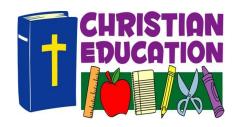


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New Heights with Pastor Jeff

Brothers and Sister in Christ,

As was announced during services, I have been asked and accepted a change of appointment to become the Pastor of Christ United Methodist Church in Watertown, WI. This means the Meyer family will be moving this summer, likely in June. My last Sunday will be June 11, and my last

Wednesday night service will be June 14.

During my time here at Centenary UMC I believe we have, by the grace of God, learned together to love God more, love each other more and make it the priority in our lives and in the life of Centenary UMC to make disciples of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The spirituality we have shared, the challenges we handled together and the number of people who have come to know Jesus Christ is no doubt pleasing to God and has helped the Kingdom of God expand here in the community of Shullsburg.

I also want to thank you all for the way you helped me personally heal as a Pastor and a person. Your patience and compassion for me as a human being was a blessing beyond words. Thank you all for accepting and loving my wife and my children. The Meyer family will forever cherish our time here and all the blessings and memories you bestowed upon us by the grace of God.

You all are wonderful and beloved sons and daughters of God. You all as Centenary UMC are a wonderful church and a blessed part of the Wisconsin Conference as well as the United Methodist Church as a whole. I will forever treasure being your Pastor here for the last six years and will be a better Christian, person and a Pastor because of all of you and my time here.

Neither your work as a church nor my work as a Pastor, however, is done. Let us pray to God and by the grace of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, let us lean on God and on each other as we go through this transition. Let us prayerfully prepare for all of you and Centenary UMC to continue to answer your calling as Christians and a church to love God, love each other and make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Can I get an Amen?

PJ





Centenary UMC at a Glance

March Statistics

Total Offeri	ng:	Atte	ndance:	Weekly	
(Regular Offering, not	earmarks)	(Sat 7, Sun 9 & 10:30, V	Ved 6:30)	Totals	
Mar 4, 5 & 8	\$ 1,560	Mar 4, 5 & 8	5, 10, 29,	54 98	
Mar 11, 12 & 15	1,492	Mar 11, 12 & 15	NS, 10, 37	, 51 98	
Mar 18, 19 & 22	1,451	Mar 18, 19 & 22	9, 13, 29,	42 93	
Mar 25, 26 & 29	1,370	Mar 25, 26 & 29	16, 18, 43	, NA	



Finance News

Who doesn't love spring? It's an annual new beginning in the circle of life. How can you not feel hope and joy on a sunny spring day as the dull colors of this past winter are replaced with green grass, budding trees and spring flowers. At our house, that also means a long list of things to do to get ready for spring.

Does your list include coming to church to celebrate Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter? Has winter flown by and suddenly you realize you haven't been to church since Christmas? That's OK. When you walk through the doors into CUMC, the first thing you probably see is "No Judgement Only Grace".

I would love to be able to talk about abundant giving and how we, as the finance committee, are able to allocate money for mission and community projects to spread the love and word of God. Unfortunately, as you can see from the weekly giving totals for the past many weeks, giving and attendance are down. Way down...

There are many significant changes in the works at CUMC and now is the perfect time to get back in the habit of coming to church and supporting the ministry that is celebrating a great milestone this summer. Our beautiful church building is 150 years old this year and we will be celebrating this in June and July. Our church has received a generous financial gift that is helping us "fix up" many parts of the church that have been needing a facelift for many years. We have many thriving fellowship groups and outreach ministries. And if you haven't heard - we will be getting a new minister in July.

Come as you are, come back as you are, no judgement only grace...and the chance for you to invest and reinvest in the ministry of Centenary UMC.

Sincerely,

Tina Cruse. Finance Chair

Upcoming Events



April 9 - Palm Sunday Hymn Worship - 9:00 a.m.

April 9 - Palm Sunday Praise Worship with Children Waving Palms - 10:30 a.m. The children will have their customary march through the sanctuary waving palms and singing music.

April 13 - Maundy Thursday - 6:30 p.m.

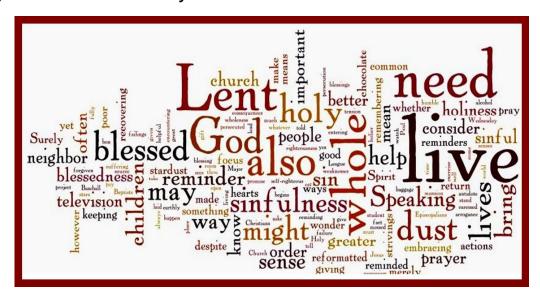
Be part of a foot washing, and participate in Holy Communion as we tell the story and take part in the narrative of the Last Supper.

April 14 - Good Friday - 6:30 p.m.

Reflecting on the ultimate sacrifice Christ made for our chance at Salvation.

- April 15 Holy Saturday 7:00 p.m.
- April 16 Easter Sunday Hymn Worship 9:00 a.m.
- April 16 Easter Sunday Praise Worship 10:30 a.m.

A celebration of Christ's death and resurrection and what it means to us individually and to all of humanity!





Biker Blessing

Sunday, May 7

following 10:30 a.m. Praise Service

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



Wednesday Night Confirmation

May 10 at 6:30 p.m. Service

Come to the 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Service (& dinner at 5:30 p.m. in the newly renovated Fellowship Hall if you can!) on Wednesday, May 10 to offer your prayers and support for the confirmation of Amanda McNett, Megan & Michelle Greenfield,

Russell Hauser, and Luke Unbehaun into full church membership. They will each be giving a spoken testimony about their faith in Christ. At the end of the service, the entire congregation will be called forward to lay hands on them and confirm them as members of Christ's church and the United Methodist Church as well as CUMC. You do not want to miss this holy and special event. Praise be to God, Amen!







Bingo at the Manor

If you like to play bingo, then come to the Lafayette Manor in Darlington on Wednesday, April 26 and play Bingo with the residents from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

The people you love need the transforming grace that only Jesus Christ can bring.

Invite the people you love to Jesus!

Upcoming Events

Join us for our spring Women's Retreat! On **Friday, May 19**we will meet at Pine Lake United Methodist Camp in Westfield for a weekend of worshipping, studying, praying, singing, relaxing, playing games, eating delicious food, and enjoying each other's company. We will be doing a DVD study of The Armor of God by Priscilla Schirer.

We will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Friday and conclude at 3 p.m. on Sunday (note that this is later than in years past). We have also changed the building that we will be using. The new facility that we will be using has a bigger meeting space so we can accommodate more people more comfortably. The first 10 people to register for the event will stay at the Wesley House, and the fee for the weekend will be \$55. The next 4 people to register will be staying in the Red Oak house which will be \$65 for the weekend. The next 4 people will be at the Black Oak house which will be \$67 for the weekend.

Yes! I wo	ant to attend the Spring Women's Retreat!
Name	
E-mail _	
	Phone





Meetings and News

April Administrative Meetings Monday, April 10

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7:00 - Church Council

Fellowship Group News

Happy Spring!!! Spring means change and brand new beginnings. We have been blessed with a gift that will allow us to update our Fellowship Hall. The Fellowship Hall is undergoing remodeling and will not be available until further notice. Be



patient as we are hoping to have most of the work completed by Easter. Thank you to the Trustee chair Eugene Uehling, committee, and to John Walker for guiding this project.

Watch for details to come. We will be looking for help cleaning and organizing our new space when the construction is completed!! Exciting!!!

God Bless all this Easter Season, and remember the love and sacrifice that God and Jesus gave to us!

Pam Harker, Fellowship Group



Join us for service Saturday nights! This casual service starts at 7:00 p.m. and will include scripture, message and testimony from array of speakers. The messages given will be different than Sunday and Wednesday night, giving you an opportunity to join us in conjunction with those services for an extra spiritual pick-up or as your weekly worship service. Hope to see you at these inspiring services!



Tana Teasdale, Saturday Night Coordinator

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Christian Education News

Happy Spring! We will have two performances coming up this month, one on Palm Sunday and one on Easter Sunday. We will continue with our curriculum through May 14. We will be planning an end of the year celebration, so look for that in the next newsletter and in a note sent home.

As the year comes to a close I encourage you to pray to see if Children's Ministry is an area you can help out with. We are in need of volunteers for next year. There are many opportunities including teacher, assistant teacher, snack helper, activity planner, technology helper, and cleaners. If the school year is busy for you, we have summer opportunities creating bulletin boards, classroom organization, and event planning. If Sundays don't work for you,

we are also in need for volunteers for our Wednesday night children's programming. Our children are our future, and there is a huge need for volunteers. Feel free to call the church if you feel called to help.

Children's Sunday School performances:

April 9 & 16 at the 10:30 service

Wednesday nights Children's Church teacher rotation:

PreK-2nd grade:

April 5: Lorri McGranahan April 12: Linda Dillon April 19: Lorri McGranahan April 26: JoAnn Meyer

3rd-5th grade: Jackie Wood

We all hope to see your children next week for another fun week of learning about Jesus!

Christian Education Staff

Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday School meets Sunday mornings in the Serenity Room at 9:15 for an enjoyable time of learning and discussion.

Confirmation Class is at 7:15 p.m. every Sunday night.

We are starting a study on prayer using a video by Max Lucado. Max is teaching us that the relationship we have with Jesus is an important part of prayer. It's not necessarily the words we use but the communication we seek to establish.

Join us next Sunday. Together we'll learn how to improve our prayer life. For more information, contact Art Finnigan.

Retired & Re-Fired Small Group

We recently purchased mugs with our Retired and Re-fired logo on them. The mugs are dark blue with our logo in white. We're pretty excited about them. The persons in our visitation program will receive a mug for their birthday. In our bible study, we're learned the basics of water waling and are looking forward to the rest we're all Part of His Flock

of this series.

Great things happening in R & R. We'd love to have you join us! We meet on the second and fourth Mondays at noon in the Serenity Room.

April 10 - Celebration of February birthdays and anniversaries; lunch provided.

April 24 - Bring your own lunch; coffee and tea provided.

Betty Gleason, Retired & Re-fired Small Group Leader



Wednesday Nights Cooking Schedule

We will be having many different people cooking for 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!

April Cooking Schedule:

April 5: Felyscha Unbehaun April 12: JoAnn Meyer

April 19: Easter Dinner Meat: Kim Brown

Sides: JoAnn Meyer, Kristin Robbins, & Becky Upmann

Desserts: Dawn Gobrecht & Lisa Cockroft

April 26: Lorri McGranahan

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 JoAnn Meyer at 965-4576 or the church office at 965-3455.

Newsletter content deadline: 20th of the month

Church Council Meeting

February 13, 2017 Minutes

Present: Becky Upmann, Art Finnigan, Lois Finnigan, Tara Teasdale, Pam Harker, Eugene Uehling, Pastor Jeff, Tina Cruse, Rod Stewart, RuthAnn Teutschmann, Mary Gensler (7:08)

Agenda:

Opening Prayer: Jeff led us in prayer and red a devotional prayer.

Pastor Report:

*Led 2 Nursing Home Visits

*Attended Provisional Group Mtg.

*Had several recent visitors interested in a New Members Breakfast/Dinner

*Led the 1st of at least 2 Leadership meetings *Attendance & Giving are up

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*2 Hospital Visits *Had successful confirmation lock-in

*Ordination interview will be Tuesday Feb 21 *Jeff has been in touch with Lifetouch.

*We will be doing the directory on March 31st & April 1st.

* Motion made by Jeff to Approve Rodney Stewart for the SPRC Chair, All Aye. Rodney Stewart is the New SPRC Chair.

Secretaries Report: They all looked well. Motion made by Pam Harker to approve the minutes as is. All Aye. Minutes Approved.

Committee Reports:

Nurture (Now includes the following committees: TLC, Christian Education, Youth Group, Retired & Refired Group, Fellowship Group, Wednesday Night)

- *The meeting was postponed to March 2, at 6:30.
- *Christian Ed-it is going the same. Youth Group is doing well.
- *Retired & Refired- they are doing well. They ordered mugs to take to the shut in visits.
- *Fellowship- the Pasty Bake is for Saturday. Pam showed tile for the downstairs.

<u>Outreach</u>

- *No one was here to report.
- *Food Pantry- Tina commented that they are doing well, they need funding.

Trustees-

*They met yesterday, talked about January projects. They completed the floor outlet, replaced light bulbs. They are in the progress of doing the water softener, fellowship hall and parsonage bathrooms.

Memorial: no one to report

*The Harlow Webster fund of \$5000 will be going towards the fellowship hall floor. They will get a plaque for the Nancy Gehrt chair.

Additional Reports- none

Finance Report:

- *Brought in more money than we spent in January and February.
- *\$1000 will be put back into the Insurance Deductible. Will pay all of the apportionments for January.
- *25 pledge cards are in so far for a total of \$49,700 for general budget.
- *Stewardship team will be sending out a questionnaire to see what the congregation feels about our stewardship at our church.

Next Meeting March 13 @ 7pm. Submitted by: Becky Upmann



New Members in March

Profession of Faith:Jerry Soddy

April Worship

April 2 E 5

Just Say Yes:

Unleashing People for Ministry at CUMC Part 5: Systems That Say Yes:
A Permission Giving Church

Matthew 25:31-46 Hebrews 11:1-8

April 9 E 12

Just Say Yes:

Unleashing People for Ministry at CUMC Leaders Who Say Yes: Changing Attitudes and Behaviors

> Luke 9:1-6, 10:1-7 John 12:12-19

April 16 & 19 Easter Weekend

The Ministry of Encouragement Matthew 5:14-16

2 Corinthians 3

April 23 E 26

Guest Preacher

Guest Preacher

April 30 & May 3

Christian Mentorship (Moses & Jethro)
Part 1: Listening Without Judgement

Exodus 18:1-8



Going Above and Beyond as Stewards of CUMC

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, lowa and Lafayette Counties through offices in each coun-

ty. All services are free and confidential. Speakers are Family Advocates, Inc. 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.

Food Pantry Giving

We collected 128 items for our March collection. Thank you to everyone who brought something in! For the month of April we are collecting Condiments, such as Ketchup, Mustard, Mayo, BBQ Sauce, etc. We will be collecting these until April 20.









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Gingerbread House Preschool

If you are interested in enrolling your child, would like an information packet, or would love to help us financially, contact us at gingerbreadpreschool@hotmail.com or 608-482-3920. Open House for 2017-2018 will be on Wednesday, May 3 from 6-7pm.

Sunday Coffee Fellowship News

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.





Special Needs Family Support Group

CUMC hosts the monthly meeting of the Shullsburg Family/Parents of Special Needs Children Support Group. These meetings are held in the Serenity Room on the **last Wednesday of each month**. Meetings start at 7:00 p.m. with a 30-minute social time, followed by discussion/presentation of a topic. Please contact Jacinda Gunnell with any questions, at jacindagunnell@gmail.com or 608-558-6409 (text or call).

Sewing Ministry Off to a Great Start

The first meeting of the sewing ministry was held on March 7. We had a great turnout and a lot of fun learning how to sew pillowcases that will be donated to Family

Advocates. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the Serenity Room. We will again be making pillowcases for Family Advocates. If you are able to bring a yard of fabric and/or a sewing machine, that would be great, but if not, they will be provided. (A donation is suggested for the cost of the materials.)



L-R: Amy Mullikin, Dawn Gobrecht, Elli Mootz, Robin Cockrell, & Lois Finnigan

Future projects being considered are

blankets for babies in Africa, comfort items for chemo patients, as well as curtains for cabins at Pine Lake. If you know of an organization that has a particular need and would like to host a sewing day/night (at church or anywhere else), please call or email the church office to choose a date. We will make sure to have experienced people there to help if you don't exactly know what to do.

All ages and skill levels are welcome, so don't be intimidated if you've never sewn before.

From Our Parish Nurse.....

APRIL IS STRESS AWARENESS MONTH

TAKE TIME TO UNWIND...

Stress happens. Sometimes it's unavoidable, at times it's unbearable. That's why taking time for yourself is invaluable. It's healthy to relax, renew, and rejuvenate.

Stress does not merely afflict your mind; it can also affect you on a cellular level. In fact, long-term stress can lead to a wide range of illnesses—from headaches to stomach disorders to depression—and can even increase the risk of serious conditions like stroke and heart disease. Understanding the mind/stress/health connection can help you better manage stress and improve your health and well-being.

The Fight or Flight Response

The sympathetic stress response is a survival mechanism that is hardwired into our nervous systems. This automatic response is necessary for mobilizing quick reflexes when there is imminent danger, such as swerving to avoid a car crash.

When you perceive a threat, stress hormones rush into your bloodstream—increasing heart rate, blood pressure, and glucose levels. Other hormones also suppress functions like digestion and the immune system, which is one of the reasons why chronic stress can leave you more vulnerable to illness.

Danger triggers the stress response. Unfortunately, so can work conflicts, concerns over debt, bad memories, or anxiety in general. Although one bad day at work won't compromise your health, weeks or months of stress can dampen your immune response and raise your risk for disease.

Combat Your Stress

If you suffer from chronic stress and can't influence or change the situation, then you'll need to change your approach. Be willing to be flexible. Remember, you have the ability to choose your response to stressors, and you may have to try various options.

- Recognize when you don't have control—focus on: let go and let God. Don't get anxious about situations that you cannot change.
- Take control of your own reactions and focus your mind on something that makes you feel calm and in control. This may take some practice, but it pays off in peace of mind.
- Develop a vision for healthy living, wellness, and personal growth, and set realistic goals to help you realize your vision.

Relax and Recharge

Be sure to carve out some time to relax and take care of yourself each day—even just 10 to 15 minutes per day can improve your ability to handle life's stressors. Also, remember that exercise is an excellent stress reliever.

Everyone has different ways they like to relax and unwind. Here are a few ideas to get you started:

- Take a walk
- Read a book
- Go for a run
- Have a cup of tea
- Play a sport
- Spend time with a friend or loved one
- Meditate

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.

Do yoga

While you can't avoid stress, you can minimize it by changing how you choose to respond to it. The ultimate reward for your efforts is a healthy, balanced life, with time for work, relationships, relaxation, and fun.

Source: Federal Occupational Health @ www.foh.psc.gov

A Note on Borrowing Church Furniture

As garage sale and graduation party season approaches, the church will be getting numerous requests from people wanting to use tables and chairs for their events. If you are thinking about using them, please contact either Eugene Uehling (608-347-4188) or Pam Harker 608-482-1579).

They will discuss costs, check the church calendar for availability, and make the necessary arrangements.



Open Hearts Open Minds Open Doors

We are the people of the United Methodist Church!





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Special thanks to all the wonderful volunteens that help prepare the mailing of the newsletters each month.

7:15 Confirmation Class

4:30 Girl Scouts 6:00 Youth Group

9:00 Hymn Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Praise Worship



The Chimes



Saturday Evening Lay-Led Worship Service at 7:00

Sunday Morning Hymn Worship Service at 9:00

Sunday Morning Praise Worship Service at 10:30

Wednesday Night Praise Worship Service at 6:30 Centenary United Methodist Church 226 West Church Street P.O. Box 127 Shullsburg, WI 53586-0127

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June 25 & July 2



2017 Lenten Worship Schedule

April 13 - Maundy Thursday - 6:30 p.m.

April 14 - Good Friday - 6:30 p.m.

April 15 - Holy Saturday - 7:00 p.m.

April 16 - Easter Sunday Hymn Worship

9:00 a.m.

April 16 - Easter Sunday Praise Worship

10:30 a.m.

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."