

The Chimes



Centenary United Methodist Church

Brothers and Sisters,

As a Christian community the time has come to turn to God in prayer. It is time to discern the direction, plan and future God is calling this church to. As has been discussed with church leadership, Centenary UMC is currently bumping up against a ceiling of where the attendance grows to 150 on a given weekend and then begins to descend downward the following weekends. It is my belief that through prayerful discernment as individual children of God and as the Body of Christ (as the church) we can, by the grace of God, break through that barrier to the awesome future God has planned for Centenary UMC.

One of the keys to this is something that Bishop Hee-Soo Jung spoke extensively on at a recent gathering for clergy and laity: ***Moving from a perspective of scarcity to a reality of abundance.*** It is not difficult to maintain a scarcity perspective and not add or start new ideas by citing a lack of money, volunteers and resources. It is a challenge to come together and prayerfully ask God if something is His will...and if it is, stepping forward in faith that it is God's will and that through the abundance of His grace and divine resources we will accomplish His will and His will be done.

This does not mean that Centenary UMC should embrace and act on every proposal set before it. This only means that every vision and every piece of any plan should be discerned by the church through prayerful and scriptural reflection and asking God if it is His will...not based on personal opinions or human doubts about the ability to accomplish it.

As your Pastor, I invite all of you, through your relationship with Jesus Christ as beloved children of God and by the power of the Holy Spirit, to envision, plan and carry out God's calling to us as Centenary UMC and let His will be done.

Please pray about this often and feel free to share the words and visions God grants you with church leaders as we begin this journey together.

In Christ,

Pastor Jeff

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Fellowship Group News

Thanks to all who brought food, helped serve, cook and clean up for the Passover meal. It was greatly appreciated. We hope that all enjoyed your meal and the meaningful service for Passover/Lent.

We will again be making food for the car show that is set for Sunday, May 19. We will be selling hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, and baked goodies. Watch for sign-up sheets for working and donating baked goods.

CUMC will also be sponsoring the Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, June 25, 2012 from 1:00 to 6:00pm. Watch for sign-up sheets for bars and working etc. coming the first part of June.

Happy Spring!

Pam Harker

April Administrative Meetings Monday, April 8

Finance Committee — 6:00 p.m.

Church Conference — 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 Pam Teasdale with a committee update.



Food Pantry Giving

Last month we collected 13 food items for food pantry! Thanks to everyone who brought something in!

Our April item will be boxes of brownie mix. Let's try to bring in enough for all 75 of our families! We will be collecting these until April 18.

April Missional Giving

This month's mission emphasis will be United Methodist Church Agriculture Program (Advance #15070A), which endeavors to improve the agricultural livelihood of rural Liberians through sustainable agriculture development programs,

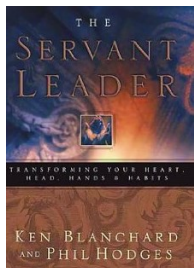


field crops, and livestock. Their plan from 2012-2016 is to clear, plant, and maintain 150 acres of crops, as well as distribute vegetable seeds to local farmers.

As an Advance project, 100% of your gift will reach this ministry. 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.

Christian & Church Leadership Book Study

Having completed our Lenten emphasis on Christian Leadership, former Church Council Chair and current SPRC Chair Tina Cruse (who is on the verge of completing her Masters in Servant Leadership) will be leading a Book/Scripture Study on Christian & Church Leadership at 11:30 a.m. every Sunday from April 14th - May 5th in the Serenity Room. This short, four week course will be based on the book *The Servant Leader* by Ken Blanchard and Phil Hodges.



Everyone is invited to attend, especially anyone participating in and coordinating ministries or serving on any church committee. This class could have an extraordinary effect on our church leadership, culture, mission and vision. Anyone seeking to answer their call in terms of their role in God's plan to offer salvation is strongly encouraged to commit to this four week course. Contact Pastor Jeff or Tina Cruse if you have any questions.

April Worship

April 6 & 7

Jews, Christians, and Romans (Oh, My!)

Communion

Romans 1:16-17

Romans 11:11-32

Romans 15:7-13

April 13 & 14

Sharing in God's Righteousness Through Faith

Romans 1:16-17

Romans 2:1-16

Romans 3:27-31

April 20 & 21

*Pastor Jeff Gone --
Service Leaders TBD*

April 27 & 28

Sharing in God's Righteousness Through Sharing in the Death

Romans 5:12-21

Romans 6:1-14

Romans 8:19-23

Lamont Family Fundraiser

Brat Lunch & Silent Auction

Sunday, April 24 11:00 a.m.

Moose Lodge, Monroe

Brian Lamont has been in the hospital since his accident on February 15. He has had several surgeries to repair the injuries to his left leg and has at least one more to go. It will be some months until he is able to go back to work. Monroe UMC and community have been great support to Brian, Hailey, and their 5 children.

Other ways to help Brian and his family:

- Sign up to bring them a meal at www.mealtrain.com/?d=mp5efps0er2t
- Make a donation to Lamont Benefit Fund at First National Bank in Monroe
- Mail a donation to their home at N5064 Skinner Hollow Rd., Monroe

Bingo at Lafayette Manor

Our Women's/Fellowship Group sponsors bingo at the Lafayette Manor 4 times throughout the year. You are welcome to come help out Wednesday, April 10. The residents play for prizes like fruit and other goodies. Contact Lois or Art Finnigan if you are interested.



To help out Becky in the office, JoAnn Meyer has volunteered to create the newsletter for a couple months, beginning with the May issue. Here is a note from her:



I am very excited to be doing the newsletter! I need your help! My favorite thing to put in newsletter's is pictures of ministries....if you take pictures during the month and would like to share them in the newsletter, please send them to the8jfamly@yahoo.com. You can also send any articles to that address, or catch me on Facebook. Looking forward to sharing the news with all of you!

News from the Worship Committee

Happy Spring! If you missed church a few weeks ago you didn't hear the announcement about the "Worship Flag Ministry" moving forward. We are asking anyone (youth & adult) that is interested in this to **please sign up** on the form in the back of the church. We are going to try some different types of flags to correspond with the age/ability of each participant. We are still in the planning stages, but we are asking that anyone who wants to join us in this venture to attend a workshop (that we will do) to understand the concept behind using flags **prior to participating at worship**. This will help us as we try to have enough flags for all those that want to join us and to know what we are doing ahead of time....so **sign up soon if you want to flag!!!**

Think robins & flowers and NO MORE SNOW!

Blessings,

Lisa Diedrich, Worship Committee Chair

Baptism & Membership Corner



Baptized March 3 was Luke Teasdale, pictured here with parents Tara and Chad, and big brother Ryan.

Baptised in March:

Charles Searles
Jonnathan Johnson
Annalynne Searles
Natalie Searles
Elliott Searles
Oliver Searles
Luke Teasdale

Taking Membership Vows in March:

Kim Brown
Vicki Lawrence
Cherie Peterson
Charles Searles

Welcome to our Church Family!

CAR SHOW
FLYER HERE

Breastfeeding Minute

Vitamin D and Your Breastfed Baby

Breastmilk does a wonderful job providing babies what they need to grow. But one area that needs extra consideration is Vitamin D. Vitamin D is known as the sunshine vitamin because it is made from sunshine on the skin. In parts of the world that are closer to the sun, babies receive plenty of Vitamin D because their daily activities take them out in stronger sun rays. Here we do not receive as strong of sun and with many of us having lighter complexions, it isn't safe to take our babies out for extended periods of time. The solution for many breastfed babies is a simple vitamin drop solution containing Vitamin D, Vitamin A and Vitamin C. Vitamin drops are available at your local pharmacy but be sure and check with your doctor or nutritionist to determine the best source and dosage for your baby. The drops are in a fruit flavored solution that is either put into a bottle or directly into the baby's mouth. It is important for babies to get sufficient amounts of Vitamin D to maintain bone health and for the proper absorption of Calcium.

This article is provided by:

Katrina Gleason,
WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor
608-482-3291

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, April 12. 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.

Play Group

April 10 & 24

May 8 & 22

We will be returning to the park as soon as weather permits.

April Stewardship Message

**Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar
and to God what belongs to God..”**
Matthew 22:21

Are you receiving a tax refund this year?

Consider giving a portion or a tithe (10%) to support a ministry you're passionate about!

A member of one church called and offered a tithe of his tax refund to fund camp scholarships for children to attend one of our United Methodist camps this summer.

What are you passionate about? Whether your tax refund is less than \$100 or several thousand dollars, a portion of that refund can make a real difference in the lives of those we serve.

What is God calling you to give?

There is an old parable of the man who had a pond of water on his land. He was always hoarding water, turning every little ditch into his pond, setting tubs and buckets under every eave and spout, and carrying water to put into it. He envied even the birds what they drank; fearing lest someday the pond would be dry and he would perish of thirst. But coming one day with an unusually heavy load of water, he slipped and fell into his pond and was drowned. There are many [of us] who are hoarding and pouring into the pond of our material wealth, who at last will be overwhelmed in its waters. It is not the pond which never gives, but the stream which does nothing but gives and looks as if it would soon run itself away, that is constantly replenished and is kept pure, sparkling and bright.

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-Rev. C. W. Harshman

Taken from Gems of Thought on Tithing Compiled by George W. Brown, Indianapolis, 1911

A church secretary answered the phone and heard the caller say, "I want to talk to the chief hog of the trough."

"Sir," she replied, "that is no way to talk about the Reverend. He is the pastor of this church."

"Sorry, Lady," he said. "I just wanted to donate \$100,000 to the church."

Quickly she said, "Just a minute. Here comes the big fat pig now!"

Everyone could use a little Tender Loving Care

The "TLC Group" is the new name of what was formerly the Care of Members Team, which was formed a year ago. The purpose of the TLC Group is to visit with members of the church. The name has been changed to better represent what the TLC Group is all about - building relationships and reflecting the image of Christ as the hands and feet of Christ (Col. 3:12-17).

One function of the group is to help those who are unable to make it to church find ways to be connected in Christian relationship through the members of the TLC Group. The group is hoping to reach out to every member of Centenary UMC. This might take some time but our intention is to try to reach out to everyone. If you have that gift or enjoy talking with people, visiting people, or just want to learn more, please join us. TLC meeting dates and times will be in the newsletter and Life of the Church.

We are not trying to get someone's name on the attendance sheet or their envelope in the offering plate; we are working through the Spirit to establish connection with our Christian community and with Jesus Christ. If you want someone to come visit you, please let us know by contacting the church office.

We want to help those who feel they do not have a Christian community know they are loved and not forgotten.

My prayer for Centenary United Methodist Church is that I can help facilitate empowering the congregation of CUMC to relate more effectively to those who need or want to find a way to "come home."

Blessings,





Tricia King and the TLC Group



Save the date! Women's dinner and a movie night is tentatively scheduled for Friday evening, May 17! Dinner details and movie choice to be determined. If you would like to help with dinner prep or Bible study, please let JoAnn Meyer know at 965-4576, the8jfamily@yahoo.com, or catch her on Facebook. Hope to see you there!

April 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 6:15 Confirmation	4	5	6 7:00 Casual Worship
7 8:00 Trad. Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Rock'n Praise 6:00 Youth Group	8 6:00 Finance mtg. 7:00 Church Conference	9 	10 BINGO 10:00 Play Group 6:15 Confirmation 7:00 Prayer mtg.	11 6:00 TLC Group mtg.	12 10:00 Breastfeeding Support Group	13 7:00 Casual Worship
14 8:00 Trad. Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Rock'n Praise 11:30 Leadership	15  7:00 Study Committee	16	17 6:15 Confirmation 7:00 Prayer mtg.	18 5:00 Food Pantry	19	20 7:00 Casual Worship
21 8:00 Trad. Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Rock'n Praise 11:30 Leadership & SS	22 6:00 Gingerbread Open House 	23 5:15 TLC Group mtg.	24 10:00 Play Group 6:15 Confirmation 7:00 Prayer mtg.	25	26	27 7:00 Casual Worship
28 8:00 Trad. Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Rock'n Praise 11:30 Leadership	29	30				

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

April Birthdays

1	Marjorie Hall	12	Austin Ubersox
1	Jadyn Meyer	13	Jean Anderson
1	Garrett Paulson	13	Lexi Olson
1	Heath Poppy	14	Jean Edge
1	Bruce Russell	14	Pam Harker
1	Makaylah Santiago	14	Shay Lierman
2	Chet Scott	17	Brianna Hinzman
3	Marlene Stewart	17	Lois Finnigan
4	Dan Sigwarth	17	Jim McNett
5	Debbie Russell	18	Conner Crotty
6	Mick Curran	18	Keith Wymore
6	Todd Hauser	21	David Ingram
6	Dennis Redfearn	21	Marsha Kremer
8	Marvin Russell	23	Harry Blackburn, Sr.
10	Aletris Sandlin	24	Sharon Woodworth
10	Kevin Shawcross	28	Anna Hartung
10	Rich Wotnoske	29	Jerry Bausman
11	Sandy Russell	29	Madison Wymore
11	Joelle Sigwarth		

Statistics

Attendance:

Not yet available

Offerings Received:

Mar 2 & 3	\$3,233.25
Mar 9 & 10	2,630.88
Mar 16 & 17	3,598.63
Mar 23 & 24	3,536.25
Mar 30 & 31	not yet available

Special Offerings:

(included in above totals)

Anyka Johnson Fd	\$20.00
Apportionments	125.00
Chairs Sold	100.00
Hocking Fire Fd	40.00
Keyboard	50.00
Lent Offering	150.00
Missions	256.00
Pasty Bakes	3,249.00
Sunday School	37.44

April Anniversaries

4	Hal & Sherry Ubersox	22	Albert & Shirley Gensler
5	Dan & Brenda Whitford	23	Joe & Julie Thompson
6	Gary & Sandy Hittenmiller	25	Larry & Donna Foley
19	Dennis & Joy Redfearn		



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

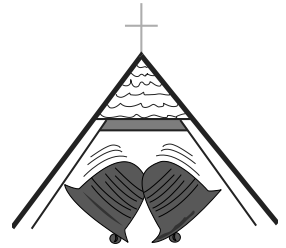
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