

# The Chimes



Centenary United Methodist Church



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We have now entered the Christmas Season or the season of Advent as it is called in the Christian Tradition. For many of us this leads to giant list of projects and things to do, shopping trips and marathon baking sessions. Days are short, the hours in a day shorter and often we start to feel a rising pressure or tension to accomplish everything and to do it well so that we can have a wonderful and memorable Christmas.

May I recommend that we as the friends and members of Centenary UMC take a step back this year and reflect on what we are actually doing to celebrate the reason why Christmas even exists? I would like to encourage us all to make it a priority this year to teach and celebrate with others how God was born a human being, His Son, Jesus Christ on this earth over 2000 years ago to save us all and to offer us the ultimate source of love, peace and joy...a relationship with Him.

Let us make a list of what we think God would most want us to accomplish this Christmas. Worshiping with our church family, teaching our families and friends about Christ's birth and taking time to love one another as brothers and sisters in Christ. Let us buy only what is necessary and be sure to take time, use our gifts and spend some of our money on providing for the less fortunate this season in order to reveal to them that Christmas is as much about them as it is about us.

Let us fill the sills of the church with food products for the pantry, let us fill the pews with the souls of those Jesus was born on this earth to save, let us fill the offering plates with support for the ministry of Centenary UMC that carries on Jesus' ministry until the day of His return and let us fill our church building with glory and praise to our Almighty God for the greatest gifts ever given in the history of the universe: the blessed birth of His Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Merry Christmas and God bless you all,

In Christ,

PJ



CHRISTMAS IS THE CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS, THE SAVIOUR OF MANKIND

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## Food Pantry Giving

We collected 34 items for the food pantry this month. Thank you to all who contributed!

This month we are collecting Breakfast items, such as cereal, pop tarts, oatmeal, etc. We will be collecting these until December 19.



## December Missional Giving

Mission money collected this month will continue to go toward repaying our internal loans.

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.

## Sunday School News

Brrrr! It's cold outside, but that means it's wonderfully cozy inside! It also means Christmas is around the corner. What a beautiful time of the year this is, and my absolute favorite is seeing the Christmas program presented by the Sunday School classes. We will have this year's program on December 15 during the 10:15 am service. Since we are blending it into the church service, it will be shorter than past programs, but it will be just as wonderful! The children will tell the story and sing songs and play the bells. The program will consist of preschoolers through the junior/high school class, and I cannot wait to watch the service. These are talented children and youth!

Be sure to stay after church service as we celebrate in the Narthex with birthday cake and ice cream celebrating Jesus' birthday. This longtime tradition is a favorite of all ages.

Also, if you haven't had a chance, remember to say congratulations to the third graders who received their Bibles in November. Those who received their Bibles are Garrett Ray, Eli Poppy, Nevada Sandlin, Ella Woodworth, and Eddie Gierke. We are so proud of them and have enjoyed watching them grow older and more knowledgeable in their Bible studies. Way to go!

Sunday School will continue with their Advent lessons through December 15. Then, classes will enjoy a couple weeks off. We'll look forward to the fresh smiles in January when we start up again on January 5!

Have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Michelle Jackson

## Fill the Sills for Jesus!

Again this year we will be attempting to fill all the window sills in the sanctuary during the Advent and Christmas season with non-perishable food gifts to offer to Jesus on His birthday this Christmas! Please feel free to start bringing food products into church or to our worship services and let's fill the sills again this year as we provide food for our beloved brothers and sisters and His beloved children! What a wonderful Christmas/Birthday present to give Jesus this year! LET'S FILL THE SILLS! Amen!



## Children's Ministries Fundraiser at Water Street Pub

Water Street Pub at 202 W. Water St. here in Shullsburg will be hosting a Hot Dog and Macaroni & Cheese dinner on Wednesday, December 11 beginning at 5:30 p.m. For only \$6/plate you'll get a hot dog, macaroni and cheese, chips, and a soda. Half of all proceeds will go to support unbudgeted children's ministries such as PJ's and Popcorn and the Singing and Ringing program for the Sunday School children at Centenary UMC! Confirmation and Wed. night Bible Study are suspended for that



night so that we as a church can fill Water St. Pub with the friends and members of Centenary UMC, having fun, food and fellowship; all the while we will be helping to financially support these children's ministries that help families feel at home and encourage them to praise and worship God here at CUMC.

RSVP's by December 4 are encouraged so that they can order enough inventory. RSVP by calling Water Street Pub, e-mailing the church, or commenting on the Facebook post.

## Blue Box Helpers Wanted

The office is looking for someone to organize and refill the children's activity box each week. It only takes about 15 minutes and involves making new copies of coloring sheets, loading up clipboards, refilling/re-rolling the crayon rolls, and discarding used paper.

There is a sign-up sheet near the box. If you could help out, please put your name down. Becky Mootz can give you more instructions.

## Sunday School Music Notes

We have been having so much fun teaching music to the Sunday School Children on Sunday mornings! Thank you so much everyone for your hard work learning the songs on the CD that we sent home. We have been so pleased with how many "I practiced" sheets that have been coming in! Thank you! If you don't have a CD or need more "I practiced" slips, please see JoAnn Meyer or Dawn Gobrecht. We are learning 4 songs for the month of December, two handbell pieces and 2 songs. It is a lot for us to accomplish in just 15 minutes each week, so your practice time at home is very important this month. Please be practicing "Deck the Halls" and "Hallelujah Christmas". Our performance schedule is as follows:



- Sunday, December 1: Children's Handbell Choir performing "Joy to the World"
- Sunday, December 15: Children's Christmas program. Handbells will perform "Silent Night." Children's Choir will perform "Hallelujah Christmas" and/or "Deck the Halls."

We hope to see everyone there! Thank you for supporting the Children's choirs!

Dawn Gobrecht & JoAnn Meyer

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## Fellowship Group News

Thanks to Larry & Pam Teasdale, Randy & Julie Gill and Sharon Teutschmann for doing all of the work for the Auction and to all who made and donated items. Every little bit helps to make a successful auction. Total proceeds from the auction were \$3,477! Also thanks to all the wonderful people who donated their time and gifts to make the Thanksgiving supper so successful, and a big thank you goes to Amy Mullikin who does an incredible job coordinating the meal. Thanks, Amy!

We wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and remember that Jesus is the reason for the season!!!!!!

God Bless!

Pam Harker, Fellowship Group



Advent by Candlelight 2013

All women of the Church are invited to attend this special Advent event! On Sunday, December 8, we will have our first annual Advent by Candlelight program. The tables will be decorated by people who have signed up to be table hosts with holiday décor and with candlelight. Please arrive at 6:00 p.m. to have an opportunity to have some punch and look at the beautifully decorated tables. At 6:15 we will be seated and will have delicious desserts served to us by several men of our church. At 6:30 we will begin a special advent program entitled, "The Story of Christmas", and will include scripture readings and reflections as well as wonderful music by several soloists. We will also sing some Christmas Carols and prepare our hearts for the Advent Season. There is a sign up board in the entrance of the church. If you have any questions you can call me at 965-4576 or catch me at church. Hope to see you there!



A big thank you to all that helped out in any way for the Thanksgiving dinner, from donating items to helping clean up. A HUGE thank you to Debbie Unbehaun for cooking our wonderful meal. We had a amazing turnout!

Thank you to all the bidders at the auction.  
Blessings to all!

*Amy Mullikin*, Nurture Committee Chair

# December Worship

Nov. 30 & Dec. 1

## What Does Christmas Mean to My Job

## Luke 2: 8-20

## Matthew 2: 1-12

Colossians 3: 23-25

December 7 & 8

# What Does Christmas Mean To My Marriage and Romantic Relationships

## Matthew 1: 18-25

## Ephesians 5: 21-33

December 14 & 15

## What Does Christmas Mean to My Family?

Luke 2: 1-20

## Matthew 12: 46-49

## 1 John 3: 1-24

December 21 & 22

## What Does Christmas Mean to Me?

John 1: 1-14

December 28 & 29

## Naysaying the Naysayers on Ministry to the poor and Marginalized

## Mark 3: 1-6

James 2: 14-17

## Worship News

We will again be having 12 poinsettias available for people to purchase “in memory” or “in honor” of someone this Christmas season. Forms will be available on the back table of the sanctuary. If you would like to sponsor a plant, please fill out a form and put it in the offering plate or turn it into the office with your check. The cost this year is \$10 a plant.

Holiday Blessings!

Lisa Diedrich, Worship Chair

### Christmas Poinsettias

Christmas Poinsettias are now available for purchase to place in the Sanctuary for the Christmas Season. To order your poinsettias, please fill out the form and return it to the office or place it in the offering plate by December 11th.

The cost is \$10.00 a poinsettia.

**Please Make Checks Payable To: CUMC**

You may pick your poinsettia up following the 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve services. The Poinsettias that are not picked up will be used for flowers for the sanctuary while they last.

I wish to order \_\_\_\_\_ Christmas Poinsettia(s)

I will purchase \_\_\_\_\_ Christmas Poinsettia(s) Myself

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

As a Gift: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_



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

## Trustees News

As of today, November 18th, the restoration work on the church will be done for this year. The church has been tuck pointed, window sills replaced, window sills patched, a new stone slab for the north entrance, and new caulking and backer rod around the wood cornice on top (which should help keep bats out!!) Weather is the only thing stopping us. With the colder temperatures coming up it will be tough to do any painting or concrete work until the start of next year. Renaissance Restoration performed an analysis of the paint used on the exterior of the church. There is a copy of this on the bulletin board by the Serenity room, feel free to take look at it. Using this analysis they have given us the recommended colors to be used on the woodwork of the church to restore it to its original paint scheme. This is something that I will have on display for the church before any work is done.

If you got some free time -- take a couple minutes and just look at the church. Look at the sills, the limestone, and the chimney facing the park. It really is amazing what God has given to us and done through us to help restore the church. This is only the start, so stay tuned for many more things to come!

The Trustees approved a bid from Paul Ranum Construction to replace the smaller deck on the west side of the parsonage. Work should be beginning on that shortly. We have also passed the responsibility of a capital project for the parsonage basement onto the Study Committee to help lay most of the groundwork for this next item ahead.

jdiedrich@gmail.com or 608-482-4608.

*Jeremiah Diedrich*, Trustees Chair

### December Schedule for Wednesday

### Confirmation Class & Bible Study

Confirmation - 6:15 p.m. - Dec 4 & 18

Bible Study class - 7:00 p.m. - Dec 4 then off till January

Check out the Life of the Church in the Weekly Bulletin for updated information on place, subject, etc.

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

## Christmas Worship Schedule

### **Advent Sermon Series:** What Does Christmas Mean...?

Nov 31 & Dec 1:	...to My Job?	Luke 2:8-20
Dec 7 & 8:	...to My Marriage & Romantic Relationships?	Matthew 1:18-25
Dec 14 & 15:	...to My Family?	Matthew 12:46-49
Dec 21 & 22:	...to Me?	John 1:1-14

### **Sunday School Christmas Pageant:**

During 10:15 worship on Sunday, December 15

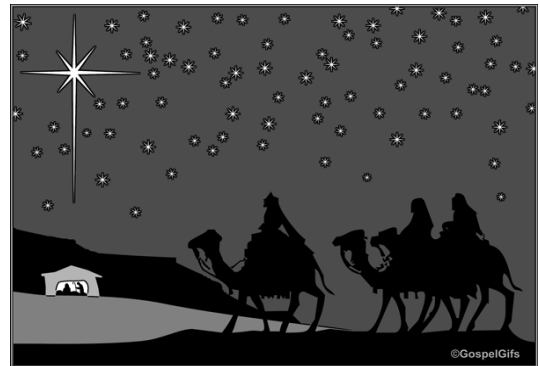
Following the service there will be cake for the children and their families downstairs in the fellowship hall.

### **Christmas Eve:**

7:00 p.m. Family Christmas Eve Service in the Burg

11:00 p.m. Traditional Worship Service featuring A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols: Come enjoy the classic carols and timeless lessons of traditional Christmas songs and proclamations. This is especially enjoyable in the dimness and quiet of the late evening on the edge of Christmas morn.

NOTE: Both Christmas Eve Services will feature a Candlelight Reflection & singing of Silent Night.



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## 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 contact Becky Upmann at 482-3920 or [gingerbreadpreschool@hotmail.com](mailto:gingerbreadpreschool@hotmail.com).

The next parent meeting is Tuesday, December 3rd at 6:00 p.m.

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## Parent/Play Group News



Play Group will be meeting December 4th & 18th (at the church in the former nursery room) at 10:00 a.m. All parents and little ones are welcome!



# CENTENARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

October 14, 2013

**Members present:** Becky Upmann, Becky Mootz, Pastor Jeff, Art Finnigan, Lois Finnigan, Tammy White, Lisa Diedrich, Lee Gill, Jeremiah Diedrich, Cherie Uehling, Eugene Uehling, Laura Popp, Joy Redfearn, Dawn Gobrecht and Pam Teasdale.

Pastor Jeff opened with a prayer.

**PASTOR REPORT-** Pastor Jeff stated keeping the meeting to 1 ½ hours. Gave out a paper for Efficient Council Meeting. Everyone agreed that it was a good idea to follow.

**SECRETARY REPORT-** We went through last month's minutes and noted the items that needed to be fixed. They were fixed.

**OLD BUSINESS-** Retreat- the next retreat will be focusing on Relationships. It is set to take place August 15-17, 2014. Pastor Jeff will be booking this, he is asking trustees to approve this to be taken from the education fund. More information to come as available. Pam Teasdale said to book the date and Jeremiah will take it to trustees to see about taking out of the education fund. Pam read an email from Tricia King about how our church council meetings are ran and her thoughts on that. It was a good report. Everyone gave their opinion on her thoughts.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE-** Becky M discussed our debt situation. She discussed last month and about not being able to give SPRC an amount for cuts. Tina and Becky are coming up with a profit and loss for the year. Kari Strang is going to help us get back on track. No recommendations have been made due to lack of reports done so far. This needs to wait until the reports from Tina and Kari are done. Hopefully by the November meeting they will know more. No one has been chosen for Finance Chair. They are waiting until the financials are in better order before appointing anyone. Once they are in order a Finance Chair will be chosen. Jeff brought up not doing Pledge cards this year. It wasn't showing a difference in the money given. The committee decided not to do cards this year. They will still be doing the Stewardship program. It is beneficial to have income/expense in the weekly bulletins, newsletters and quarterly reports. It was discussed that we need to be more open on how much money goes out verses coming in, so that everyone is aware. The money situation is stable, but need to keep improving. Paid back 7150 to the education account that was borrowed in the past.

**TRUSTEES-** Jeremiah stated that they received another \$100,000 donation for the restoration of the church; this is to be used for restoration, tuck pointing, and exterior upkeep of the church. They had a meeting with the donor and Renaissance Restoration out of Galena. They started working on the building. The donors were very specific on what needs to be done and what they money can go towards. Lauren & Rich went to the parsonage to look at the situation. The bathroom is in bad shape and needs to be taken care of as soon as possible. Water collects and goes into the bathroom. Laruen is looking into ways to fix this problem. They are also looking into tiling around the parsonage in the spring to help with this problem. Lease is to be signed for the new building by Jeremiah. The deck on the side of the parsonage is rotting away, looking in to fixing this fall. The down spout needs to be fixed so it doesn't flood the parsonage yard.

**MEMORIAL**- Joy started out by saying that the memorial committee hasn't met. She gave an update on what has been purchased. A reimbursement has been made to Eugene Uehling for the purchase of the video equipment. Lifeline will be coming to fix the streaming problem. She also stated that there are more items that will be purchased. They will let us know when that happens.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**- Michelle Jackson stated that they will be starting the First Program on October 20- November 10<sup>th</sup>. This program is church wide. UNICEF boxes were handed out to the children. The Christmas program was discussed and they will be doing a total of 4 songs, which include 1 with bells, 2 with choir and 1 with the junior high kids using multi tracs. They also discussed finding a place to store the bells.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**- They will be doing the First Program as well.

**NURTURE COMMITTEE**- NO REPORT

**OUTREACH**-Jeff gave a report. Gave us a new paper about how outreach should be done. 1) To touch someone outside the wall, 2) to observe the local events. They are going to start looking for needs of our committees. The committee will be helping Pastor Jeff do this. Outreach people need to get information from different ministries and bring to church council to see if they can help. Help with relationships to reach out and help people. This statement was passed by the church council and will be the new way Outreach will be ran. Outreach committee will recruit people to help with ministries. Church council passed this effective immediately.

**YOUTH**- Eugene Uehling started off by stating that the Youth Group Meeting time has been changed from Sunday nights to Sunday at 11:45. He said the first one went well. They had 11 youth and 6 adult leaders with the hopes that more come. They changed the time after great consideration; they discussed it with youth, parents and leaders. They took a field trip 2 weeks ago to the Pumpkin Patch and picked pumpkins for cheesefest. They had 23 people go that day. Everyone who went got a pumpkin to take home as well. They did make a scarecrow for cheesefest. They won 2<sup>nd</sup> place and received a \$100 check. They will be starting the First Stewardship program that will run parallel to the one the church is doing. They have started selling Greenery and Wreaths. Kids have the selling sheets. They will be in Saturday November 23 in time for thanksgiving decorating. They are also selling That's My Pan. Kids have order forms for them, as well as samples by the church office for all to see. They will be taking orders for them until December 1<sup>st</sup>. So that way everyone can get them in time for Christmas. They sold both at the cheesefest booth. They made \$200 at the cheesefest booth. They talked about meeting with the Sidekick people. They discussed the Youth Mission Trip which they are hoping will be a western destination working with the community. Father JoGee Meet with Pastor Jeff about joining activities with our youth group. They will be discussing it with Abby and Tom.

**WORSHIP**- Lisa Diedrich started out by saying that they had 7 people attend the technical training. They will need help with some services. If you are interested in helping please contact her. She said that the band will be playing October 13 & 27, November 17 & 24 and December 8 & 24. They are ordering an adaptor for the IPAD. She said they had a flag making on the weekend.

**SPRC**-Tina was not present but other SPRC members were. They said they have a meeting on October 28<sup>th</sup>. No decisions have been made yet. Hopefully at the meeting.

**STUDY COMMITTEE**- NO REPORT

**OTHER ITEMS DISCUSSED**- Church Conference paperwork was handed out to those needing to do these. Please do your papers and get them back to the office as soon as possible. The Annual Church Conference Meeting will be Monday December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. There will be a Pasty Luncheon on November 30<sup>th</sup> from 11-1. They are looking for helpers for the day. It will be \$8 for adult and \$4 for child. The dinner will include pasty, coleslaw, dessert and drink. They need help baking at 7am and 10am for help setting up. Planning on serving about 110 people. If you can help please let Cherie Uehling know. There will be the annual church dinner/auction on November 21<sup>st</sup>. Pam Harker will be putting a food list of items needed together. They need helpers for the night as well. Please donate items for selling.

Pastor Jeff closed with a prayer.

Next Meeting November 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

Becky Upmann



## Youth Group News



**Thank you to all those who ordered greenery from the Youth Group Mission Trip Fundraiser.**

**This is our second year for the greenery fundraiser. All items were pre-ordered this year, but we did add on a couple 24" decorated wreathes and a couple 25-foot sections of roping. These were still available on Nov. 24. If you are interested in these, please contact Eugene Uehling.**

**The Youth Group also has an activities fundraiser with a large variety of customizable pans and kitchen items, from "That's My Pan!" There are samples on the table outside the Church Office. The Youth did a fundraiser with this company a few years ago, and those who ordered were very happy with the quality and durability of the items. People who order by Dec. 1st will receive their items in time for Christmas. We are able to order beyond Dec. 1st, for those who are looking for these quality items, and are not planning to give them as Christmas gifts. Please see any Youth Group member or leader to place your order!**

**Youth Group meets on Sunday at 11:45 am. We will not have Youth Group on December 22 and 29, so that our youth may spend time with their families. We will be baking Christmas cookies during our meeting time on December 15. All senior high and junior high youth are welcome!**

**Merry Christmas from the CUMC Youth Group**

*Eugene Uehling*, Youth Group Coordinator

## Retired & Re-Fired Small Group Meeting

Members of the Retired and Re-Fired Small Group have a wealth of experiences that make our meetings very interesting. We are learning so much about one another as we share our personal stories. We're a group of really interesting and "Neat" people, and I'm so thankful I have the opportunity to really know them.

Sharing and mutual support is the main focus of our meetings, but we also have some Bible study, prayer, and a topic for each meeting. At our November 11th meeting, we shared a special Christmas and our ideas for the Christmas cards we'll be making at or December 9th meeting. We each also identified our winter project and projects.

Our November 25th meeting will feature a guest speaker. Mary Knellwolf, Family Living Coordinator/WNEP Coordinator Lafayette County UW-Extension will present "Who Get's Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate". She will discuss considerations for the transfer of nontitle personal property.

Our meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at Noon in the Serenity Room. You are asked to bring your own lunch. There are a couple of exceptions to this. Mary Gensler will host our December 9th meeting at noon at her home. We will not meet on December 23rd.

If you are retired or semi-retired, we'd love to have you join our group. Come and get re-fired for the next chapter of your life.

Betty Gleason, Retired & Re-fired Small Group

## Women's Small Group

This small group meets on Monday mornings at 9:00 a.m. at Sarah Santiago's home on County Road U. We are a group of women who fellowship together and lift one another up in prayer. Children are welcome! Right now, we are slowly making our way through the Love dare for Parents book, and each week we have a bible study that goes along with our readings. We would love to have you join us! If you have any questions, please see any of us for more details. JoAnn Meyer, Sarah Santiago, Tara Teasdale, Kimberley Brown or Dawn Gobrecht or Becky Upmann. Hope to see you on Monday!

Newsletter content deadline: 20th of the month
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Calling all people who want to  
get healthy once and for  
all!!!!



Okay, for the first time ever we will have a weight loss competition here at CUMC. Just like popular weight loss TV shows, this is your first challenge. You get to pick when you start the competition. However, here's the catch. Whenever you start determines your weigh-in date at the end of the competition. In essence, it keeps the competition fair for everyone. Also, keep in mind that we will be going by weight loss percentage and not total pounds lost to determine the winner, which means we all have a fair chance of winning the contest. Here's how it's going to work.

First, there is a \$20 entry fee per person to enter the contest. A 10% tithing fee will be taken off the total and go directly to the church. Of the remaining total, 70% will go to the winner and 30% to the runner up. Maybe you just want to join to help the cause or be a supporter for others to have a shoulder to lean on. However the Lord leads you, please considering joining.

Our parish nurse, Marlene Stewart, has agreed to be the only person seeing everyone's weight and determining the weight loss percentage. This means she will be the only one weighing you in at the weigh-ins. Absolutely no one else will see your weight, only your percentage lost shared among those in the competition.

Now, the weigh-in dates that will determine your final weigh-in date:

<b><u>Beginning Weigh-in</u></b>	<b><u>Final Weigh-in</u></b>
November 24 <sup>th</sup>	April 20 <sup>th</sup>
December 1 <sup>st</sup>	April 27 <sup>th</sup>
December 22 <sup>nd</sup>	May 18 <sup>th</sup>
January 5 <sup>th</sup>	June 1st



If you can't make any of the morning services on one of the Sundays listed, please let me know and we will explore a later time for you to weigh-in on one of these days. Also, if you don't want to join the competition, but would like to assist as you might have a lot of ideas or resources to share, please contact me for details.

More information to follow after you get registered. Thanks and God bless.

Ed Santiago Email: [edsantiago29@gmail.com](mailto:edsantiago29@gmail.com)



# December 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 8:00 Traditional Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Rock n' Praise 11:45 Youth Group	<b>2</b> 6:00 Gingerbread Parent mtg.	<b>3</b> 10:00 Play Group	<b>4</b> 10:00 Play Group	<b>5</b> Pastor Jeff's Day Off	<b>6</b> Pastor Jeff's Day Off	<b>7</b> 7:00 Casual Worship
<b>8</b> 8:00 Traditional 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Rock'n Praise 11:45 Youth Group 6:00 Advent Dinner	<b>9</b> noon R&R Small Grp 5:30 TLC mtg. 6:00 Finance mtg. 7:00 Church Conference	<b>10</b> 6:00 Dinner @ Pub	<b>11</b> 6:00 Dinner @ Pub	<b>12</b> Pastor Jeff's Day Off	<b>13</b> Pastor Jeff's Day Off	<b>14</b> 7:00 Casual Worship
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Special thanks to Tony & Diane Anderson for preparing the mailing of the December newsletters.

## December Birthdays

1 Karen Grace	18 Mike Jackson
2 Nancy Gehrt	19 Wayne Gehrt
3 Betty Gleason	19 Dillon Humphrey
3 Laura Droessler	20 Rich Harker
4 Jeff Wymore	21 Duane Hastings
5 Ruth Cherrey	21 Kasha Leitzinger
6 Brooklyn Bennett	22 Dirk Bode
8 Rich Brown	23 Rick Gill
9 Chad Teasdale	23 Loretta Ingram
9 Brett Bode	24 Nate Strang
9 Pete Poppy	25 Jesus Christ
9 Karlena Woodward	25 Gayle Stoycheff
10 Beth Teutschmann	26 Harvey Heinberg
13 Justin Crotty	27 Josh Russell
13 Larry Johnson	28 Lee Gill
14 Debbie Unbehaun	29 Eddie Santiago
15 Allie Gierke	29 Danelle Schmid
15 Will Moyle	30 Ellen Doyle
15 Doug Olson	30 Bev Monahan
17 Marcia Moyle	31 Louise Lyne
17 Alex Neff	31 Charles Symons
18 Ellie Hefel	

## December Anniversaries

7 Floyd & Joyce Tyson	10 Bruce & Sandy Russell
8 Charles & Kathleen Symons	21 Tim & Kari Strang
22 Rick & Lee Gill	

## November Statistics

### Attendance:

Nov 2 & 3	8,7,96
Nov 9 & 10	13,15,91
Nov 16 & 17	9,12,81
Nov 23 & 24	9,8,67
Nov 30 & Dec 1	Not Available

### Total Offerings:

Nov 2 & 3	\$1445.16
Nov 9 & 10	4951.01
Nov 16 & 17	1857.95
Nov 23 & 24	5471.56
Nov 30 & Dec 1	Not Available

### Designated Offerings:

(included in above totals)

Apportionments	\$ 95.00
Missions	55.00
Sunday School	52.29
Warm Hearts	742.00
Auction	3477.00

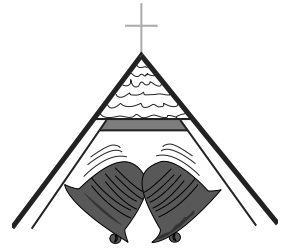
## Next PJ's and Popcorn Family Movie Night!

Please join us on Sunday, December 29 at 6:00 p.m. in the basement fellowship hall for our next family movie night! We will be watching Pixar's newest release that involves characters that "fly". I hope that is a good enough hint! Popcorn and juice will be provided. Hope to see you there!





# The Chimes



Saturday evening  
worship at 7:00 pm  
music by Irene Verdegan

Sunday Morning  
Traditional service at  
8:00 am music by  
Tina Cruse

Contemporary Service at  
10:15 featuring the  
Awaken Praise band

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## Sharing Christmas Blessings

It is such a blessing to be able to BE a blessing to others! Centenary has identified 8 families who could use a little extra help with gifts this Christmas. The tree in the narthex is decorated with ornaments listing their ages, gender, and items from their wish lists. If you would like to help, please choose one or more ornaments, write your name down on the list next to the items you've chosen, attach the ornaments to the wrapped gifts, and return them to the church BY Sunday, December 15. The Outreach Committee will then gather up and distribute all the gifts.



### **A Vision For Our Church**

*Centenary UMC will become THE place to be on Sunday mornings. People will drive by the church on a Sunday morning and think, "That place is packed: I wonder what I'm missing." As God draws their spirits to this place, they will encounter an inviting atmosphere and experience worship that is relevant to their lives. They will become moved to experience God more deeply and then be drawn into ministry for others.*