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CENTRAL CELEBRATES GROUND HOG'S DAY
Sorry, wrong season for THAT Ground Hog's Day. But we did host the ground hog briefly this past week. Evidently, while Vacation Bible School was in session, and the doors were left open to get some circulation in the high heat and humidity, a ground hog wandered in and took up temporary shelter in the tunnel under the sanctuary. When I first heard about it I feared that I would be on ground hog duty on a day that I had to wear my professional suit. Fortunately for the church and me, Larry Spiece was around with his unflappable openness to do such tasks. Larry will tell you that he had a more intimate hands-on relationships with that rather large furry creature than most of us would desire. But his efforts were rewarded as he

“escorted” the animal to a more appropriate environment.

Perhaps our Ground Hog's Day is a good reminder of what we are to be about as a church. “Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Doors” is about acting in ways that keep opening doors not in our building alone, but into our community, into our imaginations and into our hearts for gracious engagement of all the people loved by God. We have a good number of families who come to visit us because they have heard of our strong children's ministries or they have gotten comfortable with the Little Sprouts program and are encouraged to come for more. Others come because we are a highly visible, inviting and well-placed church property in the area. It is encouraging

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Visit our websites at: www.waterfordcumc.org, www.littlesproutspreschool.org

Visit the Kids Central Website at: www.kidscentralweb.org.

Sermons & Select Music also available online on our main website!

when these who come to explore have said their friends have suggested they try it, or have invited them as guests.

Opening doors to these and so many more is a task we need to expand on. We need to look for more avenues into which people might be drawn to experience the grace of God. Dad's Club, the Cruise, good book and Bible studies, VBS, Good Sam care, young adult and youth gatherings: all of these and more can be the open door through which people come to experience the love of Christ.

Once the many doors have been opened our task is like Larry's with the ground hog: to help them find the best place to be engaged in ministry and to be in a place where they can live and thrive. For the ground hog, that was back in the natural world. For the others who find our open doors, it may be in ministries among the children, or in worship with choirs, or fellowship and mission with the UMW or the VIM. Maybe it is the fellowship of kitchen duty, or rummage sales, or the hands-on work of the Thursday morning Men's group. The intent is to make the relationship with God a living and growing one that constantly creates the environment to practice a holy and committed life.

How are you opening the doors of church with grace for those around you? And how are you inviting those here to find a deeper and meaningful engagement of the grace of God by incorporating people into ministry? If you need some help, ask Larry. He has some experience in it.

Jim



CHIMES Deadlines...

The next Chimes deadline is July 9 for the July 19 Chimes. Please send all articles to:

pfisher@waterfordcumc.org

WORSHIP NOTES

In the beginning God created heaven and the earth without form, and the earth was upon the darkness the Spirit of

Music for Summer Services is provided by volunteer soloists and others.

ONE SERVICE FOR SUMMER
Please remember, we will have a single worship service at 10:00 a.m. during the summer.

July 5, 2009

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Communion

Rev. Jim Kellermann, preaching
"Traveling with Empty Bags"
Mark 6:1-13
Special Music

July 12, 2009

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Paul Blomquist, preaching
Special Music

Born to Eternal Life

Lester McClellan
7/18/20 ~ 6/18/09
Member of Central Since 4/9/39

Robert Kugler
June 19, 2009
Active Constituent of Central
Since September 2007

Our Deepest Sympathies to

Kristina and Aaron Hathcock on
the death of her
Great-Grandfather,
Lester McClellan

MEETING SCHEDULE

The office staff is in need of your schedules in order to update the calendar for the summer and the upcoming school year. Please get your meeting schedule in as soon as possible so that we can update the calendar and guarantee your date, time and room. Schedule request forms are available in the Church office. Thanks so much!

Support Staff of Central

KIDS CENTRAL MINISTRY NEWS

CAMP E.D.G.E. UPDATE

We had an extreme week at Camp E.D.G.E.! 82 children participated and over 60 volunteers made it all happen seamlessly! Thank you to all who volunteered your time, resources, and prayers to make VBS such a tremendous success. Daily information and pictures are now up at the kidscentralweb.org website. Our mission project was a coin competition between the boys and the girls to raise money for Nothing but Nets, an organization that sends insecticide treated bed netting to Africa to help prevent the spread of Malaria. Pennies and dollars counted for your team, silver coins counted against your team. The girls point total was 1635. The boys point total was 1635. The total amount raised was \$284.50! Our original goal was 10 nets (each net costs \$10). Our modified goal on Wednesday was 20 nets. We collected enough money to send 28 nets! Awesome job kids! Thanks again to everyone!

LUNCH WITH MISS KATHY

Join Miss Kathy on Wednesday, July 8th and 15th from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. for a picnic lunch at Central. We will eat lunch and then do something special together. Want to know what it is? You have to come!! All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Keep July 29th marked on your calendar for our trip to the Detroit Zoo. We will meet at the Zoo entrance at 9:30 a.m., wander through the zoo and meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. You may stay after lunch or head for home.

SUNDAY MORNING KIDS MINISTRIES

We have lots of openings for Stepping Stones and The ROCK for the summer. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Kathy.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all our awesome and faithful volunteers at Stepping Stones and The ROCK who volunteer throughout the school-year. Your dedication to our children is an example of the love of Christ.

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WOMEN'S RETREAT

2009

Sweet Life Café

September 11 and 12

Lake Huron Retreat Center

When we can SAVOR:

- time with friends
- time with God
- time to make a difference
- serving others

Where we can SAVOR:

- sweet talk
- savory moments
- spicy service

Leader:

(speaker/hostess/chef/concierge)

Rev. Kathy Pittenger

Registration:

August 30 & September 6

"I am the Bread of Life" John 6

UMW PRAYER CALENDAR

The United Methodist Women Mission Resource Center publishes a PRAYER CALENDAR each year.

A display can be found on the UMW bulletin board across from the office.

The Prayer Calendar is organized to help readers pray for people and projects focused on mission by:

- meditations
- daily Scripture readings
- children's art
- birthdays of people serving in mission
- daily mission focus on mission projects

Visit the display to learn how to pray for and support our United Methodist missionaries. Discover and write to a missionary who has the same birthday as you. I know I write to the two who share my birthday: Liz Hooks: a missionary intern and Ludid Orozco: a deaconess. (Who wrote this article and When is my birthday????)

Feel free to remove the calendar from the sleeve and peruse the contents. (VERY INTERESTING!!)

KITCHEN FOOD SAFETY

Attention: All groups that use the Central UMC kitchen. We are highly recommending the 2009 Basic Food Safety Class to be held at the Pontiac Oakland County Health Division, designed to teach basic food safety fundamentals to food service personnel. This is a free class but registration is required. It will be offered July 16 from 2 to 4 p.m. Please call (248) 858-1312 to register.

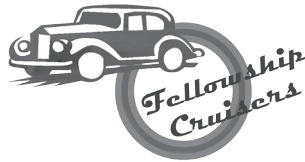
FAMILY CAMPING

at Myers Lake Camp Ground

Unfortunately, we have not met the minimum required sign-up for the Myers Lake Camp outing. Therefore this event has been cancelled. We apologize to those of you who have made plans and were looking forward to camping at Myers Lake.

PARSONAGE PREPARATION

Thank you to all the wonderful support that came to prepare the parsonage for the Williams family before they moved into their home. Jim Alt and Barb Tracy from the Trustees orchestrated a great group of willing hands and loving hearts in cleaning and repairing the house within a very few days. It is an extension of the great capacity Central has for compassionate care and deep welcome for Rev. Karen and Lawrence Williams. Karen will be able to be here only for a few days before she has to be at Duke for the continuation of her Course of Study. An August 2 Welcoming and Pounding is anticipated.



CRUISE NEWS
Cruise for a Cause
MS Benefit

is rapidly approaching! July 23 with a rain date of July 30. New for this years Cruise; the Waterford police will assist us with a brief stoppage of traffic on M59 so that cruisers and especially the clubs we are expecting to be in attendance, can leave together. They will be on their own from there to "Take a Pass on Woodward"? Or, proceed to another gathering point for their group? Or, just enjoy a quiet (?) dusk cruise after the evening of fun! We've got a good plan for nice door prizes DESPITE the lousy economy: We have cut out the little stuff, made sure it's all local and/or American made (no cheesy towels, tools, or trinkets from China!). What we DO have is GOOD STUFF; restaurant gift cards, parts store gift cards, nice items. AND, by popular demand, a Silent Auction - more good stuff, no fluff! And trophies, we'll have a good array of trophies AND our local car dealers will have some flashy new cars to show off with our classics. MAYBE one of the newest Shelby Mustangs? Likely a new, hot of the press Dodge Challenger? Let's see what GM can show up with! It's going to be great, so make sure to be there!

JULY CALENDAR

Summer Office Hours

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Office Closed Fridays

SUNDAY, JULY 5

One Worship Service

10:00 The Rock & Stepping Stones

10:00 Worship Service

MONDAY, JULY 6

10:00 UMW Book Club

11:00 Alcoholics Anonymous

6:15 Mens Softball - Silver Lake

TUESDAY, JULY 7

1:00 UMW Retreat Meeting

7:00 Survivors of Suicide

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

10:00 Book Group

12:00 Lunch w/ Miss Kathy-at church

6:00 Disciple

THURSDAY, JULY 9

8:00 Thursday Morning Breakfast

10:00 Career Transitioning

5:00 Rally Sunday Meeting - Rm 108

6:00 Cantata Rehearsal

7:30 Nar-Anon

8:00 NA

FRIDAY, JULY 10

SATURDAY, JULY 11

4:00 Alcoholics Anonymous

SUNDAY, JULY 12

One Worship Service

10:00 The Rock & Stepping Stones

10:00 Worship Service

MONDAY, JULY 13

Youth Mission Trip

11:00 Alcoholics Anonymous

7:00 Finance Meeting Rm 108

7:30 Men's Softball - New Hope

TUESDAY, JULY 14

7:00 CORTForce Meeting - Rm 108

7:00 Finance Meeting

7:00 Grief Support - Parlor

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

10:00 Book Group - Parlor

12:00 Lunch w/ Miss Kathy - at church

6:00 Disciple - Room 108

THURSDAY, JULY 16

8:00 Thursday Morning Breakfast

6:00 Cantata Practice

7:30 Nar-Anon

8:00 NA

FRIDAY, JULY 17

SATURDAY, JULY 11

4:00 Alcoholics Anonymous

5:30 Parent's Night Out

SUMMER HOURS

The office will be open Mondays through Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

UMW BOOK STUDY

This UMW Book study will be discussing *Sharing Food* by L. Shannon Jung beginning Monday, July 6 at 10 a.m. It is open to all women of the church and will meet the first Monday of every month. Jung, who teaches at St. Paul School of Theology, suggests that if Christians develop intentional practices of "mindful" eating, they will enjoy food more and connect with God. Jung explores practices such as praying before meals, hospitality, fasting and feasting. He also encourages that simple but often overlooked practice of "preparing food", that is, cooking. Jung discusses the Lord's Supper as the "master practice" of Christian eating, a ritual that transforms people, builds community, and reminds participants of their own "erodibility," thus connecting them to the Earth. He also considers the political and economic implications of culinary choices: he is concerned about the ways "American economic dominance impacts the global food system."

SUNDAY USHERS

All Ushers (both 9:00 and 10:30 am) should report for duty during the single summer services on your assigned week. In this way, we can be assured that there will be enough ushers to fill empty vacationers' spots. Thank you!

FISH PANTRY

The pantry is in need of the following items: Stuffing mix, hamburger helper, muffin mix, cake mix and frosting, tuna, cereal, crackers and canned vegetables.

WOMEN IN TRANSITION

Our July meeting will be held at a restaurant on Wednesday, July 22. We will meet first in the Chapel for devotions.

MEMORIAL GARDEN CARE

We will be weeding on the following dates at 9:30 a.m.: July 21 & August 18. Please bring your tools and gloves. Many hands make light work! If you have even 30 minutes to one hour to spare, it would be greatly appreciated. Diana & Don Carter

CLOSET DOORS

The Thursday morning men's work group with project leader, Jim Trosin, have labored long on sanding and re-staining the hallway closet doors. Their efforts are heroic in the face of a huge undertaking. Kudos for their diligence and their effort on behalf of Central Church.

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NIKE OUTDOOR NATIONS
Congratulations to our own Chelsea Cortese on an eighth place finish in the Nike Outdoor Nationals along with her distance medley relay squad. The four girls from Waterford Mott's track team competed against many of the nations top high school athletes. Way to go Chelsea!

**YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE
CHARLOTTE MURPHY**
Youth Representative Charlotte Murphy, first-time attendee of the Detroit Annual Conference and representative of Central UMC, recently shared her experience with the *Detroit East News*. Here is what she said: "This is what I thought of my experience while I was there. Annual Conference was a great experience. It really opened my eyes to see how the church really works. The youth also played a big role in a lot of decision making and were well supported. Annual Conference also made me realize how generous people can be when we raised over \$1000 in just 10 minutes for the youth. It was a great experience and I would strongly encourage anyone to go." Thanks Charlotte!

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Central Church Family

Thank you for being such a caring and generous church. I am honored to be the recipient of the Margaret Luther Scholarship for continuing college students. I pray that my education in social work will culminate with my entering into the foster care system working with children and their families that are in need of assistance. I thank you again for the opportunity to continue my education.

In his service,
Pam Coleman-Gay

Dear Central,

I wish to thank the Purple Threads, Harvesters, UMW, Olive Mae Glenn Circle, Women in Transition, friends, Rev. Jim Kellermann and Rev. Wendy Lyons Chrostek for visits, cards and prayer during my recent illness. God Bless,

Marge Jones

Dear CUMC

The Trustees would like to offer their thanks to Charles and Marion Steeber, Jim and Alice Alt, Robert Tracy, Polly Strosahl-Kellermann, Bob Swartz and Linda Freeze for the contribution of their time and energies toward the preparation of the Associate Parsonage for our new Associate Minister and her family.

Barbara Tracy

(And *thank you* to YOU Barb for all of your organization and many hours of hard work as well!)

Dear Central United Methodist,

Thank you for making your past sermons available online. I listened to your May 24th sermon and it brought me peace. After a good cry, laugh, and wait, I realized God realigns our circumstances to keep us healthy, protected, safe and loved. (This message was sent from our website e-mail address.)

Dear Central Church family,

I would like to thank you all for the caring support for me during my recent surgery! The outpouring of love through cards, visits, prayers, and food, they were a blessing to Kathy, Elijah, and me. I especially want to thank Rachel Pierre and Diana Carter for covering my responsibilities in the office while I was away! Thanks again to you all for your love and support.

Rich Pittenger