

# The Chimes

Centenary United Methodist Church



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Monday - Friday  
July 24-28  
9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

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ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE



Join us on Sunday July 30 for our VBS Sunday where the children will participate in worship with VBS songs. There will be a recap of the week followed by cake and refreshments. All children and their families are encouraged to attend our VBS Sunday Worship. Lets make this a 50 attendance challenge day and fill the church.

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Greetings in the name of our Lord! Thanks to your support and prayers, our two lay delegates and I attended the 2023 Wisconsin Annual Conference of UMC which was held June 9-12 in Green Bay. It is always an uplifting and moving experience when scattered church clergy and lay members come together in one place to share and praise how God worked for His people through us. In addition to these great moments, there was one heartbreaking moment, and I am sorry to say that I must share this news with you.



As we all know and have earnestly prayed over it, the UMC has been experiencing internal division about the role of LGBTQ people in church life. As of May 31, 2023, 13% of the entire UMC had confirmed disaffiliation (3,933) and 3% was in the process of pursuing disaffiliation (900) and 84% confirmed staying in UMC (25,500). Among the churches that have disaffiliated, approximately 50% (around 2000) have joined the GMC (Global Methodist Church), while the remaining 50% (around 2000) have transitioned to other denominations or become independent churches. In our recent Annual Conference, we officially approved the disaffiliation of 43 Wisconsin churches.

For those who have left, the decision to disaffiliate often comes with a sense of loss and grief. Leaving a community that one has been a part of for many years can be a painful experience, especially when it is done in the context of a disagreement over deeply held beliefs. For those who remain within the UMC, saying goodbye to long-time friends and colleagues is a sad and heart-breaking experience.

Even so, I would like to make it clear UMC's saying goodbye to our old friends does not mean our saying goodbye to the essentials of gospel: the virgin birth, the divinity of Jesus Christ, the resurrection of Jesus Christ, or salvation through Christ alone, etc. are all bedrock in the doctrinal standards of the UMC, more specifically in the Articles of Religion and the Confession of Faith (You can check this and learn more in our UMC home page: [www.umc.org](http://www.umc.org)) Simply put, we will continue to confess our faith in every word of the Lord's Prayer and the Apostle's Creed.

Then, why did we have to go through all these conflicts and division? What values are worth preserving even as we lose long-time friends? The value that we strive to uphold is none other than compassion for one another, embracing the brokenness of the world and humanity, and honoring God's fervent love for the vulnerable and marginalized.

In the Book of Acts (Ch.15), we find a disagreement between Paul and Barnabas regarding taking Mark on their second missionary journey. During their first missionary journey, Mark accompanied the apostle Paul and Barnabas as their interpreter. However, Mark only traveled with them as far as the island of Cyprus and returned to his hometown of Jerusalem before they entered the main region of Asia Minor, which was their intended destination. The exact reason for Mark's return is not known, but it is speculated that he may have been intimidated or exhausted by the challenging journey. Apostle Paul later refers to him as the one who had not continued with them in Pamphylia, indicating his strong disapproval.

Paul, being focused on the mission and the importance of commitment, may have felt that Mark's retreat was an indication of his lack of dedication. This may have led Paul to question Mark's reliability and ability to endure the challenges ahead.

On the other hand, Barnabas, who was known for his encouraging and nurturing nature, saw potential in Mark and believed in giving him a second chance. Barnabas likely valued the opportunity for growth and forgiveness, recognizing that people can learn from their mistakes and mature over time.

Their differing perspectives and priorities led to a sharp disagreement between Paul and Barnabas, ultimately resulting in their decision to part ways. Considering how powerful of a missionary team Paul and Barnabas were, their conflict and parting ways can indeed be seen as a significant loss. It leads one to wonder if even these great apostles lacked the faith and wisdom to overcome human conflicts. However, it is important to note that God was greater than their separation. God used even their human limitations and apparent failures to bring about His purposes. Instead of allowing their conflict to hinder His mission, God raised up two separate missionary teams: Paul and Silas embarked on the second missionary journey, while Barnabas and Mark formed another team, pioneering mission work in different areas. Plus, Mark later proved himself and became an invaluable companion to the apostle Paul (2 Timothy 4:11)

The bible teaches us that even faithful apostles like Paul and Barnabas can have differing opinions and approaches. Maybe UMC's choice this time resembles that of Barnabas – taking sides with the vulnerable and walking with the marginalized. We respect the decisions of churches leaving us. We wish all the best and God's blessings on their future journeys. Also, we are proud and grateful that we chose a way for love and reconciliation in this broken world.

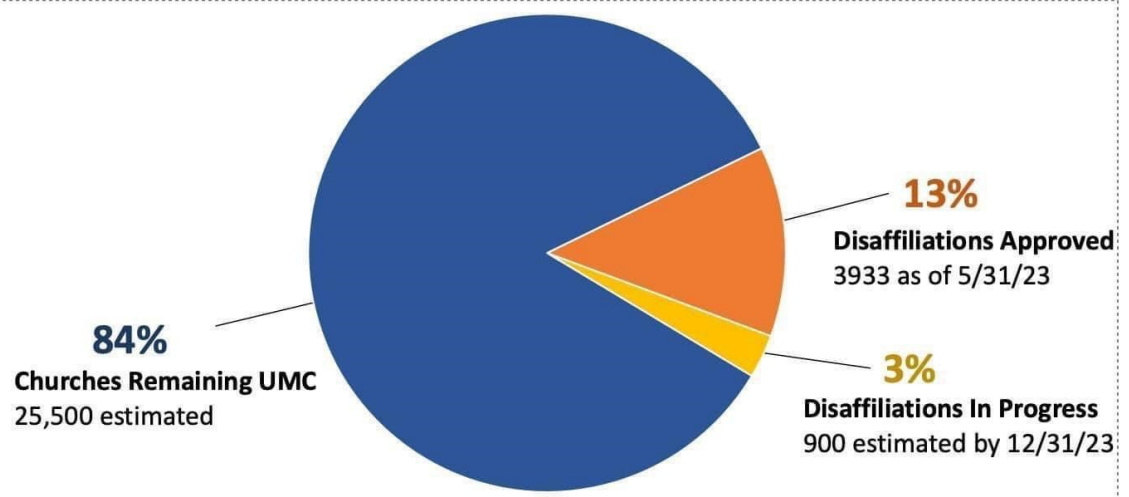
Dear friends, thank you for your support and prayers for UMC to this moment and let's keep up the good work together in Christ!

Peace,

*Pastor Maria*

## UMC Disaffiliations

**Book of Discipline Paragraph 2553**





## Upcoming Events



## Community Worship

Pastor Maria leads worship for community residents. You are welcome to join and spend time sharing God's love.

July 11 - Shullsburg Home - 10:00 a.m.

July 12 - Willow Valley - 9:30 a.m.

July 20 - St. Dominic Villa - 2:00 p.m.

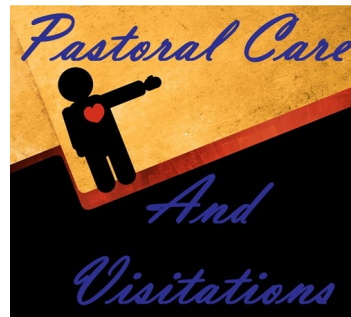
## Worship Coordinators

We are happy to announce that our church will have two worship coordinators who will work with Pastor Maria in finding various volunteers for worship (scripture readers, greeters, any special order, etc.) They are Sharon Teutschmann (representing Sunday worship group) and Julie Gill (representing Saturday worship group). Please, encourage and support them by saying yes! when they ask for your participation. Their job will start from August.

## Confirmation Class

**ATTENTION: PARENTS OF CHILDREN 12-17 years old:**

Pastor Maria will be resuming Confirmation Class in the Fall. If your child is interested in doing confirmation, please contact Pastor Maria or the church office.



In July, Pastor Maria will be doing **Pastoral Visitations to elderly male members** in honor of Father's Day. Sons or daughters can recommend for their fathers, or anyone can recommend for their friends or church members. She will be seeing them from Father's Day until the middle of July.

## Meetings and News

### Fellowship Group News

The CUMC hosted the Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, June 13. We collected 33 units which was above our goal of 26. Thank you to all who gave and to our volunteers Sharon Teutschmann, Penny Tregloan, Lynn Ranum, Kathy Lacke, and Sue Wiegel.

We served the families of Todd Ubersox on Friday, June 9 and also Shirley Gensler on Thursday, June 15. Thank you to all who brought food or helped to set up, prepare, serve, and clean up. Many hands make light work, and we could not do this special outreach to our church family without your help and support. I have heard back from both families and guests, and they are so impressed and appreciative of what we do. It is a blessing to many and one I hope we can continue to provide.

Thank you also goes to those who are helping with painting and decorating after our construction of the bathrooms upstairs and our new storage area.

**You're invited to refreshments after church honoring Vacation Bible school on Sunday, July 30th. The Sign up to bring bars and to help serve will be at the table on the back of the sanctuary starting on July 8th. Please come and join us for this special fellowship for our children.**

God Bless, Pam Harker, Fellowship Chair

### Retired & Re-Fired Small Group

Happy Summer!!! Holiday season has begun with graduations, the end of the school year, and summer vacations all on the horizon. It's the time of year where Retired & Re-Fired group will go on Summer Break.

We were able to exceed our goal in the Care Kits. We ended up with 27 kits to take to Annual Conference. Thank you to all who contributed to them and helped pack them up.

**Our next meeting will be on September 11 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your own lunch; coffee and tea will be provided.**

May God bless you and guide you until we meet again!

Mary Gensler, Retired & Re-Fired Small Group Leader

We're all Part of His Flock



The Retired & Re-Fired Group  
Centenary United Methodist Church



## Trustees News

The remodeled upstairs men's bathroom and the larger classroom are finished and looking great.

Contractors are working hard on the upstairs women's bathroom and the expanded janitor's closet. Both projects will be done by the end of the month.

The Trustees have a few more projects that we would like to do and some necessary upkeep that needs done.

In order to do all of these latest projects, we have had to take money from our investments. We are looking for contributions to help grow our accounts back up. If you feel called to contribute directly to these projects so we don't have to pull from the investments, we would greatly appreciate it. We'd like to make the church as accessible as possible without depleting all of our investment funds.

*Jamie Roberts, Co-Trustees Chair*



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## VBS Sunday / 50 Attendance Challenge Day

Join us on July 30

As you know, 2023 Vision of Centenary UMC is "Be a welcoming community for all, worshipping together at God's house" with a specific goal of having more than 50 at each service. For this, our leadership board decided to hold '50 Attendance Challenge Sunday' a few times a year. This past Easter was our first Challenge Sunday and that day we recorded 48 attendance!

We also formed a 50 Attendance Challenge team (leader: Mary Gensler) and this team is meeting once a month constantly praying and looking for new ways to invite and welcome our long-time friends and neighbors. VBS Sunday is revived through this effort in cooperation with VBS (leader: Danica Diedrich) in support of all ministry teams under ALB. For example, we appreciate the support of Fellowship (leader: Pam Harker) in making a welcoming home for all that day.

The purpose of 50 Attendance Challenge is to make our church more relevant, inviting and welcoming to all people including younger generation families for their reconnecting to Jesus. Kids are the future of our church, please support them by celebrating their time at VBS with us.

How can you share your joy in this? Let's invite and welcome people you love to this joyous occasion!

May God lead us to the rock that is higher than us.





## Lay Servant Ministry Upcoming Trainings

Join us for upcoming Lay Servant Ministries course opportunities throughout the Conference. We offer Basic and Advanced Courses for those working toward certification, as well as ongoing training for Lay Servants, Lay Speakers, and anyone else who is interested, in a variety of locations across the state.

If you are interested in registering for a class, please fill out the LSM Registration Form. Completed forms can be emailed to your District Director or Directors of Lay Servant Ministries. Visit CBOL Leadership to find your District Director of Lay Servant Ministry.

Lay Servant Ministries courses can also be taken online through [beadisciple.com](https://beadisciple.com).



Make sure that the course is marked with Lay Servant Ministries, as BeADisciple offers classes that fulfill many different kinds of non-LSM certifications. If you have any questions about taking courses through BeADisciple, or if a particular course will count towards your Lay Servant or Lay Speaker certification, please reach out to your District Director of Lay Servant Ministries for guidance.

## Stewardship from the Ground Up

**Stewardship Conference at Pine Lake hosted by the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation**



Calling all Stewardship Teams, Finance Committees, Church Councils, Accountable Leadership Boards, and Pastors! You are invited to the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation's Annual Stewardship Conference at Pine Lake Camp on **August 11 & 12**. This year's theme is *Stewardship from the Ground Up* and will feature workshops on vital stewardship techniques and essential stewardship practices that have been and continue to be important for local congregations and other ministries.

You can come in-person for just the day (Friday from 3-8 pm or Saturday from 9:15 am-4:15 pm) for \$20, for the full retreat (Friday 2 pm – Saturday 4:15 pm) for \$80 if you're sharing a room or \$125 for your own room, or attend virtually via Zoom for \$40\*. (Meals and beautiful location included for in-person options.)

Questions? Contact Rev. Jason Mahnke, Director of Programming and Campaigns, at [jason@wumf.org](mailto:jason@wumf.org).

\*The main presentations will be available virtually via Zoom, but some of the breakout sessions during the Conference will not due to technical limitations.

Register at <https://wiumcamps.campbrainregistration.com/>

*Our intercessory prayer group is going well! We welcome Sandy Russell to our prayer team and would love to have others join too! Intercessory prayer is powerful!!! It's simple to join, just send your email address to Pam Teasdale at [pamteas@yousq.net](mailto:pamteas@yousq.net)!*

*When we pray, God listens and works for us! The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth (Psalms 145:18).*

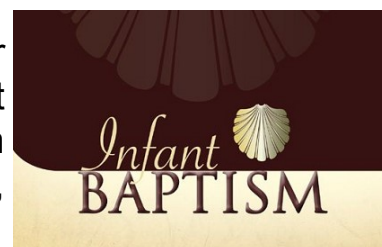
*As children of God, we are connected through our prayers for each other in Christ. Feel free to submit as many prayer requests as you like!*

*Thank you to the Team: Leader Pam Teasdale, Kerry Coppes, Linda Dillon, Lois Finnigan, Mary Gensler, Therese Gratz, Amy Mullikin, Marlene Stewart, Sharon Teutschmann, Cherie Uehling, Sandy Russell, Becky Upmann, & Pastor Maria Kim for their dedication to the weekly prayers.*

## Infant Baptism

Adult baptisms are typically part of becoming a member of the church. At Centenary UMC, we also celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism for infants and children. When an infant or child is baptized, the congregation commits itself to nurturing the child in faith. In turn the parents or guardians of the child declare their promise to be an active part of the church community.

A baptism application must be submitted five to six weeks prior to the Sunday your child will be baptized, and the parent(s) must attend a Baptism Commitment Class (one time). An application is available at the church office. For more details or questions, please, contact Pastor Maria.



## With Sympathy

We mourn the loss of two of our church members Todd Ubersox and Shirley Gensler.

Cards can be sent to Todd's sister *Julie Thompson* at 253 Peace St., Shullsburg, WI 53586 and Shirley's daughter *Julie Peters* at 945 Elm Ct., Apple River, IL 61001.

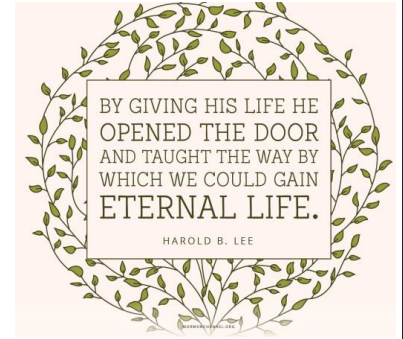
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## Accountable Leadership Board Meeting

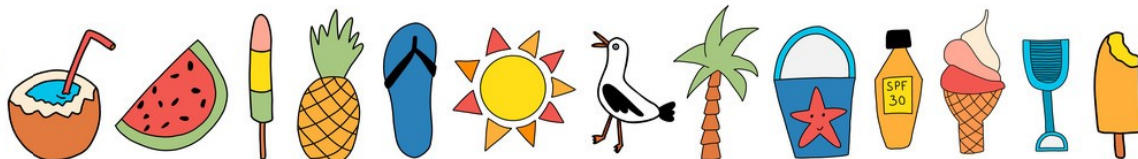
### Highlights



*June 20 meeting:*

#### Business/Ministry Reports

- Update on how we are doing Financially- Review and discuss Financial Reports Motion made by Mary Gensler seconded by Jamie Roberts to approve the financial reports as is. All in favor. Motion approved.
- Apportionments: 15% tithe to apportionments for Conference, plus designated apportionment giving.
  - ♦ Motion made by Mary Gensler seconded by Jamie Roberts to approve sending \$1687 for May. All in favor. Motion approved.
- Meeting Minutes- Review and Approve-Motion made by Pam Harker seconded by Lois Finnigan to approve the minutes as presented. All in favor. Minutes approved.
- Trustees-
  - ♦ Upstairs Bathrooms Project-the men's bathroom is finished as well as the classroom. They are finishing up the women's bathroom and the janitor closet.
  - ♦ Trustee meeting—The Trustee's group met and discussed things that need to be done still. They will work on 1 thing at a time, until finished.
- Planning for Summer Bible School
  - ♦ Danica Diedrich has said she is willing to do VBS this year with Sadie Uehling help. They will be changing up somethings this year. It will be held Monday July 24 to Friday July 28 with VBS Sunday being on July 30 at the 10:30 worship service. All kids and parents will be invited to join us for worship, songs, and recap of the week of VBS.
- Fellowship Group discussed having the Blood Drive and a great turn out. They also had 2 funeral luncheons.
- Pastor Maria is planning special visitation for mothers of church in the months of May- June/ fathers of church in the months of June-July. Please, feel free to schedule a visitation with her.
- Church website is update & remodeling process: Our church website has been updated & remolded, please check your small group or team section and give us your input / updated information, if needed.



## Going Above and Beyond as Stewards of CUMC



### Food Pantry Giving

We collected 10 items for our June collection. Thank you to everyone who brought something in! For the month of July we are collecting condiments. Distribution will be on Thursday, July 20.

### July Missional Giving

Mission money collected this month will go to UMCOR. The money will go to support programs that fight hunger and poverty, assist the displaced, and respond to disasters.

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.



### Worship with Re-Awaken Band

Here is a great joy for the Centenary congregation. The Re-Awaken CUMC band will play for Sunday worship once a month, **but they will be taking July off and be back performing in August.** They are looking for more people to join



the band, so if you play an instrument or love to sing, they are looking for you! If you are interested or have questions, please contact Jeremiah Diedrich at 482-4608.



Join us on Sunday mornings before Worship for Coffee and Fellowship. Coffee, tea, and milk along with a light snack will be served from 10:00-10:30 a.m. every Sunday.

If you feel called to sign up for a Sunday, please see the sign-up sheet on the back table or contact the Team Leader, Mary Gensler. **We are in need of hosts for July & August.**

## Perspective

Some things are simply a matter of perspective. We can be reminded often how words can be used to skew the truth. For instance, an interoffice softball game was held every year between the marketing department and support staff of one company. The day of the game, as hard as the marketers tried, the support staff whipped the marketing department soundly.

In its best tradition, the marketing department decided to find the best “spin” they could on the dismal result. They showed how they earn their keep by posting this memo on the bulletin board after the game: “The marketing department is pleased to announce that for the recently completed softball season, we came in second place, having lost but one game all year. The support department, however, had a rather dismal season, as they won only one game all year.”

On the other hand, hidden beauty can also be found by looking at a situation in a different way. A little girl named Lauren (age 5) reports, “I know my older sister loves me because she gives me all her old clothes and has to go out and buy new ones.”

I think Lauren is on to something. Our entire lives can be shaped by perspective. How would I approach money, “stuff,” and giving if I knew that God had already given me everything I need, rather than seeing all the things I “need” in the store windows? How would I treat others if I focused on the ways I could serve rather than making sure everyone respected my rights? How would my marriage change if it were based on being one another’s servant rather than a struggle for power? What would my attitude be toward work be if I saw it as my God-given vocation rather than someplace I had to go to earn a paycheck? What if I saw Sunday as a true Sabbath . . . a time for connecting with God and family and rest . . . rather than a day to run the kids to more activities the day I must get things done at home before I go to work?

Sometimes we need God to help us see the world differently before we can live differently in it.

*Rev. Jason Mahnke, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation*



## Our Vision Statement

*“Sharing God’s love to change the world by making disciples of Jesus”*

2023 Vision of CUMC: “Be a welcoming community for all, worshipping together at God’s house”

*(To have more than 50 at each service)*

From Our Parish Nurse.....

## It's Summertime Fun Time!

(But don't forget safety while enjoying this time of year.)

### **Sun Safety:**

Everybody needs some sun exposure to produce vitamin D (which helps calcium absorption for stronger and healthier bones). But unprotected exposure to the sun's ultraviolet (UV) rays can cause damage to the skin, eyes, and immune system. It can also cause cancer. There are other contributing factors such as heredity and environment. But sunburn and excessive UV light exposure do damage the skin. This damage can lead to skin cancer or premature skin aging called photoaging. The best way to protect yourself against the damaging effects of the sun is to limit exposure and protect your skin.



- Infants under 6 months of age should be kept out of direct sunlight. Avoid using sunscreen. A baby's young skin doesn't have the ability to metabolize and excrete chemicals often found in sunscreens.
- Use sunscreens for all children over 6 months old. It doesn't matter what skin or complexion type the child has. All skin types need protection from UV rays. Even dark-skinned children can have painful sunburns.
- Choose a broad-spectrum sunscreen that filters out both ultraviolet A (UVA) and ultraviolet B (UVB) rays. High SPF sunscreens protect from burning for longer periods of time than sunscreens with a lower SPF. SPF 15 blocks 93% of the UVB and SPF 30 blocks 97%. For people with children, talk with your older child or teen about using sunscreen and why it's important. Set a good example for them by using sunscreen yourself.
- Apply sunscreens 30 minutes before going out into the sun to give it time to work. Use it liberally and reapply it every 2 hours after being in the water or after exercising or sweating. Sunscreens are not just for the beach. Use them when you are working in the yard or playing sports.
- Do not overuse tanning beds. Ultraviolet light from the sun and tanning beds can cause skin cancer and wrinkling. If you want to look tan, try using a self-tanning product. But also use sunscreen with it.
- Seek shade when the sun is the strongest. Remember that the sun's rays are strongest between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. If your shadow is shorter than you are, seek shade.
- Use extra caution near water and sand. They reflect the damaging rays of the sun. This can increase your chances of sunburn. Remember, sand and pavement reflect UV rays even while under an umbrella. Snow and water are also good reflectors of UV rays. Reflective surfaces can reflect most of the damaging sun rays and still give you sunburn.
- Protect your eyes - use protective eyewear for you and your children. Choose sunglasses with labels stating they provide UV protection.
- Remember that many over-the-counter and prescription medicines increase the skin's sensitivity to UV rays. So, it's possible to develop a severe sunburn in just minutes when tak-



ing certain medicines. Read medicine labels carefully and use extra sunscreen as needed.

- Don't forget your delicate lips! Protect your lips with lip balm with at least SPF 15.

### **Preventing Heat-Related Illness:**

Heat-related deaths and illnesses are preventable. Despite this fact, more than 600 people in the United States are killed by extreme heat every year. And don't forget our pets! While the majority of heat-related pet deaths that were studied were the result of an animal being confined inside a hot vehicle, reports also include incidents of heat-related death due to confinement in trailers, garages, or sheds, as well as heat-related deaths due to animals being left outside in extreme heat with no shade or water. Remember these heat safety tips...

- Use a Buddy System: When working in the heat, monitor the condition of your co-workers and have someone do the same for you. Heat-induced illness can cause a person to become confused or lose consciousness. If you are 65 years of age or older, have a friend or relative call to check on you twice a day during a heat wave. **If you know someone in this age group, check on them at least twice a day.**
- Although anyone at any time can suffer from heat-related illness, some people are at greater risk than others such as:
  - Infants and young children
  - People 65 years of age or older
  - People who are overweight
  - People who overexert during work or exercise
  - People who are physically ill, especially with heart disease or high blood pressure, or who take certain medications, such as for depression, insomnia, or poor circulation
- More and more people are taking diuretics (water pills), antihistamines, and beta-blockers, each of which can increase the risk of heat-related illnesses in the summer by exaggerating the body's response to heat and cause you to feel ill in extreme heat. **If your doctor does not limit the amount of fluids that you drink,** drink plenty of fluids: Always stay hydrated, regardless of how active you are. Don't wait until you're thirsty to drink. Just remember: **If your doctor limits the amount you drink or has you on water pills,** ask how much you should drink while the weather is hot.
- Replace Salt and Minerals: Heavy sweating removes salt and minerals from the body that need to be replaced. A sports drink can replace the salt and minerals you lose in sweat. If you are on a low-salt diet, have diabetes, high blood pressure, or other chronic conditions, talk with your doctor before drinking a sports beverage or taking salt tablets.
- Wear Appropriate Clothing: Choose lightweight, loose-fitting clothing.



Keep in mind: Electric fans may provide comfort, but when the temperature is in the high 90s, they will not prevent heat-related illness. Taking a cool shower or bath or moving to an air-conditioned place is a much better way to cool off. Libraries keep the latest newspapers and magazines. Many people read the newspaper in the library and cool off at the same time. Use your stove and oven less to maintain a cooler temperature in your home.

- **Schedule Outdoor Activities Carefully:** Try to limit your outdoor activity to when it's coolest, like morning and evening hours. Rest often in shady areas so that your body has a chance to recover.
- **Avoid Hot and Heavy Meals:** They add heat to your body!
- **Stay away from very sugary or alcoholic drinks**—these actually cause you to lose more body fluid. Also avoid very cold drinks, because they can cause stomach cramps.
- **Keep Your Pets Hydrated:** Provide plenty of fresh water for your pets and leave the water in a shady area.
- **Never leave your pet in a parked car** - Even in cool temperatures, cars can heat up to dangerous temperatures very quickly. Leaving a window open is not enough, temperatures inside the car can rise almost 20 degrees Fahrenheit within the first 10 minutes, even with a window cracked open.

**If the following signs or symptoms are noted, seek medical attention as soon as possible.**

**Here are some general signs and symptoms of heat related illness in people to watch for:**

- ♦ Whole body: dehydration, fatigue, flushing, thirst, excess sweating, fainting, inability to sweat normally, lightheadedness, low blood pressure, or nervous system dysfunction
- ♦ Muscular: cramping, stiff muscles, or muscle spasms
- ♦ Gastrointestinal: nausea or vomiting
- ♦ Respiratory: fast breathing or shallow breathing
- ♦ Also common: elevated core body temperature, fast heart rate, delirium, dry skin, headache, or mental confusion

**For Pets, here are some general signs and symptoms of heat related illness to watch for:**

- ♦ Excessive panting and drooling and seeking a cool environment
- ♦ Bright red or dry gums
- ♦ Fast heart rate and breathing rate
- ♦ Increased breathing noises (may be raspy)
- ♦ Wobbly, confused, having seizures
- ♦ Excessive thirst
- ♦ Vomiting and/or diarrhea
- ♦ Bruising on the abdomen



### **Grilling Outside:**

Who doesn't love a good ol' fashion summertime barbecue? But more than 19,000 barbecue loving people end up in emergency rooms every year, and an average of 4,900 structures are damaged by fire — most from gas grill fires. Following these charcoal and gas grill safety tips and having the right protection will help you and your family enjoy a safe grilling season all summer long.

- Only use grills outside in the open - It may be tempting to set up your barbecue grill inside of your open garage or under a covered balcony, but propane and gas, charcoal grills are strictly designed for outdoor use where there is plenty of ventilation. Any combustible materials that surround or hang over the grill when it's in use can catch fire easily and quickly. Make sure that the area over top and around your grill is clear and unobstructed.
- Place your grill away from your home - Barbeque grills are often placed just outside the back door or on the back deck against a railing. You should avoid placing your grill in these areas because it can pose a potential fire hazard. Grills that are placed too close to the house or other wood structures can heat up adjacent materials and cause a fire to start. Be sure to keep your grill at least 10 feet from your home or other structures.
- Make sure that your grill is set up on a stable surface such as a concrete pad so that it remains level while cooking food. Grills that are placed on slopes or other uneven surfaces can tip over easily and cause a fire.
- Check your gas grill for leaks - If you store your grill inside during the winter months, it's important to check it over thoroughly when grilling season begins. A leak in the gas lines can cause propane or natural gas to build up inside the BBQ when the lid is closed. Check the gas lines to make sure that they are free of leaks before using your grill, and always open the lid of your barbecue before lighting.
- Always clean the grill after each use - Barbecuing regularly causes grease to build-up on the grill plates and collect inside the grease tray. If not cleaned, the build-up can then act as fuel and catch fire while the grill is in use. Clean your charcoal or gas grill after each use with a grill brush and empty the grease tray when it begins to fill up.
- Wear appropriate clothing - Articles of clothing that have long sleeves or pieces that dangle can catch fire easily when too close to an open flame. When grilling food, wear clothing that won't interfere with the cooking process and make sure that any apron strings are tied back away from your front. If a piece of clothing does catch fire, remember to stop, drop, and roll to extinguish the flames quickly.
- Last, if a fire does start in the grill, close the grill lid if it is safe, as a lack of oxygen will help to ease the fire and even put it out. Always keep a fire extinguisher close by. Foam fire extinguishers, a fire extinguisher designed to fight Class B (flammable gas or oil) or Class K (grease) fires can provide protection against BBQ fires, and fire blankets can help to smother a blaze. Once the fire has been put out, make sure to switch off any burners on the gas grill that were still on.



Remember, all of these tips and reminders can prevent a preventable disaster. Have fun and be safe!

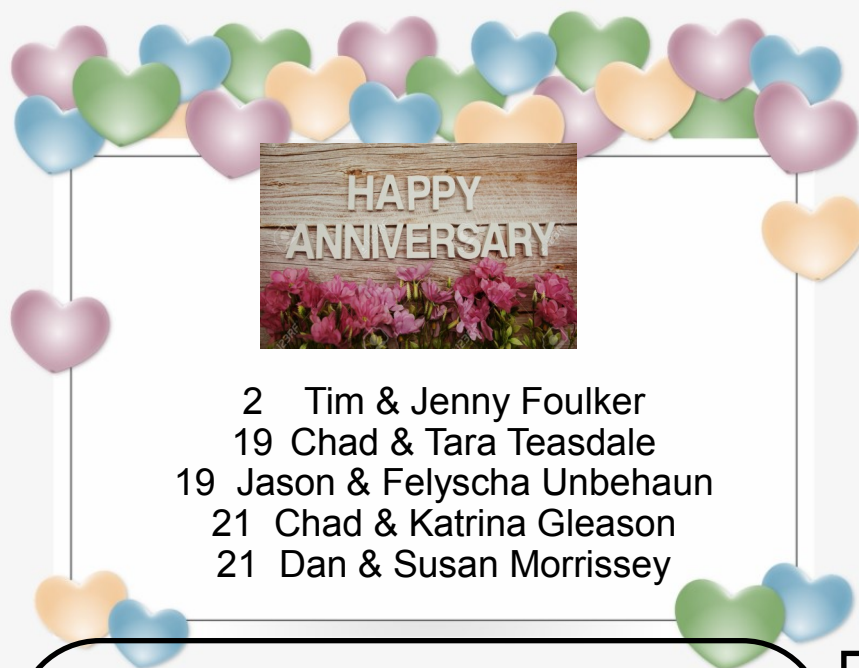
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## July Lectionary

July 2

### 5th Sunday After Pentecost

Genesis 22:1-14

Psalms 13

Romans 6:12-23

Matthew 10:40-42

July 9

### 6th Sunday After Pentecost

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Psalms 45:10-17

Romans 7:15-25a

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 16

### 7th Sunday After Pentecost

Genesis 25:19-34

Psalms 119:105-112

Romans 8:1-11

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 23

### 8th Sunday After Pentecost

Genesis 28:10-19a

Psalms 139:1-12, 23-24

Romans 8:12-25

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

## Scripture Readers

Opening Prayer Readers

**CHILDREN FOR OFFERING  
HELPERS**

Your participation will make our worship more lively and active!

If you feel called to help with any of these, please contact the office.





# JULY 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Communion 10:30 Blended Worship	3	4	5 2:00 50 Challenge Committee mtg.	6	7	8
9 10:30 Blended Worship	10	11 10:00 Community Worship @ Shullsburg Home	12 9:30 Community Worship @ Willow Valley	13	14	15 Fellowship Hall Reserved
16 10:30 Blended Worship	17	18 6:00 ALB mtg.	19	20 2:00 Community worship @ St. Dominic Villa 3:30 Food Pantry	21	22
23 10:30 Blended Worship	24	25	26	27	28	29
Vacation Bible School (24-28) 9:00-11:00 a.m. daily						

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10:30 Blended Worship w/  
VBS Sunday

Fellowship Hall Reserved

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# The Chimes

Join us for Sunday  
Morning Blended  
worship

10:30 In-Person &  
Recorded Service on  
Facebook each  
Sunday

Centenary United Methodist Church  
226 West Church Street  
P.O. Box 127  
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MONDAY - FRIDAY  
JULY 24-28  
9:00 - 11:00 A.M.

Children 4 years – 5<sup>th</sup> grade may attend.  
Adults & youth (6<sup>th</sup> grade and up) can help.



## VBS Color Days

Register children & helpers at  
<https://shullsburg-centenary-united-methodist-church.mycokesburyvbs.com/>