



# The Chimes

Centenary United Methodist Church



January 2018



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## Baptism of the LORD

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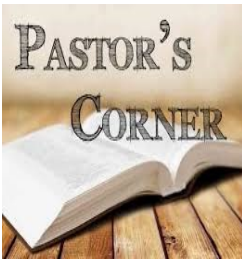
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## Pastor's Corner

### Greetings:

There is something special about new beginnings. The opportunity to start anew or lay aside the old. Perhaps this is why so many people make New Year's resolutions. Now, I realize that the majority of resolutions are broken by the end of January (or even January 2<sup>nd</sup>!), however there may be some wisdom to adopting some resolutions.

This is especially true when the resolutions we adopt involve adding new things, habits, etc. to our lives that somehow enhance our lives. Perhaps we need to exercise more or read our bibles more. Whatever it is, these positive resolutions help us achieve some sort of goal.

Sometimes the resolutions involve us giving up something in our lives. Perhaps we feel a need to quit smoking or reduce drinking or give up some unhealthy food.

Whatever the case, whether we feel the need to give up something or to add something in your my prayer for you is that you will be able to follow through, that the change you desire will come your way.

Also, I would like to take the opportunity of this new year to invite those who are reading this who maybe have been away from church a while back to church. I'd like to welcome you home.

Until Next Time,

*Pastor Stanton*



## Visitation Invitation

As Pastor Stanton continues getting to know us, you are encouraged to ask for a visit. One of the challenges that a new pastor faces when learning about his/her new congregation is who are the folks who like to have visits and who are those who would rather not be visited. You can help by letting Pastor Stanton know or calling the office at 965-3455.



## Centenary UMC at a Glance

### December Statistics

**Total Offering:** (regular offering, not earmarks)

December 2, 3 & 6	\$2,650
December 9, 10 & 13	3,003
December 16, 17 & 20	2,551
December 23, 24 & 27	2,241
December 30, 31 & Jan 3	not available

### Attendance:

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

### Weekly

### Totals

December 2, 3 & 6	17, 15, 28, 15	75
December 9, 10 & 13	10, 13, 73, 28	124
December 16, 17 & 20	15, 14, 25, 25	79
December 23, 24, 27	17, 28, 82, 14	141
December 30, 31 & Jan 3	not available	

### January Worship

January 7 & 10

**The Wise Guys**

Isaiah 60:1-6

January 14 & 17

**Life-Hacks for the Home**

Genesis 1:1-5

January 21 & 27

**The Escape Room**

Jonah 3:1-5

January 28 & 31

**Prophet or Pitchman?**

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

## Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

### As we start the New Year... 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.

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



## Giving - The Paradox of Generosity

*“for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part.” (2 Corinthians 8:2b)*

Extreme poverty overflowing into a wealth of generosity is another of those grace-filled paradoxes we find in Scripture: those who humble themselves will be exalted, those who lose their life for my sake will find it, blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. Sometimes we United Methodists act as if, while struggling to make ends meet in our churches, we are suffering a “severe ordeal of affliction.” Nothing could be farther from the truth.

In 2016, the 35,231 United Methodist households in Wisconsin were blessed with incomes totaling about \$2.5 billion. Even assuming we put away ten percent of that for retirement, college educations, etc., the tithe on our remaining earnings should be about \$172 million. Instead, in 2016, we gave just over \$52 million, about 3%. Our wallets are not afflicted, but our faith may be. Our paradox is though blessed with much, we withhold much. What would we be able to achieve if we tithed? In addition to “paying the bills,” each church could feed the hungry in its community, support overseas missionaries, sponsor and provide scholarships for Volunteer in Mission trips around the world, provide tutoring after school, build a youth center, create a multi-platform communication system that provides your community with access to sermons & Christian education, and hire staff to develop, organize and manage all these activities.

And, consider this. As we start doing so much more in the community, our congregations will grow in both membership and attendance as well. When these new and newly revived members model their giving on your example, they will increase the church's capacity for good even more. Now that is Stewardship!

Jim Wells, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation





## Upcoming Events

### Women's Spring Retreat 2018

We had so much fun on our weekend retreat in October that we secured our Spring dates for the upcoming year before we even left Pine Lake! We are very excited to announce that our Spring Retreat will be May 18-20! More details to follow. Registration forms are available now for the Spring Retreat (also below) and can be turned into the church office to secure your spot!

Join us for our spring Women's Retreat! On **Friday, May 18** we will meet at Pine Lake United Methodist Camp in Westfield for a weekend of worshipping, studying, praying, singing, relaxing, playing games, eating delicious food, and enjoying each other's company. Please watch the upcoming newsletters for more information. Spots will fill up fast, so please let the office know if you are interested in attending.

***There is a \$20 deposit due ASAP to reserve your room. This money will go towards your room amount.***

We will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Friday and conclude at on Sunday afternoon. *We have also changed the building that we will be using. The new facility that we will be using has a bigger meeting space so we can accommodate more people more comfortably. We will be staying at the Rader Retreat Center again this year.*

*Prices: 1-person room \$195,  
2-person room \$110/person,  
and 3-person room \$81/person.*

*Yes! I want to attend the Spring Women's Retreat!*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## Meetings and News

### January Administrative Meetings

Monday, January 8

6:00 – Finance

7:00 – Church Council



### Retired & Re-Fired Small Group

Our December 11 meeting was a busy one. In addition to celebrating our December birthdays and anniversaries, we filled 16 gift bags for our home visitation program and got our Christmas cards ready to be mailed. Thanks to Peggy Ahlstrom for doing the shopping, and Mary Gensler for creating the cards and sponsoring our picture.

We're all Part of His Flock



The Retired & Re-Fired Group  
Centenary United Methodist Church

**There is a change in our meeting schedule.** During January and February we will meet only once a month. This will be on the second Monday, which is January 8 and February 12. We will celebrate our monthly birthdays and anniversaries at this time, and food will be provided for this meeting. We will continue to meet at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Our regular schedule will resume in March.

Betty Gleason, Retired & Re-fired Small Group Leader



Join Pastor Stanton for Coffee & Conversation from 7:30 - 9:30 each Monday morning at the Crooked Canvas. He'll be waiting to chat with you about faith, church, school, or life in general! Folks (teens and adults) are welcome to drop in any time between 7:30 and 9:30 a.m.

And remember...you can drop in on Pastor Stanton at church, too! His office hours are 12:30 – 3:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday (and often times in the morning as well), plus he's available other times by appointment!

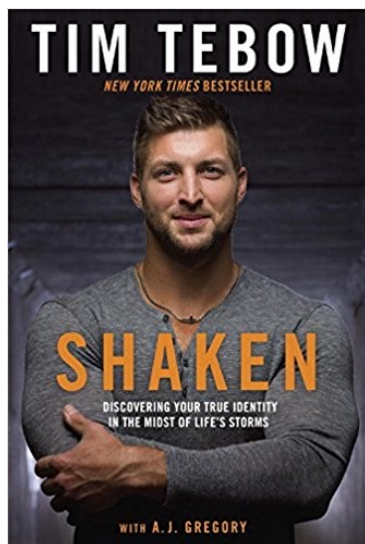
## Fellowship Group News

Happy New Year! We are in need of volunteers to come and help take down the Christmas decorations and tree after the 10:30 service on January 7. I will send out a reminder also in an e-mail and text.



Pam Harker, Fellowship Group

## Wednesday Adult Bible Study



Wednesday Night Bible Study will start back up on January 10th. We are going to talk about the journey of Tim Tebow, former Denver Broncos quarterback. In his words: "The reason I titled it Shaken was because in life you're going to have highs and lows. There are going to be great times, and there are going to be tough times. So, who was I when I won the Heisman Trophy versus when I got cut three times, well, maybe four times in the NFL? Was I the person that was praised by presidents or the person that was debated and scrutinized by most of the media? So, who was I? Am I that person who I was at the high or am I that person who had all those lows? I'm so thankful because of my relationship with Jesus Christ and being adopted in the family of God that I don't have to live the highs and the lows and the roller coaster that the rest of the world lives because I know where my identity lies. My identity lies as a child of God, and that is something that will never be shaken."

We meet at 6:30 on Wednesday nights. No, this is not the same as church but it will be a fine benefit for your own personal spiritual journey. See you Wednesday.

## Sunday Coffee Fellowship News

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.



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

## Youth Group News

Calling all youth grades 6-12! Youth group meets **WEEKLY!** upstairs in the sanctuary every Sunday from 6:00-7:15 p.m. Bring your friends, and we'll see you there!

### **January schedule:**

**January 7:** Youth Group 6:00 at the church

**January 14:** Youth Group 6:00 at the church

**January 21:** Youth Group 6:00 at the church

**January 28:** Youth Group 6:00 at the church

Youth Group Leaders & Volunteers



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## Christian Education News

Happy New Year!! Sunday School resumes on January 7, and the kids will be singing on January 14.

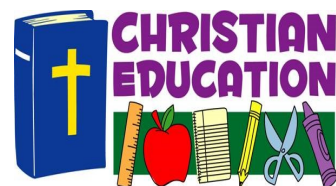
Our Sunday School Christmas program was a wonderful success, and the kids did a wonderful job!! Thanks to all the teachers who worked so hard tweaking and practicing with our children!!

A big shout out also to Pam Teasdale to making the beautiful cake for Jesus' birthday that we served after the program. It was delicious!

See you back on January 7!!

Happy New Year!

Tara Teasdale & Pam Harker, Sunday School Coordinators



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## College/Military Ministry News

The College/Military Ministry team got together and sent Christmas greetings to 12 of CUMC's active military personnel and college students in December.

We know it may be difficult to adjust to life away from home and the challenges and excitement of a new way of life. Our goal is to let these young people know that they are in our thoughts and prayers.






## Wednesday Night Dinner, Worship & Children's Church

It is exciting to be back in the newness that fall programming brings! We averaged 52 people for dinner so far for the month of November and 32 for worship.

If you are not free for worshipping at CUMC on Saturday or Sunday, would you consider Wednesday night? If you are out of town for the weekend or have sporting events or other obligations, Wednesday dinner and worship provide an excellent opportunity to make sure that you have a time to grow closer to God and to each other in worship. And the best part is that you don't even have to make dinner for your family, so Wednesday nights can be a good time to relax and enjoy time with them and God in worship. **Dinner is at 5:30 followed by worship at 6:30. Children's Church is back now also at 6:30.** Hope to see you there!

In Christ,

Wednesday Night Ministry Team



Wednesday Night  
Ministry

## Wednesday Night Cooking Schedule

We have many different people cooking for 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!

### January Cooking Schedule:

January 3	Kim Brown
January 10	Felyscha Unbehaun
January 17	Becky Upmann
January 24	Carrie Schaar
January 31	Dawn Gobrecht



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 Becky Upmann at the church office at 965-3455.



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

# Church Council Meeting

November 13 2017

## Minutes

**Present:** Pastor Stanton, Tina Cruse, Pam Harker, Marlene Stewart, Tara Teasdale, Jamie Roberts, Jon Gobrecht, Mike Cherry, Rod Stewart, Art Finnigan, Becky Upmann

### **Agenda:**

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

### **Church Council Chair Report:**

- Dec 24<sup>th</sup> Services? We will have 1 Sunday day service at 10:00 a.m. and 1 Christmas Eve Service at 7:00 p.m. Hope to have the Choir sing at the Christmas Eve Service. There will still be a Saturday Night Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> Service, and a Wednesday December 27<sup>th</sup> Service.

### **Pastor Report:**

- Coffee & Conversation has been going well. The have average of 3 in attendance every week.
- Stanton went thru his report on counseling, services, etc.
- Discussed having a Wednesday Night service before Thanksgiving. - There will be no service or meal on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Discussed redoing the Endowment Resolution at the December meeting.

**Secretaries Report:** Minutes were approved as printed.

### **Committee Reports:**

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

Fellowship Group- They will be doing the hanging of the greens on the Sunday after thanksgiving. 2 wreaths for the front of the Sanctuary were donated. They had a good turn out for the Pasty Bake, they sold all of them. They will meet to discuss when to do another one. The funerals they had went well.

TLC- Discussed combining with the Stewardship team since they are doing some of the same things. Tina will do a meeting to discuss.

Adult Sunday School- Going well, averaging 8 people

Sunday School- The kids sang yesterday. Mitten Drive for the Food Pantry was a great success. They will be doing the Christmas program from last year, with edits. The Sunday school program will be on Dec 10<sup>th</sup>.

Youth- They have activities scheduled, they have had good turn out, they average 6 a week.

Retired & Re-Fired- they met today, going well. Celebration of Birthdays and Anniversaries today. Discussed some Christmas ideas.

### Outreach

- They are doing the Adam vs Eve competition going on for the Food Pantry.

Food Pantry- Tina needs able bodies during the day to unload. They can always use pop tarts, canned ravioli, paper products, laundry soap, dish soap.

Trustees-

- They are having progress on the Parsonage list. A Contractor will be hired to finish the items on the list.
- There are 2 projects in the church to be done.
- Eugene will call to get the funds from Baird converted to cash.

SPRC-

- They met and discussed financial items.

Memorial: Nothing to report

## Additional Reports-

Finance Report:

- We are staying afloat on finances, but they are down from last year.
- Discussed having a base line for what membership is.
- Stanton brought up the Endowment Resolution, needs to be amended and revote on.
- Doing post cards for upcoming events.

Next Meeting Dec 11 @ 7pm.

*Submitted by: Becky Upmann*

## Going Above and Beyond as Stewards of CUMC



### Food Pantry Giving

We collected 74 items for our December collection. Thank you to everyone who brought something in! For the month of January we are collecting boxes of Macaroni & Cheese. Distribution will be on January 18.

### January Missional Giving

Mission money collected this month will go to Warm Hearts Fund here at CUMC. This fund is used to help out people who are in need and come to Pastor Stanton for help. He meets with the individual, learns about their situation, and offers them counseling and support.

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.



## From Our Parish Nurse.....

### Cervical Cancer Awareness

Cancer starts when cells in the body begin to grow out of control. Cells in nearly any part of the body can become cancer, and can spread to other areas of the body.

Cervical cancer starts in the cells lining the cervix -- the lower part of the uterus (womb). This is sometimes called the *uterine cervix*. The fetus grows in the body of the uterus (the upper part). The cervix connects the body of the uterus to the vagina (birth canal).

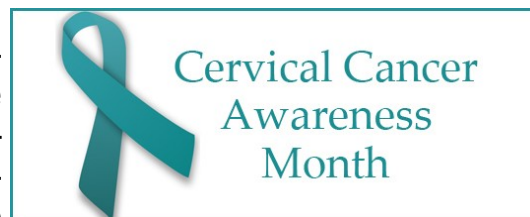
The American Cancer Society recommends that women follow these guidelines to help find cervical cancer early. Following these guidelines can also find pre-cancers, which can be treated to keep cervical cancer from forming.

All women should begin cervical cancer testing (screening) at age 21. Women aged 21 to 29, should have a Pap test every 3 years. HPV testing should not be used for screening in this age group.

Beginning at age 30, the preferred way to screen is with a Pap test combined with an HPV test every 5 years. This is called co-testing and should continue until age 65.

Another reasonable option for women 30 to 65 is to get tested every 3 years with just the Pap test.

Women who are at high risk of cervical cancer because of a suppressed immune system (for example from HIV infection, organ transplant, or long-term steroid use) or because they were exposed to Diethylstilbestrol (DES) in utero may need to be screened more often. They should follow the recommendations of their health care team.



Women over 65 years of age who have had regular screening in the previous 10 years should stop cervical cancer screening as long as they haven't had any serious pre-cancers found in the last 20 years.

Women who have had a total hysterectomy (removal of the uterus and cervix) should stop screening (such as Pap tests and HPV tests), unless the hysterectomy was done as a treatment for cervical pre-cancer (or cancer). Women who have had a hysterectomy without removal of the cervix (called a *supra-cervical hysterectomy*) should continue cervical cancer screening according to the guidelines above.

Women who have been vaccinated against HPV should still follow these guidelines. Some women believe that they can stop cervical cancer screening once they have stopped having children. This is not true. They should continue to follow American Cancer Society guidelines.



## Importance of being screened for cervical cancer

Screening tests offer the best chance to have cervical cancer found early when successful treatment is likely. Screening can also actually prevent most cervical cancers by finding abnormal cervical cell changes (pre-cancers) so that they can be treated before they have a chance to turn into a cervical cancer.

[www.crohnsandcolitis.com/you-and-your-doctor](http://www.crohnsandcolitis.com/you-and-your-doctor)



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

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

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

*What happens when we have a  
Prayer-Filled Christmas at CUMC?*



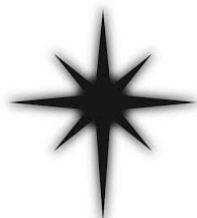
201 food items Filling the Sills  
(BEFORE Christmas Eve service)



142 gifts purchased for Christmas Blessings tree



74 Boxes of Jell-O and Pudding collected for the Food Pantry



\$428 collected for the Food Pantry

*Thank you*  
**FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

# January Birthdays

1	Greg Jenson	20	Jamie Welborn
1	Tricia King	21	Julianne Cunningham
1	Neal Mullikin	21	Linda Dillon
3	Kelly Altfillisch	21	Diane Freiburger
5	Dean Ubersox	21	Kari Strang
7	Russell Hauser	22	Rosa Gierke
8	Naomi Webster	23	Riley Swenson
10	Albert Gensler	23	Jeremiah Diedrich
11	Eli Humphrey	24	Niccole Millin
11	Shelby Fuerstenburg	25	Jeff Leitzinger
12	Don Ahlstrom	25	Jennifer Foulker
12	Eric Russell	26	Brooke Fennel
12	Kaia Wurtzbacher	26	Ashley Hinzman
12	Christian Wurtzbacher	27	Tina Woods
14	Chad Gleason	28	Scott Pedley
14	Jamie Roberts	29	Julie Gill
14	Charles Searles	29	Nathan Harker
16	Jeff Gensler	30	Kennedy Kudronowicz
17	Tara Teasdale	30	Gavin Pedley
17	Janice Raymond	30	Jason Leitzinger
17	Mikayla Reddington	31	Aiden Strang
18	Kortney Kudronowicz	31	Kaden Strang
18	Camden Russell	31	Brandon Wilwert
20	Dolores Young		



**HAPPY  
ANNIVERSARY**

- 3 Chris & LeAnn Wurtzbacher
- 5 Ron & Sharon Woodworth
- 5 Keith & Janet Wymore
- 22 Chic & Marcella Russell





# January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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1	2	3	4	5	6
				Pastor Stanton's Day Off	Communion Saturday 7:00 Lay-Led Worship

7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Communion Sunday 9:00 Hymn Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Praise Worship 6:00 Youth Group	7:30 Coffee @ Cr. Canvas Noon Retired & Re-Fired 6:00 Finance 7:00 Church Council	5:30 Meal 6:30 Praise Worship 6:30 Adult Sunday School			Pastor Stanton's Day Off	7:00 Lay-Led Worship

14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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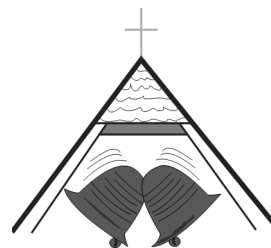
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volunteers that help prepare the mailing of  
the newsletters each month.



# 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 6:30*

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## Baptism of the Lord

January 13, 14, 17

Be sure to attend worship on the weekend of January 13, 14, & 17 to participate in our annual celebration of the baptism of Jesus Christ. The baptismal fount is filled with water. After we reaffirm our baptismal covenant, everyone, child and adult alike, is invited to come forward and make a cross on their forehead with the water as a reminder of the grace of their baptism, a sacrament originating with Jesus Christ in the gospel story for that day. Come and celebrate the baptism of Jesus Christ and our own baptism or even future baptism. Come as you are, no judgment, only grace.



### **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."