



The Chimes



Centenary United Methodist Church

Brothers and Sisters,

Can you think of a more exciting way to start the New Year here at Centenary UMC than to witness the transformation of our sanctuary from the old to the new? Actually I can; Paul talks about it in 2 Corinthians 5:17: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"

You see, being in Christ doesn't just make us new, it sends us on a new direction. Our life ceases to be about or center around what is used to...it slowly and steadily becomes focused on the salvation offered to us by Jesus Christ and making sure everyone hears the good news offered through His Gospel story.

What is happening to the sanctuary can be a metaphor for what is hopefully going on in our lives through our relationship with Jesus Christ as Christians and as a church. Through Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit we can update and upgrade our lives so that they center around Christ and His ministry...not the things we focused on and centered our life around prior to being in relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

This is because what is happening in the Centenary UMC sanctuary is also a metaphor for what God is doing to the world through the church. Through the followers and ministry of His Son Jesus Christ He is transforming the world to be more and more like His Kingdom. I believe He will continue to do this until the day it has become the Kingdom of God or no longer can be...and then, one way or another, He will make it a permanent part of His Kingdom completely reconciled by the grace of His Son Jesus Christ.

It is my prayer that we will see this transformation of our sanctuary as more than just making our church look more appealing. I pray it serves as an inspiration to us as individual Christians to transform our lives as Christians to focus on Christ and, as a church, as Centenary United Methodist Church, to transform the world by the grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ into the Kingdom of God.

In Christ,

Pastor Jeff

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January Exercise for Church Growth

At our Church Conference in December those present agreed unanimously to work with the Rev. Dr. Randy Booth, Pastor at Monroe UMC on having a vision to grow from being a Pastoral level church (where the growth of the church often revolves around the Pastor) to a Program level church (where the growth revolves around bringing the community into the church through various program ministries).

During his presentation several people, including myself, were challenged in terms of our paradigms of how our church functions. The most obvious example was parking. Randy attended our Bob Lenz event and commented how he was able to secure a decent parking spot while the youth leader he attended with had to park several blocks away. It was pointed out that visitors, who have to walk several blocks, especially during the coming winter, might already have a negative view of our church before they even walk through the front door. I spoke to many people that night who stated that from now on they would part in the city lot behind Kingsley Crossing so that visitors and those who have trouble walking such long distances could park in the spots closer to the church entrances.

However, this isn't just about parking, that is just an example. What this is about is changing the way we look at church. I would like to ask all of you in the coming month of January to attend one of our services and pretend to be coming to our church for the first time. Make mental and/or written notes about what it must be like to visit our church for the first time. Not just about the parking, about what happens when you walk in, what do you notice, how do you feel? Would you want to come back again, why or why not? What would you prefer? What would make you feel more welcome and want you to come back again?

Let me know your thoughts in person or via e-mail (or written mail) and I will be using this information in my work with Randy and the church in taking Centenary UMC to the next level.

PJ

Food Pantry Giving

Last month we collected 25 food items for food pantry! Thanks to everyone who brought something in!

Our January item will be Hamburger Helper. Let's try to bring in enough for all 75 of our families! We will be collecting these until January 17.



All Committee Meeting

Monday, January 14

6:00 p.m.

There will be an All Committee Meeting for all members and coordinators of every committee on Monday, January 14th @ 6:00 p.m. It will begin with some introductory comments from Pastor Jeff, with all of the committees having their first meeting from 6:30 p.m. to 7:25 p.m. Church Council (with a Finance session built in) will meet at 7:30 p.m. Proposed 2013 budgets for all committees will be adopted at this meeting (if at all possible). If you haven't turned in your budget, please have it to Becky by Thursday, January 10.

Committee chairs, please ensure that all new and returning members of your committees are aware of this meeting. If you are a chair/member/coordinator on a committee, you are strongly encouraged to attend and get the new church year off to a strong start for our committees, for our church and for our ministry to make disciples of Jesus Christ.



January Worship

January 5 & 6

What Is An Epiphany?

Communion

Romans 1:8-17

Luke 2:1-20

Luke 2:22-40

January 12 & 13

The Sacrament of Baptism

Genesis 2:18-25

1 John 5:1-12

John 19

January 19 & 20

The Racism of the Well-Intended

Genesis 9:18-27

January 26 & 27

Two Steps to Greater Christian Community: Step 1

Acts 6:1-7

Matthew 18:15-20

January Missional Giving

This month's mission emphasis will be Advance # 3021787 Hurricanes 2012, which will support UMCOR's efforts to help storm-struck communities recover, like those affected by Superstorm Sandy.

If you would like to give to a different ministry, just write it on your envelope, but if you don't, it will go to this month's cause.

Programming Changes During Sanctuary Renovation

Beginning the weekend of January 12th – 13th through the weekend of January 26th – 27th, during the sanctuary transformation, the Sat. 7:00 p.m. and the Sunday 10:15 a.m. services will be held in the downstairs Fellowship Hall, and the Sunday 8:00 a.m. service will be held in the Serenity Room. There will also be no band or PowerPoints during this time.

Those in need of convenient parking for Sunday 8:00 a.m. should park on Monroe St. (top of the hill), and for Saturday or Sunday 10:15 park on Church St. (bottom of the hill).

Nursery will continue to be available at both the Sat. 7:00 p.m. and the Sunday 10:15 a.m. in the nursery upstairs. Sunday School will continue to gather in the Fellowship Hall downstairs at 9:00 a.m. sharp, and the Adult Sunday School class will continue to meet in the Serenity Room. Confirmation and Bible Study will continue to be on Wednesdays at 6:15 & 7:15.

We are in need of volunteers to stand outside and help direct people where everything is and where they should park during the 10:15 a.m. service during this transition period. We need at least two each for Sunday we are in the basement. Please let Pastor Jeff know if you are interested.

Trustees News

We are estimating that the sanctuary project will take four weeks from start to finish. In order to do this in a timely manner, **we are asking volunteers to step forward and help us empty the sanctuary of almost everything January 6th after the 10:15 service.** This includes all Christmas decorations, the pews, altar, candles, bibles, hymnals, etc. The plan is to have the sanctuary ready for the painter (Straightway Painting) to come in and start covering permanent things that we do not want painted Monday morning, January 7th. He has estimated it to take two weeks to prime and paint the sanctuary. After he is done **we will again ask for volunteers to help tear up the old carpet and build the platform in the back for our new audio desk, around the 19th and 20th.** The carpet guys (Gobin and Allion) and audio guys (Lifeline) will be working in the sanctuary from the 21st-31st. Sometime around the 31st- February 2nd we will be bringing the pews back into the sanctuary and installing them with guidance from Scott Matye's Tech Ed class. The first services should be February 2nd and 3rd.

Please be patient with us through the whole process. Numerous factors can affect the plan, and we'll have to make adjustments as they come.

Jeremiah Diedrich, Trustees Chair

Sanctuary Renovation Timeline

January 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Sanctuary Clean Out after 10:15 Service Youth Group to help at 6:00 PM	7 Painting Starts	8 Painting	9 Painting	10 Painting	11 Painting	12
13	14 Painting	15 Painting	16 Painting	17 Painting	18 Painting Ends	19 Removal of Carpet/ Build Platform/ Run Wiring
20 Removal of Carpet/ Build Platform/ Run Wiring	21 Loop Is Installed	22 Carpet Install Begins	23 Carpet	24 Carpet	25 Carpet Install Ends	26
27	28 New Cabinet Is Installed	29 Wiring Is Moved and Extended to New Area	30 Cleanup	31 Extra Day	1 Extra Day	2 7:00 PM Worship Service
3 8:00 AM Service 10:15 AM Service	4	5	6	7	8	9

Youth Group News

The CUMC Youth Group has been invited, for the 11th consecutive year, to join Sidekick Missions' youth mission trip in 2013.

The mission destination for Sidekick Missions in 2013 is West Memphis, Arkansas. The dates are June 22-30. At an earlier Sidekick Board of Servants meeting, board members Cherie and Eugene Uehling suggested looking for mission opportunities during the month of June, to help avoid date conflicts with Lifest. This will be Sidekick's first trip to Arkansas, though earlier trips have worked with other areas in neighboring Southern states.

Registration costs are expected to be similar to those in 2012, and will be confirmed later in January. Registration dates and deposit information will be available then, too. Participants need to have completed 8th grade before joining on the mission trip. Participants will travel by air-conditioned coach buses. Lodging in West Memphis and while traveling to and from Arkansas, will be provided by local churches.

The Senior and Junior Youth Groups will assist the Trustees Committee in preparing the Sanctuary for the renovation project on January 6. Preparation will begin with volunteers from the congregation, after the completion of the 10:15 am service that day. Youth attending the Youth Group Meeting that evening will help with any final tasks, as the painting contractors are due in on Monday, January 7.



New Face... Tricia King

By the grace of God a seminary student by the name of Tricia King has been hired by the SPRC to work with our Care of Members team. The first training session / meeting of the team will be on Tuesday, January 8th at 6:00 p.m. Anyone who feels called to join this team is welcome.

The team's purpose will be to reach out to shut-ins, the elderly and inactive members of our church. Tricia will be working with, training and, at times, leading our Care of Members Team who have been trying to figure out a way to reach out to the inactive members of the church and lovingly invite them to become active again. To do this, she will be teaching the team how to make the initial contact, visit and listen as well as talk about church with them. This will be a unique and challenging opportunity for all involved. Tricia's goal will be to help the Care of Members team learn and fulfill this essential role in our church.

News from the Worship Committee

Happy New Year!! Looks like 2013 is going to be full of GOD's blessings for our church! So much has transpired since the last newsletter that we are putting many things on hold.

The changes we were recommending to take place the first of this year have been revisited & the Worship Committee will be taking these "new changes" to the Church Council. I apologize for not thinking ahead about the renovations to the sanctuary. It is very exciting, but I'm sure it's going to be pretty interesting around CUMC for a few months!!

We will be holding all our worship services in the carpeted room downstairs. This also means that the Awaken Praise Band will not be playing until we are able to move back into the sanctuary. We will be improvising and using the hymnals for our songs. Also we will be without our powerpoint screen, so services might seem kind of different for awhile for those of us that have gotten so used to this!

The New Life Revival Service will be put on hold, at least for January. Depending on the progress in the sanctuary, possibly we will be having one in February. I'm getting excited just thinking about this....yes, it will be chaotic at times I'm sure....BUT the end result will be worth the wait! I am hoping everyone is able to "weather this storm" & continue to join us at worship as much as possible!

See you at church—in the **downstairs carpeted room!**

Yes....2013, here we come!!

Blessings,

Lisa Diedrich, Worship Committee Chair

Play Group

January 2, 16, & 30

February 13 & 27

Craft Group News

This month's project will be making tied fleece blankets for a group yet to be determined. We will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 8 in the Serenity Room. Please bring 2 yard-and-a-half pieces of fleece and sharp scissors.

Meet with Bishop Hee-Soo Jung

Thursday, February 7 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Dodgeville UMC

All are welcome. Please let Pastor Jeff know if you would like to go, as we need to RSVP to the District Superintendent.

Breastfeeding Minute

Breast Pumps

Breast pumps are not a necessity with breastfeeding but they can be extremely useful in many situations for different moms. For example, a mom that will be returning to work may choose a breast pump that is a double electric model to allow her to express her milk in about 15 minutes per session while she is at work. A mom that will only be away from baby for short periods of time may choose a manual pump to express during a missed feeding. Yet some moms find hand expression to be the most comfortable for them and prefer that method. Each model of breast pump has pros and cons that must be evaluated by the mother before making a purchase. A double electric model is a higher cost investment (about \$250) but if a mother plans to express breastmilk often or for several children the investment will pay for itself. If a mother plans to pump when a power source may not be available, for example in a car, she may prefer a manual pump which can be purchased for \$40 or less. If you feel a double electric is what you want but the purchase price scares you, check with your local WIC department or county nurse office for hospital grade rental models. This will cost about \$60 but is a onetime fee while the machine is in use. If you are buying, make sure and buy a brand that has good reviews. This is not a purchase you want to make by what is the cheapest. Also keep in mind personal use double electric pumps are meant for one user only! The machines can harbor Hepatitis B, Aids, HIV and other body fluid transferred diseases. Only hospital grade pumps are safe for multiple users. If you still have questions about which pump would be best for you contact your healthcare provider or me, Katrina Gleason, and we can talk about your options.

This article is provided by:

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Please feel free to call her with any
questions you might have.

If you have any questions about breastfeeding contact your healthcare provider, local WIC office or me.

Katrina Gleason



Breastfeeding support group will be meeting in the Serenity Room from 10 to 12 on Friday, January 11. All moms-to-be and breastfeeding moms and infants are invited. If you want more information, you can contact Katrina or watch the Shullsburg Area Parents Group Facebook page.

LIGHT Program News

Happy New Year!

Thank you to all volunteers and parents for helping make the Sunday School Christmas program a huge blessing. The talented children sang beautifully and worked hard, and Danelle did a wonderful job of pulling it all together. I would love to thank all the volunteers individually, but I do not know all who helped. (I was behind a partition a great amount of time trying to help get costumes on the little ones.) However, please know that your contributions of time and supplies were greatly appreciated. Thank-you, thank-you, and thank-you to all!

With the new year, many of us begin with some changes, and the Sunday School program will also have a few updates during the redo of the sanctuary. Children and youth will still meet in the Fellowship Hall downstairs, but instead of everyone meeting in the same room again during activity time, they'll continue in their assigned classrooms with their crafts. This means children will need to be picked up in their classroom areas: Preschool-5k will continue in the Gingerbread area, and 1st-2nd grade will be in the Food Pantry area. We'll continue music with the children by having practice in the Fellowship Hall, so our first Sunday back will have special music presented by the entire Sunday School class.

Please enjoy the new year and may it be filled with many blessings!

Stay warm,

Michelle Jackson, LIGHT/Sunday School Superintendent




Pictured (l-r) presenting the \$500.00 check to the Shullsburg Food Pantry are Shullsburg residents Dan Webster (ACL Bass Club), Tina Cruse (Shullsburg Food Pantry Director), Dave Popp (ACL Bass Club). Absent from the picture was Tim Appell (ACL Bass Club)

Apple Canyon Lake Bass Club Donates To Three Local Food Pantries

At the start of their 2012 tournament season the Apple Canyon Lake Bass Club announced that \$5.00 of each tournament entry fee would be used to benefit area food pantries. The club held six tournaments from April through September, and raised enough money from the \$5.00 fees and a donation from the ACL Bass Club to make the following donations of \$500.00 each to the Shullsburg, Wi. food pantry, Stockton, Il. food pantry, and the Warren, Il. food pantry.

January 2013

For the most up-to-date calendar,
go to shullsburgumc.com & click on Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 8:00 Trad. Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Rock'n Praise 6:00 Youth Group	7	8	9	10	11	12
		6:30 Craft Group	6:15 Confirmation 7:15 Bible Study		10:00 Breastfeeding Support Group	7:00 Casual Worship
13 8:00 Trad. Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Rock'n Praise 6:00 Youth Group	14	15	16	17	18	19
	6:00 All Committee mtg.		10:00 Play Group 6:15 Confirmation 7:15 Bible Study	4:30 Food Pantry		7:00 Casual Worship
20 8:00 Trad. Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Rock'n Praise 11:30 Christian Ed mtg	21	22	23	24	25	26
			6:15 Confirmation 7:15 Bible Study		12-7 Portraits	9-4 Portraits 7:00 Casual Worship
27 8:00 Trad. Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Rock'n Praise 6:00 Youth Group	28	29	3010:00 Play Group 6:15 Band Practice 6:15 Confirmation 7:15 Bible Study	31		

Special thanks to Peggy & Don Allstrom for preparing the mailing of the December newsletters.

January Birthdays

1	Greg Jenson	20	Dolores Young
1	Neal Mullikin	21	Julianne Cunningham
5	Dean Ubersox	21	Linda Dillon
6	Eilene Leitzinger	21	Kari Strang
8	Russell Hauser	22	Rosa Gierke
8	Fran Matl	23	Riley Swenson
8	Naomi Webster	23	Jeremiah Diedrich
10	Albert Gensler	25	Jeff Leitzinger
12	Don Ahlstrom	26	Brooke Fennel
12	Eric Russell	26	Ashley Hinzman
12	Kaia Wurtzbacher	28	Scott Pedley
12	Christian Wurtzbacher	29	Julie Gill
14	Chad Gleason	29	Nathan Harker
16	Jeff Gensler	30	Kennedy Kudronowicz
17	Tara Teasdale	30	Gavin Pedley
18	Kortney Kudronowicz	31	Aiden Strang
18	Camden Russell	31	Kaden Strang
19	Gary Hittenmiller	31	Brandon Wilwert

Statistics

Attendance:
not yet available

Offerings Received:

Dec 1 & 2	\$1,647.00
Dec 8 & 9	2,019.48
Dec 15 & 16	6,885.08
Dec 22 & 23	11,547.77
Christmas Eve	4,179.13
Dec 29 & 30	1,531.00

Special Offerings:

(included in above totals)

Apportionments	\$317.00
Missions	172.00
Sanctuary Renovations	7,000.00
Sunday School	19.58
Warm Hearts	374.10

January Anniversaries

3	Chris & LeAnn Wurtzbacher
5	Ron & Sharon Woodworth
5	Keith & Janet Wymore
22	Charles & Marcella Russell



A Vision For Our Church

"Centenary UMC will continue to be THE place to be for weekend worship. People will often drive by this church and think, 'That place is packed: I wonder what I'm missing?' Through our church culture and worship atmosphere we will provide the spiritual spark for people to see God in their daily lives and grow in their understanding, ministry and faithful relationship with Him."

Staff:

Pastor: Jeff Meyer
Secretary: Becky Mootz
Treasurer: Monica Hanson
Saturday Music Director: Irene Verdegan
Sunday Music Director: Danelle Schmid
Nursery Attendants: Becky Upmann, Sabra Stanton
Janitor: Su Schwartz

Ministry Leaders:

<i>Ad Council Chair:</i>	<i>Missions & Outreach</i>
Pam Teasdale	<i>Chair:</i>
<i>Fellowship/Women's</i>	Katrina Gleason
<i>Group:</i>	<i>New Life Revival Service:</i>
Pam Harker	Ed Santiago
<i>Finance Committee</i>	<i>Nurture & Membership</i>
<i>Chair:</i>	<i>Care:</i>
Becky Mootz	Amy Mullikin
<i>Financial Secretary:</i>	<i>Parish Nurse:</i>
Lois Finnigan/ Laura Hinzman	Marlene Stewart
<i>Food Pantry:</i>	<i>Pasty Bakes:</i>
Tina Cruse	Cherie Uehling
<i>Lay Leader:</i>	<i>SPRC Chair:</i>
Art Finnigan	Tina Cruse
<i>LIGHT/Sunday School:</i>	<i>Trustees Chair:</i>
Michelle Jackson	Jeremiah Diedrich
<i>Memorials Chair:</i>	<i>Worship Chair:</i>
Joy Redfearn	Lisa Diedrich

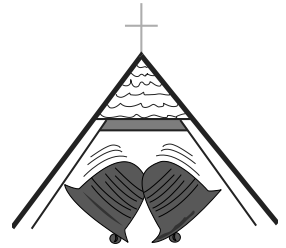
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Say Cheese! for New Church Directories

It is Church Directory time! Lifetouch will be at the church on Friday, January 25, from noon - 7 p.m. and Saturday, January 26, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. All participating families will receive a complimentary professional 8 x 10 portrait AND a free directory. Sign-up sheets will be on a table near the church office. We are looking for all the church families to sign up for a time during these hours. If you are unable to make it on portrait day, you can drop off a family photo (with copyright release) to the office or email to Becky Mootz at centenaryumcoffice@yahoo.com, and we will make sure it gets included in the directory (you'll still get a complimentary directory). Also, for any donation of \$5 or more made to the church on portrait day, you will receive a coupon for \$5 off your Lifetouch portrait order.

If anyone has any photos of miscellaneous church events taken from January 2008 until December 2012, they can also be sent to Becky Mootz. Hope to see everyone come get a family photo taken and be part of our church directory!

Amy Mullikin & Becky Mootz, Church Directory Coordinators