

The Chimes

Centenary United Methodist Church

Wednesday Night Praise Service

6:30 p.m. at Centenary UMC
(Beginning September 16)



Centenary UMC is excited to announce that beginning Wednesday, September 16, there will be a regular weekly Wednesday Night Praise Worship Service at 6:30 p.m. {Read more about it on page 7.}

There will also be a **meal served prior to the service at 5:30 p.m.** and **Children's Church** for ages K-4th Grade in the Fellowship Hall *during the service*. If you would like to be part of this exciting new ministry program and worship service by helping out, contact Pastor Jeff or the church office.

Come as you are, no judgement, only grace...
to Wednesday Nights at 6:30 p.m.!!!



at 5:30 p.m.



during Wednesday night worship.

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New Heights with Pastor Jeff

Summer of Giving Update

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

It is halfway through the summer so I thought I would take this opportunity to give you an update on our Summer of Giving program. I am blessed beyond words to report that we as a church have increased our giving this summer and are really starting to develop a culture of Stewardship here at Centenary UMC.

In 2014 during May thru the first half of July members and friends of Centenary UMC weekly giving was \$18,623.31. So far this summer, in the same time period, members and friends of Centenary UMC have increased their stewardship in the form of financial support of tithes and offerings to \$25,460.37! That is a 37% increase this summer so far! Praise be to God!

But that is not all! In addition, offerings received by CUMC specifically to help pay apportionments have significantly increased as well! During the above mentioned time period in 2014 CUMC received offerings of \$239.50 to go towards apportionments. In the same time frame so far this summer we have received \$1,534.00, a 504% increase. Can I get an Amen?

We are halfway towards possibly the best summer ever in terms of not only Stewardship but also increased attendance during worship here at Centenary UMC. Let us continue to be a blessing to Jesus Christ and His church by continuing to attend worship whenever possible and continuing to financially support making disciples of Jesus Christ here at CUMC this summer.

Continue, brothers and sisters, to faithfully give as you have prayerfully discerned you are called by God to in terms of both quantity and quality. This may very well be the first fall in quite a while where we can focus on our mission and fall programming instead of communicating about and asking for your help with a financial short fall....and I think God would be just as happy about that as you would.

Peace, Grace, Love and Hope, in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

PJ



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

Centenary UMC At A Glance

July Statistics

Total Offering:

(Regular Offering not earmarks)

July 4 & 5	\$1,558
July 11 & 12	\$1,729
July 18 & 19	\$1,645
July 25 & 26	\$2,365

Attendance:

(Sat 7, Sun 9 & 10:30)

July 4 & 5	NS,10,48
July 11 & 12	12,17,37
July 18 & 19	6, 11, 51
July 25 & 26	9,14,52

August Missional Giving

Mission money collected this month, along with money collected at VBS, will go to UMCOR. They support programs that fight hunger and poverty, assist the displaced, and respond to disasters.



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.

Holy Communion & Potluck August 2

In the interest of creating more opportunities for members and friends of Centenary UMC to build and grow in relationships with each other, we will now have a potluck lunch the first Sunday of every month after the 10:30 a.m. worship service. The next monthly potluck will be Sunday, August 2. Each family is asked to bring a dish to pass and their own table settings (plates, cups, napkins, silverware).



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



Ways to Participate in the Summer of Giving 2015! (& help CUMC reach its goal of \$37,000 in giving for the months of June, July, & August 2015!)

Give Every Week!

We live in a consumeristic society where we pay for goods and services we receive. Thus, it is understandable that sometimes as members and friends of Centenary we only make an offering or donate to the church when we go to service and only give what we would give for that service. The offering is a weekly sacrifice offered to God to financially support His church and its mission, given out of faith in Him. Centenary UMC depends on your weekly support to stay operational and to continue to make disciples of Jesus Christ in this community and through our United Methodist connection to the world. Please give generously when you come to worship, and when you do not attend, please mail or drop off a donation, or call the office to set up an EFT (see article below) so you make sure that the ministry of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ receives your full financial support every week.



Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

The Finance Committee would like to remind you that we offer Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Not only is electronic giving from a checking or savings account convenient for individuals, but it also provides much-needed donation consistency for our church. As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. Authorization forms and additional information are available from the church office.

Start with anything and then work towards Tithing!

Any financial gift you give, whether it be ten cents or ten dollars a week, helps support the ministries of Centenary UMC. God calls us to aim towards one day giving 10% of our income each week, but no one can get there without starting somewhere! So give whatever you can each week, and after you have been giving the same amount each week for awhile, gradually increase it and see how far you come, see how much your giving grows and how much the blessings for you and for others grow as you work toward giving 10% (a tithe) of your income to God through the life and ministry of Centenary UMC. Amen!

Meetings and News

August Administrative Meetings

Monday, August 13th

6:00 – Finance

7:00 – Church Council

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

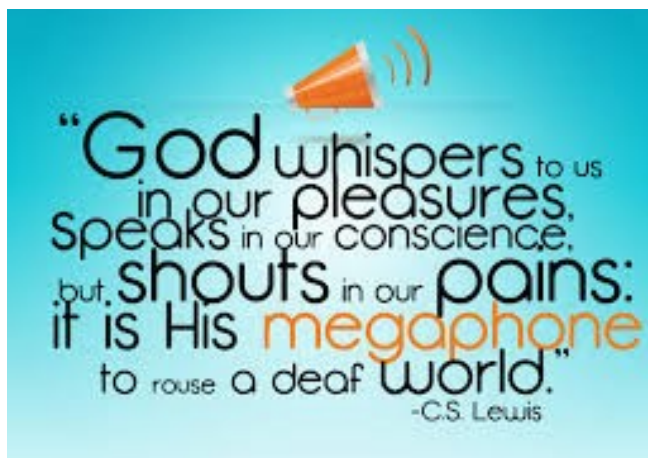
Retired & Re-Fired Small Group

July is Birthday month for the Retired and Re-Fired Group. On July 23, 2013, we started our group with four people. Now we are 13 strong and growing each meeting. It's been a real blessing to me to see how we've grown in membership and in our ministry.

We'd love to have more retired people join us on our journey. There's good things happening and lots of interesting programs being planned.

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month. In August we will meet the 10th and 24th at noon in the Serenity Room. Bring your lunch. We'll have the coffee pot on and hot water for tea. If you have any questions, contact Betty at 965-3283.

Betty Gleason, Retired & Re-fired Small Group Leader





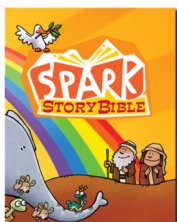
Sunday School News

Save the date! We are so excited to announce the start of Sunday School for the 2015-16 year! Join us on **Sunday, September 13** for our **Sunday School Kickoff!** Sunday School begins at 9:00 am in the basement fellowship hall. New this year is a High School class, so now there is a class for all ages! Join us after church for worship where the School teachers will be recognized. Following the service we will have a big celebration because we are excited for the upcoming year and all that God has in store for us to learn and do! We will have food, games and fun. See you there!



Blessings,

Sarah Santiago, Sunday School Coordinator



Third graders will receive their Bibles during the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, September 13.

In August we will be starting a loose change offering for the Sunday School. All loose change (coins only) collected in the offering plates will benefit the Sunday School ministries at CUMC. Every time you hear the clinging of change on the offering plate, you will know that money is being used to further our Sunday School programs.



- reading glasses
- box of foam stamps (left from VBS 2014??)
- bag of Christmas lights

Details about Wednesday Programming

(continued from front page)



Whether you work or are out of town on weekends, your family's schedule makes it hard to make it to worship on the weekends, or something came up and you missed your regular weekend worship service, we invite and encourage you to attend the Wednesday Night Praise Service at 6:30 p.m.

The Wednesday Night Praise Service will be similar to the 10:30 a.m. Praise Worship services on Sunday with Ed Santiago leading the praise music and Pastor Jeff giving the same message from the previous weekend. There will also be the Sacrament of Holy Communion on the Wednesday following Holy Communion Weekend.

Before Wednesday Night Praise Service

Beginning Wednesday, September 16 there will be a meal and fellowship every Wednesday Night at 5:30 pm. (*an hour before the new Wednesday Night Praise Service*) in the downstairs Fellowship Hall. This means that you don't have to make dinner before you come to church on Wednesday night!

Suggested donation is \$1.50/person or \$5.00/family (up to 7 people).



During Wednesday Night Praise Service



Children's Church is a special time of worship designed to engage children during the Wednesday night service. Children's Church features music, scripture lessons, and prayers that are easily accessible and relevant to children. It also provides the opportunity for parents to focus on their time of worship while their children have a separate worship experience designed just for them.

After the meal and fellowship, everyone will go to the sanctuary to sing praise songs at the beginning of the new 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Praise Worship service. After the opening songs, children K-4th Grade will be invited to return to the Fellowship Hall downstairs for Children's Church.

PJ's & Popcorn Family Movie Night



Join us for PJ's and Popcorn family movie night at CUMC on Friday August 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall in the basement. Wear your favorite PJ's and bring a pillow or blanket and join us for a movie. Children under 6th grade must be accompanied by an adult. Popcorn and beverage will be provided. We

can't say the name of the movie, but we can give a few hints! "Robotics prodigy Hiro lives in the city of San Fransokyo. Next to his older brother, Tadashi, Hiro's closest companion is Baymax, a robot whose sole purpose is to take care of people. When a devastating turn of events throws Hiro into the middle of a dangerous plot, he transforms Baymax and his other friends, Go Go Tamago, Wasabi, Honey Lemon and Fred into a band of high-tech heroes." Hope to see you there!



Women's Retreat 2015



Save the date! Our Women's Retreat will be October 23-25 at Pine Lake Methodist Camp in Westfield, WI. All women are encouraged to attend this fun weekend of fellowship, study, prayer and laughter and fun. Registration forms will be available in September. Look for us on Facebook at "CUMC Women's Retreat 2015" for more details and updates. Contact JoAnn Meyer or Dawn Gobrecht for more information.

150 Years (Already?)

It's not too early to start thinking about the CUMC Sesquicentennial. In a short year and a half, our Church will be 150 years old, and we need to celebrate. The Church Council would like to establish a committee to begin planning for this event. If you are interested in being a part of the committee or have historical information you would like to share, contact the church office.



CUMC Going Above and Beyond

Food Pantry Giving

We collected no items for our July collection. Thank you to everyone who brought something in! For the month of August we are collecting Baked Beans. We will be collecting these until August 20.



Gingerbread House Preschool

Gingerbread Preschool has openings for children 3-4 year olds. School days are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8-11 a.m. from September through May. For more information in enrolling your child contact Becky Upmann at 482-3920 or gingerbreadpreschool@hotmail.com.

If you would like to enroll for the 2015-2016 school year, please contact Ms. Becky.



We are looking for wonderful people who would love to help us financially. If you are interested in donating to help support Gingerbread, please contact us.



Play Group News

Play Group dates for the month of August are Wednesdays, the 12th & 26th. They will meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Red Playground Equipment (inside church in case of rain).

Your talent is a gift from God.
What you do with it
is your gift to Him.

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:

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(608) 293-1193

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

CENTENARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CUMC CHURCH COUNCIL
June 8, 2015

Present: Pastor Jeff, Becky Upmann, Pam Teasdale, Lisa Diedrich, Dawn Gobrecht, Cherie Uehling, Art Finnigan, Tara Teasdale, Betty Gleason, Pam Harker, Becky Mootz.

Agenda:

1: Opening Prayer- Pastor Jeff opened with a prayer. He read a passage from the bible. We did communion.

2: Pastor's Report- We looked over the reports. Everyone discussed the reports. Art passed out a report to go along with Jeff's report. We discussed them.

3: Secretaries Report- Went over the reports. Fix the mistakes that needed to be fixed. It was passed.

4: Finance Report- Tina stated that May had 5 Sundays, which is always better for offering. We are better than we were in April. We have been sending extra to apportionments to try to get caught up more. Discussed the possibility of emailing the newsletter. It was approved to do a survey to see how people would like their newsletters. We will see how this goes. The next TLC mtg. will be Monday 13th at 2pm for anyone who wants to come.

5: Old Business -The SPRC presented a updated motion for a trial period of moving the Sat. 7:00 p.m. service to Wed nights at 6:30 p.m. and a incentivized salary increase for Ed Santiago. Failed to reach consensus. Church Council did find consensus on a motion sent to SPRC to include budget for a week lay speak for Sat. night service. SPRC to discuss and bring their decision back to Church Council in July.

6: Committee Reports

A) SPRC-The SPRC hired Ed to be sub pastor while Jeff is gone on vacation. The dates are June 13-14, June 20-21, and July 11-12. He is to preach at all 3 services these weekends

Additional Committee –

A) Tara Teasdale brought up that Gingerbread would like to stay in the Mason building and venture on their own. She stated that Food Pantry could come back to the church if they didn't want to pay to stay at the Mason building. She made room downstairs for this if it is needed.

Submitted By Becky Upmann

Newsletter content deadline: 20th of the month

Growth Groups are Coming!

Groups will start meeting the week of October 5 and end the week of December 12. Groups will be reading and discussing a variety of books. Topics may be about the Bible, Church life and mission, various gender specific topics, community service, parenting/step-parenting, health and wellness or other special interest groups. All groups will include a Christian content and plenty of food and fellowship.

They are a great way to get to know your brothers and sisters in Christ while having fun and learning a little bit along the way. Look for the catalog to be out the middle of September. Sign up will start the weekend of September 12.



If you are interested in learning more about Growth Groups or being a Growth Group Leader (Facilitator), contact the church office or Art Finnigan. We look forward to seeing you in a group this Fall.



How Do You Want To Get Your Newsletter?

A lot goes into producing our newsletter each month, but if no one reads it, how effective is it? We want to deliver it in whatever way is most convenient to you. Many people have said they'd prefer to receive it electronically, while there are those who prefer the hard copy. Throughout July we will be collecting surveys to hear how you want to receive yours. The survey will be on the back of the attendance card in your bulletin, or you can clip out this survey and return it to the church office. If we do not receive a response from you, we will continue to mail a hard copy. Please mark your preference below.

☐ Continue receiving hard copy in the mail
☐ E-mail a newsletter to my e-mail address _____
☐ I will view the newsletter via Facebook or shullsburgumc.com.
☐ I will pick up a hard copy at church.

Name _____



August Birthdays

1 Laura Scott	19 Amelda Stoddard
1 Emma Rodriquez	20 Kess Starr
2 Pat Gleason	21 Cassidy Gleason
3 Ian Unbehaun	21 Fred Gustafson
4 Jessica Meyer	21 Marian Pedersen
5 Ronda Pedley	22 Jared Reuter
6 Dennis Grace	23 Cody Groskrechz
6 Maria Townsend	24 Preston Martin
6 Brandon Hoey	24 Lindsey Poppy
9 Amber Capp	24 Robert Unbehaun
10 Debbie Russell	25 Randy Gill
11 Debbie Gierke	25 McKinley Russell
11 Sara Gierke	26 Lisa Diedrich
11 Floyd Tyson	27 Katrina Gleason
12 Heidi Sigwarth	27 Dawn Gobrecht
12 Emma Strang	27 Sarah Santiago
13 Brett Gill	27 Katrina Gleason
13 Brock Gill	28 Ed Gierke
13 Brenda Johnson	28 Harlo Webster
13 Steven Isenhardt	29 Weslyn James
15 Marjean Andrews	29 Kaylee Kudronowicz
15 Lisa Cockcroft	29 Larry Teasdale
15 Jason Hauser	29 Sally Blackbourn
16 Annmarie Stewart	31 Shelley Brown
18 Bob Edge	31 Emma Moyle
18 Patrick Harker	31 Paige Russell
18 Sam Moyer	31 Tim Strang
18 Tammy Scott	

August Worship

August 1 & 2

**Obscure Little Books of
the New Testament**

P1: Paul's Letter to Philemon
Luke 15:11-32

August 8 & 9

**Obscure Little Books of
the New Testament**

P2: Letter of John
John 13:4-35

August 15 & 16

Guest Preacher
Ed Santiago

August 22 & 23

**Obscure Little Books of
the New Testament**

P3: Letter of John
Hebrews 13:1-2

August 29 & 30

**Obscure Little Books of
the New Testament**

P4: The Epistle of Jude
Matthew 24:1-14



that was easy.

August Anniversaries

5 Jake & Barb Teutschmann	18 Wayne & Nancy Gehrt
10 Bob & Fern King	18 Scott & Ronda Pedley
10 Bernie & Su Schwartz	25 Travis & Brittany Lyne
11 Erik & Lori Kudronowicz	28 Matt & Angie Sandlin
15 Brett & Karen Bode	31 Steve & Kathie Schwartz
15 Jeff & JoAnn Meyer	

August 2015

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

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7:00 PJ's & Popcorn

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 9 – noon each day

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9:00 Hymn Worship
10:30 Praise Service
11:45 Potluck Lunch

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9:00 Hymn Worship
10:30 Praise Service

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Noon R & R Group
2:00 TLC Mtg.
6:00 Finance Mtg.
7:00 Church Council Mtg.

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Pastor Jeff's
Day Off

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7:00 Casual Worship

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9:00 Hymn Worship
10:30 Praise Service

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4:30 Food Pantry

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Pastor Jeff's
Day Off

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7:00 Casual Worship

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9:00 Hymn Worship
10:30 Praise Service

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Noon R & R Group

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10:00 Play Group

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9:00 Growth Group
Training
7:00 Casual Worship

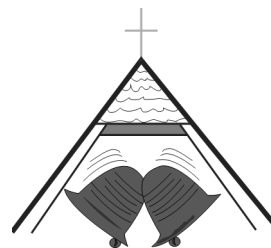
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9:00 Hymn Worship
10:30 Praise Service
12-2 SPRC Listening
Session

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Special thanks to Tony & Diane Anderson for preparing the mailing of the August newsletter.



The Chimes



Saturday evening
worship at 7:00 pm

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

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

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VBS 2015:
Monday-Friday, August 3-7
9 a.m.-noon



VBS Color Days

Monday—Yellow Tuesday—Purple Wednesday—Blue Thursday—Green Friday—Red

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."