



# CHIMES

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As I loaded the car in preparation for the UMY camping trip I noticed that a leaf, lying on the driveway, moved. It was a moment before I realized at what I was looking: a little turtle, about 1/2 the size of the painted turtles my brothers and I often had as pets growing up. But this one was brown and on closer look discovered it was a snapping turtle. When I looked up, I discovered that there were in fact three of four of these creatures wandering across and down the drive way.

Exploring further, I found a small hole with a turtle lying next to it in the middle of the mulched landscaping by the office door to the house. I counted five turtles moving in different directions. Then I watched as 3-4 more emerged from the hole. The last one I saw having trouble getting out. I am guessing he or she was the bottom turtle over whom everyone else had climbed. There was no one left to give this creature a leg up. I counted 9-10 little snapping turtles in all (the one that kept trying to get out at the end may have gotten counted twice). Who knows how many I missed.

Take this meditative encounter as a reminder of who we are at Central Church as we begin renewing ourselves for ministry for another year. We all emerge as youthful souls: fragile, yet at the same time remarkably hardy. We are filled with energy and a passion for moving in directions for which we cannot always explain why, but being drawn to something sacred. For the turtles it is toward moistness, into the woods or down the drive to the other side of the road into the marsh. We don't always look like we are heading in the same direction. Our spirituality has different dimensions and ways of discovery. We order our lives around a variety of activities for children, youth, young adults, older adults; for families and singles;

with variant worship styles; with mission outreach and the practice of compassion that is global and local, that requires hands and resources and imaginations; We are moving all at one time and it is magnificent to watch.

I also know that we are taught and led by the model of Jesus Christ to be the last turtle out. No greater gift do we offer than to lay down our lives for others. We are about enabling other people to find openings to life and to God and we sacrifice our own life to make that happen.

We expend our energies in designing and executing programs and providing settings in which others can climb into the freedom of the Spirit of God.

As we welcome each other back to a rally-type worship on September 12 (10:00 a.m.) and into other meetings, studies, and programs and communities of ministry, look around you and see us, like the turtles, scattering in many directions, to carry the gift of God's creation and the grace and love of Jesus Christ into multiple dimensions. Then remember the ones who have helped you climb into the open air of God's grace, and the ones that you may be able to help out as well by providing your vision, your imagination, your planning, your vision, and your hands and heart.

May we be awed by the community of faith at Central that is filled with vitality and possibility, and that calls for our engagement in spirit and ministry.

Jim

**Central Café  
Schedule**

4:15 – 5:15 Alleluia /Jubilate 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  
 6:30 – 7:30 New Joy Choir

**TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF 8/29/2010:**

Year to date income: \$361,703.00  
 Year to date expenses: \$354,872.00  
 Balance of apportionments NOT paid for 2010: \$58,053.46.  
 Sunday 8/29 offering: \$6360.62

## KIDS CENTRAL MINISTRY NEWS

### Fall Children's Ministries

Sunday mornings are an important time for faith growth for our children. If you would like to participate in the spiritual journey of our children (by working in the nursery, teaching our preschoolers, shepherding or being workshop leaders for our elementary-age children, leading our youth, or helping with preparation or behind-the-scenes work) please contact Rev. Kathy. We have many opportunities available!

### 3rd Grade Bibles

It is a tradition at Central UMC to present a Bible to children entering 3rd Grade. If your child will be in 3rd grade and has not received a letter about their 3rd grade Bible, please contact Rev. Kathy. If you would like to be a Bible Friend and sponsor a 3rd Grader, please contact Rev. Kathy. The Bible Presentation is on Sunday, September 19th at the 10:30 a.m. service.

### Confirmation

All youth in 7th and 8th grade are invited to join Rev. Kathy (and others) for confirmation. If you have not received a letter regarding Confirmation and you (or your child) is in 7th or 8th grade and has not been confirmed, please contact Rev. Kathy. Adult mentors are also needed. If you are interested, please contact Rev. Kathy.

### Upcoming Opportunities for Children and Families

The opportunities for children and families are expanding at Central! If you would like to see the exciting ministry opportunities that you can participate in, please check out the Kids Central Website at [www.kidscentralweb.org](http://www.kidscentralweb.org). And be watching your mailbox for the Fall Family Letter!

*The Fall "Sunday School" schedule for Stepping Stones begins on September 12. The ROCK and youth normal schedule begins on September 19*

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





## CENTRAL CAFÉ RESUMES

On Thursday, September 16, 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. Sheila 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 (Chancel Choir; Carol and New Joy Choir Children's Choirs; Agape, Good News, and YTBN Bell Ringers; and the Alleluia and Jubilate Dance Choirs. Come and share a meal with your children, with your friends, with your faith community. Meals are served between 5:15 and 6:45 p.m.

### Central Café Menu:

- Sept. 16 - Goulash,
  - Sept. 23 - Chicken & Gravy,
  - Sept. 30 - Meatloaf,
  - Oct. 7 - Sausage & Noodles,
  - Oct. 14 - Beef Burgandy,
  - October 21 - Chili Dogs
- We also need kitchen volunteers!

## 9:00 AM WORSHIP COMING IN SEPTEMBER

September 19 begins a new worship opportunity on Sunday's at 9:00 a.m. in the chapel. This service will still include the preaching of the word, but will attempt to provide more possibility for prayer experiences and traditional liturgy. The 10:30 a.m. will remain the same blended worship in the sanctuary. Join us for either or both and find a worship moment that feeds your soul.

## CENTRAL CHURCH CHARGE CONFERENCE

The annual All Church Conference of Central Church has been scheduled by the district superintendent for Sunday evening, November 7 at 7:00 p.m. (SPRC will meet prior to the conference at 6:15 p.m.) Hold this date as we celebrate and challenge the depth of our faith and the impact of our ministries.

## JUBILATE AND ALLELUIA DANCERS

Just a note regarding the upcoming liturgical dance season. We will be trying a new model for our group by combining the Jubilate and Alleluia choirs. They will remain separate entities, yet rehearse and perform together the combined rehearsal time will be 4:15 to 6:00 p.m. We realize some dancers will arrive late, some will need to leave early to attend bell choir and we are aware of these conflicts. We would appreciate all efforts to attend as much of the rehearsal as possible. Our first worship participation will be Sunday, November 7, 2010. Due to the new worship schedule, we will only be dancing in one service at 10:30 a.m. We welcome anyone entering 3rd through 12th grade to join us. Our first rehearsal is Thursday, September 16, 2010. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Stacy Kawa at 248-693-9621. In God's Movement, Stacy Kawa, Katey Gay and Polly Strosahl

## UMW INGATHERING:

We are collecting clothing items for youth and young adults who find themselves without a home, with only the clothes on their backs. Dignity on the Streets, sponsored by The Detroit East District United Methodist Women, is an ingathering project accepting guys and gals undergarments and socks in sizes small to 3XL to be distributed to agencies serving the homeless in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. Items should be brought into the church and placed in the box marked Ingathering in the Chapel Hall. Please place all garments in a Zip lock bag with the size and sex indicated on the outside or on a card inside the bag. All new items please. We will be bringing our donations to the annual district meeting on October 2, 2010.

## DAD'S CLUB CAMP OUT

Pitch your tent on the church grounds with us Friday, October 1, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Evening features the Oakland County Parks and Recreation program: "Food Chain" with live animals! Dads, Grandpas and Uncles of all ages bring are welcome to come. Bring your tent, sleeping bags and kids. a free will donation will cover the refreshments and breakfast on Saturday, October 2 at 8:00 a.m. Can't stay overnight? Come just for the program! Program runs at 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. Additional events include campfire, snacks, crafts and movie (in the North Star Theater.) Sign-up sheets are posted outside the office door.

## Notes & Thank You's

### My Heartfelt Thanks,

Go to Rev. Jim, Diana Carter and Jim March for special visits and also Marie Wilson and Nancy Radenbaugh for much-needed assistance during my recent illness. I thank all of those persons who sent such beautiful cards and kept me in their prayers. I am on the road to recovery now, thanks to God's blessings.

*In His Love – Joanne Green*

### Dear Central,

I really do appreciate the cards I have received from the Caring Corps, especially those from folks I haven't met! It is so thoughtful of you to keep me in your thoughts.

*Thank you, Agatha Morgan*

## FUNERAL LUNCHEON UPDATE

Several people have inquired as to what the procedures are for funeral luncheons. The procedure was organized in the following manner by a committee with Mary Metzner to ensure that we are able to provide for all members of the congregation: The Congregation provides a lovely array of salads and cookies/bars for dessert. Normally, the family is asked to pay for the entree and side dishes. When there is a financial concern, our funeral luncheon committee has funds available from donations to help cover the cost. The committee would like to thank those families who have contributed beyond base costs to help others.

## For the Love of God *John's Letters*

Women's Fall Retreat, September 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Sign up at the UMW board. Registration fee of \$15 due by September 19. Child care available.

8:30	Food For The Heart:	Registration & Continental Breakfast
9:00	For The Love Of God:	John's Letters – Program
10:30	Break Out Activities:	Session 1
12:00	For The Love Of Food:	Lunch
1:00	Breakout Activities:	Session 2
2:30	Love In Motion:	Liturgical Dance with Polly Strosahl
3:00	Closing:	Communion

## *Activities List*

**Sending Our Love** — card making,

**Love of Glitz** — jewelry making,

**For the Love of Others** — quilt squares,

**Loving Our Souls** — prayerful love walk,

**Loving Ourselves** — pampering,

**For the Love of God's Children** — fleece blankets



## UMY

### FALL NEWS

Are you going into the 6th through 12th grade? Do you have a friend or relative going into the 6th through 12th grade? We'd love to have you or them join our youth groups. We'll kick off our year on Saturday, September 11 with a picnic and human foosball game! We're also planning to go to Cedar Point in October for their Halloween weekends. We need youth group member emails and parent emails so we can give you weekly details of activities throughout the year. You can put your email address in Mark's or Megann's mailbox in the office or email us at mark.strobel@3ds.com or megafone47@hotmail.com - Remember, Megann is the director for Senior High (9 through 12 grades) and Mark is the director for Middle School (6 through 8 grades) but we do a lot together. We want all of the 6th through 12th graders in the CUMC family (and your friends) to join us!

### CENTRAL YOUTH IN WATERFORD'S GOT TALENT

As a fund raiser, Waterford Coalition for Youth, is holding a "Waterford's Got Talent" show at Waterford Mott High School. Following auditions, 27 individuals and groups have been selected to perform on September 25, 2010 (7:00 p.m.). Two of these persons are youth from Central UMC: Chelsea Cortese and Trevor Behler. Tickets are available from the Waterford Coalition for Youth (\$10, or \$8 for seniors and students K-12). The funds provided support the programs that work at reducing substance abuse and high risk behavior in the community's youth.

**PLEASE CLAIM YOUR ITEMS or buy them back at the rummage sale!** Do you have items at the Church? Dishes, clothing, lost and found items that are not claimed by October 3 will be sold at the Rummage sale. Please claim your items ASAP, or we thank you for your donation!

### "BELIEVE OUT LOUD!"

Dedicated Reconciling United Methodists will present a fall potluck and program on Sunday, October 24, at 5:00 p.m. at Nardin Park Methodist Church, 29887 W. Eleven Mile Road in Farmington Hills. Featured speaker will be Gloria Soliz. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service. Program begins at 6:00 p.m. with fellowship to follow at 7:00 p.m. Co-sponsored by the Church and Society Committee of Nardin Park UMC.



### COOKIE BAKERS NEEDED! Due October 3

Once again it's that time of year when we let our college students and those in the military know 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 13th! Also, please make sure we have current addresses of all college students and military personnel. 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 on-line. All forms are due September 26.

### CROP WALK

The Crop Walk is scheduled for October 3, 2010 with its starting point at Christ Lutheran Church (Williams Lake Road). If you have not yet signed up to walk, you can do so on Sundays or sponsor one of our walkers. You may also register before the walk at 1:30 at Christ Lutheran Church. Another option is to walk your distance on a different day and then turn your money into the church. Call Janice Mann with questions at (248) 738-6702

### FALL RUMMAGE TIME!!



Yes - along with all of the fall activities comes the rummage sale. Note the dates and times listed below. Sign-up for volunteer workers will begin on Sun., Sept. 12th so look for our poster. We've got some changes plus some new ideas so we are looking forward to a good sale. Please note that we are changing the **\*Friday schedule to begin at 10:00 a.m. and end at 7:00 p.m.** to allow for customers to stop in after work. Committee members have been working diligently over the summer to create new signs and we have also recruited Kathy

Reseigh and Ruth Greene to take charge of the French Room. More details will be provided later but as a reminder - please watch for those clean, resalable donations because without those - there will be no sale!! Joanne Green, Rummage Chair

Sunday Oct. 3	— 12 noon – 3 p.m.	Equipment set-up
Monday Oct. 4	— 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Set up
Tuesday Oct. 5	— 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Set up
Wednesday Oct. 6	— 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Set up
Thursday Oct. 7	— 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Set up

### SALE DATES:

Thursday, Oct. 7 — 1 - 7 p.m.

\*Friday, Oct. 8 — 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

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

DONATIONS ACCEPTED FROM SUN., OCT. 3 THROUGH NOON WEDNESDAY, OCT. 6. 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.)

### THANKS ESCHTRUTH CIRCLE

Several members of the Estruth Circle and some auxiliary men, spent several days cleaning and sorting the lower conference room (Room 20). This is a multi-purpose room used by some of the circles, by the UMY, and by some of our community support groups (A.A., N.A.). The room looks much more hospitable again. Thanks.

*Pictured at right: Don Carter and Jim Alt lend a hand for the room 20 clean-up*



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**SIGN UP FOR YOUR  
E-CENTRAL NEWSLETTER**

Contact Pam Fisher by e-mail at:  
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with your address

**Worship Participants**

A complete list of Worship  
Participants, Sermons & Select Music  
is available online on our website at  
www.waterfordcumc.org



(All Summer Sunday Worship  
begins at 10 a.m.)

**September 12, 2010**

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
*Ignite the Spirit of the Shepherd*

(A Rally type worship)

Word Proclaimed:

Rev. Jim Kellermann

Worship Arts: Salt Shakers;

Central Casting

**BEGIN FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**September 19, 2010**

9:00 a.m. worship in Chapel

10:30 a.m. worship in Sanctuary

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Christian Education Sunday

Rev. Jim Kellermann, preaching

1 Timothy 2:5-7

“Being Hermit Crabs:

A Case for Adult Christian Education”

**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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Contact us: **248-681-0040** or [info@waterfordcumc.org](mailto:info@waterfordcumc.org) **Single worship service at 10:00 a.m.**