

The Chimes



Centenary United Methodist Church



Brothers and sisters in Christ,

I would like to take some time this month to talk about relationships. Relationships, people connecting and sharing their life together as individuals and a community is essential to the mission and meaning of Christianity. Our relationship with God is what fuels the love for our relationships with others.

Our relationship with God and with others is what grows our Christian community both qualitative and quantitatively until, I pray one day, it transforms the entire world and brings it back into eternal communion with the Kingdom of God.

It has been revealed through the Burnout Sessions led by our TLC Coordinator Tricia King that folks here at Centenary desire more and more deeper relationships with each other. We all want that personal spiritual connection with others in order to experience God's love and share it with others both in the church and with those in our community.

The problem appears to be that we have so much going on in life and even in church that we are becoming task-oriented. Many of us, myself included, are starting to treat each day like a list of things to do instead of slowing down to participate and enjoy spiritual relationships with prospective disciples in our community and with our brothers and sisters in Christ here at Centenary UMC.

Would you please join me this month in prayerfully reflecting and, perhaps, even keeping a log of how we spend our time each day and prayerfully discern how we could change our priorities, our perspectives and our schedules to free up time for spiritual relationships this coming church year? I honestly believe and feel called by God to proclaim to all of you that such an effort would bring blessings to us, to our church and its mission, and most importantly, by the grace of God, would enable us to make more disciples of Jesus Christ here at Centenary UMC.

In Christ,

PJ

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Food Pantry Giving

We collected 24 food items for Food Pantry this month. Thank you to all who contributed!

This month's item is laundry detergent. We will be collecting this until August 15.

We are also collecting school supplies for the Miner Community Group, who will put together backpacks for kids in our community.



August Missional Giving

In light of our current financial situation, any mission money collected this month will go to our general fund to help repay our internal loans.

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.

Sunday School Is Back Soon!

Sunday School registration will be held during the Sunday School Open House after 10:15 worship on Sunday, August 18. Registration forms are available on Dropbox, under the Forms for Ministry and Church Use folder. Be sure to come to church that day and register your child(ren) for Sunday School!

The first day of Sunday School will be September 8! We are still on the lookout for Sunday School leaders and helpers. Please contact either Michelle Jackson or the church office if you can help at all.

Also, the Sunday School Christmas Program will be Sunday, December 15 during the 10:15 a.m. worship service. Please make a note to attend to enjoy and support the Sunday School Ministry as part of your holiday plans for the Christmas Season.

Please be in prayer for all the students and teachers of the Centenary UMC Sunday School as they prepare for the start of Sunday School this fall!

Michelle Jackson, Sunday School Superintendent



New! File Sharing via Dropbox

During July, all members of Centenary UMC should have received an e-mail saying that you were referred to Dropbox by Centenary UMC with a link to download the Dropbox program.

By clicking on that link, following the instructions and downloading Dropbox free of charge to your computer Dropbox gives the church an additional half gig of memory, allowing us to put even more material and information on Dropbox. This will also allow you to set up your own personal Dropbox system by following the tutorials that open when you first go into Dropbox.

All members should have also received three e-mail invitations to gain access to three files on the Centenary Dropbox:

- 1.) Forms for Church & Ministry Use: This folder will contain forms for registering for Sunday School, VBS, submitting a prayer request, requesting a reimbursement for money spent on church ministry and events, as well as other documents.
- 2.) The Chimes Newsletter: This folder will have the current and recently-archived issues of the Chimes Newsletter to reread, verify information, or to cut and paste articles for promotion of and information about things going on at Centenary UMC.
- 3.) Information About Coming Events: This folder will contain flyers and promotional materials about upcoming events at Centenary UMC for you to print out and hang in various places in the community, as well as post on social media to help spread the word and be in-the-know about upcoming events at Centenary UMC.

If you did not receive these e-mail invitations, please contact the church office to let them know.

Other ministry groups such as the Sunday School Staff and the Worship team already are using Dropbox to share information and files with each other. Feel free to contact the church office to see how your ministry could benefit from Dropbox!

August Administrative Meetings *Monday, August 12*

Finance Committee — 6:00 p.m.

Church Council — 7:00 p.m.

All committee chairs should plan to attend or send someone from their committee to report. If no one from your committee will be attending, please email Tina Cruse with a committee update.

Fellowship Group News

It is never too early to start thinking of items or crafts that you could donate and bring to the Holiday Auction which will be held in November. The date has yet to be determined and more information will be available in the September newsletter.

Pam Harker, Fellowship Group

Immunization Awareness Month

August is Immunization Awareness Month, and our parish nurse Marlene Stewart will have copies of the recommended immunization schedule for children and adults, as well as the catch-up schedule for those who have fallen behind from the CDC's recommendations.

Parent/Play Group News

Play Group will be meeting August 14 & 28 (at wooden playground equipment at 10:00 a.m.). All parents and little ones are welcome! If it is raining or hot, we will be at the church. Lee Gill will also be coming to speak about immunizations sometime in the month, but we will post more information on the Parent group Facebook page when we know more.



Gingerbread House Preschool

Gingerbread Preschool has openings for children 3-4 year olds. School days are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8-11 a.m. from September through May. For more information contact Becky Upmann 608-482-3920 or ginger-breadpreschool@hotmail.com

The first meeting is Wednesday, August 7.

*The people you love need the transforming grace that only Jesus Christ can bring.
Invite the people you love to Jesus!*

Vacation Bible School News

Centenary United Methodist Church invites all children to step right up at EVERYWHERE FUN FAIR: WHERE GOD'S WORLD COMES TOGETHER Vacation Bible School. Explore and experience God's welcoming love at VBS! Join the fun August 12-16 from 9-noon at the church.



The adventures include interactive Bible fun and great music, super science, cool crafts, hands-on mission work, global games, and more. To be a part of all the excitement at EVERYWHERE FUN FAIR, register your child by picking up a form at church or at Cherie's office downtown The Perfect Touch, 317 W. Water

Street, printing a form from Dropbox, or registering online at <http://2013.cokesburyvbs.com/shullsburgcumc>. You may also call the church at 965-3455 or Cherie and Andrew at 965-4569. There is no fee for VBS, and it is open to all children ages 4K-5th grade. Those going into 6th grade the next school year are encouraged to be helpers. Registering early will be very helpful so we can have enough crafts, snacks, and supplies for all. We will also need to know everyone's t-shirt size.

August Worship

August 3 & 4

Isaiah 52:7-10: Loyalty and Trust
in Christ and His Call (to Zion)

Romans 10:11-17

Isaiah 52:7-10

August 10 & 11

Pastor Jeff attending
Seminary Classes

Guest Speaker

August 17 & 18

Pastor Jeff on Vacation
Guest Speaker

August 24 & 25

Pastor Jeff on Vacation
Guest Speaker

Aug. 31 & Sept. 1

God in Space and Time

VBS runs smoothly because of our many volunteers, and we can always use more. We will have two volunteer training sessions: Wednesday, July 31 at 6 p.m. and Saturday, August 10 at 9 a.m. If you would like to be a volunteer for VBS, please attend one of these days. This will be a time for all volunteers to plan for the upcoming VBS week and get on the same page. There will be food provided at both sessions.

We will be decorating the church Sunday, August 11 after the 10:15 a.m. worship service is over. And VBS will be leading the 10:15 a.m. Sunday worship on August 18.

This is such an exciting week for the children of our community! I can't wait!!! Blessings for an Awesome summer!

Cherie Vekling

Youth Mission Trip

Four volunteers from Centenary's Youth Group attended an 8-day mission trip to West Memphis, Arkansas in June. The four volunteers, Sam Uehling, Jordan Doyle, Jake Stukenberg, and youth leader Eugene Uehling, gave a report to the congregation on July 7, on the week of their return. The group shared reflections of waking up at 5:30 a.m. to eat breakfast, pack a lunch, and be on their bus to head to their worksites at 6:30 a.m. While in West Memphis during the last week of June, the heat index ranged from 105 to 115.

This is the 11th year that CUMC has joined Sidekick Missions on a summer mission trip. The trip this year, from June 22-29, included a stop on the way in Springfield, Illinois. The group, consisting of 150 youth and adults on this year's trip from nearly a dozen churches across southern Wisconsin, stayed overnight in the Springfield UMC gymnasium and adjacent hallways and rooms. The group filled 3 coach buses.

Sidekick Missions worked with Pastor Jeff Williams from the Union Avenue Baptist Church, in Memphis, Tennessee. During the week in Memphis, the group stayed in the various large activity rooms at that church, had fellowship time and meals in their dining hall, and worshipped each night in their sanctuary (with a praise band). Pastor Williams coordinates volunteers groups throughout the summer with the City of West Memphis. For 2013, the city received 600 applications for work from mission volunteers. Of those, 60 homes were selected for funding. During our week there, 12 homes were being worked on, all of which needed roof replacement, and more than half needed painting, as well.

Pastor Josh Pegram, from Immanuel UMC in Ripon, led the evening worship with the theme of "Unleash" (from John 16:31-33). "The work ethic of the youth who go on these trips continues to amaze me," said Pastor Josh when asked about his thoughts on the trip. "I probably shouldn't be surprised by it any more, but I am. They just want to get to their sites, get working, and get the job done. I'm proud of the way they care about helping their brothers and sisters."

Sidekick Missions will be meeting in early fall to begin reviewing possible locations for 2014 mission trip. The cost of each volunteer to attend this year's trip was \$475. CUMC youth fund-raised with root beer float concessions at 4th of July, the Cruise in for Christ Car Show, and with wreath and garland sales before Christmas.

Thank you, Sam, Jordan, Jake and Eugene, for taking this opportunity to serve others in Jesus' name!

Confirmation Class

Looking forward to seeing 2nd years & Welcoming 1st Years

The two-year confirmation program is open again this year to anyone from 12 - 18 years old looking to understand what it means to and become a Christian and be confirmed as a member of Centenary UMC.

The four confirmands from last year are welcomed back for their 2nd year and anyone that would like to begin the two-year process this year is welcome to begin. The two-year format Pastor Jeff uses allow confirmands to start on either year.

A Confirmation meeting for both children and parents is currently scheduled for Wednesday, September 11 at 6:15 p.m. The 2nd year confirmands as well as new students are asked to come so as to understand the expectations of both students and parents.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the church office.

Breastfeeding Minute

Storing Expressed Breast Milk

Almost every breastfeeding mom will need to store milk for their baby at some time. Once the milk is expressed it needs to be handled with as much care as when it was expressed to insure it will remain safe for baby to consume at a later time. The USDA, pump manufacturers such as Medela and Ameda, your local healthcare provider and local WIC office all have information on how to store milk properly. While there is some debate on how long to store milk, the following information is in line with what the USDA recommends. Breast milk should be stored in clean glass bottles, hard plastic bottles or disposable plastic bags specifically designed for breast milk. Ordinary plastic bags are not considered safe for storage because of the risk of cracking and leaking. Milk should be stored in the amounts it will be used, typically 2 to 4 ounces per bag. If you are freezing milk in bottles remember to leave about 1 inch of space at the top to allow for expansion during freezing. Never add fresh milk to frozen breast milk. Each container that is stored should be labeled with the date and your baby's name. This will make it easier to use the oldest milk first and helps your caregiver if they

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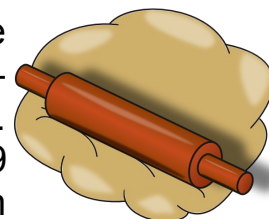
Please feel free to call
her with any questions
you might have.

are caring for multiple breastfed babies at the same time. Breast milk can be stored in the back of the refrigerator for 2 days and the freezer for 3-6 months.

A chest freezer will keep milk longer due to a more regulated temperature than a freezer attached to the refrigerator. If you are traveling with bottles of expressed breast milk, store them in a cooler with ice or an ice pack.

Pasty Bakes

Pasty bakes in September will be the 7th and 21st. We will start prep on the Friday before each pasty bake at about 4 p.m. This includes setting up the work area for Saturday, making the crust, weighing the meat, and a few other things to make Saturday go smoother. It takes about 2 hours if we have 6-7 people to help. Then, we will start making the pasty Saturday at 6 a.m. It is best if we have 12 people on Saturday to help. Pasties are available for sale by calling Cherie Uehling at 965-4569 and leaving a message with how many you would like and for noon or 4 p.m. pick-up time.



Newsletter content deadline: 20th of the month

News from the Worship Committee

August already....where does the time go? The week of July 15th – 18th we had the opportunity to have 3 members of the band attend a National Worship Leadership Conference in Kansas. As of this writing I have gotten a little feedback so far, but am VERY EXCITED to be able to listen to them share more! As with any type of conference, it is great to come back fully refreshed and ready to share that with everyone. Keep in mind that even though all of us did not “physically” attend it, we can still feel as if we were there by listening, learning, and participating with them! Let’s take that first step & open our hearts and minds to new ideas to help all of us be better disciples of GOD....the choice is ours to make!

Our services have been coming along pretty well, but as most summers go, our attendance tends to be down. We had Neil Winchell back as a guest speaker one weekend. If you happened to miss it, he had a very enlightening sermon about “The Dash.” For August we have Tricia King another weekend and will also be able to share with the kids the weekend of VBS. Their excitement is always uplifting! Please join us!

I have a favor to ask of all of you....if during the summer you attend worship at another church, we would love to hear about how others run their worship services! We are ALWAYS looking for different ways to enrich our worship services that we currently have. **We are also looking for 2-3 more individuals to join us & help serve on the Worship Committee.** If any of this sounds interesting to you, please call the church office & leave a message or you can call me directly.....482-1610.... (I’m hoping both the church phone & my phone will be ringing shortly!!)

Enjoy the rest of your summer..... hope to see you at one of the church services!

Lisa Diedrich, Worship Committee Chair

Children's Clothing Exchange

Exchange your children's outgrown clothing for clothes that fit!

Sponsored by Lafayette County Home and Community Education (HCE)

Here's how:

- Gather up your children's outgrown clothing that is clean and in good condition. (Newborn through teen sizes.)
- Drop off your clothing to the lower level of the church on Thursday, August 22nd between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. (see sign in narthex for other locations)
- Go to the American Legion Hall in Darlington on Saturday, August 24th between 9:00 a.m. and noon to select your clothing AT NO CHARGE. All the clothing collected throughout the county will be in this one location.
- No outgrown clothes to contribute? That's okay. You may still select clothing at the American Legion Hall between 9:00 a.m. and noon.
- Want to contribute but don't need clothes in return? That's okay, too. Simply bring your clothing to the collection site on Thursday, August 22nd.

Small Groups Coordinator

Art Finnigan has volunteered to be our new Small Groups Coordinator! Weekly small groups are the hallmark of the Methodist tradition and help build strong spiritual relationships with God and with those who meet weekly together. God never intended for us to find Him on our own. Therefore, on behalf of Centenary UMC, I would like to invite each and every one of you to become part of a weekly small group of 6-8 people where you can listen, share, pray and walk with each other on the way to a loving relationship with God.

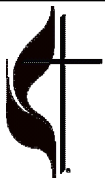
If you would be interested in being part of a small group please contact Art Finnigan (afinnigan@live.com or 965-3036) and let him know 1-3 approximate days and times that would work for you. Also, if you would be willing to host a weekly small group at your house, please let Art know. It would be wonderful if any small groups that are already meeting would let Art know what times you meet and whether you would have room for any more.

Retired & Re-Fired Small Group Meeting

The next meeting of **The Retired & Re-fired Small Group** is Thursday, August 8 at 12:00 Noon in the Serenity Room. Lunch will be provided. The name reflects the composition and direction of this small group. Although group members are retired, we are constantly re-fired by the experiences and opportunities that God places before us.

There are a number of topics that do not interest "young people" or they may not be comfortable for them. One strength of this group is that members don't mind talking about a variety of topics. The group will be discussing everyday issues that confront us as well as our plans for the future and God's plans for us. Group members have a wealth of experiences to share with one another which make meetings interesting and informative. Although sharing and mutual support is the main focus of our meetings, we also have some Bible study and prayer.

If you are retired or semi-retired, we'd love to see have you join this group. You have to eat lunch anyway, and it may be a good way to get yourself re-fired for the next chapter of your life.



Open Hearts Open Minds Open Doors
We are the people of the United Methodist Church!

August 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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				6:00 TLC mtg @ Tina's	Pine Lake Retreat	7:00 Casual Worship Pine Lake Retreat
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
8:00 Trad. Worship 10:15 Rock'n Praise			6:00 Gingerbread Parent mtg 6:15 Band Practice	12:00 Retired & Re-fired Small Group	Pastor Jeff's Day Off	9:00 VBS Training 7:00 Casual Worship
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
8:00 Trad. Worship 10:15 Rock'n Praise	6:00 Finance mtg. 7:00 Church Council		10:00 Play Group 6:15 Band Practice	5:00 Food Pantry 6:00 TLC mtg	7:00 New Life Service	7:00 Casual Worship
			VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (9-noon daily)			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
8:00 Trad. Worship 10:15 VBS Worship 11:30 Sunday School mtg	7:00 Study committee mtg		6:15 Band Practice	4-6 Clothing Exchange Drop-off	Pastor Jeff's Day Off	7:00 Casual Worship
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
8:00 Trad. Worship 10:15 Rock'n Praise			10:00 Play Group		Pastor Jeff's Day Off	7:00 Casual Worship

Special thanks to Tony & Diane Anderson for preparing the mailing of the July newsletters.

August Birthdays

1 Laura Scott	19 Amelda Stoddard
3 Ian Unbehaun	19 Kess Starr
4 Jessica Meyer	21 Cassidy Gleason
5 Ronda Pedley	21 Fred Gustafson
6 Dennis Grace	21 Marian Pedersen
9 Amber Capp	24 Preston Martin
10 Debbie Russell	24 Lindsey Poppy
11 Debbie Gierke	24 Robert Unbehaun
11 Sarah Gierke	25 Randy Gill
11 Floyd Tyson	25 McKinley Russell
12 Heidi Sigwarth	26 Lisa Diedrich
12 Emma Strang	27 Katrina Gleason
13 Brett Gill	27 Dawn Gobrecht
13 Brock Gill	27 Sarah Santiago
13 Brenda Johnson	28 Ed Gierke
15 Marjean Andrews	28 Harlo Webster
15 Lisa Cockroft	29 Weslyn James
15 Jason Hauser	29 Kaylee Kudronowicz
16 Annmarie Stewart	29 Larry Teasdale
18 Bob Edge	31 Shelley Brown
18 Patrick Harker	31 Emma Moyle
18 Sam Moyer	31 Paige Russell
18 Tammy Scott	31 Tim Strang

July Statistics

Attendance:

July 6 & 7	16, 6, 59
July 13 & 14	10, 9, 38
July 20 & 21	9, 9, 57
July 27 & 28	not yet available

Offerings:

July 6 & 7	\$6,609.00
July 13 & 14	2,983.62
July 20 & 21	3,282.36
July 27 & 28	not yet available

Designated Offerings:

(included in above totals)

Apportionments	74.00
Memorial Gifts	5,230.00
Missions	153.00

August Anniversaries

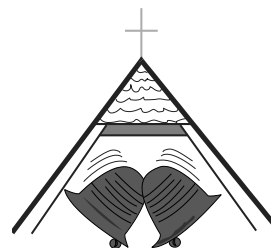
5 Jake & Barb Teutschmann	15 Brett & Karen Bode	25 Travis & Brittany Lyne
10 Bob & Fern King	15 Jeff & JoAnn Meyer	28 Matt & Angie Sandlin
10 Bernie & Su Schwartz	18 Wayne & Nancy Gehrt	31 Steve & Kathie Schwartz
11 Erik & Lori Kudronowicz	18 Scott & Ronda Pedley	

A Vision For Our Church

Centenary UMC will become THE place to be on Sunday mornings. People will drive by the church on a Sunday morning and think, "That place is packed: I wonder what I'm missing." As God draws their spirits to this place, they will encounter an inviting atmosphere and experience worship that is relevant to their lives. They will become moved to experience God more deeply and then be drawn into ministry for others.



The Chimes



Saturday evening
worship at 7:00 pm
music by Irene Verdegan

Sunday Morning
Traditional service at
8:00 am music by Tina
Cruse

Contemporary Service at
10:15 featuring the
Awaken Praise band

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Vacation Bible School

August 12-16
9 a.m. - noon

All 4k-5th graders welcome!

Invite your friends!

Fall Church Picnic

In the park September 8
following the 10:15 service (weather permitting)
Hamburgers, hot dogs, place settings, and drinks will
be provided. Please bring a dish to pass.