



The Chimes



Centenary United Methodist Church

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Lots of churches have mottos or tagline mission statements about who they are and what they are supposed to be about. Every church thinks they are friendly and welcoming (just try to find a church that says they are not), and every church talks about love and grace.

One of the reasons I am so proud to be the Pastor here at Centenary UMC is that every time I walk in the main doors on the upper level, the first words that greet me on the opposite wall above the coatrack is our motto "Come as you are, no judgment, only grace." I am pleased not only because they are written there but because our overall church culture actually lives them out. Everyone is truly welcome here, there is no judgment, and all who walk through that door will be offered God's grace.

What I am asking Centenary UMC to focus on now is 1.) having more people walk through that door and 2.) helping them find and connect to Jesus Christ and His church once they are here. This will require prayer, discernment and lots of discussion on everyone's (and I mean EVERYONE'S) part here at Centenary UMC.

All of you, all the members and friends of Centenary UMC, are called to be a beloved son and daughter of God and then through a relationship with Jesus Christ discern your call from God and by the power of the Holy Spirit to be a part of His plan through the ministry of His church to lead people to Jesus Christ. This is why Christian Leadership is the emphasis of this Lenten season at Centenary UMC.

For now, all I ask is that you pray and come to as many services as you can during Lent. Pray for souls to come through our doors, pray for them to find connection to the love of Christ through the worship and the people they meet. Let us come together as a church and pray that all who walk through those doors are not just welcomed, but that through the ministry of this church they find Christ here and follow Him to His eternal Kingdom. All praise, glory and honor to Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Pastor Jeff

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Passover Banquet

It is with great joy and excitement that Centenary UMC announces that Ryan Karp, a Messianic Jew (A Jewish Christian who believes Jesus Christ is the Messiah) from Chosen People Ministries in New York, NY will be coming here to Centenary UMC to host a Messiah in the Passover Banquet on Wednesday, March 13 @ 6:00 p.m. (This will be the Confirmation students class that night so they and their families are strongly encouraged to attend).

This will include not only a marvelous presentation of the divine link between this Jewish festival and the grace of Jesus Christ, but will also include a scrumptious banquet featuring the traditional foods used to celebrate the Passover Seder. Communion, like you have never experienced it before, will follow the meal.

A list for volunteers to purchase and bring ingredients as well as help prepare dishes will appear on the back table in the sanctuary sometime around the start of Lent. Any volunteers and support we can receive would be greatly appreciated!

What an incredible opportunity for everyone including families to do something special during the Lenten season! Please mark this date down for this incredible opportunity to learn, to understand, to fellowship, to eat, to celebrate and to come closer to our Almighty God and His incredible grace shown through His Son Jesus Christ.

Another Church Conference Called

The IRS allows pastors to deduct from their taxable income the amount they spend to furnish and maintain the parsonage. The amount of this allowance is approved as part of our Church Conference in November. Pastor Jeff erred by filling in \$1500, instead of a more accurate figure of \$5000. (This is NOT an additional salary, it simply affects Pastor Jeff's tax liability for the year.) Since the incorrect amount was approved at Church Conference, we have received permission from the District to call another Church Conference to make this change at the next Church Council on March 11th @ 7:00 p.m. to be officiated by the Rev. Randy Booth from Monroe UMC (who was already coming to Church Council to discuss our church growth strategy).

The only item on the agenda for this Church Conference will be to change the pastor's Furnishing Allowance from \$1,500 to \$5,000. If you have any questions or concerns, please reply this e-mail or call Jeff at the church office. All are always welcome to attend Church Council, so feel free to attend the Church Conference as well.

March Missional Giving

This month's mission emphasis will be Transformation Project Prison Ministry (Advance #3020547), which gathers and publishes inmate testimonies into books, CDs, and DVDs to be distributed at no cost to prisons, halfway houses,



and homeless shelters across the nation. This project gives voice to the voiceless by allowing the testimonies of the incarcerated to be heard and shared beyond cell walls, and it provides them with hope, a better understanding of God,

and a purpose that benefits themselves and their neighbor. For those not incarcerated, the material also provides a deeper understanding of what God can do, even in the most unexpected of places. As an Advance project, 100% of your gift will reach this ministry.

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.

March Administrative Meetings

Monday, March 11

Finance Committee — 6:00 p.m.

Church Conference — 7:00 p.m.

All committee chairs should plan to attend or send someone from their committee to report. If no one from your committee will be attending, please email Pam Teasdale with a committee update.

March Worship

March 2 & 3

Christian Leadership Part III: Servant Leadership

Communion

Philippians 2:1-11

Matthew 8:5-13

March 9 & 10

Part IV: The Darkside of Leadership

2 Samuel 12

Hebrews 10:19-39

John 3:11-21

March 16 & 17

Part V: Responsibility & Accountability

Matthew 13:16-20

Peter and the Keys

1 Corinthians 9:19-27

March 23 & 24

The Palm Sunday Story

Mark 11:1-11

Psalm 118

March 30 & 31

Easter Sunday

Special Services



Sunday School News

Happy March! Spring is around the corner, and with all of the crazy weather and bitter coldness, we are looking forward to it. Along with Spring, we have some fun and special holidays coming up, so Happy St. Patrick's Day and more importantly, Happy Easter!

A change starting on February 24....Becky Upmann volunteered to teach the Preschool Sunday School class. We are greatly appreciative. While this age group was joyfully accepted in the older student classes, they learn differently, and by having a familiar face (many already know Miss Becky through Gingerbread Preschool), we are hoping to make Sunday School more enjoyable for them.

Also, we've amped up the music program! Instead of two children choirs, we now have three. Plus, we have special music provided by some of the junior high students, so March is going to be a musically great month! Please come and hear them all sing. March 3, the Embers (grades 1-2) will sing "Sunbeam"; March 10, special music from Jady Meyer; March 17, Flames (grades 3-5) will sing "Trust & Obey"; March 24, Preschool through 5th grade will sing a Sunday School favorite for Palm Sunday, "Shout Hosanna"; and on Easter morning, Cheyenne Stewart will sing with her dad, Rod Stewart, playing the guitar.

It's going to be a fun month! Can't wait to see everyone there!

Blessings,

Michelle Jackson, Sunday
School Superintendent

New Member Class

Pastor Jeff will be hosting a New Members class on Thursday, March 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the Serenity Room. Attending this class is not a commitment to join; it is perfectly fine to just come for more information or even for anyone to brush up on the meaning of church membership and/or support someone coming to the class. We are aiming for a New Members Sunday on March 10 to receive new members.



Meet with Bishop Hee-Soo Jung

Tuesday, March 19 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

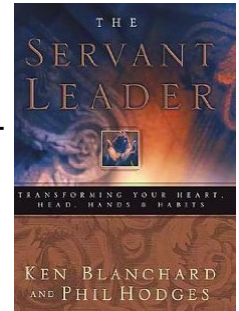
Dodgeville UMC

All are welcome. Please let Pastor Jeff know if you would like to go, as we need to RSVP to the District Superintendent.

Christian & Church Leadership Book Study

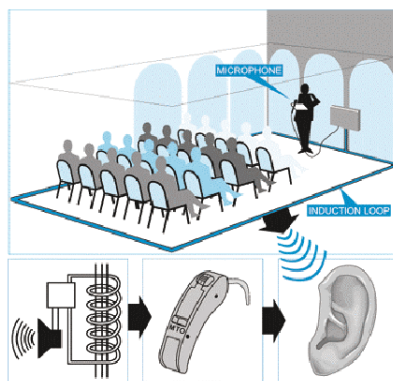
As we continue our Lenten emphasis on Christian Leadership, former Church Council Chair and current SPRC Chair Tina Cruse (who is on the verge of completing her Masters in Servant Leadership) will be leading a Book/Scripture Study on Christian & Church Leadership at 11:30 a.m. every Sunday from April 14th - May 5th in the Serenity Room. This short, four week course will be based on the book *The Servant Leader* by Ken Blanchard and Phil Hodges.

Everyone is invited to attend, especially anyone participating in and coordinating ministries or serving on any church committee. This class could have an extraordinary effect on our church leadership, culture, mission and vision. Anyone seeking to answer their call in terms of their role in God's plan to offer salvation is strongly encouraged to commit to this four week course. Contact Pastor Jeff or Tina Cruse if you have any questions.



What Is This New Hearing Loop?

One of the phases of the sanctuary remodel was the installation of an induction hearing loop. Many people may not have heard of induction loops, and do not have any idea of the great help this system can be in compensating for an audio disability.



A hearing loop is an assistive device which “talks” directly to a person’s hearing aid. No headset or receiver is required. A loop of wire is placed around a room beneath the flooring and is connected to audio equipment. When a presenter speaks into a microphone, their voice travels through the loop. If a hearing aid user switches their hearing aid to the telecoil (T) position (most hearing aids have this), the telecoil receives the loop signal, and the hearing aid converts it into sound. The magnetic field within the looped area is strong enough to allow the person to move freely within the looped area and still receive clear sound at a comfortable listening level.



Fellowship Group News

Don’t forget our Pasty bakes on the 9th and 23rd. Many hands make light work, and it is always a lot of fun! We start at 6:30 a.m. Hope to see you there!! Pasties are \$14 each, and can be picked up at noon or 4:00. Call Cherie Uehling at 965-4569 or 482-3993 to order.

PASTY

The Fellowship group will be hosting the Passover meal on Wednesday, March 13 at 6:00 p.m. Sign up sheets to help cook, work in the kitchen, or donate food are on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Please have any donated items to the church by Sunday, March 10.

Lots of metal folding chairs from the fellowship hall are for sale downstairs for a donation of \$2-5 per chair. Place your donation in the can, or put it in the offering plate (be sure to mark it “chairs”).

We wish you all a blessed Lent and Easter season!

Pam Harker, Fellowship Group coordinator

Breastfeeding Minute

You Have the Right to Breastfeed

Breastfeeding moms typically go through stages when it comes to their comfort level of breastfeeding in public. A newly breastfeeding mother may feel she needs to fully cover her baby and herself when in public, while a veteran breastfeeding mom may be able to feed in public with no cover and those around her have no idea she is feeding a baby at all. No matter the comfort level of the mother, she is protected by State Statute 253.16. In this State Statute it says that a mother may breastfeed her child in any public or private location; and no person may prohibit a mother from breastfeeding her child, tell a mother to move to another location to breastfeed her child, or tell a mother to cover her child or breast while breastfeeding. Be confident breastfeeding your children and know that you are doing what is best for them. Be aware of your rights and educate those around you if the subject comes up. Only through awareness can we help protect breastfeeding moms' rights in public.

This article is provided by:

Katrina Gleason, WIC Breastfeeding
Peer Counselor
608-482-3291

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

If you have any questions about breastfeeding contact your healthcare provider, local WIC office or me.

Katrina Gleason



Breastfeeding support group will be meeting in the Serenity Room from 10 to 12 on Friday, March 8. All moms-to-be and breastfeeding moms and infants are invited. If you want more information, you can contact Katrina or watch the Shullsburg Area Parents Group Facebook page.

Play Group

March 13 & 27

April 10 & 24

March Stewardship Message

Giving is...to be consistent...

“Every Sunday each of you make an offering and put it in safekeeping.
Be as generous as you can.”
1 Cor. 16:2 *The Message*

How much should we give?

The church Annette attends paid its bills in full last year using the usual end-of-the-year crisis call for money. After celebrating a sense of relief that all commitments were made in full some people started asking, “How much should we give, anyway?” Others pointed out that they wanted to give more last year but the plea for money came at a bad time. They said, “If we had known about this all year, we could have started saving earlier.”

As chair of the Church Council, Annette suggested they turn to the story of how Paul encouraged the Corinthians to make offerings to assist those in need by giving generously and regularly, setting something aside week by week. She said, “If you’re seriously wondering how much to give, consider starting at 3% of your net income. If you’re above that but below tithing, ask God in prayer what might be an amount that will invite you to sacrifice, yet give you joy as you consider the lives that will be changed.”

The tithe was established so that all the people might know the abundance of God’s love. As United Methodists, we tend to average giving only about 1% of our income. Imagine the variety of ways we could be in mission and ministry if we could average giving 3%, 5%, 7% or even a full 10% tithe!

No matter how much we are called to give to the church, it is always easier in the end if we put God first and write those checks as the first check of every pay period. Whether it’s 3%, 5%, 10% or more, choose an amount that helps you to grow in faith through sacrifice and joy – remembering that in giving away up to 10%, we still have 90% or more to meet our obligations, wants and needs!

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Looking for Pictures for New Church Directories

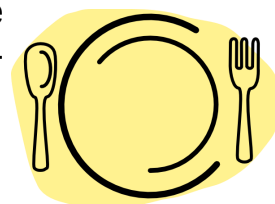
We had 41 families get their pictures taken on January 25 & 26! If you were unable to make it on portrait day, you can still drop off a family photo (with copyright release) to the office or email to Becky Mootz at centenaryumcoffice@yahoo.com, and we will make sure it gets included in the directory.

Also, we are still looking for photos of miscellaneous church events taken from January 2008 until December 2012. Some ideas of what we are looking for are baptisms, weddings, VBS, Sunday School, youth & adult mission trips, 4th of July float, special worship services, New Life services, car show, etc. If you have any, they can also be sent to Becky Mootz.

Amy Mullikin & Becky Mootz, Church Directory Coordinators

Senior Citizen Appreciation Dinner

Shullsburg Schools will host the 24th Annual Senior Citizen's Appreciation Dinner on March 14 at the school in the old gym. There is no charge for the meal, and all Shullsburg senior citizens are welcome. Please arrive at 11:30 for dinner at noon. Musical entertainment will be provided by students. Please call the school at 965-4427 for reservations by March 8. Rides will be provided if needed.



Food Pantry Giving



Last month we collected 7 food items for food pantry! Thanks to everyone who brought something in!

Our March item will be soup & crackers. Let's try to bring in enough for all 75 of our families! We will be collecting these until March 21.

March 2013

For the most up-to-date calendar,
go to shullsburgumc.com & click on Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7:00 Casual Worship

3	8:00 Trad. Worship	4	6	7	8	9
9:00 Sunday School		6:00 Band Practice	10:00 Breastfeeding			PASTY BAKE
10:15 Rock'n Praise		6:15 Confirmation			Support Group	7
6:00 Youth Group		7:15 Bible Study			6:00 Yth Pizza/Hockey	:00 Casual Worship

10	8:00 Trad. Worship	11	13	14	15	16
9:00 Sunday School		10:00 Play Group				7:00 Casual Worship
10:15 Rock'n Praise	6:00 Finance mtg.	6:00 Passover		11:30 Sr. Dinner @		
6:00 Youth Group	7:00 Church Conference	Dinner		school	<---WOMEN'S	---RETREAT---

17	8:00 Trad. Worship	18	19	20	21	22	23
9:00 Sunday School		6:00 Band Practice		6:00 Band Practice			PASTY BAKE
10:15 Rock'n Praise		6:15 Confirmation		6:15 Confirmation			
11:30 SPRC mtg.		7:00 Bishop @	4:30 Food Pantry	7:15 Bible Study			7:00 Casual Worship
		Dodgeville UMC					

24	8:00 Trad. Worship	25	26	27	28	29	30
9:00 Sunday School		5:15 TLC Group mtg.		10:00 Play Group			
10:15 Rock'n Praise				6:15 Confirmation	6:00 Maundy Thurs-	1:00 Good Friday svc	
6:00 Youth Group				7:15 Bible Study	day service	7:00 Passion Concert	

31	8:00 Trad. Worship	
9:00 Sunday School		
10:15 Rock'n Praise		

Special thanks to Tony & Diane Anderson for preparing the mailing of the February newsletters.

March Birthdays

1	Faith Santiago	17	Evelyn Gensler
2	Rita Crotty	17	Sara Olson
2	Sue Matye	22	Cheyenne Stewart
3	Fern King	22	McKailah Strang
3	Cherie Uehling	23	Debbie Monahan
4	Don Herman	23	Eileen Mullen
5	Margaret Edge	24	Marcella Russell
6	Patti Champion	24	Laurie Starr
7	Jeff Meyer	24	Pam Teasdale
7	Greg Mullikin	25	Brad Teutschmann
7	Rod Stewart	26	John Redfearn
9	Mary Gensler	26	Gloria Sargent
9	Alex Reuter	28	Larry Cherrey
9	Danielle Russell	28	Davyn Smith
9	Allie Walker	30	Nancy Edge
12	Elliana Mootz	31	Whitnie Schwartz
13	Kathie Schwartz	31	Katelynn Scott
15	Justin Thompson		

Statistics

Attendance:

Jan 5 & 6	16, 10, 87
Jan 12 & 13	20, 12, 37
Jan 19 & 20	23, 8, 62
Jan 26 & 27	18, 7, 39
Feb 2 & 3	14, 14, 53
Feb 9 & 10	30, 10, 75
Feb 16 & 17	8, 13, 89
Feb 23 & 24	10, 11, 82

Offerings Received:

Feb 2 & 3	\$2,402.93
Feb 9 & 10	3,094.50
Feb 16 & 17	3,204.65
Feb 23 & 24	1,983.32

Special Offerings:

(included in above totals)	
Anyka Johnson Fd	\$20.00
Apportionments	95.00
Chairs Sold	110.00
Hocking Fire Fd	50.00
Lent Offering	225.00
Missions	124.00
Sunday School	19.40

March Anniversaries

9	David & Loretta Ingram
15	Terry & Pam Reuter
19	Ed & Debbie Gierke
21	Larry & Brenda Johnson
23	Brock & Karen Gill

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."

Staff:

Pastor: Jeff Meyer
Secretary: Becky Mootz
Treasurer: Monica Hanson
Saturday Music Director: Irene Verdegan
Sunday Music Director: Danelle Schmid
Nursery Attendants: Becky Upmann, Sabra Stanton
Janitor: Su Schwartz

Ministry Leaders:

<i>Ad Council Chair:</i>	<i>Missions & Outreach</i>
Pam Teasdale	<i>Chair:</i>
<i>Fellowship/Women's</i>	Katrina Gleason
<i>Group:</i>	<i>New Life Revival Service:</i>
Pam Harker	Ed Santiago
<i>Finance Committee</i>	<i>Nurture & Membership</i>
<i>Chair:</i>	<i>Care:</i>
Becky Mootz	Amy Mullikin
<i>Financial Secretary:</i>	<i>Parish Nurse:</i>
Lois Finnigan/ Laura Hinzman	Marlene Stewart
<i>Food Pantry:</i>	<i>Pasty Bakes:</i>
Tina Cruse	Cherie Uehling
<i>Lay Leader:</i>	<i>SPRC Chair:</i>
Art Finnigan	Tina Cruse
<i>LIGHT/Sunday School:</i>	<i>Trustees Chair:</i>
Michelle Jackson	Jeremiah Diedrich
<i>Memorials Chair:</i>	<i>Worship Chair:</i>
Joy Redfearn	Lisa Diedrich

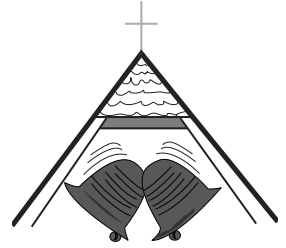
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PASSION CONCERT

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29 @ 7:00 P.M.



Rock'n Praise Music for
Our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ
who died on the cross for us all!

