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Centenary United Methodist Church







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Greetings,

1° makes the difference. Recently as I was doing devotions I encountered a passage from 2 Corinthians 3.17-18 which states in part "and all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror are being transformed into the same

image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit."

One degree does make a difference. At 211° F water is hot water, at 212° F water boils and creates steam and with steam one can power a locomotive.

It seems to me that the same is true in our lives of faith. 1° makes the difference. We are called to grow in our faith and to keep moving, as Paul stated, from one degree to another. God doesn't call us to be perfect Christians, but that doesn't mean that we should grow stale in our faith. We should be moving from one degree to the next. As we grow in faith, my hope is that we might all be growing 1° at a time -- 1° of hope, 1° of perseverance, 1° of faith, 1° of prayer, and 1° of worship. My hope and prayer for each of us, in our journeys of faith, is that we will all continually grow from 1° to the next.

Until Next Time.

Pastor Stanton

To Love You More.....

It is the job of the pastor, leaders and whole congregation to care for the body of the church. We are called to love as Jesus loved. The church doesn't always know when you are hurt, having surgery, going through a tough time, or in the hospital. If you would like a visit from the pastor, please let the church know. Pastor Stanton will have a regular visiting hour from 10:00-11:00 a.m. Monday mornings. If you would like Pastor Stanton to visit you on a Monday morning, please call the church office to set up a time!





They're Finally Here!

After several delays in production and shipping, our 2017 church directories are finally here! Thank you for your patience.

Each family that submitted a photo for the directory has a copy with their name on it on the table outside the office. There are a limited number of extra copies, so if you didn't submit a picture but would still like a directory, or if you want an extra copy, let one of the Beckys know. If neither of them is available, fill out one of the request slips and leave in the office mailbox.

Centenary UMC at a Glance

February Statistics

Total Offering: (regular offering, not earmarks) Feb 2, 3 & 6 \$1,820 Feb 9, 10 & 13 1,275 Feb 16, 17 & 20 1,725 Feb 23, 24 & 27 2,205

At	Weekly	
(Sat 7, Sun 9 & 10:30	Totals	
Feb 2,3 & 6	13, 11, 37, 16	77
Feb 9, 10 & 13	14, 14, 32, 15	75
Feb 16, 17 & 20	13, 12, 25, NS	50
Feb 23, 24 & 27	n/a	

Convenient Electronic E Mobile Giving

The Finance Committee would like to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Not only is electronic giving from a checking or savings account convenient for individual congregation members, but it also provides much-needed donation consistency for our church. We are now looking at mobile giving. If this is something you would be interested in, please contact Becky U in the office for more information.

As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. Authorization forms and additional information are available from the church office.

March Worship

March 3

Who Is This Jesus? Exodus 34:29-35

March 6 Ash Wednesday

The Journey Begins Joel 2:1-2,12-17

March 10 E 13

The Temptations
Deuteronomy 26:1-11

March 17 & 20

TBD

Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

March 24 E 27

Ah, Crap! Isaiah 55:1-9

March 31 E April 3

TBD Joshua 5:9-12



Upcoming Events

Christian Women's Conference

Southwest Wisconsin
Friday, March 16 5:30-9:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 17 8:30-4:00 p.m.

Registration: \$20 Early Bird — \$25 after March 1

Held at First Baptist Church of Darlington

http://www.doingdiscipleship.com/shop/the-gathering-registration

Or

Contact karen@doingdiscipleship.com with any questions.





We are excited to announce the answering of God's call by expanding the women's retreat now reaching women EVERYWHERE! So invite all of your friends. There will be some changes to the registration process as Pine Lake will be handling that...more details will follow. We just needed to get the dates out there! We are so excited to see what God has in store for this ministry!

Watch for more information on the Facebook page and in the March newsletter.

All women are welcome — CUMC members or not!







Confirmation Class Schedule for Remainder of 2018-2019

(for students just entering confirmation program)

March 10 and May 5
all classes begin at noon and end at 2 p.m.

Confirmation Service for Students who started with Pastor Jeff will be Wednesday, March 20, 2019.





Ash Wednesday — Wednesday, March 6 — 6:00 p.m.

Palm Sunday service — Sunday, April 14 — 9:30 a.m. (1 service)

Maundy / Holy Thursday service — Thursday, April 18 — 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday service — Friday, April 19 — 6:30 p.m.

Holy Saturday worship — Saturday, April 20 — 7:00 p.m.

Celebration of the Resurrection — Sunday, April 21 — 9:30 a.m. (1 service)

"What is Ash Wednesday?"

The worldwide observance of Lent begins this year on March 6 with Ash Wednesday. This solemn occasion reminds us of our mortality, as well as our need for forgiveness. We will have worship at 6:00 p.m. The option for the imposition of ashes will be available. You do not have to be a member of CUMC or any church to be anointed with ash, so please feel free to invite anyone to come with you. We hope to see many of you on this Holy Day as we begin this wonderful and dramatic season known as Lent.

Holy Week

"What is Palm Sunday?"

Palm Sunday is the Sunday before Easter that begins the Holy Week. It is the day that we remember and celebrate the day Jesus entered into Jerusalem as Savior and King. As Jesus rode a donkey into the town of Jerusalem a large crowd gathered and laid palm branches and their cloaks across the road, giving Jesus royal treatment. The hundreds of people shouted "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Centenary will be celebrating Palm Sunday on April 14 @ 9:30 a.m.

"What is Maundy Thursday / Holy Thursday?"

Maundy Thursday, also known as "Holy Thursday," is the Thursday of Passion Week, one day before Good Friday (the Friday before Easter). Maundy Thursday is the name given to the day on which Jesus celebrated the Passover with His disciples, known as the Last Supper. Two important events are the focus of Maundy Thursday.

First, Jesus celebrated the Last Supper with His disciples and thereby instituted the Lord's Supper, also called Communion (Luke 22:19-20). Some Christian churches observe a special Communion service on Maundy Thursday in memory of Jesus' Last Supper with His disciples. Second, Jesus washed the disciples' feet as an act of humility and service, thereby setting an example that we should love and serve one another in humility (John 13:3-17). Some Christian churches observe a foot-washing ceremony on Maundy Thursday to commemorate Jesus' washing the feet of the disciples.

The word *Maundy* is derived from the Latin word for "command." The "Maundy" in "Maundy Thursday" refers to the command Jesus gave to the disciples at the Last Supper, that they should love and serve one another. It is a good thing to remember the Last Supper and Jesus' sacrifice on our behalf. It is a good thing to remember the Lord's example of humility

Observing a special Lord's Supper service on Maundy Thursday/Holy Thursday in remembrance of the Last Supper is a good thing to do. Let's just make sure we are observing Maundy Thursday in a way that truly honors what happened at the Last Supper.

Centenary will be celebrating Maundy/Holy Thursday on Thursday, April 18 @ 6:30 p.m.

"What is Good Friday?"

Good Friday is the Friday immediately preceding Easter Sunday. It is celebrated traditionally as the day on which Jesus was crucified.

Why is Good Friday referred to as "good"? What the Jewish authorities and Romans did to Jesus was definitely not good (see Matthew chapters 26-27). However, the results of Christ's death are very good! Romans 5:8, "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." First Peter 3:18 tells us, "For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit."

Many Christian churches celebrate Good Friday with a subdued service, usually in the evening, in which Christ's death is remembered with solemn hymns, prayers of thanksgiving, a message centered on Christ's suffering for our sakes, and observance of the Lord's Supper. Whether or not Christians choose to "celebrate" Good Friday, the events of that day should be ever on our minds because the death of Christ on the cross—along with His bodily resurrection—is the paramount event of the Christian faith.

Centenary's Good Friday service will be Friday, April 19 @ 6:30 p.m.

"What is Holy Saturday?"

Holy Saturday is the name given to the day between Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Some Christians recognize Holy Saturday, the seventh day of Holy Week, as the day on which Jesus "rested" from His work of providing salvation. As Jesus died, He called out, "It is finished!" There was no further price to pay; sin had been atoned for.

After His crucifixion, Jesus was laid in a nearby tomb, and His body remained there the entirety of Holy Saturday (Matthew 27:59-60; Mark 15:46; Luke 23:53-54; John 19:39-42). Churches that celebrate Holy Saturday traditionally do so by observing a day of somber reflection as they contemplate the world of darkness that would exist without the hope of Christ's resurrection.

Indeed, without the resurrection of Christ, we would be in dire straits. If Christ had never been raised, "your faith is futile; you are still in your sins" (1 Corinthians 15:17). The disciples had scattered when Jesus was arrested (Mark 14:50), and they spent the first Holy Saturday hiding for fear of also being arrested (John 20:19). The day between Christ's crucifixion and His resurrection would have been a time of grief and shock as the stunned disciples tried to understand the murder of Jesus, the betrayal of Judas, and the dashing of their hopes.

The only biblical reference to what happened on Holy Saturday is found in Matthew 27:62-66. After sundown on Friday—the day of Preparation—the chief priests and Pharisees visited Pontius Pilate. This visit was on the Sabbath, since the Jews reckoned a day as starting at sundown. They asked Pilate for a guard for Jesus' tomb. They remembered Jesus saying that He would rise again in three days (John 2:19-21) and wanted to do everything they could to prevent that. As we know, the Roman guards were inadequate to prevent the resurrection, and the women who returned to the tomb Sunday morning found it empty. The Lord had risen.

Centenary's Holy Saturday worship will be Saturday, April 20 @ 7:00 p.m.

"What is Easter Sunday?"

There is a lot of confusion regarding what Easter Sunday is all about. For some, Easter Sunday is about the Easter Bunny, colorfully decorated Easter eggs, and Easter egg hunts. Most people understand that Easter Sunday has something to do with the resurrection of Jesus, but are confused as to how the resurrection is related to the Easter eggs and the Easter bunny.

Biblically speaking, there is absolutely no connection between the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the common modern traditions related to Easter Sunday. Essentially, what occurred is that in order to make Christianity more attractive to non-Christians, the ancient church mixed the celebration of Jesus' resurrection with celebrations that involved spring fertility rituals. These spring fertility rituals are the source of the egg and bunny traditions.

As a result of this, many Christians feel strongly that the day on which we celebrate Jesus' resurrection should not be referred to as "Easter Sunday." Rather, something like "Resurrection Sunday" would be far more appropriate and biblical. For the Christian, it is unthinkable that we would allow the silliness of Easter eggs and the Easter bunny to be the focus of the day instead of Jesus' resurrection.

The Bible makes it clear that Jesus was resurrected on the first day of the week, Sunday (Matthew 28:1; Mark 16:2,9; Luke 24:1; John 20:1,19). Jesus' resurrection is most worthy of being celebrated (see 1 Corinthians 15). So, by all means, celebrate Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday. Christ's resurrection is something that should be celebrated every day, not just once a year. At the same time, if we choose to celebrate Easter Sunday, we should not allow the fun and games to distract our attention from what the day should truly be all about—the fact that Jesus was resurrected from the dead, and that His resurrection demonstrates that we can indeed be promised an eternal home in Heaven by receiving Jesus as our Savior.

Centenary's Celebration of the Resurrection will be Sunday, April 21 @ 9:30 a.m.



Meetings and News



March Administrative Meetings Monday, March 11

6:00 - Finance

7:00 - Church Council



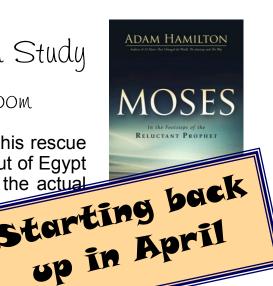
Calling all youth grades 6-12! Youth group meets **EVERY SUNDAY!** Bring your friends, and we'll see you there! **With winter's unpredictable weather, please watch our Facebook page for updates on cancellations.**

March 3: 6:00 at church March 10: 6:00 at church March 17: 6:00 at church March 24: 6:00 at church March 31: 6:00 at church

Youth Group Leaders & Volunteers

Wednesday Evening Adult Faith Study 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Serenity Room

Learn about and retrace the life of Moses - from his rescue as a baby to the courts of Pharaoh, his Exodus out of Egypt to his gazing on the Promised Land. We'll see the actual places where he walked.



Wednesday Night Cooking Schedule

We have many different people preparing and serving our Wednesday dinners. Each month in the newsletter I will post the schedule so that those who have signed up to help will have a reminder, and so that our friends who attend Wednesdays will know who to thank for their delicious meals!

Many thanks to our helpers who work to help serve and/or clean each week. If you love to cook or help out by serving or cleaning, we are looking to add to our team. We have a lot of fun in the kitchen! It is a lot of work, so many hands would help to make lighter work. If you would like to help out, contact Dawn Gobrecht at 482-0822 or the church office at 965-3455.



Mar 6 Lenten Meal featuring Sandwiches, Soup, & Salad

Milk, Lemonade, & Water

Prepared by Dawn Gobrecht

Mar 13 St Patty's Meal of Shepherd's Pie & Salad

Milk, Lemonade, & Water

Kids' menu: Chicken Nuggets & Mashed Potatoes

Prepared by Dawn Gobrecht

Mar 20 Hamburgers or Chicken Patty Sandwiches & Fries

Milk, Lemonade, & Water

Kids' menu: Mini Corn Dogs & Fries

Prepared by Dawn Gobrecht

Mar 27 Lasagna, Garlic Bread & Salad

Milk, Lemonade, & Water

Kids' menu: Buttered Noodles

Prepared by Dawn Gobrecht

Meals Subject to change

Sunday School News

The children will be starting a three-week collection for Ronald McDonald House

Charities of Madison on March 24. Be on the lookout for more information toward the end of March.

The children will have a musical performance on March 10 at the 10:30 a.m. service. Hope you can be there!

Tara Teasdale, Sunday School Coordinator



The CUMC Christian Education Department has recently introduced a ukulele band to its music program. Thanks to a missions grant from the Leroy Geyer Endowment Fund, approved by the Trustee Committee and the Church Council in December, up to 15 ukuleles will be purchased for use by Sunday School students. They will begin learning the basics and eventually be able to play Christian songs during Church services.





Sunday School

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practicing their ukuleles for the Palm Sunday performance

Retired & Re-Fired Small Group

We celebrated February birthdays and anniversaries at our February 11 meeting.

Valentine cards were signed and gotten ready for mailing to the folks on our Card Connection mailing list. If you are retired and not receiving our cards, please call the church and leave a message for us. We would be happy to include you.

The March/April copies of The Upper Room have arrived and were distributed to those who are making home visits. Presently we are providing The Upper Room and visiting 16 friends through the Home Visitation Program.



We are saddened by the death of Jakie Teutschmann. Barb & Jakie were active members of our group during our early years. Their life experiences enriched our faith based discussions. Although they haven't been able to attend our meetings in recent months, they have left their footprints on our group and our mission.

Throughout the winter months, we meet on the second Monday of the month at noon in the Fellowship Hall.

If you are retired or semi-retired, we hope you can join us in 2019.

This month's meeting:

Monday, March 11 — Celebration of our birthdays and anniversaries. Lunch will be provided.

Betty Gleason, Retired & Re-fired Small Group Leader

Sunday School Pop Tab Collection



.....collecting through April 2019



TIME'S ALMOST UP!

BE SURE TO BRING IN YOUR TABS THIS MONTH!

From Our Parish Nurse.....

The flu (influenza) season this year is almost as bad as the Swine Flu season of 2009. The CDC (Centers for Disease Control) has valuable information regarding the flu. The first and foremost thing to remember is the best way for preventing getting sick is: WASH YOUR HANDS FREQUENTLY WITH SOAP AND WATER, and use hand sanitizer when soap and water is not available. Cover your cough by coughing into your elbow. Refrain from bringing your hand up to rub face, nose or eyes as viruses can enter the body through mouth, nose, or eyes. And if you haven't done so yet, get the flu shot; it will lessen the duration of the flu if you do contract it. This is a very bad flu/cold/stomach flu season so prevention is key.

Both the cold and the flu (influenza) are respiratory viruses. The biggest difference between them is the common cold comes on gradually and influenza is sudden. The following is taken from the CDC and shows the differences between the cold and influenza:

Signs & Symptoms	Influenza	Cold
Symptom onset	Abrupt	Gradual
Fever	Usual	Rare
Chills	Fairly common	Uncommon
Fatigue/weakness	Usual	Sometimes
Sneezing	Sometimes	Common
Stuffy nose	Sometimes	Common
Sore throat	Sometimes	Common
Chest discomfort/cough	Common	Mild to moderate
Headache	Common	Rare

Influenza may quickly lead to pneumonia and can be life threatening. Most insurance companies will cover the cost of a drug called Tamiflu. If you suspect you have influenza, contact your medical provider to see about receiving Tamiflu as it does lessen the duration of it.

Remember, at this time of the year prevention is the best medicine, and FREQUENT HAND-WASHING cannot be stressed enough, so keep washing those hands!

Source: Centers for Disease Control

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.

Going Above and Beyond as Stewards of CUMC

Food Pantry Giving

We collected 45 items for our February collection. Thank you to everyone who brought something in!



For the month of March we are collecting **Brownie Mix, Cake Mix, & Frosting.** Distribution will be on Thursday, March 21.



March Missional Giving

Mission money collected this month will go to **Clarity Clinic of SW Wisconsin.** This is a non-profit, EDUCATIONAL organization whose team of educators, nurses, and advocates are dedicated to serving women and men, through education, related to pregnancy and reproductive wellness.



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.



Sunday Coffee Fellowship

If you are willing to bring snacks for fellowship between the two Sunday services, and following the 10:30 service, please sign up on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary or contact the church office at 965-3455. A fund has been established to help defray the costs—just let the office know if you need to access these funds.



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



- 1 Faith Santiago
- 2 Sue Matye
- 3 Fern King
- 3 Cherie Uehling
- 4 Don Herman
- 4 Laurie Kirkpatrick
- 4 Sydney Metcalf
- 5 Margaret Edge
- 6 Patti Champion
- 7 Megan Greenfield
- 7 Greg Mullikin

- 7 Rod Stewart
- 7 Sabra Stanton
- 9 Mary Gensler
- 9 Alex Reuter
- 9 Danielle Russell
- 9 Allie Walker
- 12 Elliana Mootz
- 13 Kathie Schwartz
- 14 Nathan Lawrence
- 15 Justin Thompson
- 16 Maria Arteaga
- 17 Sara Olson
- 22 Cheyenne Stewart

- 22 McKailah Strang
- 23 Debbie Monahan
- 24 Landon Busch
- 24 Marcella Russell
- 24 James Farrey
- 24 Laurie Starr
- 24 Pam Teasdale
- 25 Brad Teutschmann
- 26 Bentley Hoey
- 26 John Redfearn
- 26 Gloria Sargent





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Saturday Evening Lay-Led Worship Service at 7:00

Sunday Morning Hymn Worship Service at 9:00

Sunday Morning Praise Worship Service at 10:30

Wednesday Night Praise Worship Service at 6:00 Centenary United Methodist Church 226 West Church Street P.O. Box 127 Shullsburg, WI 53586-0127

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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."