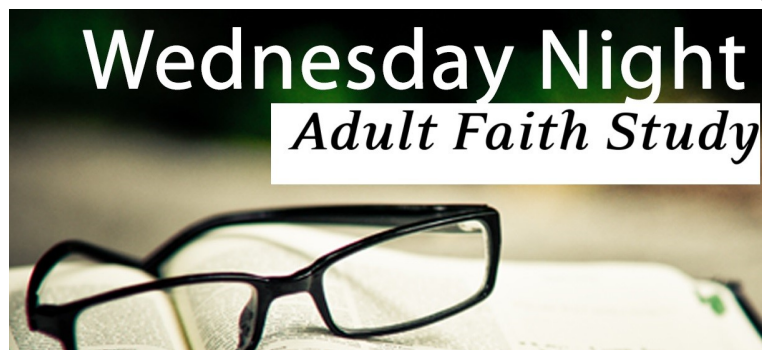


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Greetings,

In the United Methodist Church, official policy decisions are made by the General Conference. The General Conference normally meets once every four years, and it is the body which makes it official policy for the United Methodist Church. No individual congregation or annual conference can make policy. It must come from General Conference. In February of 2019 there will be a special General Conference to discuss the issue of human sexuality, specifically homosexuality. This will be the only topic discussed.

The issue of homosexuality is one that many Christian denominations have had to address in recent years. In the United Methodist Church there has been study and debate since the 1970 General Conference. In some form or another, homosexuality has been debated in the United Methodist Church for the last 48 years.

There are many dedicated Christians who are of every different viewpoint on the issue. From one side of the issue to the other there are people who seek to do the will of God and yet cannot come to agreement on the issue.

The issue came to a head at the General Conference of 2016 when the delegates asked the Council of Bishops to lead us through the issue (the bishops preside over sessions of the General Conference but do not typically put forth legislation). The Council of Bishops created the Commission for the Way Forward and called a special General Conference session to address the recommendations of the Commission. In February 2019 the special General Conference will meet to discuss three options for the UMC going forward.

Those options are:

The One Church Plan would have the denomination recognize that marriage is between two people, not explicitly between one man and one woman. It would allow pastors to decide whether or not to preside at same sex weddings, and it would give local churches the right to decide whether or not same sex weddings could take place in their sanctuaries. Finally, it would allow annual conferences to decide whether or not to ordain self-avowed, practicing homosexuals. Essentially, the plan would allow local churches, UM pastors, and local annual conferences to make their own decisions about sexual ethics, teachings on marriage, and the ordination standards for clergy. Hence, it is often referred to as the "local option."

The Traditionalist Plan would reaffirm the UM Church's present teachings* on these matters and call for enhanced accountability standards.

The Connectional Conference Plan would create three branches of the church: one for centrists, one for progressives, and one for traditionalists. While the three branches would share responsibility and receive support from a number of general church boards and agencies, and operate under a unified Council of Bishops, each branch would have a significant degree of autonomy when it came its sexual ethics, teachings on marriage, and its ordination standards.

There will be an opportunity to learn more about these three options at Centenary UMC on Sunday, January 27 (time to be determined). Please be in prayer for our denomination as it enters into this season of discernment.

Until Next Time, *Pastor Stanton*

*Current teachings are that homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teachings therefore no "self-avowed, practicing homosexual" may be clergy. UMC clergy also are prohibited from performing marriage ceremonies for homosexual couples.

Centenary UMC at a Glance

December Statistics

Total Offering:

(regular offering, not earmarks)

Dec 1, 2 & 5	\$1,715
Dec 8, 9 & 12	1,823
Dec 15, 16 & 19	1,709
Dec 22, 23, 24 & 26	2,754

Attendance:

		Weekly Totals
(Sat 7, Sun 9 & 10:30, Wed 6:30)		
Dec 1, 2 & 5	13, 16, 30, 12	71
Dec 8, 9 & 12	18, 16, 45, 14	93
Dec 15, 16 & 19	9, 14, 25, 19	67
Dec 22, 23, 24, 26	17, 24, 25, 82, NS	138



January Worship

January 6 & 9

A Diligent Search

Isaiah 60:1-6

January 13 & 16

Not Worthy

Isaiah 43:1-7

January 20 & 23

We Are Family: The Same

Isaiah 62:1-5

January 27 & 30

We Are Family: No Need

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10



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!



Convenient Electronic & Mobile 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. **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)

January 13, 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.**

CUMC will be sponsoring BINGO at the
Lafayette Manor on
Wednesday, January 30 at 2:00.

Prizes and players welcome!



Meetings and News



January Administrative Meetings

Monday, January 8

6:00 – Finance

7:00 – Church Council



Retired & Re-Fired Small Group

Our Christmas cards have been sent out, our Christmas gift bags have been delivered to those in our home visitation program, and the new year is upon us.

During January, 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 is:

Monday, January 14 — 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!

January 6: 6:00 at church

January 13: 6:00 at church

January 20: 6:00 at church

January 27: 6:00 at church

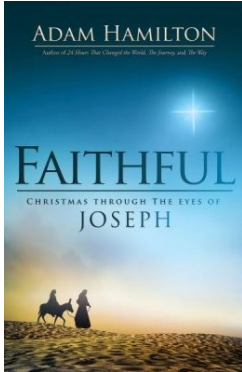
Youth Group Leaders & Volunteers



Wednesday Evening Adult Faith Study

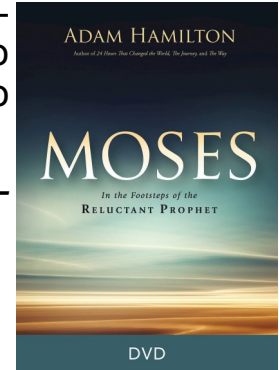
6:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the Serenity Room

We will be finishing our view of the Christmas Season through the eyes of **Faithful Joseph** during the next few weeks and then we will be starting another book by Adam Hamilton. **Moses**, *In the footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet*. In this study we



will learn about the life of the single most important figure in the Old Testament. We will get to know him and see how his life and story speak to our lives and stories today.

Join us on Wednesday evenings for some interesting information and stimulating conversation.



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.

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

Sunday School News

Sunday School children did a great job performing the Christmas program! Thank you to all the teachers, assistants, and others who volunteered their time to make this possible.

Sunday School will resume on January 6 at 9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Children will be singing on January 13 during 10:30 a.m. service. Hope you come out to watch!

Tara Teasdale, Sunday School Coordinator



New Kids' Music Ministry



The CUMC Christian Education Department will be adding a ukulele band to its music program beginning in January. 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.

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!

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.

January MENU



Jan 2 NO DINNER

Jan 9 Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Green Beans, Salad, & Dessert
Milk, Lemonade, & Water
Kids' menu: Shells mac & cheese

Prepared by Dawn Gobrecht

Jan 16 Christmas Soup, Sandwiches, Salad, Breadsticks, & Dessert
Lemonade & Water
No special kids' menu

Prepared by Felyscha Unbehaun & Dawn Gobrecht

Jan 23 Breakfast: Biscuit & Gravy, Sausage bake, Eggs, Hashbrowns,
Pancakes, Sausage
Milk, Juice & Water
No special kids' menu

Prepared by Dawn Gobrecht

Jan 30 Pizza, Pasta, Salad, & Dessert
Milk & Lemonade
No special kids' menu

Prepared by Dawn Gobrecht

Going Above and Beyond as Stewards of CUMC

Food Pantry Giving

We collected 16 items for our November collection. Thank you to everyone who brought something in! For the month of December we are collecting **boxed breakfast cereal**. Distribution will be on Thursday, January 17.



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.



Thank-You's

I would like to start by thanking all of the wonderful ladies who hosted tables, sang, made food, attended, and made this year's Advent by Candlelight a success. I would not have been able to do it without all of you. I am truly blessed every year at how many ladies come to this. I hope to see you all next year for another fun night..... And we can't forget the wonderful men who made it possible for us to enjoy all the delicious desserts. Thank you to all the men and boys who helped!

Next, I would like to thank all of the generous people we have in our congregation. Without you we would not be able to do our Christmas Blessings tree each year. I know the families feel truly blessed that we are able to help them. Each and every one of you make a difference in their lives, and I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart and on behalf of the families of the Blessing tree.



Blessings, Becky Upmann

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.

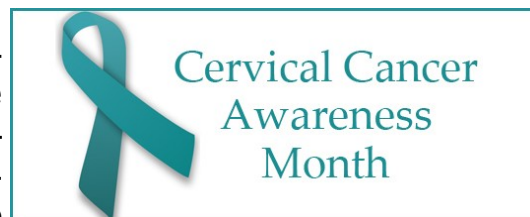
Cervical cancer starts in the cells lining the cervix -- the lower part of the uterus (womb). This is sometimes called the *uterine cervix*. The fetus grows in the body of the uterus (the upper part). The cervix connects the body of the uterus to the vagina (birth canal).

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



Source:

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.

Counting ALL our Christmas blessings at CUMC.....



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



174 gifts purchased for Christmas Blessings tree



29 bags of flour and sugar collected for the Food Pantry



\$187 collected for the Warm Hearts fund

Thank you
FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Church Council Meeting

November 12, 2018

Minutes

Present: Pastor Stanton, Art Finnigan, Lois Finnigan, Jamie Roberts, Tara Teasdale, Jon Gobrecht, 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 December 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, Wednesday Night)

Sunday School- They had their hat and mitten drive. Tara will contact Tina at food pantry and RuthAnn at the school to see if they can use them. They are still doing the pull tabs. They had a musical performance last Sunday. They will be doing their Christmas program on December 9, with a fun day on the 16. They will be off for 2 weeks and will resume on January 6. They made ornaments for the trees in the sanctuary. And they average about 12 kids a week.

Youth Group- they had 2 last night, they went to Vesperman farms. They plan on going to Tim Hawkins with the Retired & Re-Fired group.

Retired & Re-fired Group- They celebrated their birthdays and anniversaries today. They went on a field trip to Marsha Kremer's house last month. They are getting ready for sending out their Christmas cards.

Fellowship Group- They did the Elaine White funeral.

Outreach-

Food Pantry: Is this week

College & Military Ministry- They will be doing Christmas cards soon.

Wednesday night ministry- Dinner numbers are up.

Trustees-

- They had no meeting yet, they are trying to see what date works for all to attend. They have someone interested in one piano at the church. They are working on getting someone in to do some fixing at the church and parsonage.

SPRC- no one here to report

Memorial: no one here to report

Finance Report:

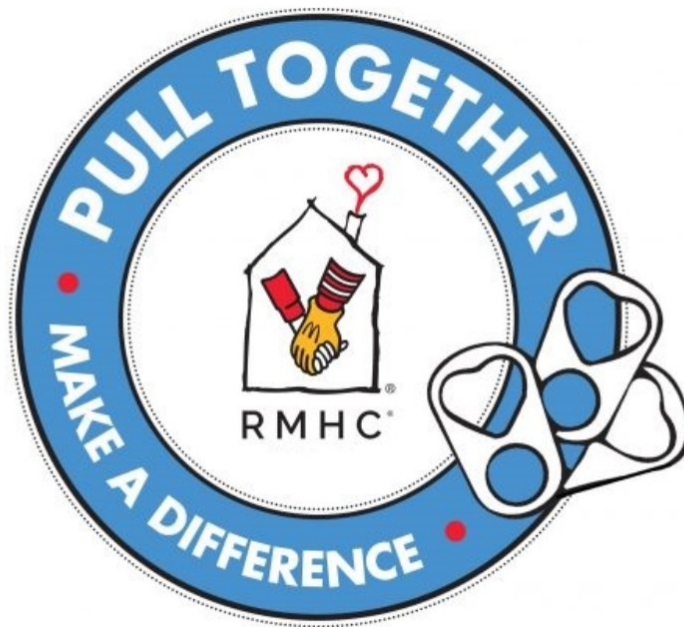
- Send 10% of tithing to Apportionment.
- October amount will be \$645
- Went over bank statements, reports and finances.
- Discussed the stewardship campaign- will see what the majority wants for date and time to do a study.
- will discuss in January about doing postcards next year for the major holidays. (Christmas, Easter, summer.)
- Discussed pledge cards, look through the enough book and see if there is one in there to use. If not do a letter and then put it in the December newsletter due by the 31. Will put in the giving statements in January for those who haven't returned theirs by then.

Additional Reports-

Next Meeting December 10 @ 7pm.

Submitted by: Becky Upmann

Sunday School Pop Tab Collection



.....collecting through April 2019

January Birthdays

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



**HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY**

3 Chris & LeAnn Wurtzbacher
5 Ron & Sharon Woodworth
22 Chic & Marcella Russell



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

January 2019

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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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Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 13, & 16

Be sure to attend worship on the weekend of January 12, 13, & 16 to participate in our annual celebration of the baptism of Jesus Christ. The baptismal font 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."