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Greetings,

Are you a sprinter or a marathon runner? Now, I'm not talking about a literal race because few of us are actual racers; rather I'm considering our natural modes of operation.

Sprinters operate out of a mindset that works best with short-time periods, looming deadlines, and urgency. Marathon runners, on the other hand, operate out of mindset that works best with long-term planning, set deadline in the future, and time to accomplish the goals at hand.

By nature, I am a sprinter. By nature, Gail is a marathon runner. As you might imagine this sometimes creates tension for us as we navigate the adventure of life. Gail sometimes get frustrated with me when I allow deadlines to get closer than she would like.

Just as we all have a natural tendency to operate out of a sprinter mindset or marathon runner mindset, so too institutions and organizations operate out of one of these mentalities.

Think for a moment about our church... Is Centenary a church that functions primarily as a sprinter? Or is it a marathon runner?

The good news is that either mindset can be learned and, truth be told, both need to be in place for healthy function. There are times that I need to be more of a marathon runner in my life and I have been trying to become one. The opposite is also true.

In the church (I'm speaking both of the church at large and our congregation specifically) needs to find a balance between sprinting and running marathons. I suspect that, if we are like most congregations, we are operating more out of a marathon mindset then a sprinter mindset. Our culture, however has become more and more a sprinter culture. How will this affect us going into the future?

I look forward to discovering this with you.

Until Next Time,

Pastor Stanton

CHURCH OPERATING EXPENSES DON'T GET
TO TAKE A SUMMER VACATION...PLEASE RE-
MEMBER TO SUPPORT CUMC WHILE YOU
ENJOY YOUR SUMMER.



Centenary UMC at a Glance

July Statistics

Total Offering:	
(regular offering, not earmarks)	
June 31, July 1 & 4	\$2,363
July 7, 8 & 11	1,389
July 14, 15 & 18	1,899
July 21, 22 & 25	753

Attendance:		Weekly
(Sat 7, Sun 9 & 10:30, Wed 6:30)		Totals
June 31, July 1 & 4	7, 32, NS	39
July 7, 8 & 11	15, 29, 6	50
July 14, 15 & 18	14, 29, 15	58
July 21, 22 & 25	17, 26, 15	58



Money & Your Ministry

2018 Stewardship Retreat @ Pine Lake Camp

August 10 & 11

This stewardship retreat will help clergy and laity learn how to incorporate “best practices” of stewardship into their churches and fulfill several requirements of the Stewardship Challenge Grant 2.0. Workshops will be offered on creating a 3-5 year stewardship plan, year-round stewardship activities, annual stewardship campaigns, narrative budgets, church financial practices, asking for money, and more! Bring yourself or your team for a weekend of food, fellowship, fun, and learning!

Session 1: Leadership & Stewardship

Session 2: Money & Your Family Story

Session 3: God, Money, & You

For a full list of workshops, see the Foundation website www.WUMF.org.

Full Retreat (Friday & Saturday, August 10-11)

Double Occupancy (Rader Retreat Center) \$100

Single Occupancy (Rader Retreat Center) \$150

Drive-in Day (Friday 10am-5pm only) \$40

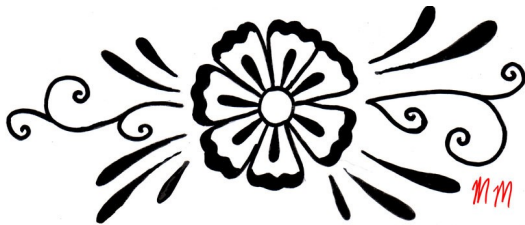
For additional information, contact Jim Wells jwells@wumf.org or 608-837-9582.

Register Today!
WIUMCamps.org/Retreats

Upcoming Events

Coffee & Conversation

Coffee and Conversation is every Monday from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., at the Crooked Canvas. Stop by for a chat and a drink!



August Worship

August 5 & 8

**The Latest Innovations
in Eating**

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

August 12 & 15

Lorem Ipsum

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

August 19 & 22

Startups

1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14

August 26 & 29

Defense Class

1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43

Fall Church Picnic / Family Fun Day

Sunday, September 9 following worship

LeAnn Wurtzbacher home, 10165 School St., Gratiot

Come join your church family and friends at a fall picnic and fun day after church on Sunday, September 9! LeAnn Wurtzbacher will host the festivities at her home in Gratiot. There will be lots of activities for all ages, including zip lining, hiking, swimming, tree swing, go karting, volleyball, badminton, croquet, and a trampoline. You can also bring your own yard games to play! The meat as well as plates, napkins, utensils, etc. will be provided—please bring your own beverages as well as a dish to share. There will be a sign-up sheet at church to ensure that we have a variety of food.

We look forward to seeing many of you there as we jump back into fall! In order to have enough food, please RSVP to the church office by Friday, September 7.





Calling all motorcycle and trike riders! We will be having a fellowship ride **following worship on August 19**. We will gather at the church at 11:00 a.m. and head out from there. We will ride for a bit and then find someplace to have lunch. After lunch, those interested can ride a bit more or folks can head their separate ways should they desire. Any questions contact Pastor Stanton at centenary.umc.pastor@gmail.com.

Children's Clothing Exchange

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

Sponsored by Lafayette County Home and Community Education (HCE)

Here's how:

- Gather up your children's outgrown clothing that is clean and in good condition. (Newborn through teen sizes.)
- Drop off your clothing to the lower level of the church on Thursday, August 23 between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. (or see sign in narthex for other locations)
- Go to the lower level of the Town Bank in Darlington on Saturday, August 25 between 9:00 a.m. and noon to select your clothing **AT NO CHARGE**. All the clothing collected throughout the county will be in this one location.
- No outgrown clothes to contribute? That's okay. You may still select clothing at the Town Bank between 9:00 a.m. and noon.
- Want to contribute but don't need clothes in return? That's okay, too. Simply bring your clothing to any collection site.



Meetings and News

August Administrative Meetings

Monday, August 13

6:00 – Finance

7:00 – Church Council



Retired & Re-Fired Small Group

We celebrated our 5th Birthday with Coffee Fellowship after the 9:30 service on July 29.

Now we're doing some evaluating and planning as we look ahead to the years to come. We hope many more of our church friends will find opportunities to join us.

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays in the Fellowship Hall. This month's meetings are:

Monday, August 13 — Celebration of our birthdays and anniversaries. Lunch will be provided.

Monday, August 27 — Bring your own lunch.

Betty Gleason, Retired & Re-fired Small Group Leader

We're all Part of His Flock



The Retired & Re-Fired Group
Centenary United Methodist Church

Youth Group News



Calling all youth grades 6-12! Youth group meets **MONTHLY during the summer!** Bring your friends, and we'll see you there!

August 17 — Youth Group Bonfire at Robin Cockrell's house (680 Hope St.)

Meet at 6:00 p.m. for a cookout and bonfire until 9 p.m.

Youth Group Leaders & Volunteers



Sunday School News

Sunday school will be starting on September 9 at 9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. After classes everyone is invited to 10:30 a.m. service for a Sunday School year blessing, and 3rd grade students will receive their own Bible.

Children in 4K through 8th grade are invited to join us each week through the school year. Be on the lookout for enrollment forms and parent information letter to be arriving in the mail soon or outside the church office. If you are not on our mailing list, please contact the church office, and we will send you a packet. Also included is a calendar of this year's events for your refrigerator. We will be using Remind message system for updates and information. Please return enrollment forms to the office by September 2.

There are many exciting things coming up this year and opportunities for your child to give back to others. On the first Sunday we will be sending a jar home to collect pop tabs and return it to church each time you fill it until Easter. The pop tabs are to raise money for Ronald McDonald House of Madison. We will also be doing a hat and mitten drive this fall and collecting wish list items for the Ronald McDonald house in March.



If you are feeling called to volunteer in our Christian education department or have any questions please contact Tara Teasdale at Tara.teasdale@aol.com.

Tara Teasdale & Pam Harker, Sunday School Coordinators

Wednesday Night Meals Are Back!

Wednesday Night Meal will resume on **Wednesday, September 12**. Watch the September newsletter for more information and the cooking rotation schedule.

Wednesday Night Ministry Team



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.

Going Above and Beyond as Stewards of CUMC



Food Pantry Giving

We collected 35 items for our July collection. Thank you to everyone who brought something in! For the month of August we are collecting **canned tuna**. Distribution will be on Thursday, August 16.

August Missional Giving

Mission money collected this month will go to **Walk to Emmaus**. This money will help pay to sponsor someone who would like, but cannot afford, to go. The Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual renewal program intended to strengthen the local church through the development of Christian disciples and leaders. 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.



Retreat Planning Opportunity

Looking for a new way to get involved at Centenary?

Women's retreats have become a tradition at CUMC, typically being held in the spring and/or fall. The informal group who planned the last several women's retreats is unable to commit to planning one this fall, so we need a few new people to take on that role. So if you were planning on attending the fall retreat and will be disappointed NOT to have one, please consider volunteering on the planning committee.



Nothing is set in stone! We're looking for men, too, as it's been awhile since we've had a men's retreat, or we could look into the possibility of having a co-ed retreat. If you have an idea for a retreat that you'd like to see happen, let Pastor Stanton or the church office know! **We have space reserved at Pine Lake September 13-16...we just need the curriculum and some leaders!**

To ensure that one or two people don't get stuck with all the responsibility, we will need to have a team of at least 4 committed people in order to go ahead. Those of you who are familiar with our retreats can appreciate the amount of planning and preparation that goes into one, so we'll need a team put together ASAP. The church office has an outline to help.



We look forward to having some new people step up to share their gifts and talents!

College/Military Ministry News-Addresses Needed

As a subcommittee of the CUMC Outreach Committee, we try to stay in contact with our college students and active military. We periodically send them letters and small gifts from our church. Since school will be starting soon, we need to make sure we have current addresses. **Parents, we need addresses for your college students and active military service members, especially those leaving home for the first time.**

If anyone feels the Spirit pulling you to join this team and/or donate money to buy gift cards/gifts, please let the office know. Call the office at 965-3455 or e-mail at centenaryumcoffice@yahoo.com with their current addresses.

Thank you for your support of this important ministry of CUMC.



Fall WUMF Grant Deadline November 1

The Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation exists to help United Methodist churches, ministries, boards, and agencies with all things financial regarding their ministries. They hope to support churches and groups in expanding their ministry through projects and creative ministries. If you have a new ministry idea or event that you would like help funding, consider applying for a grant. (These grants are to be considered seed money rather than continuing support, and the typically phase out after three years.) There is a round of grants offered in the Fall and sometimes again in the Spring. The fall round deadline is November 1, and the spring round deadline is March 1.

Go to <http://www.wumf.org/grants-program/> for guidelines, grant applications, and past grant recipients.

May Be Funded

Start up costs toward a new ministry
Curriculum for a new program
Training for a new ministry
Computer software for new ministry
Support for a one-time event
Advertising and publicity
Programs which strengthen a circuit
Licenses and literature
Support for the creation and organization of a food/clothing pantry
Programs serving the disadvantaged population
A well planned project with a broad base of support
A project which can survive on its own after 3 years

Unlikely to be Funded

Mission trips
Anything international
Staff salaries or operating expenses
Capital equipment such as projectors, computers, video recorders, vehicles, etc.
Building improvements such as playground equipment, elevators
Applications without the proper signatures
Projects that have not been well thought out
A project which only serves one individual
Anything not related to the UMC or an ecumenical group not related to the UMC
Any program to be continued but has no other support
Applications received or postmarked after the deadline will not be considered

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

Flashbacks: Pine Lake Camp Celebrates 70 Years

In 1946, the West Wisconsin Annual Conference of the Methodist Church appointed a committee to find a site for a Conference camp. Both Platteville and La Crosse camps were no longer operational. For many years, the Conference had used rented camp sites, forcing them "to take the leftover time of these rented grounds." The committee searched for possible sites for months. Indeed, over 40 pieces of property were considered. Finally, on May 20, 1947, after prayer and thought and study, the camp site committee, seated on the bottom of an upturned boat on the south shore of Pine Lake, "voted to purchase the property for the present needs of the Conference."

The land was purchased and plans were made for the first camp season in 1948. The following is an excerpt from a history of Pine Lake, written by Betty Irish, and presented on May 15, 1949 at the Camp's dedication service.

"It was an exciting moment when on March 9, 1948 the committee voted to purchase a building from Truax Field at a cost of approximately \$800. This building 20 ft. X 200 ft. was to be cut into eight sections and hauled to the camp site, and reconstructed into a temporary kitchen and dining unit. The building arrived April 8th, and was unloaded at the west entrance. The next few weeks were full of activity as many united their



efforts to get the grounds in readiness for the first meeting, which was to be the Conference youth council, and the first camp, which was the older youth camp, June 28, 1948. Expectancy filled the hearts and minds of Methodist youth all over the Conference. Could they possibly have Pine Lake ready for the first big camp. If anyone ever doubted, they did not know the camp site committee, nor the subcommittees, nor did they know how youth and men and women with a vision can lend a hand. Brush was cleared; army surplus tents were set up; army surplus cots were painted; mattresses were cleaned and covered; shelves were built in the kitchen; the well was dug; kitchen stoves were installed; on and on folks worked. The night of June 28, 1948 found over 140 youth and counsellors, asleep in tents, after have partaken in a bounteous meal in the barracks dining hall, swimming in the clear refreshing water of the lake, and worshipping in the outdoor sanctuary, nurtured by the Heavenly Father.

During the weeks that followed, more than 700 youth experienced a deep gratitude for this quiet place where they could find a new meaning for their lives. People from all parts of the Conference had visited the grounds, perhaps some questioning as they came, but never doubting as they left. And so the summer of 1948 came to a close. On November 1, on the hill in front of the new cabin, in the warm sunshine, the committee met to evaluate and plan. Every heart was filled with gratitude for the hundreds, both young and old, who had given such splendid service here and there. This unselfish service had turned the dream of a successful first summer into a reality."

Over the next seventy years, that dream would continue to provide a peaceful setting where the faithful come to experience spiritual, emotional and social renewal. It is indeed a place God created to minister to souls and bodies of God's people.



Confirmation Class Schedule for 2018-2019
(for students just entering confirmation program)

September 16, November 4, January 13, March 10, May 5
all classes begin at noon and end at 2 p.m.

**Confirmation Service for Students who started with Pastor Jeff
will be Wednesday, January 23, 2019.**

Revision of the Confirmation Program

Introduction:

In 20+ years of ministry several concerns have been shared with me regarding confirmation programs and their results. Through conversations with colleagues, I have come to realize that the difficulties and challenges that the churches I served were not uncommon. Therefore, as I begin my time as the pastor of Centenary UMC I am proposing some significant changes in the confirmation program.

Instead of a two-year program that meets weekly during the 7th and 8th grades, confirmation will be spread out over a longer period (three years). In place of weekly classes, students would be expected to participate in a series of two-hour classes. The classes will occur every other month (Sept., Nov., Jan., March, May). Ideally the students would begin in the eighth grade and would continue through the early high school years with final church membership occurring during the spring of their sophomore year in high school.

While this change spreads out the confirmation process, it greatly decreases the amount of in-class time spent while addressing some of the concerns that have been shared with me from our congregation and other concerns that have come to mind during my ministry.

Confirmation will run for three years. New students this year will enter under the new format. Returning students will be grandfathered into the two-year program and will be confirmed in early 2019.

What concerns does this change address, and how does it address them?

- 1) We don't see our kids after they get confirmed. They seem to drop out of the church once they have been confirmed.

This is an issue in many churches. For some reason, many youth and parents view confirmation as a sort of graduation ceremony. Just as they no longer must attend school again after graduation, so too, they feel that they do not have to attend worship again once they are confirmed.

By extending the amount of time before confirmation and church membership occurs, I can share with the youth my expectation that they be involved in the life of the church. The hope is that if they know they are expected to attend worship in order to faithfully complete the requirements of the confirmation/membership process, the youth will remain active in the life of the church during their formative high school years.

2) The maturity level of most 7th and 8th graders is not sufficient to understand the meaning of confirmation and church membership.

It has been my experience that most 7th and 8th graders do not possess the maturity to truly understand the meaning of confirmation and church membership. Taking the vows church membership at confirmation is a serious event, one that ought not be taken lightly or without full consideration of what it means. It is a decision that should affect a person's life in a significant way.

How many of us would want our 8th graders to make other commitments that seriously affect their lives? How many of us feel that our 8th graders have the maturity: To decide to get married? To own a car? To enlist in the military? To decide whether or not to go to school?

I use the above to illustrate what I believe has been a major flaw in the Christian church for many years; that we take the membership vows of the church too lightly. There are laws against most of the illustrations that I have shared above. Why do you suppose that is? I suspect that it is because we realize, as a society, that youth lack the maturity and understanding to make fundamental decisions on their own. So why is it that the church has felt that these same youth, while not mature enough to decide whether or not they will go to school, are mature enough to make decisions that have spiritual and eternal consequences?

By extending the amount of time before confirmation and church membership, the church can help the youth to understand the meaning of membership in the church. Through continued spiritual growth and attendance at worship as well as the classes, the youth can begin to realize what it means to be a disciple of Christ in today's world. Then, when deciding whether or not to become a member of the church, the youth will be able to do so with more knowledge of what it means to intentionally become a part of Christ's church.

There have been a few other concerns that have been shared with me, but the preceding two are the ones that have guided my decision to propose this change to the confirmation program.

Conclusion:

While change is something that is a challenge for us all, I pray that you will consider what I have shared with you in this proposed revision. I am open to suggestions and questions. I feel that this proposed program is in the best interest of the spiritual lives of the youth in our congregation. If you disagree please tell me. I have come to this suggested revision after much prayer and consideration. I know that it is not what we have traditionally done in the past nor is it even close, yet it is (I believe) a better way. I hope and pray that God will give us the wisdom to lead his youth in such a way that they will come to know the Christ as their personal Lord and Savior.

Pastor Stanton

From Our Parish Nurse.....

August is National Immunization Awareness Month!

Each year in August, National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM) provides an opportunity to highlight the value of immunization across the lifespan. People of all ages are encouraged to protect their health by being vaccinated against infectious diseases. Most young parents in the U.S. have never seen the devastating effects that diseases like measles or whooping cough (pertussis) can have on a family or community. It's easy to think of these as diseases of the past. But the truth is they still exist. Many vaccine preventable diseases are only a plane ride away. For example, measles is still common in many parts of the world. The disease is brought into the United States by unvaccinated travelers who are infected while in other countries. When measles gets into communities of unvaccinated people in the U.S. (such as people who refuse vaccines for religious, philosophical or personal reasons), outbreaks are more likely to occur.

For Children:

Vaccines give parents the safe, proven power to protect their children from serious diseases. Parents can provide the best protection by following the recommended immunization schedule giving their child the vaccines they need, when they need them.

* Babies receive vaccinations that help protect them from 14 diseases by age 2. It is very important that babies receive all doses of each vaccine, as well as receive each vaccination on time.

* After age 2, children are still recommended to receive a yearly flu vaccine and will be due for additional vaccine doses between 4 and 6 years of age.

Getting all of the recommended vaccines is one of the most important things parents can do to protect their children's health. If a child falls behind the recommended immunizations schedule, vaccines can still be given to "catch-up" the child before adolescence.

When children are not vaccinated, they are at increased risk for disease and can spread disease to others in their play groups, child care centers, classrooms and communities – including babies who are too young to be fully vaccinated, and people with weakened immune systems due to cancer and other health conditions.

Preteens and teens are at risk for diseases like meningitis and HPV cancers and need the protection of vaccines to keep them healthy.

Vaccines are recommended for preteens and teens because:

*Some of the childhood vaccines wear off over time, so adolescents need shots to stay protected from serious diseases like tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough).

*As children get older, they are at greater risk of getting certain diseases like meningitis, septicemia (blood infection), and infections that can lead to HPV cancers.

*Specific vaccines, like HPV vaccine, should be given during the preteen (11 to 12) years because they provide more protection when given at that age.

*HPV is short for human papilloma virus. There are more than 40 HPV types that infect human mucosal surfaces, mostly the genitals and mouth/throat. Although most infections will go away naturally, some infections that don't go away can cause cancers in men and women.

Preteens need the HPV vaccine now to prevent HPV cancers later in life. About 79 million people in the U.S., most in their teens and early 20s, are infected with HPV. About 14 million people become infected every year.

*CDC, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Academy of Family Physicians strongly recommend HPV vaccination at ages 11 to 12 for the best protection against HPV cancers.

*For teens who have not started the series at 11 or 12 years, it's not too late. It is still beneficial to get the vaccine as soon as possible during the teen years

Adults:

Every year, thousands of adults in the U.S. needlessly suffer, are hospitalized, and even die from diseases that could be prevented by vaccines.

All adults should get vaccines to protect their health. Even healthy adults can become seriously ill, and can pass certain illnesses on to others.

Immunization is especially important for older adults and for adults with chronic conditions such as asthma, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), diabetes or heart disease.

Immunization is also important for anyone who is in close contact with the very young, the very old, people with weakened immune systems, and those who cannot be vaccinated.

All adults should get the influenza (flu) vaccine each year to protect against seasonal flu.

Every adult should also get the Td or Tdap vaccine once if they did not receive it as an adolescent to protect against pertussis (whooping cough), and then a Td (tetanus, diphtheria) booster shot every 10 years.

In addition, women are also recommended to get the Tdap vaccine each time they are pregnant, preferably at 27 through 36 weeks.

Adults may need other vaccines – such as shingles, pneumococcal, hepatitis, HPV – depending on one's age, occupation, travel, health status, vaccination history, and other risk factors.

Vaccines are thoroughly tested before licensing and carefully monitored after they are licensed to ensure that they are very safe. Vaccines are among the safest and most cost-effective ways to prevent disease. They not only protect vaccinated individuals but also help protect entire communities by preventing and reducing the spread of infectious diseases.

Currently the United States has the safest, most effective vaccine supply in its history. The country's long-standing vaccine safety system ensures that vaccines are as safe as possible.

Resources:

*U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*

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

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

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

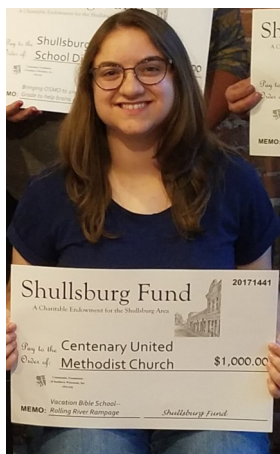
Vacation Bible School Receives Grant

Centenary United Methodist Church announces that it has received a grant from the Shullsburg Fund, a component of the Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin, Inc. to support our project entitled Vacation Bible School—Rolling River Rampage.

This grant and donations from our community allow us to offer VBS free of charge to All children who want to attend. With this grant, we are able to purchase supplies, crafts, decorations, and snacks for the week-long event. Vacation Bible School will be held at Centenary United Methodist Church July 30- August 3, 2018, from 9 a.m. to noon. All children ages 4 years old to 5th grade are encouraged to attend. You can come all 5 days or just a couple if that works.

It is a fun week of making crafts, singing and dancing, discovering in science, games, yummy snacks, and learning Bible stories. It's a great way for All of our children to learn how God loves them so!

This grant is made available from the Community Foundation's Shullsburg Fund. The Shullsburg Fund is a resource for area nonprofit organizations whose programs and services are working for the betterment of our communities. Grants from the Shullsburg Fund have supported the arts, education, environment, health and human services and historic preservation. For more information on how you can support your community through the Community Foundation, contact Linda Gebhardt at 608-328-4060 or the Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin, 800-995-2379, or visit the website at www.cfsw.org. The Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin serves nine Wisconsin counties: Crawford, Grant, Green, Iowa, Lafayette, Rock, Sauk, Vernon, and Walworth.



Thank You!

Youth Group Mission Trip 2018

For more than a decade, Centenary UMC has partnered with SideKick Missions on annual youth mission trips. SideKick Missions' destination this year was Washington, DC. Ninety-five youth and adults from 12 United Methodist Churches in Wisconsin, headed to our Nation's Capital in mid-June.

Sadie Uehling and Eugene Uehling represented CUMC on this trip, which started on Saturday, June 16. The group returned on Sunday, June 24. It was two days of travel each direction, with a stopover in Toledo. The mission trip volunteers slept in the same church (Epworth UMC) in Toledo, Ohio, both ways. Our host church in the Washington, DC area was Luther Rice Memorial Baptist Church, in Silver Spring, Maryland.

SideKick Missions divided the volunteers into 10 crews, with the adult leaders all having knowledge of the work that was to be done at their worksite. The full scope of projects at these 7 worksites included: painting, roofing, retaining wall repairs, concrete work, repair water damage, and brush removal. Sadie was on Alpha Crew, which was the most complex worksite, with retaining wall repairs, concrete work, and water damage repair. The photo on the right shows her crew on a quick break, before completing their work at the home on 8th Street NW in Washington, DC. Eugene is the Chair of the SideKick Missions Board of Servants, and worked with the leadership crew on a variety of tasks throughout the week. Youth share their "God sightings" each night at worship. The SideKick Praise Band plays each night, at worship. Friday is a "fun day" with educational and tourist opportunities. Monuments and museums were a huge part of the fun this year.

The Youth Mission Trip has a major fundraiser each year, with greenery and wreath sales in the fall. The Youth Mission Trip will be finalizing details on this year's fundraiser soon. Orders will be available for pick up at CUMC, on the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Thank you to all who support this fundraiser! It is so rewarding to see how these mission trips make such an impact on all the volunteers. These trips could not happen without your support, and it would be great to see more youth on future trips.





August Birthdays

1	Laura Scott	18	Tammy Scott
1	Emma Rodriguez	19	Kess Starr
2	Pat Gleason	21	Cassidy Gleason
3	Ian Unbehau	21	Fred Gustafson
5	Ronda Pedley	21	Jared Reuter
6	Dennis Grace	22	Cody Groskrechz
6	Maria Townsend	24	Preston Martin
6	Brandon Hoey	24	Lindsey Poppy
9	Amber Capp	24	Robert Unbehau
11	Debbie Gierke	24	Tamara Ihus
11	Sara Gierke	25	Randy Gill
11	Floyd Tyson	25	McKinley Russell
12	Heidi Sigwarth	26	Lisa Diedrich
12	Emma Strang	27	Katrina Gleason
13	Brett Gill	27	Dawn Gobrecht
13	Brock Gill	27	Sarah Santiago
13	Brenda Johnson	27	Katrina Gleason
13	Steven Isenhardt	28	Ed Gierke
15	Lisa Cockroft	29	Weslyn James
15	Jason Hauser	29	Kaylee Kudronowicz
15	Wanda Wood	29	Larry Teasdale
16	AnnMarie Stewart	29	Sally Blackburn
17	Dan Stoddard	31	Shelley Brown
18	Bob Edge	31	Paige Russell
18	Patrick Harker	31	Tim Strang
18	Sam Moyer		



August **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

5	Jake & Barb Teutschmann	25	Travis & Brittany Lyne
11	Erik & Lori Kudronowicz	28	Matt & Angie Sandlin
15	Brett & Karen Bode	31	Steve & Kathie Schwartz
18	Scott & Ronda Pedley		

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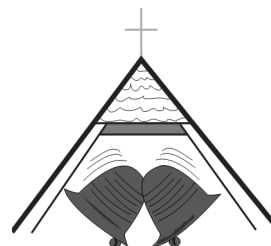
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	30	31	1 6:00 Praise Worship 7:00 Trustees mtg.	2	3	4 7:00 Lay-Led Worship
9:00-noon - Vacation Bible School—Monday-Friday						
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The Chimes



*Saturday Evening Lay-Led
Worship Service at 7:00*

*Sunday Morning Blended
Worship Service at 9:30*

*Wednesday Night Praise
Worship Service at 6:00*

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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."