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Following the trend of the last Chimes, I have more good news to share. I am absolutely thrilled to share that both Scott and I have been recommended by the Board of Ordained Ministry to be ordained as Elders at Annual Conference this May! WOO-HOO!!! It is truly an exciting time for both of us, not only as we anticipate something we have been looking forward to for so long, but also as a wonderful affirmation of the ministry we've been privileged to be a part of with all of you. I continue to thank God every day for the gift of being able to be in ministry with all of you and can't help but get inspired when I see someone new to the church being welcomed, hear about youth participating in a fast to help raise awareness and money for those in need, and witness encouragement and support being offered members of our community facing difficult times. I look forward to more good news to come and exciting ministry to share with all of you.

*Wendy*

This week is *One Great Hour of Sharing*. The United Methodist Church offers this opportunity to share special gifts that support the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) and the vital ministry they do around the country and around the world with those who are the world's most vulnerable people. Every dollar that is given to UMCOR is for relief and assistance. Hurricanes in the Gulf region, tornadoes in Texas, flooding in Iowa, Tsunamis in the Pacific Rim, earthquakes in China, drought in Africa, poverty everywhere. These are the places and the people to whom UMCOR carries your compassion and gift.

*Jim*

Visit our websites at: [www.waterfordcumc.org](http://www.waterfordcumc.org), [www.littlesproutspreschool.org](http://www.littlesproutspreschool.org)

Visit the Kids Central Website at: [www.kidscentralweb.org](http://www.kidscentralweb.org)

## 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. 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.

## 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.

### *Born to Eternal Life*

Anita Wright

May 9, 1922 ~ February 18, 2009

Member of Central since

April 21, 1935

Mildred Wilson

August 2, 1921 ~ February 23, 2009

Member of Central since

April 12, 1936

### *Our Sympathies To:*

Central United Methodist extends our sincere sympathies to

Bill Wright on the death of his Wife and to Karen Wilson on the death of her mother.

## WORSHIP NOTES

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

March 22, 2009

Fourth Sunday in Lent  
"One Great Hour of Sharing"

Communion

Rev. Jim Kellermann, preaching

"God's Covenant Grace: Mercy"

Numbers 21:4-9

John 3:14-21

9:00 a.m. Good News Ringers

10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

Good News Ringers

March 29, 2009

Fifth Sunday in Lent  
CHILDREN AND CAMP SUNDAY

Good Samaritan Offering

Ingathering for Baldwin

Rev. Kathy Pittenger

9:00 a.m. SA<sup>2</sup>MBE

10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

SA<sup>2</sup>MBE

## *Holy Week*

### Sunday, April 5.

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

Worship; **9:00 and 10:30 a.m.**

Rev. Jim Kellermann, preaching

"The 'Why?' at the Edge of Madness"

Easter Egg Hunt following

10:30 service

### Thursday, April 9.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, **7:00 p.m.**

Drama, Gospel, and Communion

Rev. Jim Kellermann, preaching

### Good Friday, April 10.

GOOD FRIDAY ECUMENICAL

SERVICE at Christ Lutheran Church,

**Noon -1:30 p.m.**

CENTRAL UMC GOOD

FRIDAY SERVICE: **7:00 p.m.**

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"

Chancel Choir and Brass Ensemble

## LENTEN INGATHERING

The Lenten Ingathering for Baldwin Center will be Sunday, March 29. Items needed:

Nonperishable food

Paper products

Money donations

With unemployment still rising and people getting pay cuts, the help that Baldwin Center provides families in our area needs our donations NOW!

## KIDS CENTRAL MINISTRY NEWS

### EASTER EGG HUNT

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt is on Sunday, April 5th right after the 10:30 a.m. service. Dad's Diner will be providing lunch. We will have lots of activities for the kids including games, crafts, the Easter Bunny, and the Egg Hunt. Please sign up by the church office, blue board, or at [kidscentralweb.org](http://kidscentralweb.org). Donations and volunteers are still needed.

### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

Sunday, March 29th is Children's Sunday. Part of the service will be devoted to Camp (casual dress is fine) and part will be devoted to sharing about The ROCK. Any child who would like to participate needs to contact Miss Kathy.

### THE ROCK OPEN HOUSE

On Sunday, March 29th The ROCK will be hosting an Open House. Everyone is invited to head downstairs following the 9:00 or 10:30 worship service to get a taste of what happens on Sunday mornings in The ROCK. Children will also have the opportunity to put their handprint on the wall in the Imagination Station. See Rev. Kathy with any questions.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mark your calendars... Vacation Bible School is June 22-26. Leaders and helpers are needed. See Rev. Kathy if you are interested.

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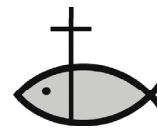
[www.kidscentralweb.org](http://www.kidscentralweb.org)

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The next game night is on Friday, April 17th starting at 6:00 p.m. Come when you can. Leave when you need to. Bring your favorite games to play and a snack to share. Everyone (ALL ages) is invited and welcome to come. See Rev. Kathy with questions.

## *Central Café*

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:

Fruit, Baked Beans,

Veggies: Peas & Carrot Mix,

Pasta, Rice, Potato Side, Dry Milk, Cereal, Jelly. Monetary donations allow us to purchase hamburger, bread, margarine and juice. Thank you for your continued support of this important community mission.

**Sermons are available online at:**

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

## FIVE PRACTICES OF Fruitful Congregations

If you have not been a part of one of the *Five Principles* book studies we do encourage you to share in this interesting exploration as we strive to grow to be the best faith community possible. Books are available in the Church Office.

### SPRING EVENT

#### *Three Little Camels- Nursery Rhymes from the Desert*



Saturday, April 26. Join us for meal after second service with the program immediately following. We

want YOU, your family and/ or friends to perform a Nursery Rhyme, Fable or Folk Tale. Everyone is welcome to take part or to just come and enjoy the fun. This is your opportunity to express yourself! Contact Polly Strosahl with your skit at 248-683-2986...before she contacts YOU!

### SUNDAY MORNING SOCIAL Principles Gathering

We will continue to meet the following Sundays at 9:15 a.m. The

**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. The discussions will be led by Rev. Rich Peacock and Barb Spiece. Continental Breakfast and Fair Trade Coffee will be served!

### FAMILY CAMPING

#### at Myers Lake Camp Ground

With spring just around the corner, it is time to start planning for Summer. CUMC has reserved 2 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.

#### YOUR MINISTRY COORDINATORS

**NURTURING:**  
**BOB AND RAINY STEPHENSON**  
**OUTREACH:**  
**JANICE MANN**

## 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 sharing from your heart.



### CENTRAL CINEMA

On Saturday, April 4, the Central Cinema is pleased to be showing, "Shipping News". An innkeeper in New York returns to his family's longtime home, a small fishing town in Newfoundland, with his young daughter. Though he has had little success thus far in life, his shipping news column in the newspaper "The Gammy Bird" finds an audience, and his experiences in the town and discovery of his family heritage change his life. Starring Judi Dench, Kevin Spacey and Julianne Moore. Rated R.

### 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 perspective. We meet on the second Monday of the month at 12:00 noon in the Parlor and on the 4th Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Please join us at either time or both. Everyone is welcome!!

### CHILI COOK-OFF RESULTS

This year's Chili Cook-off was a great success. We raised \$727 for the Good Samaritan Fund which is more than twice our typical amount. The Dads' Club wants to thank all who entered chili, helped cook, serve, clean up, and of course, all who "judged" the contest. The top three chilies for each category are: Mild: 1st place – Stacey Kawa, 2nd place – Bob Swartz, 3rd place – John Pierre; Hot: 1st place – Ron Lemire, 2nd place – Cappy Murphy, 3rd place – Wendy Lyons Chrostek. Congratulations to the champions. Start working on your chili for next year's contest – you have only 11 months to perfect it!

### LOST AND FOUND

**FOUND** in CUMC parking lot:  
Rechargeable polymer lithium ion battery for use with iPAQ Pocket PC. Call Rainy Stephenson at 248-683-9373.

## WOMEN IN TRANSITION

We will be attending the Waterford Ministerial Association Lenten Luncheon on Wednesday, March 25th at Christ Lutheran Church, 5987 Williams Lake Road. Members will sit together and meet briefly following the service and luncheon. Questions? Contact Helen Fitzgerald at 248-683-6886

### 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

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

April 26: UMW Spring Event . "Three Little Camels"- Nursery Rhymes from the Desert.

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](http://www.lakehuronretreat.org).



### EMPTY BOWL LUNCHEON

Thanks to the open hearts of the people at Central who gave so generously of their time and donations. My fictional characters of whom I've spoken, Mary, her family and Tom, will have hot meals. The luncheon raised a total of \$1,148.00, the largest in recent years. More than 100 people enjoyed their lunch of soup, salad, bread and dessert. It was not only a way to assist Baldwin Center but also a time of fellowship and an opportunity to get to know each other better. Special thanks to all ladies who provided the wonderful salads and desserts and to Cappy Murphy who oversaw the kitchen. Thank you, Dori Cortese.

# April 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
 <p><b>5</b> Palm Sunday - Combined Choirs 9:00am Worship Service 9:15am Social Principles 10:30am Worship Service 11:30am Easter Egg Hunt - FH, Chapel, Parlor, 112, 114 6:30pm UMY</p>	<p><b>6</b> 11:00am Alcoholics Anonymous</p>	 <p><b>7</b> 9:00am Adele Thomas Bells - Bell Room 10:00am Book Group 1:00pm Hutchinson Circle- Parlor 1:00pm Tuesday Musicales Board Mtg. - Room 108 6:30pm Women's Group- 106 6:45pm Bellissima - Bell Room 7:00pm Survivors of Suicide- Parlor</p>	<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>9</b> Maundy Thursday No Central Cafe' Rehearsals or Dinner 8:00am Thursday Breakfast 9:30am Tues. Musicale Chorus - Choir Room 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service 8:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal following service 8:00pm NA</p>	<p><b>10</b> Good Friday 12:00pm Ecumenical Good Friday Service 7:00pm Service at Central</p>	<p><b>11</b> 9:00am Lily Set-Up 10:00am Brass Rehearsal 4:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous</p>
<p><b>12</b> Easter Sunday 7:00am Son Rise Service 8:15am Easter Brunch 9:00am Youth Service 10:30am Worship Service 6:30pm UMY</p>	<p><b>13</b> 11:00am Alcoholics Anonymous 12:00pm Meditation and Spirituality - Parlor 7:00pm Finance Meeting Rm 108</p>	<p><b>14</b> 7:00pm Eschtruth Circle 7:00pm Grief Support - Parlor 7:00pm Ministry Coordinators - Rm 108</p>	<p><b>15</b></p>	<p><b>16</b> 8:00am 8:00am Thursday Breakfast 9:30am Mom's With a Mission - Parlor 12:00pm Harvesters Potluck - Parlor 4:15pm Central Cafe' Schedule 7:30pm Nar-Anon 8:00pm NA</p>	<p><b>17</b> 9:30am Mom's Club of Waterford 6:00pm Game Night - FH</p>	<p><b>18</b> 8:30am Education Intervention Program - Room 20 10:00am Dance Practice - Sanctuary 4:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous 5:30pm Parent's Night Out</p>
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