



CHIMES

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On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther, a priest of the church tacked 95 Theses or points about which he had concerns. They challenged the practices of the church hierarchy and some of his priestly colleagues. His intent was to remind the church what it was meant to be. The church wasn't ready to hear the challenge and sought to silence Luther. But others found in his suppositions something that resonated in their hearts. When the church did not change new churches began to rise, shaped on these protestations. These "Protestant Churches" (Lutheran, Presbyterian, Anabaptist and a host of others) would eventually grow to include the Methodist traditions.

In a sermon I preached on Sunday, October 31, 2010, I mused about what challenges we need to hear. I print them so that you can see and ponder, and interact as well.

1. Being disciples of Jesus Christ is an option. But once we choose that option we must practice the way of Christ, the heart of Christ, the generosity and grace of Christ. This is not an option.
2. Hospitality is our life's breath. Sharing our spaces, our resources, our very lives with everyone with love is the definition of church.
3. Justice is not an option. Care for the poor, the immigrant, the stranger, the broken, the imprisoned, the hurt is our vocation. Changing the world to reflect reconciliation and grace of God is our task. It is a way of taking seriously "Thy Kingdom Come."
4. The church has more than enough resources (financial and personal) for every challenge God lays before us.
5. Buildings and Properties are resources and tools for ministry that require attention but not at the expense of the needs of people.
6. We need to be flexible, seeing the beauty in variety. It will be reflected in engaging new ways to shape theological images that reflect the grounding of deep faith and will be known in the way the spiritual senses get opened, which means we all might not like every worship style or setting, but it may still be an opening for a different generation, a different way to seeing and feeling God.
7. Spiritual Exploration that combines inquiry of the mind and exposure of the heart are required for every one from the cradle to the grave, if we are to grow and

remain alive in the power and understanding of Christ.

8. We are the Body of Christ, and model the compassionate heart and open love of Jesus for the world. We therefore place ourselves, our lives, and our resources into mission and ministry, personally and connectionally not as an afterthought but as the very exercise of the Christ alive in us.

Only a beginning, a challenge to think about.

Jim



ABOVE: The Joyner Family at Last Weekend's Trunk or Treat event as a Rainbow forms overhead. Truly People of the Rainbow!

TRUNK OR TREAT RECAP

Thanks to all the volunteers and participants for making Trunk or Treat a huge success! (Not to mention the weather becoming nice!!) We had about 275 people for Trunk or Treat last weekend. The winners of the Car Decorating Contest will be announced on Sunday. If you have pictures from Trunk or Treat please contact Rev. Kathy -- she would like digital copies

TREASURER'S REPORT AS

OF 10/31/2010:

Year to date income: \$463,831.00

Year to date expenses: \$ 423,317.00

Balance of apportionments NOT paid for 2010: \$53,982.36

Sunday 10/31 offering: \$8,376.00

KIDS CENTRAL MINISTRY NEWS

A Night in Bethlehem Planning Team

Did you come to A Night in Bethlehem last year? Did you have a blast? Would you be interested in being on a planning team to make it happen again this year? Please contact Rev. Kathy if you are interested. Some of the things we need include: Costume sewer (I have patterns!), publicity, craft areas, actors and more!

Parenting Mini-workshop

Mark your calendars for the Parenting Mini-workshops in November. They are from 6-7 p.m. at the church. Child-care is provided. Anyone is welcome (invite friends). Contact Rev. Kathy for more information.

November 4th – Kids and Money
November 18th – Kids and Christmas (Family traditions, helping your family keep Jesus central at Christmas)

Want to know more about what is happening in Children's and Family Ministries at Central? Check out the website: www.kidscentralweb.org or contact Rev. Kathy.

www.kidscentralweb.org

Worship Notes

November 7, 2010

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints Sunday
Communion
Rose Memorial Service
Luke 6:20-31
'Models and Directions'
Preaching: Rev. Jim Kellermann
Worship Arts (10:30): Chancel Choir
Alleluia and Jubilate Dancers
Annual Conference follows the Rose Memorial Service

November 14, 2010

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Founder's Day
Haggai 1:15b-2:9
"Memory and Legacy"
Preaching: Rev. Jim Kellermann
Worship Arts (10:30): Chancel Choir
Salt Shakers
Linda Freeze Soloist

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

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 528 children from the Waterford School District in 2009! 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. 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@hotmail.com or 248.666.9788) if you have any questions.



Cumc Collecting Food For Baldwin Holiday Baskets.

Please Bring items Sunday, November 14.

We also need people to sort and deliver food and other items to Baldwin Center on that same Sunday as well. 300 needy families receive a food "basket". Each basket provides enough food to feed a family of four for two weeks.

- Canned Fruit and Vegetables
- Canned stews, or spaghetti
- Potatoes (bagged, boxed, or canned)
- Boxed or canned pasta meals
- Canned tuna, salmon, chicken
- Corn Muffin and Stuffing Mixes
- 600 Turkeys or Funds to Purchase
- Rice and/or dried beans
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Pork and Beans
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Soups (all kinds)
- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Jell-O
- Cereal
- Baby Food
- Cake and Pie Crust Mixes
- Toilet Paper and Paper Towels

Also

Baldwin will need funds to purchase perishable items such as milk, margarine, eggs, celery, lettuce and tomatoes.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Would you like to have free babysitting 10 months out of the year? Join Parent's Night Out. It is a childcare co-op for families at Central. All you have to do is host Parent's Night Out twice a year at church and the other 10 months you and your spouse can have a night out. Single parent? We can work something out. The kids have a great time too! Parent's Night Out takes place on the 3rd Saturday of every month from 5-11 p.m.



"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 and presentations of Special Memberships & Five Star Women. 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.



SUNDAY OF GRATITUDE & GENEROSITY

In October we moved along our yellow brick road, forming community, acting boldly, and finding our hearts and remembering the capacity we already have to do great things. On Sunday, October 24, we asked people to respond by estimating their giving for 2011. 120 estimates were received totalling \$313,310. If you have not yet reflected on your own capacities and commitments to God I encourage you to do so, and then estimate your giving for the coming year. These estimates help us better shape effective ministry in the year ahead.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP IS BACK!

Please join us for Coffee Fellowship between services in the Fellowship Hall. Donations in the baskets help to support this program.

CHURCH CONFERENCE
The Church Conference for Central UMC will be at noon on
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2010.
 A light lunch will be provided

KNIT FOR KIDS

Can We Do It? Yes we can!

As of October 31 we have completed 860 sweaters and there are 15 more in the box waiting to be mailed. If we mail those in and 25 more that will make our total 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.



LIONS OF CHRIST

19 persons, (15 households) have already joined the Lions of Christ: A Tithing Community. Some of these have been practicing this discipline for years - others are new to it. You can still join them.

The challenge is to practice tithing (traditional tithe is 10%) for the first three months of 2011 (January – March, 2011). During that time these tithers, will gather with Rev. Kellermann twice a month for reflection, Bible Study, prayer and support. At the end of the experiment each giving unit will decide whether they can continue or need to adjust their estimate of giving for the year. Call the Church office if you and your family are moved by God to be Lions of Christ.

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POINSETTIA ORDER FORM - DUE NOVEMBER 22

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: _____ E-mail _____

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 \$5.00 = _____

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

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**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

CAN'T MAKE IT WEDNESDAY? Central UMC has been invited to attend Sylvan Lake Lutheran Church in West Bloomfield on Tuesday, November 23 for a Thanksgiving Service and Potluck Supper with their friends from Ascension and St. Andrew's Churches! Supper is at 6 p.m. and service at 7 p.m.

Located at 2399 Figa Ave,
West Bloomfield Mi. 48324
Telephone: 248-682-0770.



FISH PANTRY

Our numbers of food recipients are ever increasing in these difficult financial times. Please help us to keep our pantry full by donating the following items: Tuna fish, crackers, peanut butter and jelly, rice and pasta side dishes, spaghetti sauce and noodles, powdered milk packages, cake mix and frosting. Thank you!

**MEMORIAL GARDEN
FEES TO BE INCREASED**

January 1, 2011

Central United Methodist established a Memorial Garden in 1995 as a place for ashes of loved ones following cremation and a garden of peace and beauty where persons may meditate. After interment, a nameplate of each person is placed on the bronze plaque on the garden wall. The Memorial Garden Committee maintains a permanent record book of the deceased. Due to rising costs for the nameplates and maintenance, the placement fee for the Memorial Garden will be increased beginning January 1, 2011: members of Central United Methodist Church from \$350 to \$425 and non-members from \$550 to \$625 (Fees were last increased in 1998.) Those wishing to make pre-arrangements before the fee increases may do so until the end of this year. Pre-Placement fees are accepted and encouraged. The fee includes: placement, bronze nameplate and perpetual maintenance. Checks should be made to Central United Methodist Church. Please write "Memorial Garden" in the memo. Contributions to the Garden are always welcome and families may wish to designate the Memorial Garden for memorial contributions. For more information, Memorial Garden brochures and Placement Agreement forms are available in the church office or visit the church website www.waterfordcumc.org under "Care." If you have any questions, please contact Diana Carter, 248-666-2575.

Thank You Notes

Dear Church Friends,
I want to thank you all for your cards, prayers, visits and calls of concern as I make my journey through knee replacement and recuperation. They have really shown the love and support of our CUMC. Thanks once again.

Sharon Thomas

CUMC and Purple Thread Ladies,
Thank you for remembering me with cards while I was ill for the past 2 months. I really appreciate the prayers and concern.

Ingrid Gustavson

Dear Central Church Family,
Thank you for all the lovely cards, prayers and calls while I was in the hospital., and especially thank you to Rev. Kellermann for all his hospital visits. Thank you also to all the women in the caring core group.

Violet Jordan

My sincere thanks to the Hutchinson Circle, Purple Threads and U.M.W and the many others who send cards to me. They truly lift my spirits. And Thanks to the Church office (Phyllis Liming) for the Upper Room.

God Bless each of you,
LaVonne Kaul

A big thank you to all my friends at Central Methodist Church for the many cards and prayers. A special thanks to Betty Lewis for the festive pumpkin.

Mary Wilhoite

Church Family,
Thank you so much for the fresh baked goodies just in time for midterms. Having a yummy treat definitely helps deal with the intense workload of Grad School. It is truly amazing to know that no matter where I go in life, I always have a family at church that cares about me. Thanks again and God Bless.

Ashely Nowak

Dear Central Family,
Thank you so much for the cookies. It was such a nice surprise and an absolute joy to receive them. Plus, they are delicious! Thank you so much for thinking of me.

Love Chelsea Cortese

Dear CUMC,
Thanks for the cookies! The students of K-State's Moore Hall and I really enjoyed them!

Abby Bauer and friends

Thank You,
I want to thank Sam Osborn and the SPRC for recognizing my tenth anniversary as pastor of Central Church. I am deeply moved by the response of

the congregation on Sunday and by the thoughtful and caring ways you have celebrated this occasion with gifts to mission programs. Thank you for sharing your life and your passion for missions with me across this decade. You have and are teaching me much.

Rev. Jim Kellermann

Change of Address

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Welcome New Members

Kevin and Leslie Brandon

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Waterford, MI 48328
248-499-6632
Joined By Transfer from
Madison Heights UMC

Shannon Brandon

2973 Lacota
Waterford, MI 48328
Joined by affirmation of faith
248-499-6632

FOUNDER'S DAY

Central Church has a tradition of honoring its founders and long time members annually on the second Sunday of November. November 14 we will gather and remember those who have been part of the long line of saints in the church. Come and share with those who have been members here for more than 50 years.

Central Café

Come for dinner & stay for rehearsal
The schedule for Thursday evenings
can be found at: www.waterfordcumc.org/centralCafe.php

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CHIMES

Deadlines..

The Chimes deadline is
November 11 for the
November 21 Chimes.
Please send all articles to:
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ROSE MEMORIAL SUNDAY
All Saints Sunday will be our Rose Memorial Sunday, remembering those saints from this congregation who have passed beyond death into the promise of God for eternal life over this previous year. We also will be sharing a brief service in the Memorial Garden to honor those whose ashes have been placed in this Holy Ground. Join us as we celebrate the full circle saints.

**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



Day Light Savings
Time Ends! Nov. 7th. Turn Clocks Back
One Hour before you go to bed on
November 6!

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