

The Chimes

Centenary United Methodist Church



August 2021

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BLESSING**

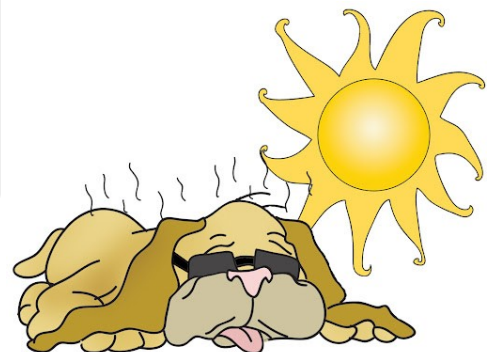
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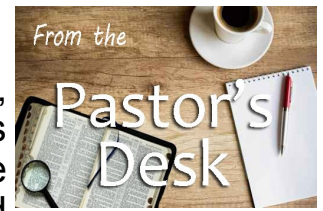


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Greetings,

“When evening came, his [Jesus’] disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, ‘It is I; do not be afraid.’ Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.” John 6:16-21 (NRSV).



I am often amazed by the disciples and not always in a good way. Sure, there are many characteristics that the disciples of Jesus possessed that we should admire and exemplify, however there are also those times when I want to shake my head and ask, “how could they do that?”

That is the boat that I am in (pun intended) when I read the verses from John’s gospel that I’ve shared above. I want to ask the disciples “how can you be afraid?” After all, they had just recently witnessed Jesus healing the sick and feeding the 5,000. After witnessing those events, it astounds me that the disciples would still be afraid when they see Jesus walking on the water. However, before I think too harshly of the disciples I would do well to remember that they were in the midst of a storm and rough waters; there were external circumstances that helped contribute to their fear.

Fear can become a paralyzing influence in our lives if we let it. Fear can bind us into inaction. I have found few things so heart breaking as churches full of faithful, Christian people acting out of a mentality of fear rather than a mentality of faith.

We have a choice to make: will we, as followers of Jesus Christ, be people of faith or will we be people of fear? People of faith look at change as an opportunity. People of fear view change as an obstacle or hindrance. People of fear look at the balance sheet as the ultimate arbiter of whether or not something should be done. People of faith look at the potential results as the ultimate arbiter as to whether or not to do something. People of faith trust in the provision of God. People of fear doubt whether or not God’s provision will come.

I’ve had experience in churches that were filled with people of faith and others that were filled with people of fear. In the days, months and years to come, we, the people of the Centenary UMC will have to make dozens of decisions about the life and ministries of our church. Each of these decisions will help us reveal whether we are people of faith or people of fear. My prayer for us all, is that when the final story of Centenary UMC is written (many years from now) it will be clear to all that the Centenary UMC was, indeed, a people of faith.

Until Next Time,

Pastor Stanton

Summer: God is not on Vacation

Matthew 6:34 ~ *"Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."*

The pace of August is often hectic and life (yours, your children's, your family's) takes you in many directions. But let us remember, God does not take a summer vacation! God is always here for us, so should not we make time for God this summer? The church is not closed during the summer, we are still open! We still worship on Sundays! The pastor continues to preach sermons, and the secretary still writes and prints the bulletin. The pianists prepare and practice each week to lead music in worship. The ushers and greeters show up each Sunday, and the communion stewards set up communion. The church is open for worship! So, I invite you to make church part of your summer plans.

When you are in town, I invite you to come to worship. (Though sleeping in may sound fun, remember, God doesn't sleep in.) When you are out of town, I encourage you to find a church wherever you may be. If you cannot find a church, try to worship as a family. Sing hymns, read scriptures, and ask one another where they see God present. Church is an important part of Christian discipleship. It is good for you to be with other Christians and with God. It is good for you to give of your time, talents, and treasures. It is good for you to recharge and recenter. It may be nice outside, but don't forget you also need Sun-shine! What are your summer plans? School may be out, but church is not. Summer is here. Enjoy the Sun-shine!

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Bible Study

Wednesday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Stanton meets at Second Chance Coffee Shop at 9:30 a.m.. There will be no Bible Study on August 4 & 18



Online Worship



If you are not yet comfortable returning to church, we continue to post worship service on Facebook (Centenary United Methodist Church) for you to watch or listen to anytime. We also continue to send weekly mailings for our shut-ins.

Upcoming Events

It's Time for Vacation Bible School

EXPLORE THE KNIGHTS OF NORTH CASTLE!!!

We will join Elem to explore all of the different parts of the castle!!!

Dates: August 2-6, 2021

Time: Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - noon

Where: Centenary United Methodist Church

Who: ALL children in our area age 4 to 5th grade

Cost: It's FREE!!!!



Here Ye! Hear Ye!

Join the Knights of North Castle on a Quest to be Strong in the Lord!

Vacation Bible School committee is looking for dependable, helpful, fun volunteers for the week of August 2-6. Please contact Tara Teasdale (563-495-5575) or the office if you can help.

Meeting: Sunday, August 1 @ 11:00 a.m. (decorating the church after meeting)

Blessings,

Tara Teasdale & Danica Diedrich

VBS Color Days

Monday - Orange

Tuesday - Green

Wednesday - Blue

Thursday - Red

Friday - Yellow



4th of July Parade Float

Special thanks to Danica & Jeremiah Diedrich for decorating and to Joe & Lisa Diedrich for the use of their vehicle.



Pine Lake Stewardship Retreat 2021

The Foundation's Stewardship Retreat returns in person this year at Pine Lake Camp Aug. 13-14, with the full retreat occurring from 10 a.m. Friday to 1:30 p.m. Saturday and a special drive-in session from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday. Social distancing precautions will be in place.

The 2021 Stewardship Retreat will focus on 3-5 year planning with an emphasis on telling your church's story, how to thank and recognize your donors, developing your extended stewardship plan, and more. Afterwards, church stewardship teams may schedule a consultation of 60-90 minutes with a member of the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation's staff. The consultant will review the church's plan, providing feedback and ideas, and answer questions.

Accommodations will be at the Rader Retreat Center...single-occupancy rooms are \$100, double-occupancy rooms are \$65, and the drive-in session is \$20.

Registration is open — <https://wiumcamps.campbrainregistration.com>. (Note: You will need to open a new user or sign-in to an existing account to view the camp information.)



If you have questions or want to learn more, contact: Jason Mahnke – Director of Programing & Campaigns, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation at Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation at 608-837-9582 or jmahnke@wumf.org.

Backpack Blessing

Sunday, August 29

9:30 a.m. service

Another new school year just on the horizon, and that means it's time for another Backpack Blessing! Bring your backpacks to church on Sunday, August 29 to receive a special blessing for the school year as well as a tag to tie on to your bag.



Going Above and Beyond as Stewards of CUMC



Food Pantry Giving

We collected 20 items for our July collection. Thank you to everyone who brought something in! For the month of August we are collecting jelly. Distribution will be on Thursday, August 19.

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.



College/Military Ministry Addresses Needed

As a church, 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. Please contact the church office with updated information.

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



From Our Parish Nurse.....

Sun Safety Facts

Everyone enjoys a summer in the sun, but some people don't realize the potential dangers. The following are some great facts and suggestions from the American Academy of Dermatology and the American Medical Association about protecting yourself and your family against the potentially damaging rays of the sun.



- 1. After applying sunscreen, you should give it 20 to 30 minutes to dry before going outside.** It takes this long after application for the chemicals to start working. Letting the sunscreen dry also helps ensure that it stays on your skin.
- 2. If you've been in the sun or water, you should reapply waterproof sunscreen every two hours.** Dermatologists recommend using a sunscreen with a Sun Protection Factor (SPF) of at least 30, which blocks 97 percent of the sun's rays. SPF's higher than 30 block slightly more of the sun's rays, but the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) cautions that no sunscreen can block 100 percent of the sun's rays. It is important to note that even if you are wearing a high-SPF sunscreen, it should be reapplied approximately every two hours when outdoors and after swimming or sweating.
- 3. Surfaces such as sand or water reflect up to 85 percent of the sun's damaging rays.** It's especially important to protect your skin and eyes around these surfaces.
- 4. Tightly woven clothing in dark colors provides the best protection from the sun.**
- 5. The sun is strongest -- and most dangerous -- between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.** The American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) advises staying out of the sun during these hours.
- 6. A sunscreen's Sun Protection Factor (SPF) number refers to the factor by which it enhances a person's natural sun protection.** If someone normally burns in 20 minutes, then a sunscreen with an SPF of 15 would protect them for 300 minutes (SPF 15 x 20 minutes = 300 minutes).
- 7. The minimum SPF number recommended by the AAD is 30.** The AAD recommends applying a broad-spectrum sunscreen with this minimum SPF daily.
- 8. The American Medical Association (AMA) recommends that you begin applying sunscreen to your baby when he's 6 months old.** Ideally, babies under 6 months should not spend time directly in the sun. Since babies' skin is much more sensitive than adults, sunscreens should be avoided if possible. Instead, the AAD says the best sun protection for babies is to keep them in the shade as much as possible and dress them in long sleeves, pants, a wide-brimmed hat, and sunglasses. Sunscreen can be applied to exposed skin not covered by clothing on toddlers and infants 6 months or older.
- 9. Clouds and pollution often give a false sense of protection.** Even on cloudy or hazy days, unseen ultraviolet sun rays can cause unexpected sunburn and skin damage.
- 10. Toy sunglasses worn in the sun may be worse for your baby's eyes than nothing at all.** Toy sunglasses simply shade baby's eyes, making her pupils larger and actually allowing more damaging rays to reach the inside of the eye.

11. Some babies are sensitive to para aminobenzoic acid (PABA), the active ingredient in many sunscreens. The AAD notes that sunscreen containing zinc oxide or titanium dioxide are most appropriate for the thinner skin of toddlers and infants 6 months or older since they do not penetrate the skin and are less likely to cause irritation.

Sources:

*American Academy of Dermatology
American Medical Association*

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

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

Meetings and News

Accountable Leadership Board Monthly Meeting



Monday, September 20 — 6:30 p.m.



There will be no meeting in August.

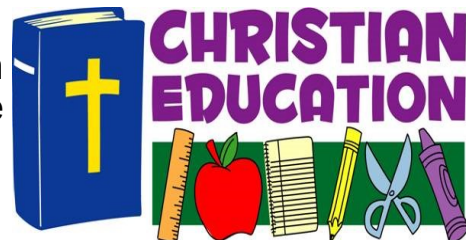
Sunday School News



Sunday school is on summer break, but we wanted to let everyone know that there will be a meeting on **Tuesday, August 17 at 6:00 p.m.** for anyone interested in teaching, volunteering, or helping in any way this upcoming Sunday School year. Look for registration forms to come out in August.

If you have any questions please contact the church office for more information. We will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall for social distancing purposes!

Christian Education Staff



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

Retired & Re-Fired Small Group

Greetings to all in our church family! Hot weather has some of us heading for lakes, pools and beaches. Shady spots, a little breeze, and cold drinks can make the great outdoors a good place to be. I try to spend some quiet time outside early in the morning and again during sunset. These are good times to reflect on the day, make a plan, and to thank God for our blessings.

Our next group meeting is Monday, August 9 at noon in the Fellowship Hall of our church. Please bring your own lunch; dessert will be provided. In chapter 5 of our book we meet another legendary woman of the Bible, "Lila" (short for Delila). The man she was involved with was the also legendary Sampson ("Sam" for short). Sampson had superhuman strength but was weak in judgement and will when it came to beautiful women. Read Judges 13:24-25 then Judges chapters 15 and 16 of your Bible for the original account.

This story is about love of a sort, about trust broken and using a woman's influence to hurt and betray. Why would she want to hurt him? Did she want revenge? How can God help us handle our hurts without destroying the people we love?

We're all Part of His Flock



The Retired & Re-Fired Group
Centenary United Methodist Church

Mary Gensler, Retired & Re-Fired Small Group Leader

Baptized

in the
Name of Jesus
On June 20, 2021

Dana Beth Clark

Tenley Joye Lyne

Wells Randall Frontz



August Birthdays

1 Emma Rodriguez	18 Patrick Harker
2 Pat Gleason	18 Sam Moyer
3 Ian Unbehaun	19 Kess Starr
5 Ronda Pedley	21 Cassidy Gleason
6 Maria Townsend	21 Fred Gustafson
6 Brandon Hoey	24 Lindsey Poppy
9 Amber Capp	24 Robert Unbehaun
11 Debbie Gierke	25 Randy Gill
11 Sara Gierke	25 McKinley Russell
11 Floyd Tyson	26 Lisa Diedrich
12 Heidi Sigwarth	27 Katrina Gleason
12 Emma Strang	27 Dawn Gobrecht
13 Brett Gill	27 Sarah Santiago
13 Brock Gill	28 Ed Gierke
13 Brenda Johnson	29 Weslyn James
15 Lisa Cockroft	29 Kaylee Kudronowicz
15 Jason Hauser	29 Larry Teasdale
15 Wanda Wood	29 Sally Blackbourn
16 AnnMarie Stewart	31 Paige Russell
18 Bob Edge	31 Tim Strang

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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

*On this special day...
I wish you all the very
best, all the joy you can
ever have and may you
be blessed abundantly
today, tomorrow and
the days to come! ♡*

August Worship

August 1

One

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a
Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:24-35

August 8

Talk is Cheap

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33
Ephesians 4:25-5:2
John 6:35, 41-51

August 15

The Walking Dead

1 King 2:10-12, 3:3-14
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58

August 22

Wearing the Uniform

1 King 8:22-30, 41-43
Ephesians 6:10-20
John 6:56-69

August 29

Live Your Life In Such A Way That The Preacher Doesn't Have To Lie At Your Funeral

Song of Solomon 2:8-13
James 1:17-27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



AUGUST 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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1 <i>Worship in the Park</i> 9:30 Blended Worship In-Person 11:00 VBS Volunteer mtg. & decorating	2	3 Pastor Stanton's Day Off	4	5	6	7
<div>Vacation Bible School 9 a.m.—noon daily</div> <div> <div>orange</div> <div>green</div> <div>blue</div> <div>red</div> <div>yellow</div> </div>						
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Join us for Sunday
Morning Blended
worship
9:30 In-Person &
Facebook

(See inside for more
guidelines & details)

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All the Ways to Give to Your Church

The Finance Committee would like to remind you that we offer several ways to give:

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving is from a checking or savings account.



All of these along with In-Person or Mailed giving provides much-needed donation consistency for our church. As you contemplate future contributions, please consider one of these as your way to give. Authorization forms and additional information are available from the church office.



Sharing God's love to change the world by making disciples of Jesus Christ.
