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Forty years ago, I began my higher education at North Central College. In the intervening years I have held acquaintances with some of my classmates, friendships with even fewer, but for the vast majority of them I have had no contact though I have wondered about them from time to time.

Frankly, many of those with whom I attended classes are not ones with whom I sought deep friendship at the time. Our directions were too varied, our interests far apart. They did not engage me, and I am certain that I did not engage them. My college living style in part was not the crowning glory of my life. I therefore have rarely sought to go to homecoming gatherings and meet people I do not remember, nor cared to know at the time. But then I read that some of those who I could not see having major impact upon life at the time are now superior teachers and coaches, doctors and scientists, principals and politicians. In all honesty, they would probably be surprised to discover that I am a pastor and of a church with the prestige of Central.

But that is the glory of God, that all things are open to change and to growth. We are never bound by our failures and weaknesses. God has possibilities that come with fresh life.

Pentecost is the ultimate moment of such change. Those who lived in fear, who felt incapable, who knew their failings and their weaknesses, became the heart and soul of a movement for God that proclaimed and lived the presence of the Kingdom of Heaven and declared the grace of Jesus Christ. Such could not have been predicted based on their earlier attitudes and expressions of weakness.

May 31 is Pentecost. Wear red to church to celebrate the Holy Spirit that comes to change us into something so much more than we once were. But more than this, live the change the holy Spirit prompts in our lives and our souls as we touch the world with care and grace.

Jim

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

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

Sermons & Select Music also available online at: www.waterfordcumc.org

ORDINATION AND GIFTS

The Staff Parish Relations Committee is still inviting love gifts for Rev. Wendy Lyons Chrostek as she prepares to take her leave of our faith community and enter a new ministry in Kansas City. This is a shared gift celebrating her recent ordination. Some have already shared a monetary gift for this. Rev. Chrostek will be taking a new appointment beginning July 1. Her last Sunday among us will be June 14. A reception will be held at the church to celebrate these events and honor her ministry. Love gifts are being received in the church office.

TUESDAY STUDY GROUP

The next Tuesday morning study group will discuss "Jesus" by Marcus Borg in paperback, the cost is \$12. Please notify the church office if you want a copy. This study will begin May 27th. When this group gets together, we know we are in for a spirited discussion/ debate on how our faith journey relates to the world in which we live. So come to the parlor on Tuesday at 10 a.m. to see what it's all about.

CHURCH FINANCES

As we have now moved through the first third of 2009 we find that our expenses are slightly higher and our income is below anticipation. Our expenses for the year are currently \$51,000 behind our income. While in normal years we do carry heavier expenses at the beginning of the year, 2009 has proven to be a difficult time. We add to the list of the unemployed on a weekly basis and several have already had to relocate to find work, which impacts the projected giving for the remainder of the year. At the same time we celebrate the strength of ministries that continue to draw people to visit the church and experience our worship, our children's ministry, our young adult groups, and our mission and justice passion. The Finance Committee will be asking for conversation with others concerning our proactive response to the strains on the budget and how to maintain vital ministries.

PLANT SALE

The annual Spring Plant sale runs through May 31, 2009, and is sponsored by Sunshine Plants, located at: 1240 Bogie Lake Rd, in White Lake Township. By arrangement with Sunshine Plants, a portion of every sale will come back to CUMC for use by the various ministries. To participate, bring your coupon to Sunshine Plants. All Flats are \$9.99. Extra coupons will be available there and at the church office. For more information call Kay Van Hoy 248-698-4386 or Liz Sawyers 248-623-0761.

COUPLES CLUB

The Couples Club will be meeting Friday, May 29th, at 7 p.m. at Mr. B's in Downtown Rochester for dinner (hopefully sitting outside!) Please come and enjoy some great conversation and fellowship!

WORSHIP NOTES

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

May 24, 2009

7th Sunday of Easter

Memorial Day Sunday/ Aldersgate Sunday
Ascension Sunday

Rev. Wendy Lyons Chrostek, preaching

9:00 a.m. soloist

10:30 a.m. soloist

Chancel Choir

May 31, 2009

Pentecost Sunday

Good Samaritan Sunday

Rev. Jim Kellermann, preaching

Acts 2:1-21

"The Power to Change"

9:00 a.m. Good News and YTBN Ringers

10:30 a.m. Good News and YTBN Ringers

Chancel Choir

Born to Eternal Life
Abigail Findlay

8/18/1923 ~ 5/14/2009

Member of Central Since

10/1/1980

Our Sympathies to :

Hugh Findlay

on the death of his wife.



CHIMES Deadlines...

The next Chimes deadline is May 28 for the June 7 Chimes. Please send all articles to:

pfisher@waterfordcumc.org

OFFICE UPDATE

Our office and facilities coordinator, Rich Pittenger, will be taking a leave of absence effective June 1 for hip replacement surgery. Rich hopes to return to work in approximately one month. During Rich's absence, we have asked Rachel Pierre to cover his duties. Our prayers are with Rich for a successful surgery and speedy recovery.

FISH PANTRY

The pantry is in need of the following items: Corn, spaghetti noodles, canned pasta, veggies, large baked beans, Jello, tuna, muffin mix, toilet paper, cereal.



TIGER GAME

July 11 is the date for our annual *all church* Tiger game! It's the Tigers vs. Cleveland. Tickets are \$30. All payments are due by May 24.

KIDS CENTRAL MINISTRY NEWS

SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday, May 30 – Kids Central Fun Day. 1-4 p.m. Think beautiful sunny day! We will rope off part of the parking lot – Bring bikes, skateboards, scooters (and helmets!). We will have outside games, and possibly pick-up games of kickball or baseball. Bring your favorite outdoor equipment. All ages invited.

GAMES, MEETS, AND MATCHES:

Do you or your kids play a Spring/ Summer sport? Please e-mail Miss Kathy your games, meets, or matches schedule (please include dates, times, and locations). I would love to come to see as many of our kids activities as I can, but I need to know when you play/perform.

WANT TO BE "IN THE KNOW"?

Miss Kathy has started a Kids Central weekly e-mail with information about the upcoming week/ month, family devotion, and lots more. Everyone is welcome to join. E-mail Kathy if you would like to be on the list. Are you on Facebook? Make sure you join the Waterford Central UMC group!

3RD GRADE BIBLE BREAKFAST:

We are nearing the end of the year and to celebrate our 3rd graders and all they have learned in their Bible Study this year, we will have a 3rd Grade Bible Breakfast on Sunday, May 31st at 9:00 a.m. 3rd graders, their families and mentors are welcome and encouraged to come. If you would like to provide food (muffins, fruit, bagels, egg casserole, French toast casserole, juice, etc) for our 3rd graders, please contact Kathy.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

Camp E.D.G.E. (Experience & Discover God Everywhere) is June 22-26 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Registration forms will be available at the beginning of May. Our goal is 100 children. Make sure to invite your friends! Donations needed: craft sticks (popsicle sticks), light colored flannel backed tablecloths, white or light colored cardboard jewelry boxes, tacky glue, green flora wire, 2 gallon size zip-close bags (available at Meijer), camp decorations. Volunteers needed: if you are interested contact Kathy for more details.

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www.kidscentralweb.org

CRUISE FOR A CAUSE



The 2009 Cruise for a Cause is scheduled for July 23 with a rain date of July 30. This year's theme will be:

"Buy American - Buy Locally - Help Locally"

OPEN DOOR INGATHERING

We will be having an InGathering of food, hygiene and household products for The Open Door Outreach Center in Waterford on Sunday, May 31. Items can be dropped off in the two wooden boxes along the Chapel hall or brought in on that morning. There is an insert in your bulletin with a comprehensive list of the items needed. You can also see the list online at our website.

Items Needed: Peanut Butter & jelly, canned meat (tuna & chicken), canned vegetables/fruit, canned chili, stew, soup, baked beans, baking goods (Jello, pudding, jiffy mix, popcorn), cereal and other breakfast items, pasta products/Ramen noodles, spaghetti sauces, crackers (saltine, graham, packaged snacks), juice (preferably in cans, plastic or juice boxes), condiments (ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise), baby food, hygiene & household products.

HAITI REPORT

Bud Leverenz, Don Stoughton, and Jim Kellermann spent a week in Jeremy, Haiti painting their new concrete walled kitchen, cafeteria, and library, as well as witnessing the work being done in health clinics, gardening and care of children and older persons. Rev. Kellermann was allowed to preach (with a Creole interpreter) on Sunday. The poverty is extremely high, the resources very limited, but the spirit of joy among the people of the church profoundly bountiful. The mission experience of the three was positive, and the gift this congregation provided is a vital part of the covenant relationship we share as an annual conference with the Methodist Church of Haiti and the feeding and loving of the children we teach and feed through their ministry.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

We will once again be joining with other churches in the North Oakland Circle of Faith (NOCOF) to build a Habitat for Humanity home in Pontiac this summer. The NOCOF and the SOCOF will work together to build one of 2 homes in the Ferry Farms neighborhood (south of Osmon St. and east of Woodward). We will be building at 184 Elm Street. The construction program is very different this year. It will begin with a one-week Building on Faith "Blitz" June 15-20 and continue every Saturday (except July 4) through August 22. Registration is now open. To register as a volunteer, go to www.habitatoakland.org. During the registration process you will be asked: "DO YOU HAVE A JOIN CODE?" The join code is: HOPE. Any remaining slots will be opened to the general public, no code necessary, on June 1, however; I don't think there will be any slots left at that time, so don't wait! More information is available at: waterfordcumc.org/habitat.php

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS



It is time to apply for scholarships from Central Church. Again this year the Kuhn family is graciously providing for three \$1,000 scholarships for graduating high school seniors (one in the name of Edward Kuhn and two in the name of Richard and Sally Kuhn) and one \$1,000 scholarship for a continuing college student. In addition, scholarships are being provided in the name of Margaret Luther and Virginia Selle (two \$1,000 scholarships for graduating high school seniors and two \$1,000 for continuing college students). These are being funded through the generosity of their estate. The application is the same for all scholarships and will be available on the website or in the church office. Remember also that we have scholarship assistance in the name of Donald Loomis for technical training. Please inquire in the church office.

FOR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS:

The Richard & Sally Kuhn Scholarship
The Edward J. Kuhn Scholarship
Margaret Luther Scholarship
Virginia Selle Scholarship

FOR CONTINUING COLLEGE UNDER-GRADUATES:

The Richard & Sally Kuhn Scholarship
Margaret Luther Scholarship
Virginia Selle Scholarship

The criteria used in the selection of recipients includes: involvement in church and community ministries; academic achievement, as well as need. Applications and requirements are available in the church office. The application deadline is May 31, 2009. Awarding of the scholarships will take place on Graduation Sunday, June 14.

TRADE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

A Central United Methodist Church Skilled Trade Scholarship has been established in memory of Don Loomis. This is a \$400 Scholarship award. Applications are available in the church office. The application deadline is May 31 and the awarding will take place on Graduate Sunday, June 14.

CENTRAL KITCHEN USE

Attention all groups that use Central U.M.C kitchen: We will be having a kitchen cleanup/ work party on Saturday, June 6, 9:30 - 12:00 noon. Many hands make light work. Please reserve this date to help. We will try to have this work party every year on the first Saturday of June. Hope to see you there!

ATTENTION GRADUATES

Remember to turn in your graduate's information and a photo to the church office as soon as possible. Please include future plans such as college, work, military service, marriage, etc. We will use the photos and information as part of a celebration display for Graduation Sunday, June 14. Please join us on that day so we may recognize your accomplishments! Any questions? Please contact Leslie Tobakos at 248-698-9535. *Please turn in your information by May 31.*

CENTRAL CINEMA

June 6 completes the Central Cinema series with the movie, "Dead Poet's Society" starring Robin Williams as John Keating. He challenges his students and us to "Cease the Day" and be willing to truly experience life with its risks as a step toward full education. We celebrate Graduation Weekend with this PG movie and invite anyone to attend the movie in the comfort of the parlor at 7:00 p.m.

June Birthdays

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

James Bensken, June 1
Winbert Bordeaux, June 7
Violet Jordan, June 8
Virginia Bensken, June 9
Jay Young, June 9
Glenn Wilson, June 14
Anita Heathman, June 15
Maxine Newman, June 18
Ingrid Gustavson, June 28

June Anniversaries


Congratulations to the following couples
Celebrating an Anniversary of 50 years
or more.

Joe and Mary Aperbauch
50 years on June 2
Marv and Mary Wilson
62 Years on June 10
Robert and Juanita Beltz
58 years on June 11
Paul and Deanna Bowers
50 years on June 24
Robert and Joanne Kaminskis
51 years on June 24
Harold and Florence Konzen
59 years on June 24
Roy and Beverly Chisnell
60 years on June 25
Sally and James Hon
59 Years on June 30

JUNE 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>1 11:00am Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>2 10:00am Book Group 7:00pm Survivors of Suicide-Parlor</p>	<p>3 11:30am Olive Mae Glenn-Parlor 6:00pm Disciple - Room 108 6:00pm Piano Recital - Stage End FH</p>	<p>4 7:30pm Nar-Anon 8:00pm NA</p>	<p>5 4:30pm Piano Recital - Sanctuary</p>	<p>6 Central Cinema - Parlor 8:30am Education Intervention Program - Room 20 9:30am Kitchen Clean Up/Work Party 4:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous</p>	
<p>7 9:00am Worship Service 10:30am The Rock & Stepping Stones Children's Ministry 10:30am Worship Service 4:00pm Piano Recital - Stage End FH 5:00pm UMY</p>	<p>8 11:00am Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Finance Meeting Rm 108</p>	<p>9 6:30pm Eschtruth Circle - room 20 7:00pm Grief Support - Parlor 7:00pm Ministry Coordinators</p>	<p>10 6:00pm Disciple - Room 108</p>	<p>11 7:30pm Nar-Anon 8:00pm NA</p>	<p>12 4:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous</p>	
<p>14 Granduation Sunday 9:00am Worship Service 10:30am The Rock & Stepping Stones Children's Ministry 10:30am Worship Service 11:30am Rev. Wendy Lyons Chrostek Farewell 1:00pm Baby Shower - Parlor</p>	<p>15 11:00am Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00pm Possible Church Council 7:00pm VBS Meeting - Room 108</p>	<p>16 9:30am Memorial Garden Weeding - Garden 7:00pm Survivors of Suicide-Parlor 7:00pm VBS Meeting - Room 108</p>	<p>17 6:00pm Disciple - Room 108</p>	<p>18 6:00pm Soccer Registration - FH 7:30pm Nar-Anon 8:00pm NA</p>	<p>19 9:30am Mom's Club of Waterford</p>	
<p>21 Fathers Day 9:00am Worship Service 10:30am The Rock & Stepping Stones Children's Ministry 10:30am Worship Service</p>	<p>22 VBS 11:00am Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30pm ALS Support - Parlor 7:00pm Staff Parish Meeting - Rm 108</p>	<p>23 VBS 7:00pm Grief Support - Parlor 7:00pm Meditation and Spirituality 7:00pm Trustees - Room 108</p>	<p>24 VBS 12:30pm Women in Transition 6:00pm Disciple - Room 108</p>	<p>25 VBS 7:30pm Nar-Anon 8:00pm NA</p>	<p>26 VBS</p>	
<p>28 9:00am Garden Shareplace - Hallway 9:00am Worship Service 10:30am The Rock & Stepping Stones Children's Ministry 10:30am Worship Service</p>	<p>29 11:00am Alcoholics Anonymous</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>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 schedules in as soon as possible Thanks!</p>			
			<p>WOMEN IN TRANSITION Women in Transition will meet on Wednesday, June 24 at 12:30 in the Parlor for a Potluck Lunch. Please plan to join us!</p>			