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There seems to be an excess of bad news these days with the economy in a recession and the unemployment rate steadily climbing. Yet, as a people who believe in the good news of Jesus Christ, our faith keeps us from letting this set the tone for our congregation. In two months time, not only have we experienced dramatic increases in mission giving (Empty Bowls, Good Samaritan, and FISH Pantry to name a few), but we have also celebrated the baptisms of 9 infants and children. And while this is a remarkable representation of the ways that God is working in our congregation, I believe it is merely the beginning of an amazing journey. We recently received feedback from you as a congregation about what makes you feel connected and the number one response was PEOPLE. What keeps you coming back day after day and week after week is the joy in being a part of the body of Christ: giving and receiving support, working together for the good of the community and the world, and being a welcoming and loving presence to all whom you encounter. While we can't always control what the economy will bring, what we can always count on is the fact that we will be there with one another when times are hard, just as we will be there when times are great. If it is people that are bringing you here, then we are in great shape, because it is people that God uses to transform the world. Won't you join me in celebrating the good news God has proclaimed and is living out through this congregation as we seek to be a beacon of light in a world so filled with darkness.

Wendy

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

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

MARCH MADNESS

On Saturday, March 14 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. the Detroit East and West Districts will host their March Madness: Ministry in the 21st Century, at First United Methodist in Birmingham. Leadership workshops are included for those working with Trustees, Finances, SPRC, Young Adult Ministries, Urban Ministries, and Archives and history of Christian Education. The keynote speakers are Brad Kalajainen and Ken Nash who are part of the staff of Cornerstone Church, a fast-growing UM Church in Caledonia, Michigan. Their insights will further our best understanding about what we are and what we can yet be. All are invited to attend this event. Registration material is in the office.

HAITI

Remember the Volunteers in Mission group from Waterford Central that is preparing to journey to Haiti on April 16-24 (approximate date). The group is scheduled to work on finishing some building projects on a school/ and or church in the country. Curtis Bartz shared information on Sunday, March 22, about the need and the mission work itself. Bud Leverenz, Dave Black, Don Stoughton and Jim Kellermann are committed to this project. Support them in this effort.

PURPLE THREADS

The Purple Threads Women's Bible Study will be celebrating their 19th anniversary this month. They would like to invite all former Purple Threads members to be their guests at the year-end potluck on Tuesday, March 31, at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Following dinner, "Slightly Bad Girls of the Bible," a DVD by Liz Curtis Higgs, will be shown in the North Star Theater. Join us as we learn about Sarah, Hagar, Rebekah and Leah. "They were good girls but also decidedly human and noticeably flawed just like us. Get ready for a heart-lifting, eye-opening, funny-bone-tickling hour of Bible study with a woman who opens God's Word with joyful anticipation!" Please RSVP to Diana Carter, 248-666-2575, by March 29th if you plan on attending. Other groups wishing to borrow this DVD may do so after March 31st. Other Liz Curtis Higgs videos and DVDs are available. Please contact Diana.

Cradle Roll

Central Church Welcomes
Harper James Kellermann

Born on February 21, 2009
Son of Noah and Kelsy Kellermann
Grandson of Jim and Polly Kellermann

WORSHIP NOTES

March 1, 2009

First Sunday in Lent
Communion

Rev. Jim Kellermann, preaching
"God's Covenant Gift:
A Future with Us"

Genesis 9:8-17

Mark 1:9-15

9:00 a.m. Jubilate Dancers

10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

Jubilate Dancers

March 8, 2009

Second Sunday in Lent
Invitation Sunday

Rev. Jim Kellermann, preaching
"God's Covenant Call:
A Righteousness Investment"

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Mark 8:31-38

9:00 a.m. Alleluia Dancers

10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

Alleluia Dancers

CHURCH BUDGET

For those who are interested in seeing the revised church budget, copies are available in the church office. The adjustments made in programming, mission and apportionment commitments, as well as building care and maintenance, are difficult to make. The generosity of the congregation, even in this moment of financial limitations and struggle, is always astounding.

UMW DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, March 6: Church Women United Day of Prayer (Papua New Guinea) at Holy Name Catholic Church, 645 Woodward, Birmingham.

March 25: Deadline for Church Women United State Assembly, Radisson Hotel, Livonia on April 17 & 18.

April 26: UMW Sprint Event. 'Mother Goose with a Twist' (more information to come).

GOLD PARTY

Do you have gold, silver, stamps or coins you would like to sell? The Volunteers in Mission (VIM team) is hosting a GOLD PARTY, March 29 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Stay after worship, have lunch with your friends, and have a licensed jeweler assess and buy your no-longer-used gold and silver. A portion of the income will be given back to the VIM trip and will help offset the cost of materials and travel for the VIM venture to Haiti. It is an easy way to recycle used gold and silver jewelry and receive cash for it, while supporting the VIM trip.

KIDS CENTRAL MINISTRY NEWS

SNOW DAY

Saturday, March 14th, from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Bring your winter clothes and sleds. Hopefully we will have snow and will be able to go sledding down the hill outside Fellowship Hall. We will also have indoor activities including board games, parachute games, and crafts. Hot cocoa will be provided. Please bring a snack to share. Sign-up sheets are located outside the church office or at: kidscentralweb.org.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

Sunday, March 29th, is a fifth Sunday. All children and youth in K-12th grade will be in worship. This will be a special morning as the kids will be leading and participating in the worship service. We will be sharing about what we have been learning in The ROCK and learning about UM Camps. Please check out the kids central website for specific roles that are needed.

EASTER EGG HUNT

The annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Sunday, April 5th, following the 10:30 a.m. service. Dad's Diner will be serving lunch and there will be lots of great activities for the kids. A donation board with items needed will be located in the hallway by the chapel. We also need volunteers to run different activities. If you are interested, please contact Rev. Kathy.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The following items are needed for Vacation Bible School: Small white or light colored jewelry boxes, Meijer brand re-closable freezer bags 2 gallon size, flannel-backed vinyl tablecloths any size in light colors, popsicle sticks (we need 6,000), and white flat sheets. See Rev. Kathy with questions. Thanks in advance for your help.

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www.kidscentralweb.org



CHILI COOK-OFF

The ringing of the Central Supper Bell is calling one and all to the 9th Annual Dad's Club Chili Cook-Off. Whether you be chef or judge, come and enjoy food and fellowship on

Sunday, March 1st right after 2nd service. Once again, we'll have 2 categories: Meek & Mild and Hot & Wild. Dad's Diner will be serving lunch, proceeds to benefit the Good Samaritan Fund. A sign-up sheet is posted outside the office. So bring your best concoction and win the COVETED (oops! strike that...commandment # 10) CUMC Chili Crown. Yes, and bring your taste buds to determine the next Central Chili Champion!

FIVE PRACTICES OF Fruitful Congregations

The Congregational focus during Lent will be on the development of our potential for health and the work we already do well, and the need we always have to grow into other parts of our ministry in order to become an effective church. In order to catch a better vision the Church Council is asking that everyone participate in a study of Bishop Robert Schnase's book, "The Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations." Some people are forming study groups with their circles, some with their committees. We anticipate that there will be a 9:00 a.m. Sunday School Class during Lent around this book. In addition the Wednesday evening Lenten program will include potluck at 6:00 and the book study at 6:45. The evening will be concluded between 7:45 and 8:00 p.m. A K-5th grade Bible Study is also being offered at this time. The Schnase Book is available in the church office. Make it your mission in Lent to share in this interesting exploration that defines our multiple tasks and gifts.

SUNDAY MORNING SOCIAL Principles Gathering

What are the Social Principles of The United Methodist Church? Meet with us to discuss the stated principles of the UMC Sunday mornings of Lent from March 1 through April 5 by gathering at 9:15 a.m. in the Parlor. The discussions will be led by Rev. Rich Peacock and Barb Spiece. Continental Breakfast and Fair Trade Coffee will be served!

The topics are:

- March 1:** "The Bible, How the Social Principles are written, and the Natural World"
- March 8:** "The Bible, the first Social Creed (1908), and the Nurturing Community"
- March 15:** "The Bible, Our Social Creed, and the Social Community"
- March 22:** "The Bible and an Achilles' Heel -The Economic Community"
- March 29:** "The Bible and the Political Community"
- April 5:** "The Bible and the World Community"

Adults and Senior High youth are both encouraged to come. Choir members will get to their rehearsals on time. You are welcome for one or all discussions. Please sign up outside the office to help us plan for materials and food.

WOMEN IN TRANSITION

Women in Transition is a group for all widows in the Church. We meet the 4th Wednesday of the month at 12:30 for conversation and lunch. Alternate months we have a pot luck or go to a local restaurant. Questions? Contact Helen Fitzgerald at 248-683-6886

CORTForce THANKS

The task group that is exploring ways to re-vision our church organizational model thanks all those who provided responses to the surveys. It provided a good broad view of the issues and possibilities we carry. Many of the issues raised including communication and worship options were clearly heard. These will be addressed as the renewed structures find their shape. Once again thank you for your sharing from your heart.

CROP WALK

In October, 25 walkers from Central United Methodist Church joined walkers from other area churches for the annual Crop Walk to alleviate hunger. The final report has come in. A total of \$12,189 was raised for Crop missions, including \$2,051 from Central walkers. As you may know, 25% of the funds raised goes to local food agencies; Baldwin Center, Open Door, Meals on Wheels, Good Samaritan Food Pantry. The amount raised for Crop was \$2,000 higher than the year before in spite of the poor economy, and the funds are a big help in alleviating hunger in our area.

A meeting will be held at Christ Lutheran Church on April 27 to plan the October 2009 Crop Walk. Anyone who would like to be on the coordinating committee for next the 2009 Crop Walk is invited to attend. Contact Janice Mann for more information.



CENTRAL CINEMA

On Saturday, March 7, the Central Cinema is pleased to be showing "Miss Potter" the story of Beatrix Potter, creative author of "The Tales of Peter Rabbit." The movie will be viewed in the comfortable confines of the Parlor on the big screen. The movie is rated PG and all are invited to watch this fascinating story of an imaginative and progressive young woman.

MEDITATION & SPIRITUALITY: Discovery of the Self

Meditation is a way to help deepen and enrich our connection to God and learn about ourselves and our life journey. When practiced on a regular basis, meditation can restore and renew our spirit so that we can embrace our daily routine with a fresh and peaceful prospective. Whether you are new to meditation, or a seasoned practitioner, we invite you to join us as we discuss and learn about various techniques of this age-old practice. Please note the time change of our daytime meditation group. We will meet on the second Monday of the month at 12:00 noon in the Parlor. Our evening group will continue to meet on the 4th Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Please join us at either time or both. Everyone is welcome!!

MISSION UPDATES

FISH Pantry - In December & January, we provided food for 21 families.
Good Samaritan - In December & January, we helped 14 families with assistance for rent and utilities, totaling \$1,860.
Empty Bowls - Sunday, February 8th, \$1,086 was raised for the Baldwin Center (twice what was given last year)
Walk for Warmth - \$1,000 raised. All proceeds used for helping Oakland County residents with their heating bills.

HARVESTERS

The Harvesters are a group of retirees who gather for fellowship. Our next meeting is set for Thursday, March 5 for Afternoon Tea at the Holly Hotel which will include three courses; scones & muffins, sandwiches & quiches and sweets, all served with delicious teas. The cost: is \$12 per person. Meet at the Church at 1:30 p.m. Our next potluck is here at the church on Thursday, March 19, at 12 noon. Bring your favorite dish to pass. Contact Rev. Wendy with questions at 248-681-0040.

THE ESCHTRUTH CIRCLE

Attention Eschtruth Circle members: The books entitled "Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations" have arrived in the church office. You can pick up a copy of the book at a cost of \$10 and make sure your name is crossed off our membership list so that we will know who will be participating. You can still be part of the discussions as the book offers many suggestions of ways we can assist our own church in discovering ideas for moving ahead in the future. It would be helpful if you could read the Introduction and Chapter 1 prior to our March 10 meeting. Please feel free to call Joanne Green at 248-698-1224 with any questions or comments.

LILY ORDERS

As part of our Easter Celebration, we will be ordering Lilies to use at the altar on Easter Sunday. These plants will be in six-inch pots and have four or more blooms. The cost is \$5 per plant. If you wish to order a plant/s, please drop off order forms in the basket on the counter in the front office or call the church by March 15, 2009.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Memorial gifts have been received for the following individuals from October 15, 2008 ~ February 12, 2009

*James Abney, Patricia Ellis,
 Rev. Herb Glenn, Lorn Hayes,
 Jenny Hibbs, Michael Merwin,
 Charles Murphy, Polly Petruska*

Sermons available online:
www.waterfordcumc.org

March 2009

Sunday Worship Times: 9:00 & 10:30 a.m

The Rock is our children's program during the 10:30 am service.
Nursery and Pre-School care Available

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00am Worship Service 9:15am Social Principles 10:30am The Rock & Stepping Stones Children's Ministry 10:30am Worship Service 11:30am Divorce Care for Kids- Children's library 11:30am Youth Choir 4:00pm Confirmation Classes 6:00pm Divorce Care - Parlor 6:30pm UMY	2 10:00am Book Group- 11:00am Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00pm Boy Scouts - FH	3 9:00am Adele Thomas Bells - Bell Room 10:00am Book Group 1:00pm Hutchinson Circle- Parlor - Room 108 6:30pm Women's Group- 108 6:45pm Bellissima - Bell Room 7:00pm Purple Threads - 108 7:00pm Survivors of Suicide- Parlor	4 11:30am Olive Mae Glenn- Parlor 12:00pm Waterford Lenten Meditation and Lunch, CUMC 6:00pm Lenten Gathering	5 8:00am 8:00am Thursday Breakfast 9:30am Tues. Musicales Chorus - Choir Room 11:00am Anita Wright Memorial Service 12:00pm Luncheon 1:30pm Harvesters Outing - Afternoon Tea at the Holly Hotel 4:15pm Central Cafe' Schedule 7:30pm Nar-Anon 8:00pm NA	6 8:00am Music Festival	7 8:00am Music Festival 4:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous
8 9:00am And 10:30 Worship Service 9:15am Social Principles 10:30am The Rock & Stepping Stones 11:30am Divorce Care for Kids- Children's library 11:30am Youth Choir 1:00pm Music Festival 4:00pm Confirmation Classes 6:00pm Divorce Care- Parlor	9 11:00am Alcoholics Anonymous 12:00pm Meditation & Spirituality- Parlor 7:00pm Boy Scouts - FH 7:00pm Finance Meeting Rm 108	10 9:00am Adele Thomas Bells - Bell Room 10:00am Book Group 6:45pm Bellissima - Bell Room 7:00pm Eschtruth Circle 7:00pm Grief Support - Parlor 7:30pm Tuesday Musicales Program - Sanctuary	11 12:00pm Waterford Lenten Meditation and Lunch, Four Towns 6:00pm Lenten Gathering	12 8:00am 8:00am Thursday Breakfast 9:30am Mom's With a Mission - Parlor 9:30am Tues. Musicales Chorus - Choir Room 4:15pm Central Cafe' Schedule 7:30pm Nar-Anon 8:00pm NA	13	14 8:30am Education Intervention Program - Room 20 11:00am Snow Day - FH 4:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous
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