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Once, when we were very young, a parishioner, with my parents' permission, brought us a tiny baby rabbit for Easter. It was just one of those cute moments they could not pass up. However the bunny, small enough to be held in the palm of an adult hand was not as thrilled with the idea of four small boys crowding in upon him and immediately leaped from the hand and behind the safety of the piano. It was difficult to pry the bunny loose from its fortress, and I can imagine that eventually the piano itself had to be rolled away to get a hold of the small quivering animal. And then it was gone. The event, even though elongated by my childhood memory, probably lasted only a few minutes. But the memory is still vivid.

Unfortunately so much of our Easter experience seems to happen that way. The reality of Easter is presented in a cute package for the delight of the child in us and lasts only a few minutes. The truth of Easter gets crowded out and eventually is buried behind the furniture.

But Easter has a different intent, a more powerful one, larger than any quivering bunny, stronger than any piano hiding place or entombed fortress. When it comes, it leaps upon us in surprising ways, breaking down the things of which we are most afraid. It releases life for us. There is nothing cute about it. Easter is hard work, all that moving of stone, all that shifting of body and spirit, all that facing down death and leaping of life.

The authentic Easter is not brought out for a quick look, an inconvenient hiding behind the piano and a swift departure. The claim of God that Easter brings is for a lifetime and the joy is not in the novelty but in the weeping of our souls at being claimed by a love that has more power than our deaths and our sin. It changes community, alters the world, centers all creation and is proclaimed in this mystery of the resurrection and life of Jesus Christ.

Jim

Visit our websites at: www.waterfordcumc.org, www.littlesproutspreschool.org
Visit the Kids Central Website at: www.kidscentralweb.org

ORDINATION BUS

The Staff Parish Relations Committee is pursuing a bus to transport the friends and supporters of Rev. Wendy Lyons Chrostek to the sight of Annual Conference in Adrian on May 17th for the service of ordination (scheduled at 4:00 p.m.). The cost of the bus will be \$15-20/seat. Look for the sign up or call the church office to reserve your spot.

GOLDEN CROSS SUNDAY
May 3 will be Golden Cross Sunday. A special offering will be invited that supports health and wellness ministry which includes the United Methodist Children's Home, Chelsea and Boulevard Temple Retirement Communities, and the Outdoor Education and Retreat Ministries.

DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY
Beginning in mid spring, traversing last summer and ending in mid fall, a Disciple Bible Class community was formed. In that period of time we were able to cover the first half (Old Testament) of Disciple One and made a vow to come together and complete the second half this year. That Fair Weather Disciple Bible Study Class will begin gathering again on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. beginning May 6. Disciple students, begin reading Chapter 18 in preparation for the joy of the encounter with the Word of God in the gospels of Jesus Christ.

HAITI INGATHERING

The Haiti Ingathering will be collecting items for Health Kits to send to Haiti on Sundays, April 26, May 3, and May 10. There will be containers in the hallway marked Haiti for the items. Monday morning, May 11, we need help sorting and packing the kits. Contact Janice Mann or the office if you can help.

Items needed: Band Aids, toothbrushes (adult, wrapped singly), wash cloths, hand towels, bar soap (3 oz. or larger), combs (large, sturdy), nail files or finger nail clippers. Money donations for purchase of toothpaste and shipping costs.

Cradle Roll:

Vanessa Lee Burnham
Born March 25, 2009
Daughter of
Brandon and Crystal Burnham
Granddaughter of
Larry and Sandy Payne
.....

Joshua James Schmidt
Born April 2, 2009
Son of
Alyson Gay & Jeff Schmidt
Grandson of Pam Coleman Gay

WORSHIP NOTES

*In the beginning
heaven and the earth
the earth was without form,
and the earthiness was upon the
face of the deep. The Spirit of
God was hovering over the
waters.*

Easter Schedule

Good Friday, April 10.

Noon -1:30 p.m. Good Friday
Ecumenical service at
Christ Lutheran Church.

7:00 p.m. Good Friday service
here at Central, Rev. Wendy Lyons
Chrostek, preaching.

Easter Sunday, April 12.

7:00 a.m. SON RISE SERVICE

8:15 a.m. EASTER BRUNCH

9:00 and 10:30 a.m. WORSHIP

Rev. Jim Kellermann, preaching
"When Love Is All There Is"

John 20:1-18

9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Chancel Choir and Brass

April 19, 2009

Second Sunday of Easter

Festival of God's Creation

Native American Ministries Sunday

Rev. Wendy Lyons Chrostek,

preaching

9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Combined Dance Choirs with

"Old Turtle"

EASTER REMINDERS

We will NOT be having Sunday School on Easter Sunday – Also, there will be NO coffee hour on Easter Sunday. Instead, plan to come to our Easter brunch for a delicious breakfast prepared by our Men's Club and fellowship with each other instead!

Central Caf 

There will be no rehearsals or dinner on April 9th. The Chancel Choir will rehearse briefly after the Maundy Thursday service on April 9th.

FISH PANTRY

The pantry is in need of the following items: Jelly, tuna, cake mix and frosting, soap, toothpaste, fruit, spaghetti, sauce and noodles, sides (rice, pasta and potatoes), milk packages, and crackers. Monetary donations allow us to purchase hamburger, bread, margarine and juice. Thank you for your continued support of this important community mission.



Our Deepest Sympathies To:

Scot and Becky Lund on the
death of her father,
Robert and Laura Lund on the
death of their Grandfather

KIDS CENTRAL MINISTRY NEWS

Thank You to all who volunteered with the Easter Egg Hunt. We had a great time with good food, fellowship and fun.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Camp E.D.G.E. is June 22-26 from 9 a.m. - 12 noon. Registration forms and volunteer information will be available May 1st. The Donation Board will be out after Easter. As we prepare for our craft projects we need popsicle sticks (about 5,500 more), cardboard jewelry boxes (white or light colored), flannel-backed tablecloths (light colored), and white sheets. Donations may be put outside Kathy's office.

GAME NIGHT

The next Game Night is Friday, April 17, from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.. Come when you can and leave when you need to. Bring your favorite games to play and a snack to share. All ages are welcome and encouraged to come. We had a great time in February!

To all the kids and youth who participated in Children's Sunday and Camp Sunday - great job! I am so proud of you. To all the parents and our church family, we have a great group of kids. Thank you for participating in their spiritual growth.

We need workshop leaders for May and June. If you are interested, contact Kathy.

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www.kidscentralweb.org

RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK - FIRST SUNDAY OUTREACH

In an effort to reach out to those who feel excluded by mainline churches, we are starting an ecumenical service of worship to be inclusive and welcoming. It will be held on the first Sunday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the chapel of Nardin Park United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills. If you are GLBT, family or friend or simply feel that this artificial separation has no place within the church, we welcome you. To some the thought of "church" brings negative feelings to the surface and holds you back. Give us a chance. We want to meet you and include you. This is not a political group or a movement but rather a worship service for anyone who has found church to be an uncomfortable place, for any reason, but has missed it in your life. This program is co-hosted by the Church and Society Ministry of Nardin Park and the Dedicated Reconciling United Methodists. For additional information contact: Beverly Brun - bwbrun@yahoo.com or Linda Walker - rainbowcross@comcast.net

CORTForce THANKS

A small sub group of the CORTForce is now developing a revised model for Central's organization of ministry. It will be tweaked and shared with the congregation in the coming months for comments. Thanks to the team that has been working with imagination and heart on this project, and those who have helped shape the project with your observations and insights.

HAITI

The Volunteers in Mission group from Waterford Central consisting of Bud Leverenz, Don Stoughton and Jim Kellermann depart for Haiti on April 15 for a week of mission work and encounters that are every bit a blessing upon the team as upon those with whom they go to work. Thanks to those who have contributed during the Compassionate Christmas, or in special offering or at the luncheon and gold sale. Every gift is an important part of the extension of God

FIVE PRACTICES

Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations
Thanks to all who have read and participated in the congregational book Study of Bishop Robert Schnase's, "The Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations." The conversation has laid good ground work for the focusing of ministry that we anticipate as we refine Central's organization of ministry model.

FAMILY CAMPING

at Myers Lake Camp Ground

With spring just around the corner, it is time to start planning for summer. CUMC has reserved two group camping sites at Myers Lake Camp Ground in Byron, MI for August 6 – 9. We need a minimum of 13 families and can accommodate up to 20. The cost is \$24.30/night. Reservations must be made by June 28. Please join us for a fun weekend of camping, swimming, and fellowship. The sign-up sheet is outside of the office. If you have any questions, please contact Mark Strobel.



USHER UPDATE

Usher, my Future Leader Dog puppy, has been picked up by a trainer. He passed his medicals, so that was good news. Usher should be in Phase 3 in April and Phase 4 in May. If he does well and there is a match with a "forever" person, then he might be issued in June. I hope he goes all the way through the four phases to become a magnificent Leader Dog. Only time will tell. I will let you know when he is placed with a person.-
Marge Frazier

FIRST QUARTER STATEMENTS

Are ready to be picked up in the Chapel Hallway.



CENTRAL CINEMA

May 2 at 7:00 p.m. Central Cinema will share the touching story "I Am Sam" starring Sean Penn and Dakota Fanning. Penn's character has the mental capacity of a 7-year-old and has a daughter with a homeless woman who abandons them as soon as they leave the hospital. He names his daughter Lucy Diamond (after the Beatles song), and raises her. As Lucy's precociousness surpasses her challenged father, she is taken away from him, assuming he is unable to care for her. But Sam's capacity for love and care overcomes all obstacles and he helps create a loving family, and a strong and supportive community. Join us for this movie about parenting and love. All are welcome for this PG 13 Movie.

OAKLAND CHORAL SOCIETY

Concert: Saturday evening, April 25th, at 7:30 p.m. The Oakland Choral Society and Christ Church (Grosse Pointe) Chorale, soloists and orchestra will perform Felix Mendelssohn's *Elijah* here at Central UMC. *Elijah* presents the inspiration and hardship of the great prophet's life, as he healed the widow's son, called down the flames of God on the people's sacrifice and fled into the wilderness from the wrath of Jezebel. The performance will have Sara Hazen at the organ and Marlene Knaus singing in the chorale! Tickets are \$15 at the door and are also available though Marlene Knaus (248) 673-8622.

YOUR MINISTRY COORDINATORS

NURTURING:
BOB AND RAINY STEPHENSON
OUTREACH:
JANICE MANN

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE IS GEARING UP!

Please look for the volunteer sign-up poster in the hallway on April 19 and April 26, or on the UMW bulletin board during the week. Because of Easter, we will only have two Sundays to try and convince you to help us out as our workers have become pretty scarce. Remember that workers have first choice to buy items at the end of their shifts – plus it is a wonderful way to get acquainted with lots of our members. If you have special questions, feel free to call Joanne Green at 248-698-1224. Please note the dates and times listed below.

SET-UP DATES: Sun., May 3 – 12 noon – 3 p.m. – Equipment Set-Up
Mon., May 4 – 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. – Set-Up
Tues., May 5 – 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. – Set-Up
Wed., May 6 – 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. – Set-Up

(Donations will be accepted from Sun., May 3 thru Wed., May 6 at 12 noon)

SALE DATES: Thurs., May 7 – 1 – 7 p.m.

Fri., May 8 – 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Sat. May 9 – 9 a.m. – 12 noon (Bag Day)

CLEAN-UP: Starts after the sale closes on Saturday at 12 noon – HELP NEEDED!!

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!)

HARVESTERS

The Harvesters are a group of retirees who gather for fellowship. Our next meeting will be a potluck here at the church on Thursday, April 16, at 12 noon. Bring your favorite dish to pass. Contact Rev. Wendy with questions at 248-681-0040.

ESCHTRUTH CIRCLE

The next Eschtruth Circle meeting will bring the annual World Thank Offering led by Polly Strosahl and a discussion of the Practice of Passionate Worship from Chapter II of our book study. Plan to meet at 7:00 p.m. on Tues., Apr. 14

MOM'S WITH A MISSION

Dates to Remember

April 16th - 9:30-11:30 am - Making Mother's Day gift bags for HAVEN. (Please note that this date is a change from our normal 2nd Thursday of the month schedule - this is due to Spring Break and will only be for this month)

May 14th - 9:30-11:30 am - End of Year Brunch. Hope to see you there!

UMW



DATES TO REMEMBER

May 3, 4, 5 & 6: Rummage sale set-up

May 7, 8, & 9: Rummage sale

May 9 at 12 noon: Rummage sale Clean-up.

May 8 & 9: UMW 2009 *Spiritual Life Retreat* with Rev. Tara Sutton, presenter at the Lake Huron Retreat Center. Registrations must be postmarked by April 24. Arrival time is 3 p.m. Friday. Cost for single room is \$111. Price includes lodging, 3 meals, snacks and materials. For multiple occupant room pricing and more information on the retreat, visit www.lakehuronretreat.org.

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you,

Rob and I along with our family would like to thank Reverend Kellermann and our Central Family for their support, thoughts and prayers. We felt each of you with us during Rob's recent hospital visit. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts! Love to all, Angela Samko

To our good friends at Central,

Thank you for the cards to my father, Arnold Thomas on his 87th birthday. Also, for your thoughtfulness throughout the year. Sincerely, Linda Myers and family

We want to thank Karen Wilson for the lovely bouquet of flowers and Della Schram for bringing the bouquet from the church that was at Karen Wilson's mother's service. Would also like to thank Dorothy Pelton for bringing a beautiful bouquet as well. We enjoyed our visit with her. Thank you to Rev. Kellermann and Mary Wilson for coming to Lakeland Place for the Sunday Night Service and bringing communion and for the lovely cards and especially to all who signed the card form Purple Threads. Clarence and Elva Boyer

Thank you,

I want to thank all of my family at Central for making my stay so enjoyable. I've enjoyed working with such a friendly group of people. The party on February 22 was very special for Shirley and me. What a wonderful turnout. The food was very good. Also, a big Thank You to all the staff for the January party at Canterbury. Wesley and Shirley Tindall

Staff Parish and Congregation,

What a delightful and loving thing for you to do for us on my retirement as Visitation Pastor! The comments were caring and the reception was delicious and gave lots of time for enjoyable conversations. Thank you all so much. We have received a very generous check from more than 45 Central friends in honor of my retirement. I want to express my appreciation for that. Thank you all. Mark Caldwell.

Thank you,

To Rev. Chrostek for bringing me communion and for all the prayers and cards from Purple Threads and Caring Core Group. They are appreciated very much. Violet Jordan

Dear Waterford Friends,

Thank you for the cards of support during my October by-pass surgery and the several months of recovery and re-hab. The doctors and nurses were great in both the Traverse City and Gaylord hospitals. I am doing well. We appreciate the church news

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letter which we receive each month and we think of you often. Andrew graduated from Michigan State in December and is now doing his graduate study in Syracuse, NY at the State University in the College of Environmental Science and Forestry. He and his girlfriend plan to marry this fall. She will be attending Cornell University while they are in N.Y. I will be the pastor officiating. It's a long time since I have done a wedding. Thank you for your special love, Dick and Linda Myers.

APRIL IS ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH

Are you a member of MICAP? It is an organization supported by the United Methodist Church in Michigan that provides educational materials, a bi-monthly newsletter, and activities directed toward solving the alcohol problem. DO YOU KNOW THE WARNING SIGNS OF ALCOHOL ABUSE? Some of the signs of Alcohol abuse are listed at: <http://ncadi.samhsa.gov/seasonal/aprilalcohol/>. If you suspect that you might have a drinking problem, or you know someone who abuses alcohol, please contact SAMHSA's Health Information Network at: 1-877-SAMHSA-7.

KNIT FOR KIDS!

WOW! It's only the beginning of April and so far for 2009 we have mailed off 60 Knit for Kids sweaters. That makes our grand total since the project began in the fall of 2004, 580! We are well on our way to our goal of 100 sweaters a year. Perhaps we can surpass our 120 sweaters of 2008 by the end of 2009. Please see the display in the hallway beyond the Narthex. There you will see samples of sweaters, free yarn and patterns for knit and crochet. We mail them to Guideposts Magazine and they ship them to needy children in this country and around the world. A Big THANK YOU to all of you who are contributing to this very worthwhile project. Remember: "making a simple and colorful sweater is like reaching around the world and giving a child a hug." If you have any questions, call Diana Carter, 248-666-2575.

TIGER GAME

Save Saturday July 11th, for our annual *all church* Tiger game!!! It's the Tigers vs. Cleveland (the Tribe). Game time is 7:05 p.m. Drive yourself or set up a carpool. There are 60 tickets available. The seats are in section 321, row 9, plus all of rows 10 and 11 with a great view of the ball field and of the Tiger dugout and as always, a guaranteed win! Friends, neighbors, and relatives are welcome. There is also a great fireworks display after the Tigers win! Maps to the stadium will be available. Tickets are \$30. We need a final attendance figure, and all payments are due by May 24th.

April Birthdays

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

Beverly Chisnell ~ April 1
Mary Wilson ~ April 6
Hugh Findlay ~ April 11
Dorothy Gorsline ~ April 11
Elva Boyer ~ April 12
Donald McMillen ~ April 20
Wenona O'Hearn ~ April 26
John Eddy ~ April 27
Barbara Heichel ~ April 29

Welcome New Members

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