's Christmas Luncheon immediately following the 10:30 service. Everyone is invited. Along with the short program featuring the snowflakes (dancing ones at that!) we will have the Installation of Officers, presentations of Special Memberships & Five Star Women and reading program certificates. Come and enjoy the wonders of the season and fellowship along with a delicious lunch (free-will offering). So we may better plan, we would request you sign up on the board outside the church office; however, if you find you can join us that day, please don't hesitate to come. We will gather at the stage end of Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Diana Carter 248-666-2575 or Janice Mann 248-738-6702.

BALDWIN HOLIDAY STORE

This year the store will run for two days, December 17 and 18. They have begun taking donations of new clothing, toys, holiday cards, wrapping paper and ribbons, new personal care items and of course funds. A complete *wish list* will be available in the office and on our website. Each week through December 17, we will begin delivering donations to Baldwin. Clothing, especially men's underwear, including "long johns" is usually an item that is in high demand. We are also in need of elves to help sort and display the gifts. God bless you all and thank you for your participation. - Barbara Tracy

MISSION CARDS

Christmas cards benefiting missions will be available on Sundays starting Sunday, Nov. 28 at a table in the hallway. The missions to sponsor will be Apportionments, Baldwin Center, Clothe-a-Child, C. W. Duncan School in Liberia, Knit for Kids, and Place of Hope warming shelter for the homeless. The inside of the card reads

"A gift of hope has been given in your honor and has been sent to _____. Your gift will help people in need, promote peace and justice, and share the true meaning of Christmas. From _____. The donation for each card is \$5.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Church Wide! Coming Sunday, December 19 at 5:00 p.m. Children, youth and the whole church family are invited to share in this evening of singing and taking Christmas to the homebound and those in need of some Christmas cheer. UMY will follow this caroling with their Christmas Party at the Senior Parsonage.

KNIT FOR KIDS

Can We Do It? Yes We Can!

As of November 14th we have completed 880 sweaters and there are 3 more waiting to be mailed. However, we need just 17 more to make a grand total of 900!!!! If you have been knitting or crocheting sweaters for Knit For Kids, can you do one or two more before the end of the year? These sweaters are mailed to World Vision who will then send them onto needy children in the US and throughout the world. Please see the display in the hallway beyond the Narthex. Patterns and free yarn are available. Each sweater represents a labor of love and reaches out to those little ones who lack clothing to keep them warm. If you have any question, please call Diana Carter, 248-666-2575.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

There is still time to make your donation to the Clothe-A-Child Program. 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 for more information at: (ab73blue@hotmail.com or 248.666.9788) if you have any questions.

CAROL BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, December 2, 9, and 23 at 6:15 p.m., we will be holding an Advent Bible study entitled "Rejoice: Reflections on four Seasonal Hymns". This study uses four familiar hymns ("O Come, O Come Emmanuel"; "Silent Night Holy Night"; "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"; and "O Little Town of Bethlehem") to talk both theologically and missionally. Taught by Rev. Jim Kellermann for adults and youth.

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

December Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following couples

Celebrating an Anniversary

of 50 years or more.

Ralph and Virginia Behler

December 4 - 62 years

James and Virginia Bensken

December 11, - 57 years

John and Nancy Radenbaugh

December 20 - 52 years

John and Liz Sawyers

December 28 - 53 years

December 2010

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

Worship Times: 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

CHIMES December Deadlines

Thursday December 9 and 30 by 12 Noon. Please send all articles to Pam Fisher at: pfisher@waterfordcumc.org or to the Church office.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 Aids Awareness Sunday 9:00am Faithlink - Room 108 9:00am Worship Service 10:30am The Rock & Stepping Stones Children's Ministry 10:30am Worship Service 5:00pm Youth Group 5:30pm A Night in Bethlehem - FH	6 10:00am UMW Book Club - Parlor 11:00am Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00pm Boy Scouts - Fellowship Hall 7:00pm Lakeland Players Room 20 7:30pm Jackson Chorale Rehearsal - Sanctuary 10:30am Lakeland Players Room 20	7 9:00am Adele Thomas Bells - Bell Room 10:30am Recovery International - Room 108 1:00pm Hutchinison Circle- Parlor 1:00pm Tuesday Musicales Board Mtg. - Room 108 7:00pm Lakeland Players Room 20	8 10:00am Book Study - Room 108 7:00pm Blue Christmas Service	9 8:00am Thursday Morning Breakfast 9:30am Tuesday Musicales Chorus 4:15pm Central Cafe Schedule 6:00pm Kids Bible Study - The Oasis 6:15pm Carol Bible Study 7:00pm Lakeland Players - FH 7:00pm Positive Options Group - Room 108 7:30pm Nar-Anon 8:00pm NA	10 7:30pm Jackson Chorale Rehearsal - Sanctuary 11 8:30am Education Intervention Program - Room 20 10:00am Caniata Rehearsal - Sanctuary 1:30pm Stage and Fellowship Hall In Use 7:30pm Jackson Chorale Concert - Sanctuary and Parlor	4 7:00am Creative Memories - Room 20 4:00pm A Night in Bethlehem Set up - FH 5:30pm Major City Brass - Rehearsal, Sanctuary, Room 108 7:00pm Major City Brass - Program, Sanctuary
12 9:00am Faithlink - Room 108 9:00am Worship Service 10:30am Christmas Caniata - Sanctuary The Rock & Stepping Stones Children's Ministry 10:30am Worship Service 11:30am UMW Christmas Program - stage end FH 4:00pm Piano Recital - Stage 5:00pm Youth Group 7:00pm Brother 2 Brother - Concert in Sanctuary	13 9:30am Tuesday Musicales Dress Rehearsal - Sanctuary 11:00am Alcoholics Anonymous 12:00pm Meditation and Spirituality - Parlor 7:00pm Boy Scouts - Fellowship Hall 7:00pm Finance Meeting Rm 108 7:00pm Lakeland Players - Room 20	14 9:00am Adele Thomas Bells - Bell Room 10:30am Recovery International - Room 108 7:00pm Lakeland Players - FH 7:00pm Ministry Coordinators - Room 108 7:30pm Tuesday Musicales Program - Sanctuary	15 8:00am Christmas Program - FH 10:00am Book Study - Room 108 3:30pm Piano Tuning - FH 6:30pm Tween Group - Assoc. Parsonage 6:30pm UMW Mission Team Meeting- Parlor	16 8:00am Thursday Morning Breakfast 12:00pm Harvesters Potluck 4:15pm Central Cafe Schedule 6:00pm Kids Bible Study - Parsonage 6:15pm Carol Bible Study 7:00pm Lakeland Players - FH 7:00pm Positive Options - Rm 108 7:30pm Nar-Anon 8:00pm NA	17 9:30am Mom's Club of Waterford 6:00pm Young Family Christmas Party - Assoc. Parsonage	18 7:30pm Tuesday Musicales Auditions 5:30pm Parent's Night Out
19 9:00am Faithlink - Room 108 9:00am Worship Service 10:30am The Rock & Stepping Stones Children's Ministry 10:30am Worship Service 1:00pm Parlor In Use 4:00pm 5:00pm Caroling the Light - Caroling for families and UMY	20 11:00am Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00pm Boy Scouts - Fellowship Hall 7:00pm Church Council - Room 108 7:00pm Lakeland Players - Room 20	21 10:30am Recovery International - Room 108 7:00pm Lakeland Players - FH	22 10:00am Book Study - Room 108 12:30pm Women in Transition - Parlor	23 8:00am Thursday Morning Breakfast 6:00pm Reunion Bells 6:15pm Carol Bible Study 7:00pm Lakeland Players - FH 7:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm Nar-Anon 8:00pm NA	24 Christmas Eve 6:00pm Family Christmas Worship 8:00pm Carols and Candlelight Service - Sanctuary 11:00pm Carols and Communion Service - Sanctuary	25 Merry Christmas!
26 9:00am Faithlink - Room 108 9:00am Worship Service 10:30am The Rock & Stepping Stones Children's Ministry 10:30am Worship Service	27 Office Closed 11:00am Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30pm ALS Support - Parlor 7:00pm Lakeland Players - FH	28 10:30am Recovery International - Room 108 7:00pm Lakeland Players - FH 7:00pm Trustees - Room 108	29 10:00am Book Study - Room 108	30 8:00am Thursday Morning Breakfast 7:00pm Lakeland Players - FH 7:00pm Positive Options Group - Room 108 7:30pm Nar-Anon 8:00pm NA	31 New Years Eve	

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Deadlines..

The Chimes deadline is
November 24 for the
December 5 Chimes.
Please send all articles to:
pfisher@waterfordcumc.org



**THANKSGIVING EVE
WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 24**

As a church community, we are called to share God's love and hospitality. We hope that you will prayerfully consider joining us as we share in fellowship, and worship with members of our Waterford community. 7:00 p.m. – Worship Service

**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
is available online on our website at
www.waterfordcumc.org



**THANKS FOR
GIVING -
BLOOD DRIVE**

CUMC will be hosting a special holiday blood drive on Friday, November 26, the day after Thanksgiving. You may sign up before or after church on Sunday or any time during the week.

Brother 2 Brother

In Concert: December 12, 2010
7:00 p.m. Vocal and Piano Duo!

Free Will Donation

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Click the *Sign-up* button on the right hand column.**

Visit our website: www.waterfordcumc.org Blogging at: <http://waterfordcumc.org/blog>
 Kids Central Website: www.kidscentralweb.org **Worship service at 9:00 a.m. in the
Chapel, 10:30 a.m. in Sanctuary**
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