



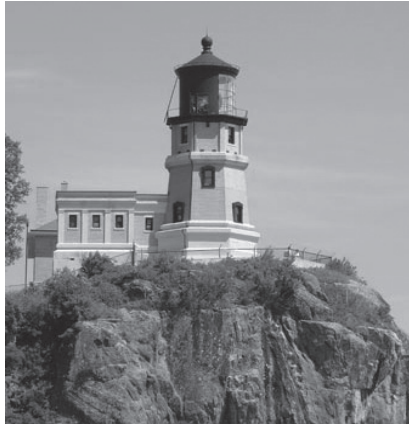
# CHIMES

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On our recent vacation Polly and I had the joy of finding the Split Rock Lighthouse on the northern Superior shore of Minnesota. It is a place that Don and Diana Carter, the lighthouse experts, know well. It is an imposing lighthouse, not because it has great height in itself, but because it sits on a steep cliff overlooking the great lake. It was built there following an extremely difficult 1905 when numerous ships were lost on the shoals and at sea on the Great Lakes and Congress freed up significant money to build this and other lighthouses to better guide ships using that visible technology.

Its technology of light and accompanying fog horn (high technology at the beginning of the century) required not just a single lighthouse keeper, but rather a team of keepers and workers to manage the facility in an isolated place that was severely battered and buffeted by the winds and gales and the winter blizzards that are common fare for Superior. Without constant diligence, fresh water in the winter season could be frozen and unobtainable; mechanisms that required constant lubrication would wear out; lights and lens would become inefficient.

We live in a much gentler climate with technologies that are greatly enhanced. But we live as a congregation that requires no less diligence and no small amount of effort to keep us functioning well at the ministries that are required of us by God. We cannot operate as an authentic community of Christ relying on clergy and/or a relatively few lay persons to manage life. We have a substantive plant, and a wide

spread of ministry interaction within and beyond the congregation. Each of us is a significant part of this Body of Believers called Central Church, and each of us has claimed commitment to be responsible for living actively in this Faith Community.

Where are your hands, your heart, your life finding an outlet in ministry for this conviction of Christ that allows us to be the great keepers of the Light for the world? Need help finding a place to work? Contact Rev. Kellermann or your ministry coordinators and we will open the world for you.

*Jim*

<i>Central Cafe Schedule</i>	
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

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY**  
Christian Education Sunday is September 18th this year. During this service we recognize and consecrate those who work in any aspect of Christian Education, present our third graders with a new Bible, and take a special offering for Christian Education that is divided between the Conference Board of Outdoor and Retreat Ministries and the Board of Christian Education.

<i>Cradle Roll</i>
Central welcomes:
Elena Lynn Samko
daughter of Robert and Angela Samko
granddaughter of Kevin and Mary Potts

## KIDS CENTRAL MINISTRY NEWS

### BIBLE FRIENDS

Each year our third graders receive a Bible. Every third grader is matched up with an adult called a "Bible Friend." Bible Friends are responsible for paying for the Bible (Rev. Kathy orders them and they are \$14), attending the presentation on September 18th and praying for their third grader throughout the year. Bible Friends are also encouraged to attend a Bible 345 class on the 3rd Sunday of every month. Please contact Rev. Kathy if you are interested.

### KIDS AND COMMUNION

Children in The ROCK (K-5th grade) and Youth (6th - 12th grade) are all invited to participate in Communion that we usually celebrate on the first Sunday of the month. Check out the article in the Kids Central News or on the website for information about talking to your kids about Communion.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

The following are upcoming events for all families in the church. Contact Rev. Kathy for more information.  
October 7 - Young Family Group;  
October 16 - Road Rally;  
October 23 - Bowling;  
October 30 - Trunk or Treat (5-7pm)

### ROCK SCHEDULE

The ROCK will officially kick-off on Sunday, September 18th. Children will begin in the sanctuary. Starting on September 25th, children will begin in the Chapel.

### 3RD GRADE BIBLES

If your child is going into third grade and you did not receive a letter from Rev. Kathy, please contact her as soon as possible.

Rev. Kathy's contact info:

kpittenger@waterfordcumc.org or  
248-681-0040 ext. 15

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

### MOM2MOM SALE

Mothers and More (Chapter 135) and Central UMC will be hosting a Mom-2Mom Sale on Saturday, September 24th from 9am-1pm. If you would like to rent a table for the sale, please contact Amity Thompson at amity.thompson@gmail.com or Rev. Kathy. The sale is open to everyone. We also need some people to help with set-up on Friday, September 23rd and during the sale on the 24th. If you are interested, please contact Rev. Kathy.

### FALL OFFICE HOURS RESUME

The office will be open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. starting the first week in September.

The office will be closed on Monday, September 5 for Labor Day.

#### 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 6-7pm
- 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

#### WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT

The women's fall retreat is fast approaching! We will be studying, "Bad Girls of the Bible" and will be led by Rev. Kathy Pittenger. It will be held at Lake Huron Retreat Center, September 9-10. The registration forms can be found on the UMW board outside of the Church office. If you have any questions please contact Cheryl Hinsberg.

#### PRAYER SHAWLS:

When you have completed a prayer shawl, please contact Phyllis, 248-673-7584, and we will set up a time to bless them and distribute them to those who are calling on persons in our congregation who will know how much we care that they cannot be with us in worship.

God bless you, Phyllis Liming

#### FALL VOLUNTEER IN MISSION

Are you interested in doing a fall mission trip? There are several of our members who are eager to go this fall in an additional trip. If there is enough interest for an October time, we will set one up and send you off with our blessing. It is also possible that if we only have a few able to go, we can connect you with other groups that are already heading down to do this work. Please contact the church office immediately if you have this interest.

#### FALL RUMMAGE TIME!

Yes - it is time once again for the fall rummage sale! Please watch for those clean, resalable donations, because without those - there will be no sale!! Note the dates and times listed below. Sign-up for volunteer workers will begin on Sun., September 11, so look for our poster. We are looking forward to a good sale. Please remember that we have changed the **\*Friday schedule to begin at 10:00 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m.** - Joanne Green, Rummage Chair

Sunday Oct. 2 — 12 noon – 3 p.m.	Equipment set-up
Monday Oct. 3 — 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Set up
Tuesday Oct. 4 — 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Set up
Wednesday Oct. 5 — 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Set up
Thursday Oct. 6 — 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Set up

#### SALE DATES:

**Thursday, Oct. 6 — 1 - 7 p.m.**

**\*Friday, Oct. 7 — 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

**Saturday, Oct 8 — 9 a.m. – 12 noon (Bag Day)**

DONATIONS ACCEPTED FROM SUN., Oct. 2 THROUGH NOON WEDNESDAY, Oct. 5. Please do not bring the following items: Major appliances (small appliances that work are greatly appreciated), air conditioners, baby car seats, bowling balls, Christmas trees, exercise equipment, computers, dishwashers, medical equipment, newspapers, magazines, Reader's Digest books, textbooks, water heaters, SOILED furniture (clean is good), and Scout uniforms. (Reminder: Newspapers and magazines can be deposited in the Recycle Bin.)

#### CROP WALKERS NEEDED TO FILL WALKING SHOES

The CROP Walk is scheduled for Sunday, October 2 and we are preparing to walk once more so that others can be fed, can find clean water, can feel that they are not alone in the harsh environment that surrounds them. We have shared in the CROP walk for decades now, raising funds for this mission program that is an ecumenical venture of care. A part of the funds raised are returned to the local community to be used through the varying food pantries like Open Door and Baldwin Community Center. Janice Mann has the walker donation envelopes for you and will be distributing them at church. If you have not received one, call the church office and begin limbering up legs for the walk and your hearts for the mission.

#### BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK

Blessings IN a Backpack is an outreach opportunity to help feed hungry children in our area! **78%** of the children at Sandburg Elementary School are on the federally subsidized free or reduced fee lunch program! **But what happens to them on the weekends, do they have food to eat!?**

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](mailto:frippster@sbcglobal.net).

#### PURPLE THREADS

Purple Threads, a women's Bible Study and prayer group, will begin on Tuesday, September 20 at 6:00 pm with a potluck in the parlor. Our video study this year will be Ray Vander Laan's, *In The Dust of the Rabbi: Becoming a Disciple*. Our teaching leaders are Nancy Radenbaugh and Sue Shipley. The study books will be \$10.00 and we will need to know as soon as possible if you plan on attending. Please call Diana Carter, class coordinator, at 248-666-2575 if you wish to order a book. This class will meet on the following dates: September 20, October 4 & 18 and November 1 & 15th. We hope you will join us. A new study will be chosen for the next class beginning in January.

#### YOUTH GROUP KICKOFF

Are you a youth going into middle or high school? Do you know a youth going into middle or high school? Do you like making new friends or connecting with old ones? How about riding roller coasters at Cedar Point or making a difference in the community during service projects? Youth group is the place for you!

We are kicking things off directly following the Rally Day Activities, on Sept. 11th! We have some exciting things planned for this year and now all we need is you!!! Friends are always welcome too! For more info contact Mark Strobel at [mark.strobel@3ds.com](mailto:mark.strobel@3ds.com) or Megann Graham at [megafone47@hotmail.com](mailto:megafone47@hotmail.com) or just drop a note with contact information in our mailboxes in the church office! Looking forward to an exciting year!!

#### FAITH LINK SUNDAY SCHOOL

Start your Sunday morning by linking our Christian faith with the issues we think about. Janice Mann, Barb Spiece, and Rev. Rich Peacock are the discussion leaders.

Sept. 18 - Religious Perspectives on 9/11  
Sept. 25 - Immigration: An interview with Bishop Minerva G. Carcano

Oct. 2 - Alzheimer's Disease

Gather in Room 108 between 9:00 and 9:15 for fellowship, which may include a snack. Choir members leave in time for rehearsal.

#### LOOKING AHEAD TO ADVENT

Advent Sunday - November 27th

"The Many Faces of Christmas"

Creche (Yours), Creche (Mine),

Creche (Theirs)

Christmas Collectibles

Christmas Apparel

More details coming.

Velette Svenkesen and Marion Steeber



**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.



**UMW READING PROGRAM**  
To the ladies of the CUMC-UMW Reading Program who are eagerly awaiting the information about the 2012 reading selections, the Mission Resource Center tells me that the order newsletter will not be available until September 2011. I will order many copies as soon as they are available. In the meantime you can keep checking at [www.missionresourcecenter.com](http://www.missionresourcecenter.com) and searching for 2012 Reading Program.  
From Barb Spiece, Treasurer.

**FISH PANTRY**  
The Fish Pantry is starting to look a little bare. Due to economy we are getting record numbers of people looking for food assistance. Please know that this is a valuable and life-saving ministry for those in need. The items that we are in most desperate need of are:  
Stuffing mix, hamburger helper, dried milk packets, crackers, medium and large containers of peanut butter, jelly, boxed potatoes and pasta, spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, paper towels, toilet paper, tooth paste, and any other health and beauty aids.  
Thank you for your generous support of this ministry!



### Food Pantry Donations Needed

**PLEASE CLAIM YOUR ITEMS** or buy them at the Rummage Sale! Do you have items that might have been left at the Church? Dishes, clothing, lost and found items that are not claimed by October 2 will be sold at the Rummage Sale. Please claim your items as soon as possible or we thank you for your generous donation!

**ROAD RALLY**  
Have you ever been on a fun, exciting, and challenging scavenger hunt? If not then the opportunity to remedy that is coming on October 16th from 4 - 6 p.m. at Central UMC! Some members of the Young Family Group are organizing a Road Rally Scavenger Hunt in the Waterford area. It will be in teams of 3 or 4 and you drive around, find and figure out clues, and have a blast! There will be a light meal provided at the end of the hunt and the winner will be announced. Sign up sheets will be available outside the office very soon. Hope to see you there!

**CENTRAL CAFÉ RESUMES**  
On Thursday, September 15th, Central Café will open for another season. This is an opportunity for the church family to have a meal together with friends for a nominal cost. Shiela Strang, the kitchen coordinator and chef, will be preparing the delectable and hardy fare we have so enjoyed in the past. Central Café coincides with the beginning of our worship arts rehearsal schedule. Come and share a meal with your children, with your friends, and your faith community. Meals are served between 5:15 and 6:45 p.m.  
Central Café menu for September 15th is pulled pork sandwiches. Adults - \$4.50 for main entree, \$3.00 for the salad bar. Children - \$2.50 for Hot Dog or 1/2 portion of main entree. There is a sign-up sheet just outside the office - walk-ins welcome.

**COOKIE BAKERS NEEDED!**  
due by October 12  
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! Also, please make sure we have current addresses for all college students and military personnel. If you have any questions, please call Kristi Cornish, 248-926-8035. Thank you!



### Address / Phone Change

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Clarkston, MI 48348

James and Laura Hillwig  
4036 Saginaw Trail  
Waterford, MI 48329

Seig and Heidi Lindner  
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Waterford, MI 48327

### Thank You!

*Dear Central UMC*  
Please accept our sincere thanks for the use of your facilities for our band rehearsal. The space works so well and it is very much appreciated.  
*Sincerely, R.G. and Mary Crites*  
*Pontiac High School Alumni Band*



### 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.

### 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!

**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.

**POSTMASTER:**

Send address changes to:  
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**September 25, 2011 Chimes.**  
Please send all articles to:  
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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

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**Worship Notes**

**SEPTEMBER 11, 2011**  
One service at 10:00 a.m.  
Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
**RALLY SUNDAY**  
9/11 Moments of Prayer and Hope  
Acts 16:11-15  
"Social Media and the Gathering of Souls.  
The BeFriending Community"  
Preaching: Rev. Jim Kellermann  
Worship Arts: Salt Shakers

**BEGIN FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE**  
**SEPTEMBER 18, 2011**  
9:00 and 10:30 a.m. services  
Fourteenth Sunday in Kingdomtide  
Christian Education Sunday  
Preaching: Rev. Kathy Pittenger  
Chancel Choir  
Infant Baptism

**PROGRAM STAFF**

**REV. JIM KELLERMANN**  
Administration/Worship Pastor  
**REV. KATHY PITTENGER**  
Pastor of Children's & Family Ministries  
**SARA HAZEN**  
Director of Music

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