

The Chimes



Centenary United Methodist Church

Brothers and Sisters,

At the time I am writing this the Sanctuary update is not yet complete. However, I just had to write this month about a couple inspiring experiences that have happened during the updates.

The first was seeing the tile floor under the red carpet. This was the original floor that members and visitors of our church walked on a long time ago...seeing it and walking on it I felt closer to the church, more connected to all of you because I saw and learned more about your history here at Centenary.

Second, with the new neutral paint colors, I could not help but notice how brilliant the colors of the stained glass windows now look as the light of the sun penetrates and cascades into the sanctuary. Those stained glass windows shined down on our past; on that original tile church floor and then the red shag carpet we had for years. Now, that same light shines on our present with the new carpet, paint and pew upholstery... and it will shine on our future as a church. Those stained glass windows have now become almost a metaphor for God's grace in that the beautiful colors and light that shines through is actually a connection to our past, an anchor to our present and a conduit to our future.

This is exactly why we get together every weekend to worship God. This is exactly why we have Sunday School, Food Pantry, Pasty Bakes and Youth Group and all the other ministries, events and projects here at Centenary UMC. So that all of humanity can learn the historical story of our relationship with

God, connect with that story through the Christian community offered to us now in Christ, and become part of that story by becoming part of the future God promises us as beloved children of God in the Kingdom of God now and forever.

I pray when we have our first service in the new sanctuary that those stained glass windows inspire all of you like they did me. Furthermore, I pray the grace of God, like the light shining on all of us through those windows, permeates every part of us as Christians and as a church, as a Christian community... and inspires us to love God, love others and make disciples of Jesus Christ by sharing that story and inviting others to become a part of it, too.

In the love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

Pastor Jeff

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Ash Wednesday Services

The beginning of the holy time of self-reflection on our relationship with Jesus Christ as Christians and as a Church (commonly known as Lent) begins Wednesday, February 13 on "Ash Wednesday." Ash Wednesday is a Christian tradition where God's children may be anointed with the ash of palm branches (from the previous years' Palm Sunday) to remind them of their mortality and the importance of and the hope found in a relationship with Jesus Christ.



Centenary UMC will have two Ash Wednesday Services this year in order to accommodate as many people receiving the ash as possible. The first service will be at noon and the second will be at 6:00 p.m. If the sanctuary is ready both services will be held there, otherwise both services will be held in the Fellowship Hall in the basement.

Please pass this information on to as many folks as possible, and feel free to contact the church with any questions. Hope to see many of you on this Holy Day as we begin this wonderful and dramatic season known as Lent in the Christian Tradition.

Passover Banquet

It is with great joy and excitement that Centenary UMC announces that Ryan Karp, a Messianic Jew (A Jewish Christian who believes Jesus Christ is the Messiah) from Chosen People Ministries in New York, NY will be coming here to Centenary UMC to host a Messiah in the Passover Banquet on Wednesday, March 13 @ 6:00 p.m. (This will be the Confirmation students class that night so they and their families are strongly encouraged to attend).

This will include not only a marvelous presentation of the divine link between this Jewish festival and the grace of Jesus Christ, but will also include a scrumptious banquet featuring the traditional foods used to celebrate the Passover Seder. Communion, like you have never experienced it before, will follow the meal.

A list for volunteers to purchase and bring ingredients as well as help prepare dishes will appear on the back table in the sanctuary sometime around the start of Lent. Any volunteers and support we can receive would be greatly appreciated!

What an incredible opportunity for everyone including families to do something special during the Lenten season! Please mark this date down for this incredible opportunity to learn, to understand, to fellowship, to eat, to celebrate and to come closer to our Almighty God and His incredible grace shown through His Son Jesus Christ.

February Administrative Meetings

Tuesday, February 12

Finance Committee — 6:00 p.m.

Church Council — 7:00 p.m.

All committee chairs should plan to attend or send someone from their committee to report. **2013 Budget proposals are due back.** If no one from your committee will be attending, please email Pam Teasdale with a committee update.

February Missional Giving

This month's mission emphasis will be our local food pantry. Each month roughly 75 area families are supplied with grocery items ranging from canned goods, meat, produce, and personal care items. Our food pantry receives government commodities, but also relies heavily on individual donations. If you are able to support the food pantry, you may make a monetary donation or buy the "item of the month," listed above.

If you would like to give to a different ministry, just write it on your envelope, but if you don't, it will go to this month's cause.

Food Pantry Giving

Last month we collected 8 food items for food pantry! Thanks to everyone who brought something in!

Our February item will be pancake mix & syrup. Let's try to bring in enough for all 75 of our families! We will be collecting these until February 21.



February Worship

February 2 & 3

Two Steps to Greater Christian Community: Step 2

Communion

1 Corinthians 12:12-26

Matthew 18:1-9

February 9 & 10

Transfiguration of Jesus Christ

Leviticus 23:33-34

Mark 9:2-9

February 16 & 17

Christian Leadership (Part 1)

Mark 8:34-38

John 21:15-19

Psalms 23

February 23 & 24

Christian Leadership (Part 2)

1 Corinthians 3

Luke 23:32-43

Matthew 27:45-50

2013 Church Committees & Members

Our church wouldn't operate effectively without the work of numerous committees. However, it is sometimes difficult to keep them all filled with volunteers. So in 2011, the Lay Leadership Committee (LLC) was formed to thoughtfully fill open positions on all the other committees here at CUMC. The LLC is chaired by Pastor Jeff, and the other members are Ruth Cherrey, Tina Cruse, Chad Teasdale, and Cherie Uehling.

All committees met on January 14 for a group meeting, then as individual committees. Some had new chairs elected. Below is a listing of all committees and members for 2013.

Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC)

Tina Cruse - Chair

Art Finnigan*

Betty Gleason

Dan Dillon

Dawn Gobrecht

Deb Edwards

Jennifer Russell

Tammy White

Worship

Lisa Diedrich - Chair

Art Finnigan*

Felyscha Unbehaun

Danelle Schmid

Communion Stewards: Sharon Teutschmann
& Penny Tregloan

Band Members: Kathy Bennett, Jeremiah
Diedrich, Lois Finnigan, Mike
Jackson, Gabby Kutz, Eddie
Santiago, Rod Stewart

Outreach & Mission

Katrina Gleason - Chair

Art Finnigan*

Lois Finnigan

Becky Mootz

Marlene Stewart

Tara Teasdale

Charla Walker

Trustees

Jeremiah Diedrich - Chair

Lauren Ray - Vice Chair

Rich Brown

Art Finnigan*

Pam Harker

Terry Hicks

Steve Leitzinger

Debbie Monahan

Rod Stewart

Rod Stewart Jr.

John Walker

Memorials

Joy Redfearn - Chair

Art Finnigan*

Mary Gensler

Marsha Kremer

Leigh Lierman

Dave Popp

Sandy Russell

Chris Teutschmann

Sharon Teutschmann

Nurture & Membership Care*Amy Mullikin - Chair*

Art Finnigan*

Deb Edwards

Tara Teasdale

Lee Gill

Attendance & Membership:

Diane & Tony Anderson

Parish Nurse: Marlene Stewart

Finance*Becky Mootz - Chair*

Monica Hanson - Treasurer

Kari Strang - Auditor

Tina Cruse - SPRC Chair

Lee Gill - Member at Large

Lois Finnigan - Financial Secretary

Laura Hinzman - interim Financial
Secretary

Art Finnigan* - Lay Leader

Jeremiah Diedrich - Trustees Chair

Additional Positions

Eugene Uehling - Youth Group

Tony Anderson - Native American

Representative

Deb Edwards - Welcoming Team

Coordinator

Becky Mootz - Church Secretary

Su Schwartz - Custodian

Becky Upmann & Sabra Stanton -

Nursery Attendants

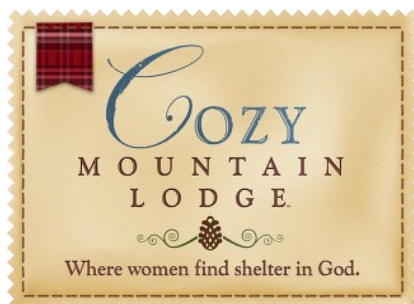
Danelle Schmid & Irene Verdegan -

Music Directors

*As Lay Leader, Art Finnigan is placed on every committee.

Women's Retreat

Calling all busy, tired women! Bring your mom, mother-in-law, grandmother, sisters, aunts and friends and join us for an incredible getaway weekend at UMC's Pine Lake Camp and get renewed and refreshed as you build your relationship with God.



The sessions start on Friday night, so Thursday's arrival is optional for those that are looking for a day of rest and reflection by the cozy fireplace or the beauty of the outdoors.

Registration fee varies depending on arrival day and room-sharing, but it includes lodging, materials, and meals. Forms can be picked up at the church and returned by February 17. A \$25 deposit is required, and the balance must be paid by March 3. For more information or pricing, see the Women's 2013 Retreat event on Facebook, or call Michelle Jackson at 642-2893.

Youth Group News

During Youth Group on February 17 Gabby Kutz will be telling the story of her struggles with self-harm (what many may call "cutting") and her recovery from it. This promises to be an impactful and powerful evening on a subject that is incredibly relevant to youth today. The event is for 6th graders through high schoolers only so as to provide the comfort level for youth to be able to interact with and ask questions of Gabby. Please pass this information on via e-mail, Facebook and word of mouth so as to invite as many youth in our community to this important event and to hear this important story and message from Gabby Kutz.

Youth Group Super Bowl Party

All youth, youth leaders, and parents willing to help are welcome to come to the parsonage for a Youth Group Super Bowl Party beginning @ 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 3rd. (Kick-off is at 5:30 p.m.)

If possible, youth are asked to bring a two liter of soda to church/youth group/the parsonage this weekend so they can be chilled and ready for next weekend.

Also, if possible, it would be great if each youth that attends could bring an appetizer to share! Feel free to bring a friend!

If you have any questions or concerns simply call the church at 965-3455.

Hope to see a lot of you there on Super Bowl Sunday!!!



Fellowship Group Meeting

There will be an important Fellowship group meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 2. We will serve a light breakfast of rolls, coffee, milk and juice. We will be discussing the upcoming Passover meal to be held in March: we will need to have donations of food, people to make and serve the meal, etc. We also will be discussing what sayings we might choose for the walls in the sanctuary on the side walls by the altar, placing our metal & wooden chairs for sale to the congregation, and pasty bakes in March. Hope to see everyone there.

Pam Harker, Fellowship Group coordinator

Breastfeeding Minute

Pumping Breastmilk

Breastmilk is the best milk for your baby even when you are not able to nurse. If you must be separated, pumping breastmilk is a great solution to what your baby will eat while you are away. Many moms find pumping takes a little practice but once they get a good routine it goes very smoothly. First, mom needs to decide which pump she is going to use, whether it is a manual pump or an electric pump. Read the instruction manual when available or get current information about the brand and type of pump you have. Each is a little different. Next choose a quiet, comfortable place without too many distractions for you to pump. Third wash your hands with warm soapy water. Remember you are collecting your baby's food; you want things as clean and sanitary as possible. Fourth, relax and think about your baby. Looking at a picture of your baby, listening to relaxing music or smelling a piece of your baby's clothes may help you relax and focus on pumping for your baby. It may take a few minutes for the milk to start flowing, but be patient. Once the milk has slowed to only a drip or stopped your pumping session is done. It may take several practice sessions to get a good flow of milk with the pump. Remember pumping should be comfortable if it hurts adjust your settings for maximum comfort or ask for help from a nurse or lactation consultant.

This article is provided by:

Katrina Gleason, WIC Breastfeeding
Peer Counselor
608-482-3291

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

If you have any questions about breastfeeding contact your healthcare provider, local WIC office or me.

Katrina Gleason



Breastfeeding support group will be meeting in the Serenity Room from 10 to 12 on Friday, February 8. All moms-to-be and breastfeeding moms and infants are invited. If you want more information, you can contact Katrina or watch the Shullsburg Area Parents Group Facebook page.

Play Group

February 13 & 27

January Stewardship Message

Giving is an act of Love.

Protect yourself against the least little bit of greed. Life is not defined by what you have, even when you have a lot."

Luke 12:15 The Message

Growing in Generosity - The "Extra" Chair

As they prepared for their annual Valentine's Day dinner and dance outing last year, three couples who meet monthly to socialize realized how much food their local food pantry could buy for the cost of one of their tickets for the night. As they met to finalize the details, one of the men suggested they try something new. He asked each couple to set aside an amount for a "Third Ticket" or an "Extra Chair" and to save that money to give to charity at the end of the year, instead of buying each other Christmas gifts.

Through their "Third Ticket" or "Extra Chair" plan, each couple placed the cost of an extra ticket to the show or play or the cost of an extra dinner in a jar they kept at home. If they went out to dinner and the cost was \$20 apiece, each couple put another \$20 bill in the jar. If they went out to a play and tickets cost \$30 to \$40, each couple put that amount in the jar. Even if they just met on the spur of the moment for a quick lunch at \$5 apiece, they went home and put an extra \$5 in the jar.

Their motive was to save regularly in order to make a substantial charitable gift at the end of the year. They found it also reminded them to pray more regularly for persons in need.

At the end of the first year, their "Extra Chair" savings totaled just over \$3,000. On the night they gathered to share their savings and determine which charities to support, they started with a pot luck instead of going out to dinner. Then they divided their gifts between their church's shared connectional giving (apportionments) and three extra mission funds: their local food pantry, a mission outreach to children in a nearby state and a world hunger organization. They reported, "It was the best Christmas gathering the six of us have ever had!"

Perhaps we can use their idea to start saving for our own Christmas miracles this year!

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2013 Spring Grants Are Available from the Foundation

For over 30 years the Foundation has been offering grants to help creative projects and ministries get off the ground. If you have a creative and innovative program, ministry, project or activity which is new to your group, you may qualify for a grant from the Foundation! Please read what MAY be and will NOT be funded detailed in our Grant Guidelines. Grants awarded are to be considered seed money rather than continuing support and typically phase out after three years.

The current application deadline for the spring grants is February 20, 2013. (NOTE: This means that your grant application must be either postmarked or received in our office with all required signatures no later than midnight on February 20, 2013)

To view or download the current Grant Application and Grant Guidelines please visit our website at www.wumf.org.

A note from Pastor Jeff:

These grants are put out by the UMC Foundation of WI to help financially support new ministries in the church. Please take some time to pray and if anyone or any group of you feels called to start something new that falls into their guidelines, please feel free to make a proposal and e-mail it to me so we can talk about whether or not we can submit it for financial support from the Foundation. (There are some rules and limitations) :)

We successfully received money to start the Saturday night program last year...so feel free to pray and dream with Jesus and see if he wants to start something new through any of you.

Upcoming Lay Servant Courses

Basic Lay Servant Course

Dates: March 3, March 10 and March 17 (1:30 - 5:00 p.m.)

Place: Monroe United Methodist Church \$25

Advanced Lay Servant Course: Gifts of the Spirit

Dates: February 24, March 3, March 10 & March 17 (2:30 - 5:00 p.m.)

Place: Platteville United Methodist Church \$20

Advanced Lay Servant Course


Dates: March 3, March 10 & March 17 (1:30 - 5:00 p.m.)

Place: Monroe United Methodist Church \$25

To register or learn more, visit www.wisconsinumc.org. Click on Education, then Lay Training Opportunities.

February 2013

*For the most up-to-date calendar,
go to shullsburgumc.com & click on Calendar*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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						9:00 Fellowship Group mtg
3 8:00 Trad. Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Rock'n Praise	4 5	6 6:15 Confirmation 7:15 Bible Study	7	8 10:00 Breastfeeding Support Group	9 7:00 Casual Worship	
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Special thanks to Dawn Shawcross, Tara Teasdale, & Lisa Diedrich for preparing the mailing of
the January newsletters.

February Birthdays

1 Allen Kraus	13 Tony Anderson
2 Diane Anderson	13 Delvon Tregloan
2 John Walker	13 Dalton Wotnoski
3 Gary Weiskircher	15 Brad Mootz
5 Sandy Hittenmiller	19 Matt Gensler
5 Leigh Lierman	20 Glenn Matl
5 Xandria Olson	20 Tessa Schwartz
7 Bob King	22 Bill Scott
7 Lori Kudronowicz	23 Joshua Meyer
7 Mark Russell	23 Jonathan Weiskircher
9 Jennifer Berendes	25 Chris Wurtzbacher
11 Jerry Nielsen	28 Todd Ubersox
12 Jacob Meyer	

Statistics

Attendance:
not yet available

Offerings Received:

Jan 5 & 6	\$8,614.56
Jan 12 & 13	2,715.52
Jan 19 & 20	1,773.08
Jan 26 & 27	866.75

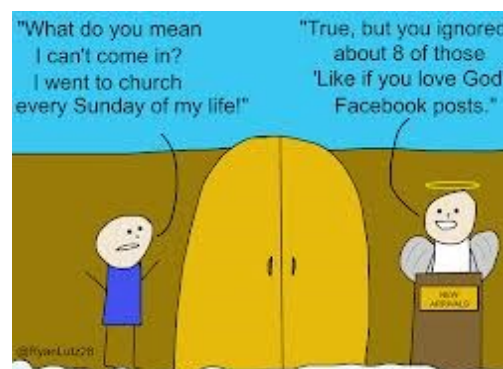
Special Offerings:

(included in above totals)

Apportionments	\$39.00
Missions	94.00
Sanctuary Renovations	50.00
Seminary Fund	2,500.00
Sunday School	38.45
Warm Hearts	14.66

February Anniversaries

6	Pat & Betty Gleason
14	Tom & Emily Martin
20	Rich & Janet Harker



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."

Staff:

Pastor: Jeff Meyer
Secretary: Becky Mootz
Treasurer: Monica Hanson
Saturday Music Director: Irene Verdegan
Sunday Music Director: Danelle Schmid
Nursery Attendants: Becky Upmann, Sabra Stanton
Janitor: Su Schwartz

Ministry Leaders:

<i>Ad Council Chair:</i>	<i>Missions & Outreach</i>
Pam Teasdale	<i>Chair:</i>
<i>Fellowship/Women's</i>	Katrina Gleason
<i>Group:</i>	<i>New Life Revival Service:</i>
Pam Harker	Ed Santiago
<i>Finance Committee</i>	<i>Nurture & Membership</i>
<i>Chair:</i>	<i>Care:</i>
Becky Mootz	Amy Mullikin
<i>Financial Secretary:</i>	<i>Parish Nurse:</i>
Lois Finnigan/	Marlene Stewart
Laura Hinzman	<i>Pasty Bakes:</i>
<i>Food Pantry:</i>	Cherie Uehling
Tina Cruse	<i>SPRC Chair:</i>
<i>Lay Leader:</i>	Tina Cruse
Art Finnigan	<i>Trustees Chair:</i>
<i>LIGHT/Sunday School:</i>	Jeremiah Diedrich
Michelle Jackson	<i>Worship Chair:</i>
<i>Memorials Chair:</i>	Lisa Diedrich
Joy Redfearn	

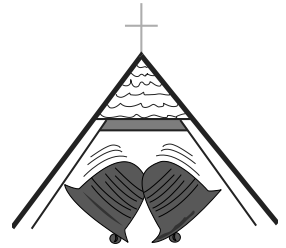
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Looking for Pictures for New Church Directories

We had 41 families get their pictures taken on January 25 & 26! If you were unable to make it on portrait day, you can still drop off a family photo (with copyright release) to the office or email to Becky Mootz at centenaryumcoffice@yahoo.com, and we will make sure it gets included in the directory.

Also, we are still looking for photos of miscellaneous church events taken from January 2008 until December 2012. Some ideas of what we are looking for are baptisms, weddings, VBS, Sunday School, youth & adult mission trips, 4th of July float, special worship services, New Life services, car show, etc. If you have any, they can also be sent to Becky Mootz.

Amy Mullikin & Becky Mootz, Church Directory Coordinators

