



CHIMES

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A few weeks ago, Polly and I were finishing a bike ride on the West Bloomfield Trail. A young family with two small boys (about age 3 and 5) were just beginning their journey. Much to our surprise, both of these children were riding two-wheeled bicycles. In conversation, the parents said they had provided balance bikes for their sons early on which enabled them to master the two-wheeled bike faster.

We went home and looked up balance bikes and discovered they are small bicycles without peddles. Children learn to sit and push their feet on the ground, but begin to get the feeling of balancing without having to complicate it with the work of peddling. They soon are able to accomplish the joy of riding down gentle inclines and finding their balance. Add some training wheels to a peddled bike after that to learn the peddling, but the balance that is necessary is already in their brains. Ingenious.

As a metaphor for my life, I recognize that I rush to the peddling and fail to get a sense of the balance. I am pursuing the forward thrust as fast I can. I feel a need to see progression, to get somewhere, to accomplish something. I peddle like mad to move forward.

I need to remind myself to balance first. The peddling comes more easily if I know I am able to live with the equilibrium of life. Sometimes it means breathing and praying first. It means getting comfortable with the rhythms of God's Spirit, becoming more comfortable with who I am and what I can do with God; more comfortable with what hearing the Spirit of God; more quiet and confident in the presence of God.

Once I know that I have balance, I believe I can begin to better pursue the goals and directions to which God is calling me. Once I balance I can peddle.

How is your life balance and peddling like these days?

Jim

Born to Eternal Life

Lloyd Lee Turner

10/22/1955 - 8/6/2011

Member of Central since 12/24/1995

Born to Eternal Life

Gene Ellen Stottlemyre

11/4/1925 - 4/11/2009

Member of Central since 11/12/2001

Our Deepest Sympathies

Our deepest sympathies to Ethel Sinclair on the death of her husband.

Our deepest sympathies to Valerie Sinclair on the death of her father.

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

Maybe you haven't been a part of the Coffee Fellowship between services. Maybe you don't even like coffee. But you know that hospitality is vital in the building of community.

We need you. We need you to help organize and arrange the Coffee Fellowship moment each week, September through June. And we need more of you to volunteer to set up the Coffee Fellowship once a month. Dan and Dee Hosler have been gracious enough to organize it and provide it for many years. With much thanks for their dedication and loving hospitality, we celebrate their modeling of discipleship. One way to honor their gifts would be to volunteer to arrange and/or to provide coffee fellowship. Call the church office to offer yourself and your time for a most rewarding task. Directions are provided and the job is not difficult.

KIDS CENTRAL MINISTRY NEWS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2012
Rev. Kathy is taking a survey to find out which week would be better for VBS in 2012. If you would like to participate please go to <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HYDWBCW> or www.kidscentralweb.org and click on the VBS Survey tab.

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>.

THANK YOU!

Thanks to everyone who donated baked goods for the Mom2Mom Sale. The Bake Sale raised just over \$200 for Blessings in a Backpack. Good work!

Rev. Kathy's contact info:
kpittenger@waterfordcumc.org or
248-681-0040 ext. 15

www.kidscentralweb.org

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.



FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

With school starting, it's a good time to apprise you of the state of Church finances. As of August 31, we had a \$9,000 projected deficit in a budget that includes full payment of apportionments. We have trimmed expenses by \$16,000, but we are about \$25,000 behind pledged envelope offerings. We hope this will change now that everyone is back on normal schedules. We also recognize that you, the congregation have been very supportive of individual mission projects, such as Baldwin Backpacks, Wells for Liberia, and Blessings in a Backpack. On behalf of those being helped, we thank you very much. If you have any questions please ask one of the members of Finance. Thanks.

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!



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.

THURSDAY KIDS CLUB

- Open to children and youth age 4 and up
- Staffed by Rev. Kathy and parents
- Located in the Parlor
- Bible Study time from 6 - 7 p.m.
- Games, homework, activities
- A few reminders... children must have a responsible adult at the church at all times, children are not allowed to roam around the church.
- Questions may be directed to Rev. Kathy

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. Thanks and God Bless,
The Staff of Central

APPLE PIE SALE

It's apple pie time again! There will be inserts in the bulletin in the coming weeks for you to place an order. You can place an order for baked, frozen, and even no sugar added pies this year! The deadline for orders will be October 12 and the orders will be ready for pickup on October 16.

KNIT FOR KIDS

We received the following thank you note from World Vision: Thank you for the beautiful sweaters you have made for children in our country and around the world. We received your wonderful gifts and appreciate all the love and effort that went in to making them. Our most recent shipments have gone to Chicago, Pacific Northwest, Washington, DC, Armenia, Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Honduras, Lesotho, Mongolia, Rwanda, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia. Thank you for supporting the Knit for Kids program!

Help us reach our goal of 1000 sweaters before the end of the year. See the table next to the Bride's Room for samples and patterns! 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.

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



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!

UPCOMING MENU:

October 13 - Chicken Quesdillas/Tacos



COOKIE BAKERS NEEDED!

Once again it's that time of year when we let our college students and those in the military know that we are thinking of them. We know they love to receive goodies from their Church family! Please sign up on the board next to the office to let us know how many dozen cookies you can donate so we are sure to have enough. Please wrap the cookies in packages of two (zip-close baggies work great for this)! Donations must be to the church (please take to the kitchen counter and mark for College Students/Military) by 7:00 p.m. on October 12th! If you have any questions, please call Kristi Cornish, 248-926-8035. Thank you!

COLLEGE / MILITARY ADDRESSES

It's time to turn in your college student's address (even if it is the same as last year!) We will be baking cookies to send to the students as they prepare for exams, so don't let your student be left out! Address forms will be available in the Church office and as bulletin inserts. Please return all forms by September 30th so that we can be ready to send them out!

TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF 9/25/2011

Year to date income: \$384,999.00

Year to date expenses: \$389,410.00

Sunday 9/25 offering: \$8,726.86

THE HIDING OF RICH PITTENGER

Rich is not really hiding but has in fact changed positions, which has required that he move from his previous spot in the front office to a different computer where he now serves as Media and Communications Coordinator. Rich is the one now responsible for the editing and publishing of the Chimes, management of the Web site, the e-Central Newsletter, power point use, and miscellaneous other communication tools.

I would like to say a BIG thank you to Rachel Pierre for helping out in the office during this time of job transition! I would also like to thank the staff and congregation for all of their love and support as I grow and learn in this new position.

Oh and my door is still open if you need to "find" me.

Rich

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724-743-9187

David and Patsy Schroeder
2836 Rowan
Waterford, MI 48329
248-666-4650

PHONE BOOK RECYCLING
Pontiac City Hall has installed a bin for recycling old phone books. We would like to remind everyone that our paper recycler bin in our parking lot does not accept phone books and we do not get credit for them. So if you have phone books to get rid of please drop them off at the Pontiac City Hall. If you have any questions feel free to contact Tina Graham.

DID YOU KNOW
CENTRAL SELLS OUR OWN
REUSABLE TOTE BAGS?
Central Cares about God's Planet!
We have beautiful tote bags available at \$2.50 per bag or 3 for \$10 with one additional bag being donated to a first time visitor. Bags are available at the Scrip table on Sunday, or in the Church office.



October Birthdays

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

Anna Hayes - October 1
Betty May Williams - October 4
Richard Kuhn - October 8
Helen Fitzgerald - October 14
Marion Gonzalez - October 14
Russell Jacobson - October 15
Della Schram - October 18
Frances Bevington - October 19
Ruth Priestley - October 20
Roy Chisnell - October 27

October Anniversaries

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

Jay and Dorothy Young
October 17 ~ 60 years

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

Thank You!

Dear Central UMC,
Thanks to everyone for the cards and prayers for my husband. It was comforting to know that so many people were thinking of us during these trying times.
Carolyn Howard

Dear Friends at Central,
I have so appreciated your care and concern since my back surgeries in late July. Sincere thanks to Rev. Kellermann for his visits to encourage me at Canterbury, to Rev. Kathy, Purple Threads, Eschtruth Circle and other friends for their visits, phone calls and cards. I am so thankful to have so many caring friends. I wish you many blessings now and always.
Mary Lou Osborne

Dear Central UMC,
Bill and I want to thank the congregation for all the prayers, love and support extended to our family these last few months. Bill's mother Norma, struggled with numerous health issues this year, resulting in her eventual death. Our Church family has strengthened us in so many ways during this difficult period. To Purple Threads, a special thanks for their prayers, Bless you all with deep appreciation,
Bill and Christy Painter

Dear Central UMC,
Many thanks to our Church family for making our 50th wedding anniversary so special. We will cherish the many cards and good wishes and always remember the beautiful reception. One of the constants in our lives has been the love and care of our Church family. Thank you!
Velette and Bill Svenkesen

Dear Central UMC,
Thank you so much for your faithful thoughts and prayers. I deeply appreciate that you all care for our members who are often unable to be very involved in services or Church groups. Wishing you all good health and happiness in your daily lives.
With love, Virginia Behler

Dear Central UMC,
The greetings from the Church groups who keep in touch with the ailing and the warm welcome given me on Sunday mornings are very reassuring. I am very happy to say that the treatment I am receiving has given me increased stamina. I'm enjoying activities that were difficult a short time ago.
Stu Packard



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The Chimes deadline is
October 13 for the
October 23, 2011 Chimes.
Please send all articles to:
rpittenger@waterfordcumc.org

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E-CENTRAL NEWSLETTER**
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 9, 2011

9:00 and 10:30 a.m. services
Seventeenth Sunday in Kingdomtide
Infant Baptism

Exodus 32:1-14, Philippians 4:1-19
"Fantasy and Faithfulness on the Northside"

Preaching: Rev. Jim Kellermann
Worship Arts:

9:00 a.m. Carol/New Joy Choir
10:30 a.m. Carol/New Joy Choir
Chancel Choir

OCTOBER 16, 2011

9:00 and 10:30 a.m. services
Eighteenth Sunday in Kingdomtide
Matthew 22:15-22

"Currency of Grace: Show Me the Money"
Preaching: Rev. Jim Kellermann
Worship Arts:

9:00 a.m. Agape Ringers
10:30 a.m. Agape Ringers
Chancel Choir

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