

# The Chimes



Centenary United Methodist Church



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January 2022

## Baptism of the LORD

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Masks are strongly recommended for **ALL** persons entering our church.

Thank you for your cooperation.

May he give you the desires of your heart  
and make all your plans succeed

### Happy New Year



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Greetings,

I know that many of us are busy. It seems as though our contemporary culture keeps us flying around, trying to juggle family, kids, friends and all the activities that each is involved with. Sometimes it seems that we can hardly gather a breath. Sometimes, sadly, in the midst of all that we are doing in our lives the voice of God seems to be distant. I believe that we can still hear the voice of God, even in the midst of all our rushing if we listen. In January of 2005 I wrote the following poem that speaks to this:



### If You Listen

If you listen, really listen, you can hear the voice of God  
Now, tales have been told of God's voice  
that its something from long, long ago  
Recorded in books, art, and music  
Locked away in vaults so it can be brought out on a whim  
and paraded, studied, pondered, exhorted in universities and churches  
Nonsense  
God's voice is still here...if you listen  
It comes to us on the wind blowing through leaves  
both on and off the tree  
It comes in the songs of birds  
each a unique melody  
It comes in the sound of waves  
oceans, lakes, streams  
It comes in the hand of care  
extended in a time of need  
It comes in a million different ways  
both expected and unexpected  
Nature, friendship, love, peace among others and...  
If you listen, really listen, you can hear the  
voice of God.

January 2005, St. Simons Island, Georgia  
Until Next Time,

*Pastor Stanton*



### Bible Study

Wednesday Morning Bible  
Study with Pastor Stanton  
meets at Second Chance  
Coffee Shop at 9:30 a.m.



## Upcoming Events



### Confirmation Class Schedule for 2021-2022

January 5, February 2, March 9, May 4

\*all classes are 6:00 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.

Any youth in grades 7 and up who hasn't already been confirmed is welcome to attend. We start with pizza at 6:00! Friends are welcome!

### QUESTIONS / CONCERNS

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Saturday, February 12, 2022, is the date set for the annual Bishop's Convocation of Laity forum.

**This is open to all lay persons in the Wisconsin Conference.**

More information about the gathering will be available soon!

## Accountable Leadership Board & Staff Refresher

### ALB

**Chair:** Jen Russell

**Trustees Representative:** Jamie Roberts

**SPRC Representative:** Danica Diedrich

**Finance Representative:** Mary Gensler

**Financial Secretary:** Lois Finnigan

**Treasurer:** Becky Upmann

**Memorial Representative:** Mary Gensler

**Nurture Representative:** Pam Harker

**Mission and Outreach:** Marlene Stewart

**Sunday School Representative:** Danica Diedrich

**Fellowship Group:** Pam Harker

### Staff

**Pastor:** Stanton Bockwoldt

**Secretaries:** Becky Mootz & Becky Upmann

**Treasurer:** Becky Upmann

**Custodian:** Georgia Bass

### Other

**Parish Nurse:** Marlene Stewart

**Members to Annual Conference:**

Art Finnigan & Mary Gensler

**Communion Stewards:**

Sharon Teutschmann & Penny Tregloan

**Youth Group:** Amy Mullikin, Jamie Roberts &

Pastor Stanton

**Youth Group Mission Trip:** Eugene Uehling

**Pasty Bakes:** Cherie Uehling

## Meetings and News



### Accountable Leadership Board Monthly Meeting

Monday, January 17 — 6:30 p.m.



### Retired & Re-Fired Small Group

Dear Friends,

New Year blessings to all!

Due to members' winter vacations we will not meet in the month of January, so our next group meeting is set for Monday, February 14 at noon downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.

Please bring your own lunch; I'm bringing a Valentine cake and ice cream for dessert. We will celebrate birthdays and anniversaries taking place in January and February of 2022.

We're all Part of His Flock



The Retired & Re-Fired Group  
Centenary United Methodist Church

We will share Chapter 8 of our study entitled "Friends in Low Places." Here we will meet a lady known in the Bible as the wickedest woman in the world, Jezebel. See you there!

Blessings to you all!

Mary Gensler, Retired & Re-Fired Small Group Leader

## College/Military Ministry News

The College/Military Ministry team got together and sent Christmas greetings to 21 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.





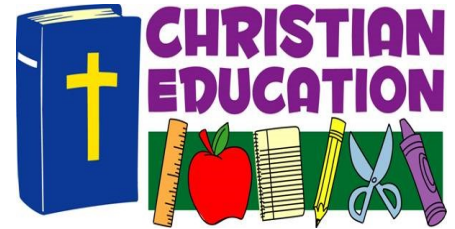
## Sunday School News

On January 9 we will resume Sunday School classes. All children age 4K – 8th grade are invited to join us!

**\*\*\*Please note — a message will be sent out if Sunday school has to be canceled due to bad weather.\*\*\***

We hope to see you Sunday mornings!

Christian Education Team: Danica Diedrich, Amy Mullikin, & Jamie Roberts



## Youth Group News

Calling all youth grades 6-12! Youth group is back and meets **EVERY SUNDAY from 6:00-7:00 p.m!** Bring your friends, and we'll see you there!



January 2: 6:00 at church

January 9: 6:00 at church

January 16: 6:00 at church

January 23: 6:00 at church

January 30: 6:00 at church

Youth Group Leaders & Volunteers

## 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.



## Scarcity or Abundance: What are you looking for?

"A few years ago, I read a fun book by A.J. Jacobs called *The Year of Living Biblically: One Man's Quest to Follow the Bible as Literally as Possible*. It's important to note that Jacobs, a journalist and author, is Jewish and agnostic.

For one year, he tried to follow every biblical "rule" as literally as possible. This includes well-known rules like "Love your neighbor" and the Ten Commandments, as well as lesser-known commands to stone adulterers (which he does by throwing little pebbles at a rather cranky man he meets in a park who brags to Jacobs about an affair he is involved in). Jacobs also decided to follow the biblical instruction to tithe, deciding to give away 10 percent of his income.

After convincing his wife to join him, Jacobs gave the donations away to several charities electronically. He describes his experience this way, "The giving was painful. I mean, 10 percent? That would have an impact on our lives. Vacations would need to be scaled back; new furniture would

have to wait. It was huge. When I pressed 'send' on the donations, my palms got wet, my heart rate spiked." In giving, Jacobs felt the fear that is common to all of us. The fear of not having enough. However, that wasn't all he experienced. He continues: "It was a pain mixed with pleasure. When the confirmation email pinged in, I felt good."

There's a haunting line from the movie *Chariots of Fire*. It's spoken by Ian Charleson, who plays a deeply religious sprinter in the 1924 Olympics. He says: 'When I run, I feel his pleasure.' And as I gave away money, I think I might have felt God's pleasure. Which is odd. Because I'm agnostic. I don't know if there's a God or not, but still I've felt some high sense of purpose. It was like a cozy ember that started at the back of my neck and slowly spread its warmth through my skull. I felt like I was doing something I should have done all my life."

Ultimately, Jacobs' generosity changed him. I wonder, how our relationship with God and our lives might be vivified because of our giving?

Save the Date: Super Bowl of  
Stewardship Retreat  
Algoma Boulevard UMC: Oshkosh  
February 12, 2022  
More Info at [www.wumf.org](http://www.wumf.org)

Jason Mahnke, Director of Programming & Campaigns, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation  
Visit the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation at [www.wumf.org](http://www.wumf.org) or Facebook/[wumf.org](https://www.facebook.com/wumf.org) or call 888-903-9863.



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

## Going Above and Beyond as Stewards of CUMC



### Food Pantry Giving

We collected 86 items for our December collection. Thank you to everyone who brought something in! For the month of January we are collecting canned meals such as beef stew, ravioli, spaghettiOs, etc.

Distribution will be on January 20.

### January Missional Giving

Mission money collected this month will go to Gingerbread House Preschool.

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.

**Gingerbread House  
Preschool**

Thank you to all that helped with the annual Christmas Dinner! I wouldn't have been able to pull it off without the help of Kim Brown and Charles Searles helping get everything cooked and ready. Thanks to Dawn Gobrecht for helping get everything set up the night before. Also thank you to all who helped package up the meals and hand them out (Penny Tregloan, Shirley Gensler, Art Finnigan, Dawn, Kim, & Charlie). Thank you to those that came and got your dinner...without you we wouldn't have this wonderful feast every year! I hope you enjoyed the meal and have a blessed holiday season. 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.....

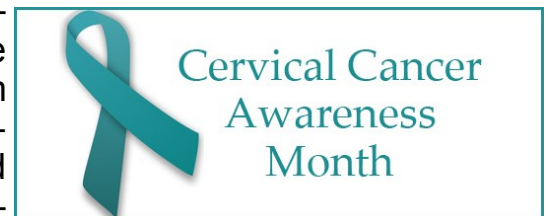
## Cervical Cancer Awareness

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.

### Sources:

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



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



Below is a list of the district churches and a Health & Welfare Agency in the South West District we will pray for in January. Please take time each week and pray for them and, if you feel called, to send them a postcard with a prayer in it.

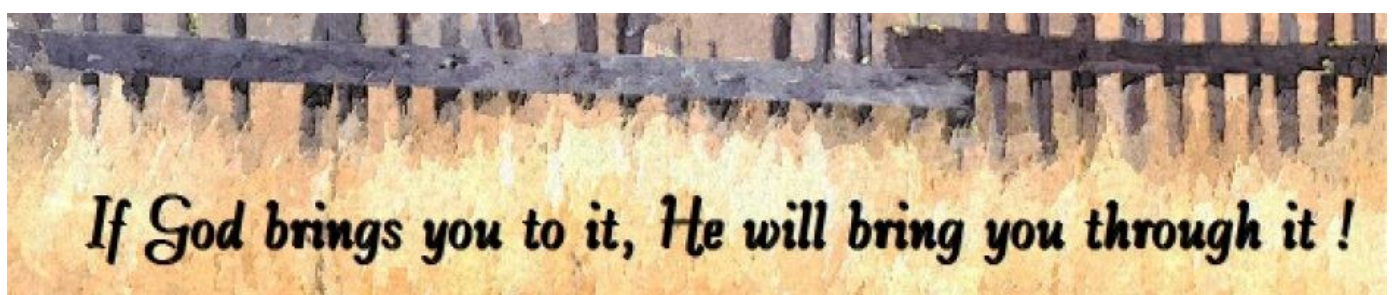
**Stoughton:** Clergy, Catherine Christman and the 80 members located at 525 N Lincoln Ave, Stoughton, WI 53589-1225; January 2 – January 8.

**Sun Prairie:** Clergy, Jenny Arneson, Claire Mather Douglass, and the 625 members located at 702 North St, Sun Prairie, WI 53590-1433; January 9 – January 15.

**Verona: Sugar River:** Clergy, Gary Holmes and the 247 members located at 415 W Verona Ave, Verona, WI 53593; January 16– January 22.

**Viola:** Clergy, Lorri McGranahan and the 98 members located at 225 N Washington St, Viola, WI 54664. January 23– January 29.

**Waunakee: Crossroads:** Clergy, Scott Walters and the 153 members located at 5901 Hogan Rd, Waunakee, WI 53597-1416. January 30 – February 5.





## Birthdays of the Month

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



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 3 Chris & LeAnn Wurtzbacher  
5 Ron & Sharon Woodworth

## January Worship

January 2

**Living with Joy**

**Led by Joy**

Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians 3:1-12

Matthew 2:1-12

January 9

**Living with Joy**

**Baptized in Love**

Isaiah 43:1-7

Acts 8:14-17

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 16

**Living with Joy**

**Called to Delight**

Isaiah 62:1-5

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

John 2:1-21

January 23

**Living with Joy**

**Blessed for Good**

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

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Luke 4:14-21

January 30

**The Art of Hearing**

**Hard of Hearing**

Jeremiah 1:4-10

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Luke 4:21-30



# JANUARY 2022

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# The Chimes

Join us for Sunday  
Morning Blended  
worship  
**10:30 In-Person &  
Facebook**

(See inside for more  
guidelines & details)

Centenary United Methodist Church  
226 West Church Street  
P.O. Box 127  
Shullsburg, WI 53586-0127

*Address Service Requested*

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## Baptism of the Lord January 9

Be sure to attend worship on the weekend of January 9 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.*



Sharing God's love to change the world by making disciples of Jesus Christ.

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