

The Chimes

Centenary United Methodist Church



February 2019

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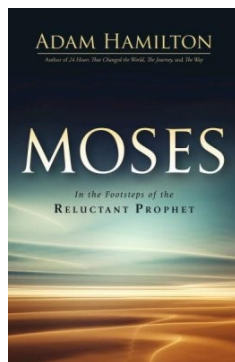
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Greetings,

I don't know about you, but I've had about enough of the cold temperatures and snow this winter. It seems, at times, as though spring will never get here. Falling snow confronts us at every turn. The freezing cold takes our breath away.

Sometimes life can feel the same way. We encounter those things in life that settle over us and it seems that our souls are locked in a frozen landscape with no end in sight. We cannot see an end in sight. The causes of these feelings are many and varied. Often times it is a loss that triggers these "winters" of our soul.

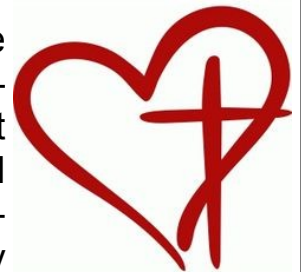
Though it seems as though winter will never end, rest assured spring is on its way. Likewise, when we have those "winters" of our soul, if we can muscle through it, spring will find its way into our lives. God is there with us in the midst of our lives; the springs and the winters, summers and falls. In the meantime, if you need someone to talk to, give me a shout.

Until Next Time,

Pastor Stanton

To Love You More.....

It is the job of the pastor, leaders and whole congregation to care for the body of the church. We are called to love as Jesus loved. The church doesn't always know when you are hurt, having surgery, going through a tough time, or in the hospital. If you would like a visit from the pastor, please let the church know. Pastor Stanton will have a regular visiting hour from 10:00-11:00 a.m. Monday mornings. If you would like Pastor Stanton to visit you on a Monday morning, please call the church office to set up a time!



They're Finally Here!

After several delays in production and shipping, our 2017 church directories are finally here! Thank you for your patience.

Each family that submitted a photo for the directory has a copy with their name on it on the table outside the office. There are a limited number of extra copies, so if you didn't submit a picture but would still like a directory, or if you want an extra copy, let one of the Beckys know. If neither of them is available, fill out one of the request slips and leave in the office mailbox.

Centenary UMC at a Glance

January Statistics

Total Offering:

(regular offering, not earmarks)

Jan 5, 6 & 9	\$1,897
Jan 12, 13 & 16	1,023
Jan 19, 20 & 23	2,036
Jan 26, 27 & 30	747

Attendance:

Weekly

(Sat 7, Sun 9 & 10:30, Wed 6:30)

Totals

Jan 5, 6 & 9	17, 17, 40, 12	86
Jan 12, 13 & 16	12, 6, 38, 6	62
Jan 19, 20 & 23	11, 7, 40, 7	65
Jan 26, 27 & 30	8, 8, 25, NS	41



February Worship

February 3 & 6

**We Are Family:
That's What It's All About**
Jeremiah 1:4-10

February 10 & 13

Guest Preachers

February 17 & 20

The Greatest
Jeremiah 17:5-10

February 24 & 27

The Grim Reaper
Genesis 45:3-11

Convenient Electronic & Mobile Giving

Remember the Convenience of Electronic Giving

The Finance Committee would like to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Not only is electronic giving from a checking or savings account convenient for individual congregation members, but it also provides much-needed donation consistency for our church. **We are now looking at mobile giving. If this is something you would be interested in, please contact Becky U in the office for more information.**

As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. Authorization forms and additional information are available from the church office.



Upcoming Events



Confirmation Class Schedule for Remainder of 2018-2019

(for students just entering confirmation program)

March 10 and May 5

all classes begin at noon and end at 2 p.m.

**Confirmation Service for Students who started with Pastor Jeff
will be Wednesday, March 20, 2019.**



We are excited to announce the answering of God's call by expanding the women's retreat now reaching women EVERYWHERE! So invite all of your friends. There will be some changes to the registration process as Pine Lake will be handling that...more details will follow. We just needed to get the dates out there! We are so excited to see what God has in store for this ministry!

Watch for more information on the Facebook page and in the March newsletter.

All women are welcome — CUMC members or not!

Meetings and News



Note that this is
not our regular
meeting night.

February Administrative Meetings

Monday, February 18

6:00 – Finance

7:00 – Church Council

Retired & Re-Fired Small Group

During our January meeting we worked on our Valentine Cards that will be going out to our Card Connection folks. We are working on our study of the 23rd Psalm.

During February and March we will meet only once, on the second Monday of the month. We will celebrate birthdays and anniversaries at that time, and lunch will be provided. We will meet at noon in the Fellowship Hall.

If you are retired or semi-retired, we hope you can join us in 2019.

This month's meeting:

Monday, February 11 — Celebration of our birthdays and anniversaries. Lunch will be provided.

Betty Gleason, Retired & Re-fired Small Group Leader

We're all Part of His Flock



The Retired & Re-Fired Group
Centenary United Methodist Church

Youth Group News

Calling all youth grades 6-12! Youth group meets **EVERY SUNDAY!** Bring your friends, and we'll see you there! **With the winter weather upon us, please watch our Facebook page for updates on cancellations.**

February 3: No Youth Group

February 10: 6:00 at church

February 17: 6:00 at church

February 24: 6:00 at church

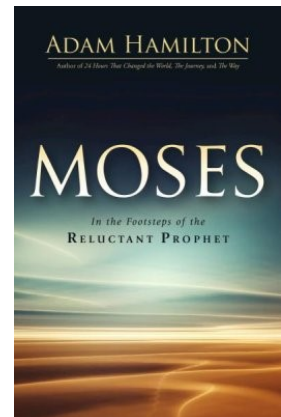
Youth Group Leaders & Volunteers



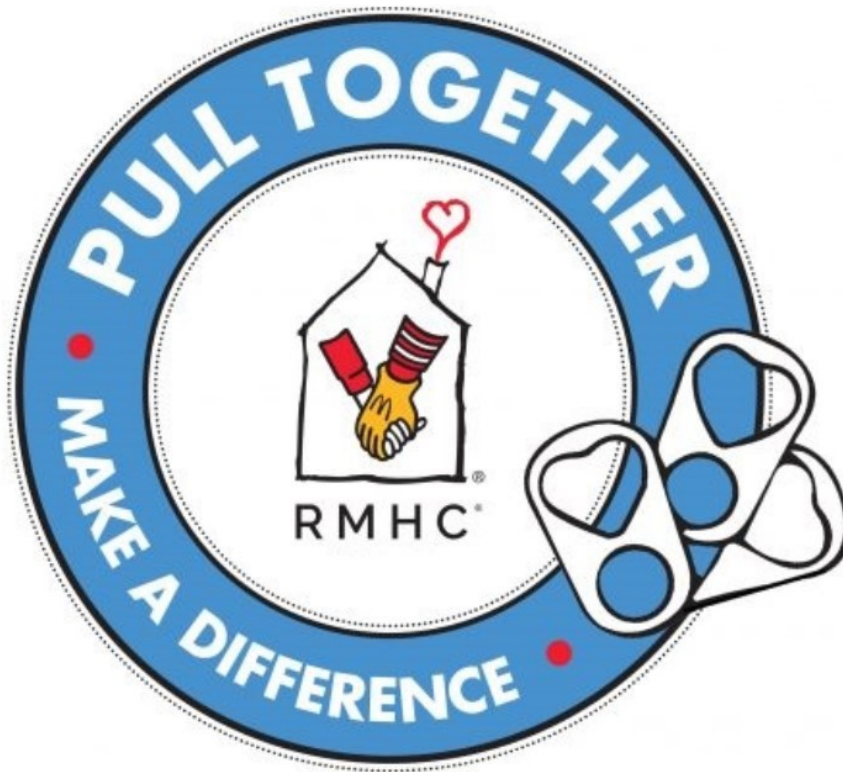
Wednesday Evening Adult Faith Study

6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Serenity Room

Learn about and retrace the life of Moses - from his rescue as a baby to the courts of Pharaoh, his Exodus out of Egypt to his gazing on the Promised Land. We'll see the actual places where he walked.



Sunday School Pop Tab Collection



.....collecting through April 2019

New Kids' Music Ministry



The CUMC Christian Education Department has recently introduced a ukulele band to its music program. Thanks to a missions grant from the Leroy Geyer Endowment Fund, approved by the Trustee Committee and the Church Council in December, up to 15 ukuleles will be purchased for use by Sunday School students. They will begin learning the basics and eventually be able to play Christian songs during Church services. The first performance will depend on the number of interested students and progress made. Stay tuned for further news.

Sunday School News

Sunday School is excited to start learning ukuleles! We introduced the new instruments in January and hope to have a performance this spring.

Keep collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House of Madison. They can be turned in at Sunday school or the container outside the church office.

All children are invited to join us for Sunday school at 9:15 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

The children will have a musical performance on February 10 at the 10:30 a.m. service. Hope you can be there.

Tara Teasdale, Sunday School Coordinator



Wednesday Night Cooking Schedule

We have many different people preparing and serving our Wednesday dinners. Each month in the newsletter I will post the schedule so that those who have signed up to help will have a reminder, and so that our friends who attend Wednesdays will know who to thank for their delicious meals!

Many thanks to our helpers who work to help serve and/or clean each week. If you love to cook or help out by serving or cleaning, we are looking to add to our team. We have a lot of fun in the kitchen! It is a lot of work, so many hands would help to make lighter work. If you would like to help out, contact Dawn Gobrecht at 482-0822 or the church office at 965-3455.

February MENU



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| Feb 6 | Tacos & Nachos
Milk, Lemonade, & Water
Kids' menu: Mini Corn Dogs
<i>Prepared by Dawn Gobrecht</i> |
| Feb 13 | Chili Dogs/Hot Dogs, Turkey Joes, Fries, Salad
Milk, Lemonade & Water
Kids' menu: Shells & Cheese
<i>Prepared by Dawn Gobrecht</i> |
| Feb 20 | Scalloped Potatoes & Ham, Rolls, Salad
Milk, Lemonade & Water
Kids' menu: Chicken Nuggets
<i>Prepared by Dawn Gobrecht</i> |
| Feb 27 | Casseroles: Tuna Noodle, Chicken Noodle, Tater Tots, Salad
Milk, Lemonade & Water
Kids' menu: Buttered Noodles
<i>Prepared by Dawn Gobrecht</i> |

Going Above and Beyond as Stewards of CUMC

Food Pantry Giving

We collected 129 items for our January collection. Thank you to everyone who brought something in! For the month of February we are collecting **Ham-burger Helper**. Distribution will be on Thursday, February 21.



February Missional Giving

Mission money collected this month will go to **Lafayette County Homeless Coalition**. This is a program that seeks to work together to learn about homelessness and how to reduce it in Lafayette County.

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 Coffee Fellowship



If you are willing to bring snacks for fellowship between the two Sunday services, and following the 10:30 service, please sign up on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary or contact the church office at 965-3455. A fund has been established to help defray the costs—just let the office know if you need to access these funds.



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From Our Parish Nurse.....

Outdoor Safety During Winter Storm Conditions

Try to stay indoors during extremely cold weather. Make any trips outside as brief as possible, and remember these tips below to protect your health and safety:

Dress Warmly and Stay Dry

Adults and children should wear a hat, a scarf or knit mask to cover face and mouth, sleeves that are snug at the wrist, mittens if possible (they are warmer than gloves), water-resistant coat and boots, several layers of loose-fitting clothing.

Layer-up

Inner Layer: Wear fabrics that will hold more body heat and don't absorb moisture. Wool, silk, or polypropylene will hold more body heat than cotton.

Insulation Layer: An insulation layer will help you retain heat by trapping air close to your body. Natural fibers, like wool or goose down, or a classic fleece work best.

Outer Layer: The outermost layer helps protect you from wind, rain, and snow. It should be tightly woven, and preferably water and wind resistant, to reduce loss of body heat.

Additional Tips:

Stay dry—wet clothing chills the body rapidly.

Excess perspiration will increase heat loss, so remove extra layers of clothing whenever you feel too warm.

Also, avoid getting gasoline or alcohol on your skin while de-icing and fueling your car or using a snow blower. These materials in contact with the skin greatly increase heat loss from the body.

Do not ignore shivering. It's an important first sign that the body is losing heat. Persistent shivering is a signal to return indoors.

Hypothermia

Hypothermia is caused by prolonged exposures to very cold temperatures. When exposed to cold temperatures, your body begins to lose heat faster than it's produced. Lengthy exposures will eventually use up your body's stored energy, which leads to lower body temperature. Body temperature that is too low affects the brain, making the victim unable to think clearly or move well. This makes hypothermia especially dangerous, because a person may not know it's happening and won't be able to do anything about it.

Frostbite

Frostbite is a bodily injury caused by freezing that causes a loss of feeling and color in affected areas. It most often affects the nose, ears, cheeks, chin, fingers, or toes. Frostbite can

permanently damage the body, and severe cases can lead to amputation.

Avoid Exertion

Cold weather puts an extra strain on the heart. If you have heart disease or high blood pressure, follow your doctor's advice about shoveling snow or performing other hard work in the cold. Otherwise, if you have to do heavy outdoor chores, dress warmly and work slowly. Remember, your body is already working hard just to stay warm, so don't overdo it.

Avoid Ice

Walking on ice is extremely dangerous. Many cold-weather injuries result from falls on ice-covered sidewalks, steps, driveways, and porches. Keep your steps and walkways as free of ice as possible by using rock salt or another chemical de-icing compound. Sand may also be used on walkways to reduce the risk of slipping.

Be Cautious About Travel

Listen for radio or television reports of travel advisories issued by the National Weather Service.

Do not travel in low visibility conditions.

Avoid traveling on ice-covered roads, overpasses, and bridges if at all possible.

If you must travel by car try to keep the gas tank as least half full at all times and take a fully charged mobile phone with you.

If you must travel, let someone know your destination and when you expect to arrive.

Check and restock the winter emergency supplies in your car before you leave: Sturdy ice scraper and snow brush, small snow shovel, gloves, emergency road flares or reflectors, rock salt, sand, or kitty litter, first aid kit, extra windshield washer fluid, flashlight with extra batteries, jumper cables, non-perishable snacks.

Never pour water on your windshield to remove ice or snow; shattering may occur.

Don't rely on a car to provide sufficient heat; the car may break down. Keep an extra bag with a warm blanket and extra clothes in your car for emergencies.

What to Do if You Get Stranded

Staying in your vehicle when stranded is often the safest choice if winter storms create poor visibility or if roadways are ice covered. These steps will increase your safety when stranded:

Tie a brightly colored cloth to the antenna as a signal to rescuers and raise the hood of the car (if it is not snowing).

Move anything you need from the trunk into the passenger area.

Wrap your entire body, including your head, in extra clothing, blankets, or newspapers if you don't have an emergency bag.

Stay awake. You will be less vulnerable to cold-related health problems.

Run the motor (and heater) for about 10 minutes per hour, opening one window slightly to let in air. Make sure that snow is not blocking the exhaust pipe—this will reduce the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning.

As you sit, keep moving your arms and legs to improve your circulation and stay warmer.

Do not eat un-melted snow because it will lower your body temperature.

If you are with other people, huddle together for warmth from each other's body heat.

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

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

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

Resources: www.cdc.gov, www.ready.gov

Church Council Meeting

December 10, 2018

Minutes

Present: Pastor Stanton, Art Finnigan, Lois Finnigan, Jamie Roberts, Mary Gensler, Tara Teasdale, Jon Gobrecht, Dawn Gobrecht, Tina Cruse, Becky Upmann.

Agenda:

Opening Prayer: Stanton led us in prayer and read a devotional prayer.

Church Council Chair Report: nothing new to report

Pastor Report:

- Stanton went thru his report of visits, meetings, etc.
- Discussed the safe sanctuary policy. Will email out with the changes and discuss at the January meeting.

Secretary's Minutes: Motion made by Jamie Roberts to approve the, Second by Jon Gobrecht. Minutes were approved.

Committee Reports:

Nurture (Now includes the following committees: TLC, Christian Education, Youth Group, Retired & Re-fired Group, Fellowship Group)

Sunday School- Things are going well. They will have a movie day on the 16, then be off for 2 weeks returning on January 6. They will resume with the winter curriculum. Singing on January 13 and February 10. They are still collecting the pop tabs.

Youth Group- They had 3 last night. They talked and did a lesson.

Retired & Re-fired Group- They celebrated their birthdays and anniversaries today. They distributed 16 gift baskets to the homebound and nursing home. They did 60 Christmas cards.

Fellowship Group- They had a funeral it went well.

Outreach-

Food pantry – They need another freezer, Tina will look into this.

College & Military Ministry- They sent out their Christmas cards to 12 college and 2 active military.

Wednesday night ministry- They have been doing the free dinners for 11 weeks now. They have had a total of 509 people. They average around 40 a week. It was discussed to give them another \$1000 from the trustee mission account. Motion made by Jamie, second by Tina. All aye. Motion approved. Dawn will bring back to trustees in March with a new update.

Trustees-

- Sidewalk snow removal will be Doug Champion
- They will be hiring an electrician to put in the exit signs they need 3
- They approved to give \$1000 to the warm hearts fund for future use from the missional money.
- They approved giving up to \$625 to Sunday school for new musical equipment and storage.
- They are looking in to a local repair man for repairs at the parsonage. Waiting on references.

SPRC- no one here to report

Memorial:

- Mary stated that her and Jamie would like to have a board made for between the windows to put pictures of the memorial items that they are no longer keeping.

Finance Report:

- Send 10% of tithing to Apportionment.
- November amount will be \$876
- Went over bank statements, reports and finances.
- Discussed pledge cards, Mike is doing Sundays service and will be talking about Stewardship and pledge cards.

Next Meeting January 14 @ 7pm.

Submitted by: Becky Upmann

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

February Birthdays

1 Allen Kraus	7 Tucker Schmid-Cox	23 Jonathan Weiskircher
2 Diane Anderson	7 Mark Russell	24 Michelle Wedige
2 John Walker	8 JoAnn Cook	25 Chris Wurtzbacher
2 Ron Houtakker	9 Jennifer Berendes	25 Shyanne Arteaga
2 Tim Foulker	11 Jerry Nielsen	25 Andy Upmann
3 Jon Foulker	12 Paige Hauser	26 Lillian Rowley
3 Gary Weiskircher	13 Tony Anderson	26 Jillian Stietz
5 Sandy Hittenmiller	13 Dalton Wotnoski	27 Julie Jones
5 Leigh Lierman	15 Brad Mootz	28 Todd Ubersox
5 Xandria Olson	19 Matt Gensler	28 Tony Wieleler
7 Lori Kudronowicz	19 Grady Poppy	
	20 Tessa Schwartz	
	22 Bill Scott	



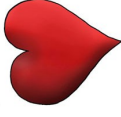
**HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY**

6 Pat & Betty Gleason
14 Tom & Emily Martin



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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The Chimes

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

*Sunday Morning Hymn
Worship Service at 9:00*

*Sunday Morning Praise
Worship Service at 10:30*

*Wednesday Night Praise
Worship Service at 6:00*

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The worldwide observance of Lent begins this year on March 6 with Ash Wednesday. This solemn occasion reminds us of our mortality, as well as our need for forgiveness. We will have Ash Wednesday worship at 6:00 p.m. The option for the imposition of ashes will be available.

You do not have to be a member of CUMC or any church to be anointed with ash, so please feel free to invite anyone to come with you. We hope to see many of you on this Holy Day as we begin this wonderful and dramatic season known as Lent.

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."