

The Chimes

Centenary United Methodist Church

"Investing in Souls" Weekend

Weekend of November 1 & 2 during worship services at Centenary UMC.

The purpose of these services is to reveal the current investment strategy Centenary UMC employs in order to make disciples of Jesus Christ. This includes an explanation of the church budget, the truth about apportionments, as well as the financial future of our ministry. Pastor Jeff will also give a short message on His biblical interpretation of stewardship as an investment in souls.

Investing in Souls



Thanksgiving Day of Prayer for Stewardship

Centenary is looking for individuals and/or families to take half-hour increments of time during the day on Saturday, November 8 to pray in a special area of the Narthex (the front upstairs hall) for the Stewardship of Centenary UMC. The ability to cover our budgets and pay our apportionments this year will have a profound impact on our ministry and future as a Church. Please signing or stopping by the hour to pray for the financial ministry of our United Methodist up by e-mailing, call-office to select a half Stewards and the fi-congregation.



Furthermore, each member should have received a letter from the Finance Committee explaining the financial needs of the church for the remainder of 2014. It also contained a pledge card for you to make a holy pledge of financial support of CUMC for 2015 as well as an invitation to give an offering to the church above and beyond normal giving in order to cover our 2014 budget.

Through your discernment and according to your calling from God, we ask that you return both the pledge card and an offering during the day of prayer (separate offering plates will be set out). Individual and/or family participation, prayers, pledges and offerings will, by the grace of God, provide a future for the ministry of Centenary UMC.

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Centenary United Methodist Church has come to one of those proverbial “forks in the road” in the history of its ministry to make disciples of Jesus Christ. CUMC have grown in attendance, membership, ministry programs and leadership which had all led to an increase in budget... yet it has not resulted in any substantial growth in giving. To put it plainly, there is not enough financial support to continue to grow as a church.

This is why, as you can see on the front page of this newsletter, the church leadership has decided to dedicate the worship services on the weekend of November 1st – 2nd to explaining the budget and the responsibility of the paying of apportionments and the importance of Christian Stewardship at CUMC.

PJ

Each week on our colored Here I Am To Worship Cards that you receive in your bulletin there are three boxes that you can check off:

Were you one of the:

30% who took a break from serving

50% who served the church at least 1 hour

20% who talked or prayed with someone about their relationship with Jesus Christ.

30

50

20

The goal is:

1.) for at least 30% in attendance who are taking a week off on the sidelines for respite and to get ready for next week!

2.) to have 50% of those in attendance each week to have spent at least an hour sometime in the last week serving the church (volunteering at food pantry, completing a task on the trustees board, attending a meeting or volunteering to help with one of the many ministry opportunities at CUMC, going to visit and pray with a elderly member, etc...)

3.) the goal is also to have at least 20% of those in attendance each week to have spent at least an hour in the last week talking to at least one person about their relationship with Jesus Christ. (Spiritually interacting with someone, praying with them, talking to or counseling them about their spiritual life, inviting them to or back to church, etc...)

At these levels, our church should be operating on a high missional level and, hopefully and prayerfully, it will inspire more people to carve out at least an hour or two each week to help carry out the Mission of Centenary UMC to love God, love others and make disciples of Jesus Christ. ***So please check your boxes!***

Centenary UMC At A Glance

October Statistics

Attendance:

(Sat 7, Sun 8 & 10:15)

Oct 4 & 5	5, 11, 100
Oct 11 & 12	19, 20, 101
Oct 18 & 19	9, 16, 89
Oct 25 & 26	Not available

Total Offering:

Oct 4 & 5	\$3,093
Oct 11 & 12	3,267
Oct 18 & 19	1,091
Oct 25 & 26	Not available

Monthly Information

Recently there have been many requests for the church to provide more information about the financial state of the church. Praise God for your interest and thank you ever so much for your financial support of Centenary UMC. The following snippet is based on the reports recently submitted at the Finance meeting on September 8, 2014.

Please note that the numbers below only include direct giving to the church from tithes and offerings. It does not reflect money received via ear-marks, Special Services Offerings, interest or dividends nor fundraisers. The Finance Committee would like the church to join them in emphasizing our weekly tithes and offerings as the top priority in regards to our financial state, which as you can see, is well below our weekly expenses.

<i>Giving to the General Fund for the Month of Sept. 2014</i>	<i>\$8,138</i>
<i>Operations Expenses paid out from the General Fund Sept. 2014</i>	<i>\$10,451</i>
<i>Giving to the General Fund for the Months of Jan. thru Sept. 2014</i>	<i>\$70,855</i>
<i>Operations Expenses paid out from the General Fund Jan. thru Sept. 2014</i>	<i>\$103,829</i>

We are currently down \$3,095 in offering from last year this month.


Please feel free to contact the church or any member of the Finance Committee with any further questions or comments.

Becky Upmann, Treasurer

November 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7:00 Casual Worship

2 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Hymn Worship 10:30 Praise Service 11:45 Youth Group 6:00 Confirmation	3 6:00 Finance 7:00 Church Conference 7:30 Church Council	4 6:30 Vineyard Group 6:30 Amore Group	5 10:00 Play Group 6:30 Beloved Daughters Group	6 6:00 Sunday School Staff Mtg. 6:30 Courage	7 Pastor Jeff's Day Off	8 7:00 Casual Worship
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Special thanks to Tony & Diane Anderson for preparing the mailing of the October newsletters.

Meetings and News

November Administrative Meetings

Monday, November 3rd

6:00 – Finance

7:00 – Church Conference with Council to follow

All committee chairs should plan to attend or send someone from their committee to report. Please make sure that by the Thursday prior to the day that you email the office with your report update.

Annual Church Conference & November Finance

Monday, November 3, 2014 @ 7:00 p.m. in the Serenity Room

The Rev. Randy Booth will be presiding.

The Church Council will hear reports and deal with any other church business after the completion of the business of Church Conference the same night.

Finance Committee will also meet on this night @ 6:00 p.m. (& will have to be done by 6:45 p.m.). This is a week earlier than usual.

Confirmation
Class



Confirmation Class is at 6:00 p.m. every
Sunday night.

Newsletter content deadline: 20th of the month

Youth Group News

Holiday Greenery Sales

I'm dreaming of a White Christmas! I know, I know, not yet...But it is getting that time of year believe it or not. The CUMC Youth Group is selling greenery for your holiday decorating. These are the same wreaths and roping sales that were passed to us by the Shullsburg FFA a couple years ago. The quality product comes from Belle Plaine Nursery in Iowa. Important dates to remember are: orders are due Friday, November 7; orders may be picked up Saturday, November 22 at the church from 9 a.m. to noon. If you are interested, contact a youth group member. They will have order forms.



We have 7 items for sale:	24" Decorated Balsam Fir Wreath	\$18.50
	36" Decorated Balsam Fir Wreath	\$30.00
	Outdoor Balsam Garland 25 ft	\$26.00
	Outdoor Balsam Garland 50 ft	\$49.00
	Outdoor Balsam Garland 100 ft	\$84.00
	Balsam Cross	\$34.50
	Balsam Candy Cane (left hook)	\$21.75

Payment is due at time of order. Checks may be made to CUMC Youth Group. Proceeds from this fundraiser go to pay for youth group activities and to help pay for youth to go on the mission trip this summer. Eugene and I are on the Sidekick Missions Board of Servants which is the group our youth go with on mission trips. The summer 2015 Mission Trip dates and location will be announced Wednesday eve December 3rd. We are blessed with some great youth and volunteers! Please support them and decorate for the season! Thank you.

Eugene Vehling, Youth Group Coordinator



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

Sunday School News

Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality." October 12th kicked off our trick or treat for UNICEF fundraiser. You will see the children going around with their boxes until November 2. Please show your support and help children in need around the world with a donation.



In November the children will start practicing their parts and songs for the Christmas program. Be on the lookout mid-November for a take-home sheet of the lines they can work on. Save the date, December 15 at 10:30 service will be our program.



This month we are welcoming Carrie Reed as our new third and fourth grade assistant! And I would like to introduce our wonderful operations team that has been doing so much behind the scenes and filling in to ensure our teachers are able to focus on the children and their lesson.

Lois Finnigan Shay Lierman Katrina Gleason Marlene Stewart

Sunday school staff is so grateful to be a part of your child's journey to know and love our Savior, Jesus Christ. See you Sunday!

Tara Teasdale, Sunday School Coordinator

Retired & Re-Fired Small Group

In October we became one of Centenary's Growth Groups and began studying Living the Proverbs by Charles Swindoll during our Bible Study time. The sub-title of this book is "Insight for the Daily Grind". We're looking forward to applying the practical wisdom of Proverbs to our everyday lives (our daily grind). We'll be studying this book for a little over a year, so we should be much wiser a year from now.

Of course we're continuing with our very successful card connection project, and we're adding a story connection project. We're going to focus on connecting things with stories. A thing is just a thing unless you know its story.....the story is what gives it value.

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 12:00 Noon in the Serenity Room. Bring your lunch and join us. We'll have the coffee pot on and hot water for tea. Come and get Re-Fired for the next chapter of your life.

Betty Gleason, Retired & Re-fired Small Group Leader

Fellowship News

The fellowship group had a meeting on Saturday, October 18, and we discussed some very important items for our group. Everyone was served a light breakfast. Thank you to all who brought a item to share!!!

It was decided that we will hold three pasty bakes a year...January, March, and October. Dates have yet to be decided. The cost of our pasties will increasing to \$16.00 each due to the cost of the meat, etc. We will not be holding our Tour of Homes pasty luncheon this year due to low attendance.

We will be having a **Thanksgiving service and potluck on Thursday, November 20 at 6:00 p.m.** We will be providing the turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, coffee, water and milk. It will be potluck style, so please bring a dish to pass. Starting Sunday, October 26, there will be a sign-up sheet in the sanctuary for items needed for the meal. We will be setting up the day before at 6:00 pm.

We will be holding our **Holiday Auction on Wednesday, December 3 at 6:00 pm.** Bring or make any craft item, themed gift basket, or new or used items for sale. We will start collecting the items in the Fellowship Hall starting Sunday, November 23. The fellowship group will have a supper stand serving barbeque, hot dogs, chips, bars and drinks. Starting Sunday, November 23 there will be a sign-up sheet in the sanctuary for items needed for the supper. Please sign up and bring lots of good auction items also!

Happy Thanksgiving to all and God Bless!

Pam Harker, Fellowship Group

IPAD Training

If anyone is interested in playing music or assisting with music in any capacity, please contact Ed Santiago to discuss how you would like to get involved. Please email him at: edsantiago29@gmail.com OR chat with him in person at a Sunday worship service."

In Christ, Eddie Santiago, Music Director

IPAD Music Practice Dates: (Will be the 3rd Thursday of every Month starting at 6 p.m.)
November 20 ~ December 18

CUMC Going Above and Beyond

November Missional Giving

Mission money collected this month will go to pay our APPORTIONMENTS.

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.

Food Pantry Giving



We collected around 10 items for our October collection. Thank you to everyone who brought something in!

For the month of November we are collecting Peanut Butter and Jelly. We will be collecting these until November 20.



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. School starts on Tuesday September 2nd. For more information in enrolling your child contact Becky Upmann at 482-3920 or gingerbreadpreschool@hotmail.com.

Volunteers needed for the Lafayette County Second Harvest Mobile Food Pantry. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FROM 3:00-6:00 p.m. The food pantry is held from 4:30-5:30 p.m. on the 1st Friday of each month at the lower level of Town Bank in Darlington. The need for volunteers is critical this month due to possible conflicts between the schedules of some of our regular volunteers from Darlington and the Red-bird home football game. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Sherry Hoffman at Bridges (776-2450) or Angela Innerst at Town Bank (776-3512) so that we can get an approximation of the number of volunteers we can anticipate being available to help. Thank you in advance for helping with this project to assist those in need in our county.



Audio & Video Ministry Expansion

Volunteers are invited to sign up to assist with CUMC's Video Ministry at its 10:30 a.m. Sunday service. A sign-up sheet with calendar pages through the end of the year is located on the table outside the church office. A brief demonstration on how to set up the video camera is available to all volunteers!

Thank you to the Memorial Committee for the approval of an independent sound system for the downstairs Fellowship Hall! The installation of this new system (paired with the existing, and nearly new speakers in the Fellowship Hall) was completed in August. This new sound system will be used regularly for the Sunday School music program, the Family Fun Movie Nights, and other ministries to be determined. A heavy-duty storage cart is part of the gift from the Memorial Committee.

Eugene Vehling



November Worship

November 1 & 2

Biblical Contrasts of Faith & Politics Pt.5 Esther and Mordecai
Book of Esther 3: 2-6; 4:10-5:3

November 8 & 9

Biblical Contrasts of Faith & Politics Pt.6 John the Baptist
Luke 3:15-19
Matthew 14: 3-12

November 15 & 16

Biblical Contrasts of Faith & Politics Pt.7 Paul
Acts 16:16-40
Matthew 10:16-20

November 22 & 23

Biblical Contrasts of Faith & Politics P8. Peter and The Apostles
Acts 5:17-42

November 29 & 30

Walk Across the Room
Pt 1 The Single Greatest Gift
Romans 5: 1-11
Philippians 2: 1-11
Acts :26-40



Join us on Sunday November 16 for **Dinner & Movie**. We will meet at 5:00 p.m. and have a POTLUCK Dinner together. After dinner we'll watch a movie about a boy who goes to visit heaven. After dinner we'll eat desserts and have a discussion about the movie. We hope you can join us! If you have any questions, please contact JoAnn Meyer or Dawn Gobrecht.



Join us for our next **PJ's and popcorn family movie** on Sunday, November 21 at 6:00 p.m. We will be watching a sequel to a movie about a boy who trains his dragon. Wear your pajamas, bring a blanket or pillow, and invite your friends and family! We will provide the popcorn and beverage. There is no charge for this event. Children under 6th grade must be accompanied by a parent or other responsible adult; after all, we want this to be a special time for families. We hope to see you there!



Advent by Candlelight

Save the date for our 2nd annual Women's Advent by Candlelight on Sunday December 7th. Join us for a fun evening of worship, singing, beautifully decorated tables, and delicious desserts served by the men of our church. If you would like to decorate and host a table, please contact the church office at 965-4576. To host a table, all you need to do is decorate a table for 8 in your favorite Christmas decor with varying sizes of candles to light it. Then just invite 7 friends to join you. It's that simple! The entire room will be lit by candles as we listen to 9 lessons and carols as we prepare our hearts for the Advent season. Please contact JoAnn Meyer at 965-4576 if you have any questions or would like more details. Hope to see you there!



One of the beautiful tables that we en-

JoAnn Meyer

CENTENARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CUMC CHURCH COUNCIL
September 8, 2014

Present: Becky Upmann, Tina Cruse, Pastor Jeff, Mary Gensler, Lisa Diedrich, Eugene Uehling, Pam Teasdale, Tara Teasdale, Dawn Gobrecht, Art Finnigan, Lois Finnigan, Katrina Gleason and Cherie Uehling.

Agenda:

- 1: Opening Prayer-Pastor Jeff Opened with a prayer.
- 2: Pastor's Report- Pastor Jeff passed out financial and attendance reports. They were gone over and discussed.
- 3: Secretary's Report/Review Minutes- Minutes were reviewed and PASSED.
- 4: Finance Report- Discuss the 30/50/20. Discuss the Member team. Give a report on what was discussed. Discussed how we are \$14000 behind in Apportionments. Conference sent a letter saying we were behind and asked congregation to help. Funds haven't been good so we haven't gotten the loans repaid yet.
- 5: Old Business-NONE
- 6: Committee Reports
 - A) Trustees-Nothing to move on. Restoration work is begun. Paying for VBS was approved. Cherie will get the office receipts.
 - B) SPRC- They met and discussed Ed's Job description. They will meet on 9/21 to discuss this and to work on the 5 year plan.
 - C) Memorial- They have not met. Mary had nothing. Eugene stated that the sound equipment for downstairs has been done and the money will come from memorial as said before.
 - D) Nurture & Care- Lisa is working on setting up a meeting.
 - E) Fellowship Group- Cherie said that at the first Pasty bake they sold all the pasties. The bishop will be coming on Wednesday September 17 at 12:30. They will be putting on a lunch for him and anyone who wants to attend. The next pasty bake will be on the 20th.
 - F) Outreach- Katrina said she had nothing to report.
 - G) Sunday School- Tara stated that this was the first week for Sunday school. They had 65 kids show up. All the classrooms are set up and it all went well.

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

H) Youth- Eugene stated that they had their first youth group meeting. They had 7 leaders and 7 youth show up for it. Youth Group is on the 1st and 3rd Sundays. They are doing a good lesson plan with the kids. They had 34 people attend the bowling outing. It was a lot of fun.

I) Additional Committee –Discussed how to get kids to behave better in church. People are having a hard time hearing the sermon.

J) Additional Comments-Jeff closed in a prayer.

Next Meeting October 13 @ 7pm

Submitted By Becky Upmann



Play Group News

Play Group dates for the month of November are Wednesdays, the 5th and 19th. They will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the park. In case of rain, they will meet in at the church.

Bingo at the Manor

If you like to play bingo, then come to the Lafayette Manor in Darlington on November 5 and play Bingo from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.





November Birthdays

1	Jenny Moyle	17	Pam Reuter
1	Isaiah Santiago	17	Charles Russell
1	Ian Schwartz	17	Joyce Tyson
1	Kevin Teutschmann	18	JJ Meyer
3	Kelly Altfillisch	18	Dave Popp
4	Nolan Strang	18	Amber Russell
5	Sheila Nielsen	19	Evan Edge
6	Kim Williamson	19	Oliver Searles
7	Ken Cockroft	21	Tammy Champion
7	Kourtney Kirkpatrick	22	David Pedley
8	Sherry Ubersox	23	Madisyn Bennett
10	Shirley Gensler	23	Ryan Weiskircher
10	Gage Gleason	25	Andrew Uehling
12	Rick Moyer	26	Travis Nielsen
12	Harper Russell	26	Brooklyn Strang
15	Jim King	27	Jean Tregloan
15	Steve Schwartz	29	Preston Dolphin
16	Calli Crotty		



November Anniversaries

10 Brad & Brianne Farrey	20 Doug & Sara Olson
12 Mike & Michelle Jackson	26 Tony & Diane Anderson
15 Chris & Ruth Ann Teutschmann	27 Fred & Mary Gustafson

Thanksgiving Potluck & Holiday Auction

Potluck Dinner Thursday, November 20

6:00 p.m. Communion

6:30 p.m. Potluck

Auction on Wednesday December 3rd

Auction 6:00 p.m.



It's time once again to start thinking about the holiday potluck and auction! We will have the Potluck on Thursday November 20, at 6:00.

We will share communion, then the fellowship group will serve the traditional turkey and fixings; please bring a dish to accompany if you are able. Come for a wonderful meal.

Then return on December 3rd for an evening of bidding, fellowship, fun, and bargains at the holiday auction. For the auction, we are asking for donations of usable household items, crafts, handmade items, baked or canned goods, gift baskets, business donations, etc. to make for an interesting and successful auction. Please bring your items to the downstairs fellowship hall after Sunday, November 16.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary for items needed for the dinner. If you are able to purchase something, please put your name on the sheet.

The auction is open to the public, so tell your friends and neighbors to come get a jump start on their Christmas shopping and support Centenary at the same time! Auction proceeds support our general missions and ministry.





The Chimes



*Saturday evening
worship at 7:00 pm*

*Sunday Morning
Hymn Worship service at
9:00 music by Tina Cruse*

*Sunday Service
Praise Worship Service at
10:30 music by
Ed Santiago*

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Sunday School Super: Tara Teasdale
Worship Director: Eddie Santiago
Pasty Bakes: Cherie Vehling
Fellowship Group: Pam Harker
Youth Group: Eugene Vehling

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."