



Centenary United Methodist

The Chimes



March 2016

Lenten Worship Services at Centenary UMC

March 24 - Maundy Thursday - 6:30 p.m.

March 25 - Good Friday - 6:30 p.m.

March 26 - Holy Saturday - 7:00 p.m.

March 27 - Easter Sunday Hymn Worship - 9:00 a.m.

March 27 - Easter Sunday Praise Worship - 10:30 a.m.

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New Heights with Pastor Jeff

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

How relevant is Easter, in terms of celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, to you and your family? In the Christian tradition and the life of the church the resurrection is the ultimate source of hope in life. Without the resurrection Jesus' death is meaningless. Without the resurrection our life and the life of Centenary UMC is meaningless as well. But because Jesus rose, conquered death in the process and now lives we have the hope of eternal life...that there is something more than just being born, growing up, paying bills and then dying...that there is such a thing as salvation, an eternity in heaven for our souls that we can aim for and work towards in life.

Unfortunately, there is a trend in our current culture to make Easter about anything but the relevance of the resurrection of Jesus Christ in our lives. By making it about traditions for children, family feasts and maybe being one of the two times a year many folks come to church, Easter has been painted as almost another secular holiday. To those who are seeking answers to the meaning and purpose of life Easter and Christmas are wonderful places to start the journey but it is only a beginning. Like Christmas, Easter is only as relevant to people as its spiritual meaning is revered by those who observe it. In order to understand and embrace that meaning one has to explore the Easter story's place in the overall story of God's relationship with humanity in the scriptures and apply it to their life and to the life of their Christian community.

Easter, like Christmas, or any other Christian holiday or tradition for that matter, was never meant to be kept to oneself or one's family...it is a celebration where its meaning and relevance is meant to be shared. The Easter story is meant to be told, testified, lived out and revealed to the world. Christians and the church do that in playing their part in God's plan to do so through their faith in that story and its relevance to them....

Which brings us back to the question: How relevant is Easter, in terms of celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, to you and your family? I invite you to come and worship at Centenary UMC these remaining weeks of Lent, as well as Easter, and answer that question for yourself and as a church, as Centenary UMC, for ourselves.

Praise be to God, Amen!!!!

PJ



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

Centenary UMC At A Glance

February Statistics

Total Offering:		Attendance:		Weekly
(Regular Offering, not earmarks)		(Sat 7, Sun 9 & 10:30, Wed 6:30)		Totals
Jan 30, 31, Feb 3	\$1359	Jan 30, 31 & Feb 3	9, 19, 59, 62	149
Feb 6, 7 & 10	\$1362	Feb 6, 7 & 10	10, 10, 59, 53	132
Feb 13, 14 & 17	\$2712	Feb 13, 14 & 17	10, 9, 57, 41	117
Feb 20, 21 & 24	\$886	Feb 20, 21 & 24	10, 14, 69, 45	138
Feb 27, 28 & Mar 2	NA	Feb 27, 28 & Mar 2	not yet available	

Upcoming Events

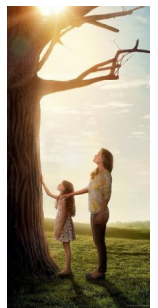
Holy Communion & Potluck March 6

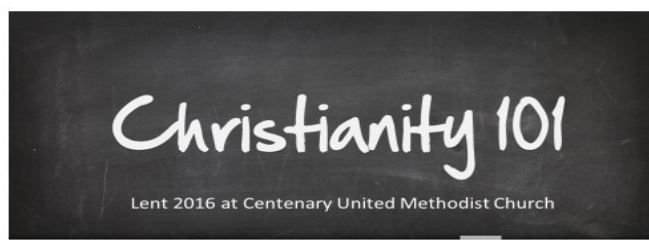
In the interest of creating more opportunities for members and friends of Centenary UMC to build and grow in relationships with each other, we have a potluck lunch the **first Sunday of every month after the 10:30 a.m. worship service**. The next monthly potluck will be Sunday, March 6. Each family is asked to bring a dish to pass and their own table settings (plates, cups, napkins, silverware).



Women's Dinner & Movie

Join us on Friday, March 18 for the first Women's Dinner & Movie of the year. We will be going to a movie based on a remarkable true story of faith and blessings: a mother tells of her sickly young daughter, how she survived a dangerous accident, her visit to Heaven, and the inexplicable disappearance of the symptoms of her chronic disease. We hope you can join us! Please check out the Facebook event "Women's Night Out" for updated information on time and dinner plans. If you have any questions, please contact Dawn Gobrecht at 482-0822 or the church office.





A Lenten Sermon Series That Explains and Explores The Basics of The Christian Faith

February 28 & March 2: Solitude & Prayer (Taking Time To Talk To God)

An exploration into the benefits of the essential spiritual disciple of daily prayer and alone time with God. Come to learn and be encouraged to make this part of your daily routine and walk with God.

March 6 & 9: Solitude and Discernment (Taking Time To Listen To God)

An introduction to the nearly lost practice of taking time be still and listen to God and discern His will. A potentially life and soul changing opportunity for everyone.

March 13 & 16: The Practice and Importance of a Sabbath

A spiritual, practical and paradigm breaking look at this spiritual practice that the world has declared war on. This lesson is a call for us as Christians to again implement this spiritual discipline and take the Sabbath back!

March 20 (Palm Sunday) & 23: The Call To Be Stewards (Why Giving Is Essential to the Christian Faith)

A look at the one spiritual practice that affects every aspect of Christianity and church life: Stewardship. Learning to discern God's calling in how we spend our time, energy, talents and money. This is the lesson that could directly impact your impact on the world and the Kingdom of God!

March 27 (Easter Sunday) & 30: The Relevance of Easter Today

Come as you are, no judgement only grace, but not just to celebrate a holiday. Come to learn, be able to explain and understand the relevance of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ today!





Community Grief Support

“GriefShare”

Tuesdays, March 1 - May 24, 2016

6:30pm - 8:30pm



Centenary United Methodist Church
226 W. Church Street, Shullsburg

GriefShare is a weekly video seminar featuring some of the nation's foremost experts on grief recovery topics. Each seminar is combined with a small group discussion time to allow participants to talk about the content of the seminar and about how they are dealing with the death of their loved one. GriefShare is intended for adults and registration is required.

For more information or to register for a session contact the
HHU-Grief Support Coordinator: Lindsay Guyer
608-778-9091 • 877-356-4514

Groups are added throughout the year. Visit HomeHealthUnited.org for new listings.

Meetings and News

Confirmation Class



Confirmation Class is at 7:00 p.m. every Sunday night.

March Administrative Meetings

Monday, March 14

6:00 – Finance

7:00 – Special Charge Conference

7:15 - All Church Leadership Summit

8:00– Church Council

All committee chairs should plan to attend or send someone from their committee to report. **Please make sure that you email the office with your report update by the Thursday prior to the meeting (Mar 10).**

Sunday School News



The month of February has gone by very quickly. We will be performing bells on March 20th and singing for the Easter service on March 27th. If you and your child(ren) could attend it would be greatly appreciated.

We have many volunteer opportunities open to help with Sunday school. We are in need of substitute helpers and teachers, set-up crew, music teacher, technology helper, snack helpers, and Wednesday night helpers. If you feel called to help the children of our church please call me at 608-445-4003 or the church office, and we can help you fulfill that calling.

Students really enjoy having snacks on Sunday mornings. For that to continue we really need families to help by bringing in snacks. Cereal, crackers, popcorn, pretzels, and other boxed items are greatly appreciated.

God Bless,

Sarah Santiago, Sunday School Coordinator

Fellowship Group News

I would like to thank everyone who brought food, helped serve and then cleaned up for the funeral lunches of Hal Ubersox and Marvin Russell. It truly is a blessing! It has been our policy that if dishes remain after the luncheon they are washed and placed on the shelves by the large cooler for people to pick up. If you are missing a dish, let me know, and we will find it for you.

We will be having a Pasty bake on Saturday, April 9. Prep will begin on Friday night (time yet to be determined), and we will start making pasties at 6:30 a.m. sharp on Saturday. Please come and join us for a fun time making our very tasty Pasties. Many hands make light work, and we need many hands! Our first 30 pasties have to be in the oven by 8:00 a.m. Cost for a whole pasty is \$15.00.



I am the kitchen liaison for the Trustees, and I ask that if anyone borrows or takes anything from the kitchen area to please return it, and if you use the kitchen, make sure to leave it cleaner than what you had found it. If you make a donation to the kitchen make sure to let me know so we can mark that item. It is wonderful that our kitchen is used for so many things, and we are all responsible to keep it neat and clean.

Easter is just around the corner and spring will soon be here. May God bless you this Easter season!

Pam Harker, Fellowship Group

Outreach News



College/Military Outreach Ministry for H.S. Grads and Young Adults!

To stay connected with our young adults so they stay connected with their church and God, the Outreach Committee is in the process of forming and implementing a ministry that would reach out to young adults in college and in the military. We want them to know we, as their church, still care and pray about them, even though they may not be near. If you have a college-age child in school or in the military, please contact the church office with their name and mailing address so we can send them blessings a few times each year. Also, please contact the church office or Pastor Jeff if you are interested in being part of this ministry. This is a great opportunity to get involved with our church and community without a large time commitment.

Retired & Re-Fired Small Group

Starting in March, we are going to start celebrating birthdays and anniversaries at our first meeting of each month (which is the second Monday of the month). Those people on our mailing list will receive a special invitation to celebrate a birthday or anniversary with us. Since we will provide food and beverage, they will get a phone call near the date to make sure we have enough.

We will continue to visit shut-ins with a birthday card and small gift.

It was a joy to make and mail valentines to 63 addresses. Now we're busy with our Easter cards, and will make them at Barb & Jake Teutschmann's on Monday, March 7.

Our next meeting will be Monday, March 14 at noon in the Serenity Room. Food will be provided. We will also meet on March 28, but please bring your own lunch. Coffee and tea will be provided.

Contact me at 965-3283 with any questions or if you need a ride.

Betty Gleason, Retired & Re-fired Small Group Leader



As we start the New Year... Remember the Convenience of Electronic Giving



The Finance Committee would like to remind you that we offer Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Not only is electronic giving from a checking or savings account convenient for individuals, 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.

Newsletter content deadline: 20th of the month

Wednesday Night Ministry: It Keeps Growing!

Wednesday evenings continue to be a blessing! In February we averaged 41 people for dinner and had meals of soup and sandwiches, taco night, turkey and gravy and the fixings, and soups with grilled cheese and hot dogs. Many thanks to Jacklyn Wood and Linda Dillon for all of their work with the children for children's church. Wednesday worship services have averaged 46 people. If you are out of town on the weekend and can't make it to church, Wednesday nights are a great option. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. followed by worship at 6:30.

Wednesday dates for March:

March 2nd

March 9th

March 16th (St. Patrick's day celebration)

March 23rd (Easter Dinner Celebration)

March 30th



Our St. Patrick's day celebration will be on March 16th. I am not good at Irish cooking, so we won't be having corned beef and cabbage, but we will decorate and wear green to celebrate!

Our Easter Celebration dinner will be on the 23rd. We will be having a huge dinner in celebration of Easter. We will be having turkey and gravy and ham and potatoes and all of the fixings. This would be a great opportunity to bring your friends and family! So many thanks to everyone who makes Wednesday nights at CUMC possible.

JoAnn Meyer



WHETHER YOU WANT TO **GROW** PERSONALLY, **SERVE** IN THE COMMUNITY,
OR **GO** INTO ALL THE WORLD, THERE'S A WAY TO GET INVOLVED.

CUMC Going Above and Beyond

March Missional Giving

Mission money collected this month will go to **Gingerbread House Preschool**. This is a Preschool located here in Shullsburg, that serves 3-4 year olds. This money will help to keep the preschool going and to get supplies needed.

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.



Food Pantry Giving

We collected 25 items for our January collection. Thank you to everyone who brought something in! For the month of March we are collecting Canned Beef Stew and Ravioli. We will be collecting these until March 17.



Gingerbread House

Preschool

We are looking for wonderful people who would love to help us financially. If you are interested in donating to help support Gingerbread, please contact us at gingerbreadpreschool@hotmail.com.



Lent

"He fasted for forty days
and forty nights..."

Church Committees & Members

Our church wouldn't operate effectively without the work of numerous committees. Below is a listing of all committees and members for 2016.

Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC)

Dawn Gobrecht - Chair
 Brad Mootz*
 Art Finnigan-Council Chair
 Jennifer Russell
 Dan Dillon
 Tammy White
 Rod Stewart

Lay Leadership Committee

Pastor Jeff - Chair
 Brad Mootz
 Chad Teasdale
 Cherie Uehling
 Tina Cruse
 Lee Gill

Finance

Tina Cruse - Chair
 Becky Upmann - Treasurer
 Kari Strang - Consultant
 Dawn Gobrecht- SPRC Chair
 Lee Gill - Member at Large
 Lois Finnigan - Financial Secretary
 Brad Mootz* - Lay Leader
 Eugene Uehling - Trustees Chair
 Nathan Russell- Legal Consultant

Outreach & Mission

Marlene Stewart - Chair
 Katrina Gleason
 Brad Mootz*
 Lois Finnigan

Additional Positions

Eugene Uehling - Youth Group
 Becky Mootz - Church Secretary
 Becky Upmann - Church Secretary
 Su Schwartz - Custodian
 Sharon Teutschmann & Penny Tregloan - Communion Stewards

Trustees

Eugene Uehling - Chair
 Jeremiah Diedrich
 Lauren Ray
 Brad Mootz*
 Terry Hicks
 John Walker
 Charles Searles
 Jamie Roberts

Nurture & TLC

Lisa Diedrich - Chair
 Ed Santiago- Co-Chair
 Brad Mootz*
 Lee Gill
 Lori Kudronowicz
 JoAnn Meyer
 Nancy Edge
 Julie Gill
 Becky Upmann
 Tina Cruse
 Dawn Gobrecht
 Mary Gensler

Memorial Committee

Mary Gensler - Chair
 Brad Mootz*
 Leigh Lierman
 Chris Teutschmann
 Dawn Shawcross

* As lay leader Brad Mootz is on all committees

Church Council Meeting

January 11, 2016

Minutes

Present: Becky Upmann, Pastor Jeff, Dawn Gobrecht, Pam Harker, Sarah Santiago, Lisa Die-drich, Tina Cruse, Cherie Uehling, Eugene Uehling.

Agenda:

Opening Prayer: Jeff gave us a devotional about how our church is growing and that we are a model church.

Church Council Chair Report:

- It was stated that in Arts absence Tina Cruse will run the meeting.

Pastor's Report

- Was a wonderful month of giving!
- Wonderful Christmas Eve service.
- Received a lot of positive feedback about the Here I Am to Worship Cards.
- Attended Circuit Meeting.
- Did Nursing Home Visitation and Hospital Visits
- Had several Pastoral Counseling Sessions.
- Was able to help get the drinkable yogurts and was able to distribute it.
- Led 2 Funeral Services this month.
- In the process of communicating with a possible homeless initiative in Lafayette County.
- Confirmation is moving on to Methodist Theology.
- Led the 1st Annual Winter Men's Retreat.

Secretaries Report: Everyone looked over the report. It was approved.

Finance Report:

- Attendance and Giving are good for the end of the year.
- We paid \$2825 additional in apportionments this month for a total of 53% being paid for the year.
- We have roughly a \$151,000 budget for 2016.
- The Tri-Fold was handed out and is due back to Tina so it can go in the newsletter.
- The final copy of the Annual Budget for 2016 will be brought to the February meeting.

Old Business: None

Committee Reports

Trustees:

- They met with Edward Jones to do an overview.
- Church Mutual will be visiting at the end of the month.
- They are working on the Snow Removal Protocol.
- They will be working on the Heating/Cooling problem.
- Blaser electric will be coming to look at how to increase the electric for the fellowship hall.
- Working on making a basic maintenance account.
- Working on a list of things to be done for when money comes in.
- They are working on a volunteering program for CUMC. This is to have people to serve by doing items that need to be done throughout the church. It is a pyramid training program. More info to come.

SPRC: They meet on January 24.

Memorials: No one to report

Nurture & Care: They will be meeting on January 30th.

Fellowship Group:

- Pam discussed about the flooring in the fellowship hall, the stairs and upstairs. She has a quote and will discuss it more with trustees.
- They had 2 funerals.

Outreach: No Report

Youth:

- Eugene stated that they are still working on the destination of the Youth Group Mission Trip.

Christian Education:

- The Christmas Program went well. It was a packed house.
- Starting 2nd session of Spring Curriculum.
- Still looking for teachers/aides for Wednesday Nights.
- Still no music director so children will perform just once a month on the 3rd Sunday of each month.
- The “closet” bell room is a classroom now and it needs to stay clean and clutter free.
- She is still looking for a cabinet for the sound system.

Additional Committees: Ash Wednesday Service will be on February 10th at 6:30.

Next Meeting February 8@ 7pm.

Submitted by: Becky Upmann

From Our Parish Nurse.....

5 Things You Should Know (and Share) about Kidney Disease for Kidney Month

March is National Kidney Month—a great opportunity to learn about your risk for kidney disease and take steps to prevent it! Here are 5 facts about kidney disease from the American Kidney Fund to share with friends and family throughout the month:

Kidney disease often has no symptoms until the late stages. Millions of Americans have kidney disease and don't know it. Simple tests can tell you your kidneys are working right.

Diabetes and high blood pressure—the leading causes of kidney failure—cause nearly 2 out of every 3 cases of kidney failure.

As many as 31 million Americans are living with chronic kidney disease and millions more are at risk. Kidney disease is the ninth-leading cause of death in the United States.

You can take simple steps to protect yourself from kidney disease. A healthy lifestyle, which includes exercise and good control of other conditions such as diabetes and high blood pressure, can help prevent kidney disease.

Some people are more at risk for kidney disease. You may be at risk if you have diabetes or high blood pressure; have a family history of kidney disease; are over age 60; or African-American, Hispanic, Native American or Asian American.

5 Common Kidney Health Questions

1. Does kidney disease run in families?

Yes and no. Most cases of kidney disease are caused by diabetes or high blood pressure. Both diabetes and high blood pressure tend to run in families. This means that, while you don't inherit this kind of kidney disease from your parents, you may be at more risk for kidney disease if your family has a history of kidney disease, diabetes or high blood pressure.

The only common kidney disease that is directly passed down from parents to their children is polycystic kidney disease (PKD).

2. How much water should I drink?

You may not need to drink a full eight glasses of water every day to stay healthy, as once thought, but water is still a better choice than drinks with caffeine like soda, coffee or tea. Avoiding sugary juices and fruit punches is also a good idea, especially if you have diabetes. Drinking plenty of water may also help prevent kidney stones and urinary tract infections. Some easy ways to add water to your diet are:

- Keep a pitcher of filtered water in your refrigerator. It will be the first thing you see when looking for a cold drink to quench your thirst.
- If you drink soft drinks with your meals, choose a meal—lunch, for example—and only drink water with that meal, each day.

- Add a slice of cucumber, lemon or lime, or a sprig of fresh mint to give your water a little pop of flavor.
- Keep a refillable water bottle at your work station. Not only is it better for you, it will save you money!
- Spruce up sparkling water with a splash of 100% fruit juice for a low-calorie carbonated drink.

Note: If you have late-stage kidney disease, heart failure, or are on dialysis, you may need to limit how much you drink. Talk to your doctor or a dietitian about how much fluid you should have each day.

3. *Is alcohol bad for my kidneys?*

Alcohol affects your liver more directly than your kidneys, but it can raise your blood pressure. High blood pressure can damage the tiny filters in your kidneys. In fact, high blood pressure is the second-leading cause of kidney failure.

Still, in moderation, alcohol is usually not a problem for healthy people. As a general rule, this means no more than two drinks per day for men or no more than one drink per day for women.

Note: Alcohol can also be dangerous if taken with some medicines. Check with your doctor or pharmacist to learn whether it is safe for you to drink.

4. *Is soda bad for my kidneys?*

A recent study suggests that drinking two or more cola drinks (either diet or regular) each day may increase your risk for chronic kidney disease. Other types of sodas (non-colas) did not seem to increase the risk. However, it's important to subtract sugary drinks and other empty calories from your diet as much as possible because they increase our total caloric intake but don't provide any of the vitamins or minerals our bodies need.

5. *Is cranberry juice good for my kidneys?*

Cranberry juice is not used to treat or prevent kidney disease, but some evidence suggests that cranberry juice may help prevent urinary tract infections (UTIs).



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

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

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

Reference: American Kidney Fund www.kidneyfund.org

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

March Birthdays

1	Faith Santiago	17	Sara Olson
2	Sue Matye	22	Cheyenne Stewart
3	Fern King	22	McKailah Strang
3	Cherie Uehling	23	Debbie Monahan
4	Don Herman	24	Landon Busch
4	Laurie Kirkpatrick	24	Marcella Russell
4	Sydney Metcalf	24	James Farrey
5	Margaret Edge	24	Laurie Starr
6	Patti Champion	24	Pam Teasdale
7	Jeff Meyer	25	Brad Teutschmann
7	Greg Mullikin	26	Bentley Hoey
7	Rod Stewart	26	John Redfearn
7	Sabra Stanton	26	Gloria Sargent
9	Mary Gensler	28	Larry Cherrey
9	Alex Reuter	28	Deb Jackson
9	Danielle Russell	30	Nancy Edge
9	Allie Walker	30	Seth Shawcross
12	Elliana Mootz	30	Colin Shawcross
13	Kathie Schwartz	31	Whitnie Schwartz
15	Justin Thompson	31	Katelynn Scott
16	Maria Arteaga		

March Anniversaries

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

March Worship

February 28 & March 2

**Christianity 101 Part 3:
Solitude & Prayer
(Taking Time to Talk to
God)**

Matthew 14:22-23

March 6 & 9

**Christianity 101 Part 4:
Solitude and Discernment
(Taking Time To Listen To
God)**

Romans 12:1-8

March 13 & 16

**Christianity 101 Part 5:
The Practice and Im-
portance of a Sabbath**
Genesis 2:1-3

March 20 & 23

**Christianity 101 Part 6:
The Call To Be Stewards
(Why Giving is Essential to
the Christian Faith)**

Luke 12:32-34

March 27 & 30

**Christianity 101 Part 7:
The Relevance of Easter
Today**
John 20:1-18



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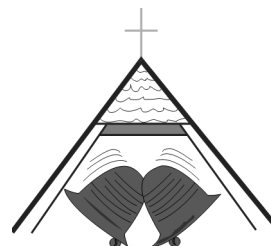
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Sat

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	6:30 Sacred Rhythms group 6:30 Grief Group	5:30 Meal 6:30 Praise Worship		Pastor Jeff's Day Off	Lay-Led Worship
7	9:00 Hymn Worship 9:00 Adult & Child SS 10:30 Praise Worship 11:45 Potluck 12:30 Resolution for Men 7:00 Confirmation Class	8 6:30 Sacred Rhythms group 6:30 Grief Group	10 5:30 Meal 6:30 Praise Worship	11 Pastor Jeff's Day Off	12 Lay-Led Worship
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27	9:00 Adult & Child SS 9:00 Easter Hymn Worship 10:30 Easter Praise Svc. 12:30 Resolution group 7:00 Confirmation Class	29 Noon Retired & Re-Fired	30 6:30 Sacred Rhythms group 6:30 Grief Group	31 Special Needs mtg.	



The Chimes



*Saturday Evening Lay-Led
worship at 7:00*

*Sunday Morning Hymn
Worship Service at 9:00 -
music by Tina Cruse*

*Sunday Morning Praise
Worship Service at 10:30 -
music by Ed Santiago*

*Wednesday Night Praise
Worship Service at 6:30 -
music by Ed Santiago*

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Special Charge Conference

A Special Charge Conference will be held on Monday, March 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Serenity Room (prior to the Annual Church Leadership Meeting and abbreviated Church Council meeting) with the Rev. Dan Verdegan officiating. This sole purpose of this conference will be to confirm Eddie Santiago as a Pastoral candidate in the United Methodist Church. All church members are invited to come and be part of the process.

All-Church Leadership Summit

There will be a brief yet highly important leadership summit held on Monday, March 14 from approximately 7:15-8:00 p.m. All church leaders (all coordinators, volunteers and especially church chairs and committee members) are invited and strongly encouraged to attend to hear about the goals, vision and direction for the church leadership in 2016.

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."