



CHIMES

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Shady lane, refreshing, teach me to be a blessing

To some weary soul each day, friend of foe who pass my way,
Shady lane, refreshing.

Such are the words of a verse of an old and wonderfully discipling camp song "Evening Star up Yonder."

They are words that often fill my head and my heart when I walk along roadways that are shady lanes and under those beautiful archways of interlacing trees branches. Such is the road upon which I walk or drive several times a day between my house and the church.

But our shady lane has gotten over-reaching. The branches are pushing in along the road. I cannot walk, let alone drive along that road without being struck by the branches and vines that hang down. It is a place of beauty, but sometimes it's a blessing short. Fortunately I know these wonderful people who care about all things church and will soon be trimming back the brush to allow for easier movement up and down the road. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you.

As an image of hospitality it may be a good reminder that sometimes our hospitality becomes narrower and narrower. Rather than offering a gift to the traveler we become a road block to access. We reduce the dimensions of the world to which we are willing to offer our care, God's care. Maybe it's time to open up avenues that allow us easier access to the world, widen the road that carries us to our places of ministry in the community.

The Detroit Annual Conference is offering a workshop on November 13 at Dewitt, MI. to help non-Hispanic congregations begin to work at developing Hispanic ministry. Some would recognize that the Hispanic population within the congregation is almost non-existent. The reality is that it is one of the fast growing populations around us.

This is a place for us to open up ministries of care and compassion if for no other reason than that Christ calls us to be the hospitable shady

lane where we live. If this peaks your interest and you would like to attend this event please contact me (jkellermann@waterfordcumc.org or 248-681-0040)

Jim

CURRENCY OF GRACE

The Central Church is asking everyone to be a part of the Currency of Grace Celebration October 30. In morning worship we will remember with thanksgiving the currency of grace that has enriched our lives and the currency of grace that we are and have, which will become the same for others. It is an opportunity to share the hope and promise of that currency of grace for the year ahead with an estimate of giving that will help make concrete that which we long to have God do through our shared lives. More information will be mailed to you soon.



CHARGE CONFERENCE

The annual All Church conference for Central UMC has been scheduled for Sunday, October 30, at 6:00 p.m. SPRC will meet prior to the conference at 5:15 p.m. Hold this date as we celebrate our faith and our ministries.

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.

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 church because of life transitions. Some have been committed to this church for over fifty years. Come celebrate these who model discipleship for us.

KIDS CENTRAL MINISTRY NEWS

TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday, October 30th from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.. Decorate your vehicle, wear your costumes, and come to church for Trunk or Treat; games, crafts, treating, and the "Haunted Tunnel." Sign up at <http://kidscentralweb.org/trunkortreat.html>.

TODDLER-PRESCHOOL ROOM CLEAN UP

We are in the process of cleaning-up Room 114 and the teachers and kids have made a wish list of items they would like in the room. If you would like to donate this is the wish list: (new or gently used)
- Matchbox type cars
- dress-up clothes
- 24-48 piece puzzles
- coloring books
- kitchen accessories
- any new or gently used toys for ages 1-5
We will also be putting up new decorations on the walls and could use monetary donations if you prefer. Thank you for making the children at Central a priority.

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

INVITATION SUNDAY

Sunday, November 20 is the next Invitation Sunday. This 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 considering joining the church or know someone who is please contact the church office.

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. We seek pictures of those members who have passed beyond death during this year as well as contact information for their family connections. Please call the church office if you can help with either of these needs.

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).

FISH PANTRY

The Fish Pantry is starting to look a little bare. The items that we are in most desperate need of are: Macaroni and cheese, tuna, canned pasta, boxed potatoes, crackers, cereal, paper towels, toilet paper, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and canned fruit. Thank you for your generous support of this ministry!



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 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.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF 10/17/2011

Year to date income: \$422,032.00
Year to date expenses: \$432,432.00
Sunday 10/16 offering: \$10,359.66

CHRISTMAS DISPLAYS

What is your favorite Christmas item to display? Is it nativity, angels, or a snowman collection? We believe your friends at Central would like to see them at the "Many Faces of Christmas" exhibit. Plan to be a part of this all church event Nov. 27th. More information will follow.

VELETTE SVENKESEN and MARION STEEBER RUMMAGE SALE

\$6,100 Net Profit from Fall Rummage Sale! Huge Kudos goes to all of the volunteers who worked a solid week resulting in another successful sale. We had several of our regulars missing; however, our congregation stepped up and showed how the Holy Spirit keeps us alive at Central! Not only were we able to fund our regular mission areas, but the look of gratitude on the faces of our "customers" during these difficult economic times made all of the effort worth it. May God continue to shower his blessings on us in our future endeavors! Joanne Green and Rachel Pierre, Rummage Co-Chairs

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.

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!

GOOD SAM OFFERING

The Good Samaritan Fund which is administered for members of the church and community who are in critical financial situations is replenished on every fifth Sunday of any month. October 30 is such a Sunday. Please remember to mark your extra gifts beyond your tithes and offerings for "Good Sam." Thank you to those who remember this need on a more regular basis. It all helps



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!

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

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!

HEALTH AND HOUSING FAIR

On Thursday, November 3 from 10:00 a.m to 2:00 p.m., the Waterford Senior Center will host its annual Health and Housing Fair. There will be many health screenings and tests available for free or minimal cost. For more information please contact the Waterford Senior Center at 248-682-9450.

CHIMES ARTICLES

I would love to be able to fit all of the thank you notes and address changes in as I receive them but the reality of the way our Chimes are set-up they just do not fit into the Chimes editions with a calendar. I will be putting the thank you notes, the address changes, and the birthday and anniversaries for the month in the non-calendar editions from now on. I'm sorry for any inconvenience. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Rich Pittenger at 248-681-0040 or by e-mail at rpittenger@waterfordcumc.org.

November 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 |
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| 6 All Saints Sunday BOWLING Faith Link - Room 108 Worship Service The Rock 10:30am 1:00pm Youth Group - Bowling | 7 10:00am UMW Book Club - Parlor 11:00am Alcoholics Anonymous 6:00pm Scout PLC meeting - Room 20 7:30pm Scout Committee - Room 20 | 8 9:00am Adele Thomas Bells - Bell Room 10:30am Recovery International - Room 108 1:00pm Hutchinson Circle-Parlor 1:00pm Tuesday Musicale Board mtg. - Room 108 6:30pm Bellissima! - Bell Room 7:00pm Purple Threads - Room 108 | 9 10:00am Book Study - Parlor | 10 Central Cafe Schedule Thursday Morning Breakfast Mom's with a Mission Tuesday Musicale Chorus - Choir 4:15pm Kids Club - Parlor 7:30pm Nar-Anon 8:00pm NA - Room 20 | 11 5:30pm Thanksgiving Feast - FH 6:30pm Young Family Group | 12 7:00pm NA |
| 13 Founders Day Faith Link - Room 108 Worship Service The Rock 10:30am 1:00pm Piano Recital - Sanctuary 5:30pm Youth Group - Chapel | 14 11:00am Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00pm Boy Scouts - Fellowship Hall 7:00pm Finance Meeting Rm 108 | 15 9:00am Adele Thomas Bells - Bell Room 10:30am Recovery International - Room 108 6:30pm Bellissima! - Bell Room 7:00pm Purple Threads - Room 108 | 16 10:00am Book Study - Parlor 6:30pm UMW Mission Team -Parlor | 17 Central Cafe Schedule Thursday Morning Breakfast Tuesday Musicale Chorus - Choir 12:00pm Harvesters - Parlor 4:15pm Kids Club - Parlor 7:30pm Nar-Anon 8:00pm NA - Room 20 | 18 9:30am Mom's Club of Waterford | 19 9:00am Order of the Arrow 4:30pm Parent's Night Out 7:00pm NA |
| 20 Baldwin Center in-gathering Invitation Sunday Faith Link - Room 108 Worship Service The Rock 10:30am 11:30am Thanksgiving Luncheon-FH 5:30pm Youth Group-Chapel | 21 Cloth-A-Child - Room 106 11:00am Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00pm Boy Scouts - Fellowship Hall 7:00pm Church Council - Room 108 | 22 Cloth-A-Child - Room 106 7:00pm Trustees - Room 108 | 23 Cloth-A-Child - Room 106 10:00am Book Study - Parlor 12:30pm Women in Transition - Parlor 7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Service | 24 Cloth-A-Child - Room 106 Office Closed - Happy Thanksgiving 4:15pm No Central Cafe Schedule 7:30pm Nar-Anon 8:00pm NA - Room 20 | 25 Cloth-A-Child - Room 106 Office Closed 1:00pm Blood Drive - FH | 26 Cloth-A-Child - Room 106 9:00am Hanging of the Greens 11:00am Creche Set up - FH 7:00pm NA |
| 27 Cloth-A-Child - Room 106 No Youth Group Faith Link - Room 108 Worship Service The Rock 10:30am 11:45am Creche Display - FH and Kitchen | 28 Cloth-A-Child - Room 106 9:00am Moms with a Mission - Room 106 11:00am Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30pm ALS Support - Parlor 7:00pm Boy Scouts - Fellowship Hall 7:00pm Staff Parish Meeting - Rm 108 | 29 Cloth-A-Child - Room 106 9:00am Adele Thomas Bells - Bell Room 6:30pm Bellissima! - Bell Room | 30 10:00am Book Study - Parlor | | | |

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Just go to the CUMC Website at:
www.waterfordcumc.org and click on
the "Sign-Up" button on the right hand
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 device, wheelchairs
are available at both services.

Worship Notes

OCTOBER 23, 2011
Worship Services - 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Luke 17:20-21
"Does It Make a Difference?"
Preaching: Rev. Jim Kellermann
Worship Arts:
9:00 a.m. Good News Ringers
10:30 a.m. Good News Ringers,
Chancel Choir

OCTOBER 30, 2011
9:00 and 10:30 a.m. services
Good Samaritan Sunday
Matthew 22:15-22
"Central's Gracious Living:
a Community of Abundance"
Preaching: Rev. Jim Kellermann
Worship Arts:
9:00 a.m. Alleluia Dancers
10:30 a.m. Alleluia Dancers
Chancel Choir

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