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Centenary United Methodist Church



April 2019



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Note: the following is adapted from an article written by United Methodist Communications. I have kept the language of the original, changing only items that made the article more specific to CUMC (for example, changing "most congregations..." to "our congregation...")

The General Conference [of The United Methodist Church] met in St. Louis, Missouri, Feb. 23-26 and voted on various proposals to change the language of parts of The Book of Discipline that prohibit the ordination of self-avowed practicing homosexuals and the performance of same-gender marriages by United Methodist clergy. The delegates passed the Traditional Plan, which maintains the current prohibitions and adds provisions for enforcing them. The Judicial Council — The United Methodist Church's top court — will rule on the constitutionality of the plan in April. The General Conference also adopted legislation allowing a "gracious exit" for congregations wishing to leave the denomination. However, on March 6 the Council of Bishops filed a request for a declaratory decision from the Judicial Council on the constitutionality of that disaffiliation petition. The legislation passed by the special session of General Conference and ruled constitutional by the Judicial Council will not go into effect until Jan. 1, 2020.

The United Methodist Church stretches across four continents with a membership of nearly 13 million. We include people of all nations, races, ages and sexual orientation and identity. Our diversity is a source of strength — and a source of sharp differences. We are not of one mind on all things. Questions about human sexuality continue to divide Christians everywhere. The United Methodist Church in its Social Principles states that all people, regardless of their sexual orientation, are persons of sacred worth and urge their inclusion in the church's ministry. What we don't agree on is what that inclusion looks like. For some, their understanding of scripture calls them to affirm all of God's people and include them in all of the church's ministry regardless of their sexual identity or orientation. Others believe, based on their interpretation of scripture and its authority, that all are welcome to be part of the church but would limit the participation of self-avowed practicing homosexuals.

Despite these differences, we have for decades remained in ministry together, making new disciples, bringing good news to the poor and advocating justice for all humanity. We are committed to sharing God's love with the world.

Some may be sad or anxious over the decisions of the General Conference. Others may be pleased with the results. Just like the denomination, the members of our congregation have viewpoints that run the gamut of public opinion. No matter what you're feeling at the moment, you are loved. You are welcome in the church.

For many LGBTQI persons and their allies the decision of general conference has been very traumatic. Please know that, "We know you're in pain and we are truly sorry. We love you. You are a beloved child of God and should never feel unwelcome at church."

Our congregation includes people with a myriad of deeply held convictions. There won't be any major changes right away. We will keep everyone posted and plan for the future together. We will continue to be a church for all people and welcome everyone who comes through the doors. We will continue to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

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Centenary UMC at a Glance

March Statistics

Total Offering:

(regular offering, not earmarks)

Mar 2, 3 & 6	\$2,510
Mar 9, 10 & 13	1,036
Mar 16, 17 & 20	1,762
Mar 23, 24 & 27	1,630
Mar 30, 31 & April 3	not available

Attendance:

Weekly

(Sat 7, Sun 9 & 10:30, Wed 6:30)

Totals

Mar 2, 3 & 6	13, 15, 36, 30	94
Mar 9, 10 & 13	NS, 2, 40, 15	57
Mar 16, 17 & 20	11, 14, 32, 12	69
Mar 23, 24 & 27	21, 10, 24, NA	n/a
Mar 30, 31 & April 3	not available	

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In the meantime, don't let anything get in the way of loving your neighbor. Pray for our church and our denomination. Pray for all those who are in pain or feeling anger or grief at the moment. Be kind and loving toward those with whom you may disagree. Follow Wesley's General Rules:

Do no harm: Avoid speaking ill of anyone and treat everyone with compassion and empathy.

Do good: See who is hurting or troubled in your midst and offer them comfort. Actively look for opportunities to help others.

Stay in love with God: No matter our differences, the one thing that holds us together as a church is Christ.

When we come together to worship and serve God we are brought closer together. Come to worship, take Communion, pray and study the Bible together. Let God reconcile us!

Pastor Stanton

If you would like to discuss the decision of the 2019 General Conference or have other questions please contact me!

April Worship

April 7 & 10

Extravagance

Isaiah 43:16-21

Wednesday, April 14

Shouting Stones

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Wednesday, April 17

NO Service

Maundy Thursday, April 18

The Newest Fad

Exodus 12:1-4

Good Friday, April 19

The Cross

Isaiah 52:13-52:12

Holy Saturday, April 20

Dark Day

Acts 10:34-43

April 21 Easter Service & 24

Dare You to Move

Acts 10:34-43

April 28

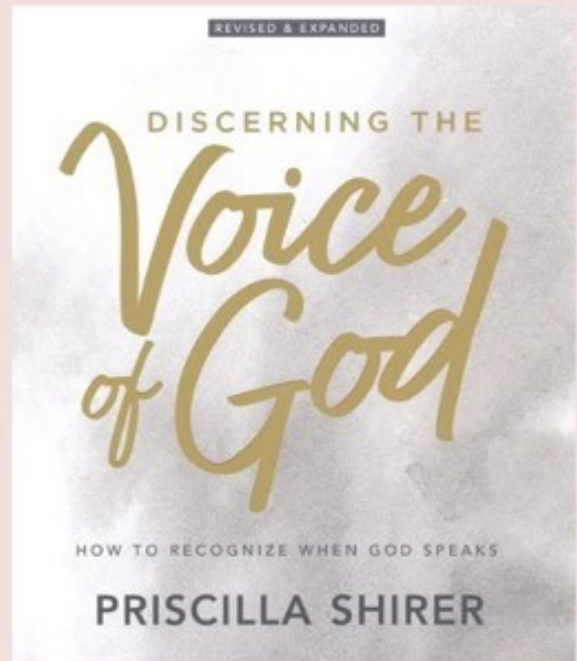
Guest Speaker

Upcoming Events

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God is the God of “right now.” He doesn’t want you sitting around regretting yesterday. Nor does He want you wringing your hands and worrying about the future. He wants you focusing on what He is saying to you and putting in front of you ... right now.

PRISCILLA SHIRER



Pine Lake Women's Retreat

May 17-19, 2019
\$145 per person

Register at:
wiumcamps.org/retreats

We are excited to announce the answering of God's call by expanding the women's retreat now reaching women EVERYWHERE! So invite all of your friends. There will be some changes to the registration process as Pine Lake will be handling that. Please let the office or Dawn know if you need help registering!

Watch for more information on the Facebook page

All women are welcome — CUMC members or not!

Bingo at the Manor



If you like to play bingo, then come to the Lafayette Manor in Darlington on Wednesday, April 24 and play Bingo with the residents from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Volunteers and small prize donations are always welcome!



Confirmation Class Schedule for Remainder of 2019

May 5 noon-2:00 p.m.

**Confirmation Service for Students who started with Pastor Jeff
Will be held soon...watch the bulletins and Facebook for updates.**

Biker Blessing Sunday, May 19

following Sunday 10:30 a.m. Praise Service

Drive up to the main entrance on Monroe St.
(by the park), and Pastor Stanton will anoint
your bike with oil and pray for protection for you
and your bike this summer.



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



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday service — Sunday, April 14 — 9:30 a.m. (1 service)

Maundy / Holy Thursday service — Thursday, April 18 — 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday service — Friday, April 19 — 6:30 p.m.

Holy Saturday worship — Saturday, April 20 — 7:00 p.m.

Easter Breakfast—Sunday, April 21 — 8:30 a.m.

Celebration of the Resurrection — Sunday, April 21 — 9:30 a.m. (1 service)

Holy Week

“What is Palm Sunday?”

Palm Sunday is the Sunday before Easter that begins the Holy Week. It is the day that we remember and celebrate the day Jesus entered into Jerusalem as Savior and King. As Jesus rode a donkey into the town of Jerusalem a large crowd gathered and laid palm branches and their cloaks across the road, giving Jesus royal treatment. The hundreds of people shouted "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Centenary will be celebrating Palm Sunday on April 14 @ 9:30 a.m.

"What is Maundy Thursday / Holy Thursday?"

Maundy Thursday, also known as "Holy Thursday," is the Thursday of Passion Week, one day before Good Friday (the Friday before Easter). Maundy Thursday is the name given to the day on which Jesus celebrated the Passover with His disciples, known as the Last Supper. Two important events are the focus of Maundy Thursday.

First, Jesus celebrated the Last Supper with His disciples and thereby instituted the Lord's Supper, also called Communion (Luke 22:19-20). Some Christian churches observe a special Communion service on Maundy Thursday in memory of Jesus' Last Supper with His disciples. Second, Jesus washed the disciples' feet as an act of humility and service, thereby setting an example that we should love and serve one another in humility (John 13:3-17). Some Christian churches observe a foot-washing ceremony on Maundy Thursday to commemorate Jesus' washing the feet of the disciples.

The word *Maundy* is derived from the Latin word for “command.” The “Maundy” in “Maundy Thursday” refers to the command Jesus gave to the disciples at the Last Supper, that they should love and serve one another. It is a good thing to remember the Last Supper and Jesus’ sacrifice on our behalf. It is a good thing to remember the Lord’s example of humility

Observing a special Lord’s Supper service on Maundy Thursday/Holy Thursday in remembrance of the Last Supper is a good thing to do. Let’s just make sure we are observing Maundy Thursday in a way that truly honors what happened at the Last Supper.

Centenary will be celebrating Maundy/Holy Thursday on Thursday, April 18 @ 6:30 p.m.

"What is Good Friday?"

Good Friday is the Friday immediately preceding Easter Sunday. It is celebrated traditionally as the day on which Jesus was crucified.

Why is Good Friday referred to as “good”? What the Jewish authorities and Romans did to Jesus was definitely not good (see Matthew chapters 26-27). However, the results of Christ’s death are very good! Romans 5:8, “But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” First Peter 3:18 tells us, “For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit.”

Many Christian churches celebrate Good Friday with a subdued service, usually in the evening, in which Christ’s death is remembered with solemn hymns, prayers of thanksgiving, a message centered on Christ’s suffering for our sakes, and observance of the Lord’s Supper. Whether or not Christians choose to “celebrate” Good Friday, the events of that day should be ever on our minds because the death of Christ on the cross—along with His bodily resurrection—is the paramount event of the Christian faith.

Centenary’s Good Friday service will be Friday, April 19 @ 6:30 p.m.

"What is Holy Saturday?"

Holy Saturday is the name given to the day between Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Some Christians recognize Holy Saturday, the seventh day of Holy Week, as the day on which Jesus “rested” from His work of providing salvation. As Jesus died, He called out, “It is finished!” There was no further price to pay; sin had been atoned for.

After His crucifixion, Jesus was laid in a nearby tomb, and His body remained there the entirety of Holy Saturday (Matthew 27:59-60; Mark 15:46; Luke 23:53-54; John 19:39-42). Churches that celebrate Holy Saturday traditionally do so by observing a day of somber reflection as they contemplate the world of darkness that would exist without the hope of Christ’s resurrection.

Indeed, without the resurrection of Christ, we would be in dire straits. If Christ had never been raised, “your faith is futile; you are still in your sins” (1 Corinthians 15:17). The disciples had scattered when Jesus was arrested (Mark 14:50), and they spent the first Holy Saturday hiding for fear of also being arrested (John 20:19). The day between Christ’s crucifixion and His resurrection would have been a time of grief and shock as the stunned disciples tried to understand the murder of Jesus, the betrayal of Judas, and the dashing of their hopes.

The only biblical reference to what happened on Holy Saturday is found in Matthew 27:62-66. After sundown on Friday—the day of Preparation—the chief priests and Pharisees visited Pontius Pilate. This visit was on the Sabbath, since the Jews reckoned a day as starting at sundown. They asked Pilate for a guard for Jesus' tomb. They remembered Jesus saying that He would rise again in three days (John 2:19-21) and wanted to do everything they could to prevent that. As we know, the Roman guards were inadequate to prevent the resurrection, and the women who returned to the tomb Sunday morning found it empty. The Lord had risen.

Centenary's Holy Saturday worship will be Saturday, April 20 @ 7:00 p.m.

"What is Easter Sunday?"

There is a lot of confusion regarding what Easter Sunday is all about. For some, Easter Sunday is about the Easter Bunny, colorfully decorated Easter eggs, and Easter egg hunts. Most people understand that Easter Sunday has something to do with the resurrection of Jesus, but are confused as to how the resurrection is related to the Easter eggs and the Easter bunny.

Biblically speaking, there is absolutely no connection between the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the common modern traditions related to Easter Sunday. Essentially, what occurred is that in order to make Christianity more attractive to non-Christians, the ancient church mixed the celebration of Jesus' resurrection with celebrations that involved spring fertility rituals. These spring fertility rituals are the source of the egg and bunny traditions.

As a result of this, many Christians feel strongly that the day on which we celebrate Jesus' resurrection should not be referred to as "Easter Sunday." Rather, something like "Resurrection Sunday" would be far more appropriate and biblical. For the Christian, it is unthinkable that we would allow the silliness of Easter eggs and the Easter bunny to be the focus of the day instead of Jesus' resurrection.

The Bible makes it clear that Jesus was resurrected on the first day of the week, Sunday (Matthew 28:1; Mark 16:2,9; Luke 24:1; John 20:1,19). Jesus' resurrection is most worthy of being celebrated (see 1 Corinthians 15). So, by all means, celebrate Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday. Christ's resurrection is something that should be celebrated every day, not just once a year. At the same time, if we choose to celebrate Easter Sunday, we should not allow the fun and games to distract our attention from what the day should truly be all about—the fact that Jesus was resurrected from the dead, and that His resurrection demonstrates that we can indeed be promised an eternal home in Heaven by receiving Jesus as our Savior.

Centenary's Celebration of the Resurrection will be Sunday, April 21 @ 9:30 a.m.



Church Council Meeting

January 14, 2019

Minutes

Present: Pastor Stanton, Art Finnigan, Lois Finnigan, Mary Gensler, Tara Teasdale, Jon Gobrecht, Mike Cherry, Becky Upmann.

Opening Prayer: Stanton led us in prayer and read a devotional prayer.

Church Council Chair Report: nothing new to report

Pastor Report:

- Safe Sanctuary-Motion made to Approve the policy with Amendments to come about Outside Organizations. Motion made by Jon Gobrecht to approve the policy with corrections. Second by Mary Gensler. All aye. Policy Approved.

Secretary's Minutes: Motion made by Jamie Roberts to approve the, Second by Jon Gobrecht. Minutes were approved with corrections.

Committee Reports:

Nurture

Sunday School- They were on Christmas break. They will perform on the 20th. They are learning ukulele. They are still doing the pop tabs. They will be doing a fundraiser for the Ronald McDonald house in Madison.

Youth Group- Going well they are averaging 4-6 a week.

Retired & Re-fired Group- They met today. They will meet on February 11th and do their Valentines. They are delivering their Upper Rooms.

Outreach-

Food pantry – Distribution is this week.

College & Military Ministry- They will send cards out again in the Spring.

Wednesday Night Ministry- They are doing well.

Trustees-

- They have not had a meeting.
- They are working with an electrician to do the exit signs and outlets in the Food Pantry area.
- They have hired a handyman to do work at the parsonage.

SPRC- working on getting a meeting together, to get a Chair and a Sub for Su.

Memorial: Mary stated that the clock went to a family member.

Finance Report:

- Send 10% of tithing to Apportionment.
- December amount will be \$2009 and sending an additional \$500 to make the year end giving \$17,505 for a total of 71% for the year.

Went over bank statements, reports and finances.

Discussed pledge cards and sending a pledge card and a letter out with the end of the year giving statements.

Next Meeting February 18 @ 7pm.

Submitted by: Becky Upmann

Meetings and News

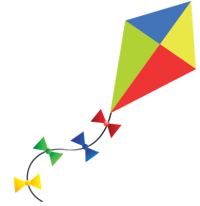


April Administrative Meetings

Monday, April 8

6:00 – Finance

7:00 – Church Council



Youth Group News

Calling all youth grades 6-12! Youth group meets **EVERY SUNDAY!** Bring your friends, and we'll see you there! **Please watch our Facebook page for updates on cancellations.**

April 7: 6:00 at church

April 14: 6:00 at church

April 21: No Youth Group– Happy Easter

April 28: 6:00 at church

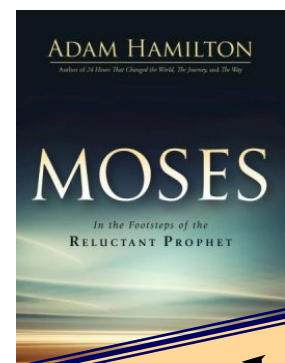
Youth Group Leaders & Volunteers



Wednesday Evening Adult Faith Study

6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Serenity Room

Learn about and retrace the life of Moses - from his rescue as a baby to the courts of Pharaoh, his Exodus out of Egypt to his gazing on the Promised Land. We'll see the actual places where he walked.



**Starting back
up April 10**

Wednesday Night Cooking Schedule

We have many different people preparing and serving our Wednesday dinners. Each month in the newsletter I will post the schedule so that those who have signed up to help will have a reminder, and so that our friends who attend Wednesdays will know who to thank for their delicious meals!

Many thanks to our helpers who work to help serve and/or clean each week. If you love to cook or help out by serving or cleaning, we are looking to add to our team. We have a lot of fun in the kitchen! It is a lot of work, so many hands would help to make lighter work. If you would like to help out, contact Dawn Gobrecht at 482-0822 or the church office at 965-3455.

April MENU

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| April 3 | Pizza & Salad
Milk, Lemonade, & Water
<i>Prepared by Dawn Gobrecht</i> |
| April 10 | Easter Dinner: Ham, Potatoes, Vegetable, Shells & Cheese,
Rolls, Salad, & Dessert
Milk, Lemonade, & Water
<i>Prepared by Dawn Gobrecht</i> |
| April 17 | NO MEAL |
| April 24 | Taco Soup & Chicken Dumpling Soup, & Salad
Milk, Lemonade, & Water
Kids' menu: Chicken nuggets
<i>Prepared by Dawn Gobrecht & Felyscha Unbehaun</i> |

Meals Subject to Change

Sunday School News

The snow is melting and signs of spring are all around! Sunday school children are growing in their faith and compassion for others this spring as we continue weekly lessons and have exciting outreach opportunities coming up.

From March 24 - April 7 we will be collecting items for the Ronald McDonald House Charity in Madison, Wisconsin. Wish lists will go home with students and will also be located in the back of the sanctuary. Students will be decorating paper lunch bags for families staying at the hospital. April 7 will also be the last collection day for pop tabs. We have already filled a big tote!



Also on April 7 students will be singing for elderly residents at the Shullsburg Home, Silver Ln. Apartments, and Willow Valley. All three places are so excited to have the children come and perform.

Our church will be able to enjoy children's musical performances on Palm Sunday and Easter during 9:30 a.m. services. We are hoping to debut our new ukuleles at one of these services. Make sure you don't miss it!

Tara Teasdale, Sunday School Coordinator



Retired & Re-Fired Small Group

It's April, and we will resume our regular meeting schedule, the second and fourth Mondays at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Now that the snow and ice are gone, we are looking forward to having more of our friends joins us.

We survived the winter and are doing well. Marsha Kremer surprised us with a visit to our March meeting. It was good to see her. Karla Blackbourn has retired, and we're excited that she has joined our group.

At our March 11 meeting we decided to renew the yearly subscription to the Upper Room, which we deliver to those persons in our Home Visitation Program. Our thanks to Wayne Gehrt for memorial money in memory of Nancy that makes this purchase possible.

If you are retired or semi-retired, we hope you can join us in 2019.

This month's meeting:

Monday, April 8 — Celebration of our birthdays and anniversaries. Lunch will be provided.

Monday, April 22 — Bring your own lunch.

Betty Gleason, Retired & Re-fired Small Group Leader

We're all Part of His Flock



Sunday School Pop Tab Collection



TIME'S ALMOST UP!

**BE SURE TO BRING
IN YOUR TABS BY
APRIL 7.**

.....collecting through April 2019

Fellowship Group News

I would like to say Thank You to all who brought food and who helped set up, serve, and clean up after the funeral luncheons for Jakie Teutschmann on February 23 and Dolores Jean Edge on March 23. It was greatly appreciated by the families.

Jakie was always such a kind and gentle soul who had a lot of influence on our church by just how he conducted himself and his deep faith. He will be greatly missed. I personally will miss his laugh/chuckle and kindness.

Dolores (Jean) was always someone I could count on to help me whenever we called her for pasty bakes, funeral luncheons and blood drives. She was the first one to get to the church before a event, never complained, told us stories, and was so proud of her family but also would tell us stories of our own families. We cherished the time we had, and we will all miss her.

God Bless you both and may you rest in peace

Our Lenten season has begun, and we would like to invite you and your family to a Easter Breakfast on Sunday, April 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. The Youth Group and Fellowship Group will be serving an egg bake, doughnuts, sweet rolls, and sweet breads along with coffee, juice, and milk. Come have a little coffee fellowship before our Easter service at 9:30 a.m.

With all the jelly beans, chocolate bunnies, Easter eggs, and Easter bunny himself, let us remember how God sent his son to us as a baby, grew into our teacher and savior, then suffered, died, and rose again to save us from all our sins.

God Bless, and Happy Easter!

Pam Harker



From Our Parish Nurse.....

April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month

Any moment your eyes are off the road or your hands are off the wheel, you put yourself in a dangerous driving situation. Even sending what you believe to be a quick text message takes your eyes off the road for an average of five seconds. This is similar to driving 100 yards — or the length of a football field — at 40 mph with your eyes closed, which is something you certainly would never want to chance. That's why it is always necessary to avoid any and all distractions while driving, no matter how small or brief they may seem.

April is nationally recognized as Distracted Driving Awareness Month, so now is a perfect time to share some tips to help you beat distracted driving from AARP Driver Safety. The four tips below are designed to help you minimize the distractions that can make driving needlessly more dangerous:

1. **Unplug** — Keep your cell phone in an accessible place but not in one where you can see it light up for every notification you receive. Your cell phone should also be on silent mode. Just because your hands aren't on your phone doesn't mean the distraction has been eliminated. If a phone call or text message is really important, it's best to pull over into a safe location — preferably a parking lot — before using your phone. You can then safely return to your drive. Features built into our cars can give us a false sense of safety. More than 30 studies have shown that hands free devices do not make driving any safer because the brain remains distracted by the conversation. Studies have also shown drivers talking on hands free devices can fail to see up to 50% of their surroundings.

2. **Refuel** — Drowsy driving is distracted driving, so never drive when you're too tired, and focus on your health. Make sure your sleep routine isn't affecting your morning commute. Aim to get the recommended amount of at least 7.5 to 8 hours of sleep every night. Don't forget to energize with breakfast before you get in your car, so you're not scrambling to unwrap your granola bar at a red light. Moreover, adopt a habit of drinking water regularly throughout the day. Staying hydrated helps you think with clarity, which is critical when driving.

3. **Focus** — Even though roadways are improving shapes and cars are becoming more high-tech, the driver remains the most important part of the driving experience. In a French university study of 1,000 drivers who were at fault in a collision, thinking about things other than driving — or "mind wandering" — was found as the main cause for nearly 50 percent of the collisions. Therefore, only drive when you're mentally and physically fit to do so. When you're behind the wheel, pay attention to what's happening all around your vehicle. Frequently scanning your mirrors and watching your speed will provide you with more control over your vehicle.

4. **Secure your cargo** — Rustling and falling items can distract you from the road. How often have you taken your attention off the road because you heard something fall in the back seat? While you can't prevent every distracting noise, you can prevent loose items from startling you in the event of sudden braking by securing your cargo. Also, never place smaller items on your lap or on the floor near the driver-side foot pedals — such as phones, shoes, small bags or purses.

So remember, a distracted driver is a dangerous driver. Let's be safe!

Resource: AARP.ORG/driversafety



This page is provided by our Parish Nurse for Centenary UMC:

Marlene Stewart, RN, BSN, PN, WCC
(608) 293-1193

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

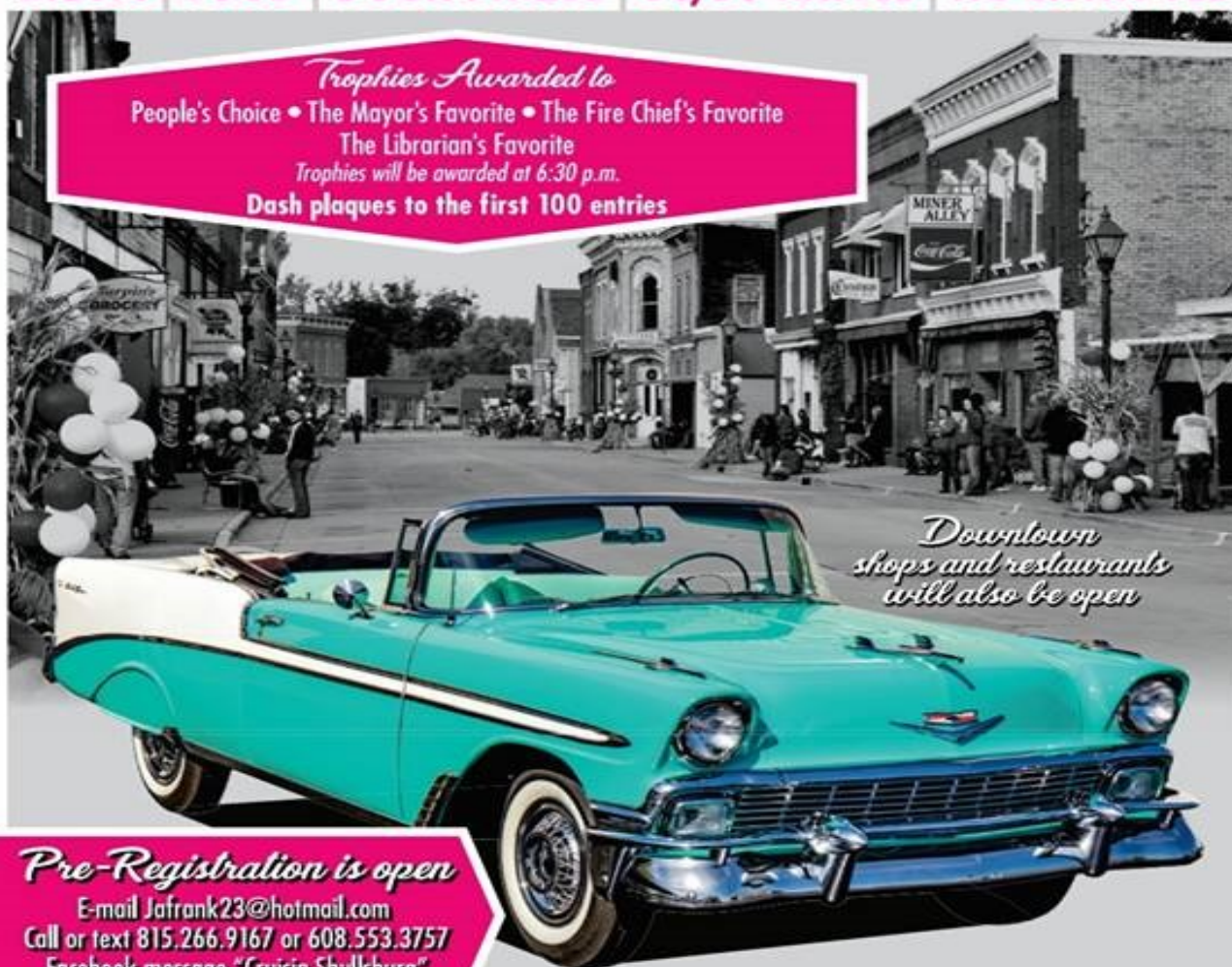
STAR SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2019 STAR

▶ DOWNTOWN SHULLSBURG, WI • 4 P.M.-? ◀

3rd Annual
Cruisin' ALL MAKES & MODELS
 SHULLSBURG *Welcome*

MUSIC FOOD DOOR PRIZES 50/50 RAFFLE NO ENTRY FEE

Trophies Awarded to
 People's Choice • The Mayor's Favorite • The Fire Chief's Favorite
 The Librarian's Favorite
Trophies will be awarded at 6:30 p.m.
 Dash plaques to the first 100 entries



Pre-Registration is open

E-mail Jafrank23@hotmail.com
 Call or text 815.266.9167 or 608.553.3757
 Facebook message "Cruisin Shullsburg"

Event sponsored by Advance Shullsburg Inc., a non-profit group looking to better our city.

Check us out on our facebook page, "Cruisin Shullsburg". Rain date Sunday, June 2 at 1 p.m.

Going Above and Beyond as Stewards of CUMC

Food Pantry Giving

We collected 27 items for our March collection. Thank you to everyone who brought something in!

For the month of April we are collecting **Baked Beans**. Distribution will be on Thursday, April 18.



April Missional Giving

Mission money collected this month will go to **Family Advocates in Platteville**. Family Advocates is a nonprofit organization providing services for victims of sexual assault and family/partner abuse, counseling, advocacy, crisis intervention, support groups, emergency shelter and more. Family Advocates serves residents of Grant, Iowa and Lafayette Counties through offices in each county. All services are free and confidential. Speakers are available for community organizations. 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.



Family Advocates, Inc.
Safety • Education • Support



Sunday Coffee Fellowship

If you are willing to bring snacks for fellowship between the two Sunday services, and following the 10:30 service, please sign up on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary or contact the church office at 965-3455. A fund has been established to help defray the costs—just let the office know if you need to access these funds.



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

April Birthdays

1 Heath Poppy	10 Rich Wotnoske	21 David Ingram
1 Bruce Russell	11 Sandy Russell	21 Marsha Kremer
1 Makaylah Santiago	11 Joelle Sigwarth	21 Blake Sandlin
2 Chet Scott	12 Austin Ubersox	21 Lexus Sandlin
3 Marlene Stewart	13 Jean Anderson	22 Justin Kohl
4 Dan Sigwarth	13 Lexi Olson	22 Jackie Wood
5 Jim Gratz	14 Pam Harker	23 Harry Blackburn, Sr.
5 Debbie Russell	14 Shay Lierman	24 Nick Reddington
6 Mick Curran	16 Janet Wymore	24 Sharon Woodworth
6 Todd Hauser	17 Brianna Hinzman	24 Jennifer Appel
6 Dennis Redfearn	17 Lois Finnigan	28 Anna Hartung
7 Kevin Frontz	18 Conner Crotty	29 Madison Wymore
10 Deanna Lyne	20 Terri Byrd	29 Therese Gratz
10 Aletris Sandlin	20 Felyscha Unbehaun	29 Dylan Gile
10 Kevin Shawcross		30 Crystal Metcalf



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY


5 Dan & Brenda Whitford	22 Albert & Shirley Gensler
14 Dawn & Jon Gobrecht	23 Joe & Julie Thompson
19 Dennis & Joy Redfearn	25 Larry & Donna Foley



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April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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			9:00 NO Bible Study 5:30 Wednesday Night Dinner 6:00 Praise Worship 6:00 NO Adult Bible Study			7:00 Lay-Led Worship
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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*Sunday Morning Hymn
Worship Service at 9:00*

*Sunday Morning Praise
Worship Service at 10:30*

*Wednesday Night Praise
Worship Service at 6:00*

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Lenten Schedule

Easter Dinner — Wednesday, April 10 — 5:30 p.m.

Palm Sunday service — Sunday, April 14 — 9:30 a.m. (1 service)

Maundy / Holy Thursday service — Thursday, April 18 — 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday service — Friday, April 19 — 6:30 p.m.

Holy Saturday worship — Saturday, April 20 — 7:00 p.m.

Easter Breakfast — Sunday, April 21 — 8:30 a.m.

Celebration of the Resurrection — Sunday, April 21 — 9:30 a.m. (1 service)

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."