

The Chimes



Centenary United Methodist Church

Bible Study

with Pastor Maria

Wednesdays @ 9:30 a.m.
at Second Chance Coffee

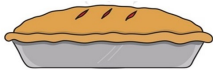
Book Study

led by Jeremiah Diedrich

Wednesdays @ 6:00 p.m.
in the Serenity Room

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PASTY BAKE



Saturday,
March 11

\$25
each

To order, call the church office
or complete an order form at church.

Orders must be placed by Wednesday, March 8.



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Come Worship With Us!

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March 2023

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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)

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Greetings in the name of our Lord!

We are in Lent. I know Lent is a period cherished by many Christians. In this season, we want to come closer to the cross of Jesus and grow deeper in our relationship with Jesus. We still remember what the Lent in the past few years were like in the midst of the pandemic. We were so looking forward to worshipping in person, having small group gatherings, church events, bible study opportunities, etc. We are so blessed we can do all those things in person this Lent!



I am often amazed at Centenary congregation's genuine love for church, community and the word of God. In this year's Lent, we will continue to study the book of Hosea at Wednesday morning bible study and Max Lucado's book titled "The Numbers of Hope" at Wednesday evening bible study. For those of you who have interest in serving communities, you may join me in monthly community worship services at Darlington Manor, Shullsburg Home, and Willow Valley by being present there. And we will have Pasty Bake on March 11th! We are looking forward to seeing many faces that we have been missing at church on that day. Another good news for you is that the Re-Awaken CUMC band will play for Sunday worship once a month. They played last Feb. 12 and next time will be March 12th.

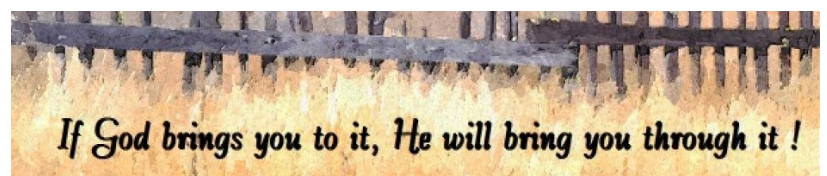
Although we may have been physically apart due to the pandemic or some other reasons, through many opportunities that are available now in this Lent, we believe we can be bonded anew in the same Lenten Spirit.

God can also speak to us, not just through the words of the Bible, but also through the words of others. The point is this – four ears are better than two, and eight ears are better than four. When all of us are hearing the same thing, chances are the word we are hearing is none other than God's word to us. You are heartily invited to all these opportunities.

One more thing we will share. Love – love for the words of God, love for people around us, because listening starts from love. May your Lent be filled with God's word and your response to this love.

Lenten blessings,

Pastor Maria



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 Pastor Maria to visit you or a family member, please call the church office or her cell directly at (253) 886-6015 to set up a time!

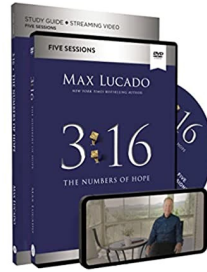
Upcoming Events

Bible Study

with Pastor Maria

Wednesdays @ 9:30 a.m.
at Second Chance Coffee

Wednesday Evening Adult Book Study
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.



Led by
Jeremiah Diedrich

Worship service is recorded every Sunday and posted on the church Facebook page. The Tech Team is in charge of recording & posting, if you would like to be part of the team, please let Team Leader Jeremiah Diedrich know.

WORSHIP



Every Sunday Morning
from 10:30 a.m.—End of Service.

Starting March 5 we will be having
Sunday Class for Children
(Leader & Teacher: Pam Harker).
Class will be open every Sunday from
10:30 a.m. until end of service.
All children (toddler – 5th grader) are
welcome!.



Every Wednesday night
from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Join us for Children's Church and Adult
Book Study. Each week you can expect
a meal, Sunday School lesson, and an
activity.

ALL kids between 3 years old and 12th
grade and their families are welcome

So bring the whole family...we hope to
see you there!

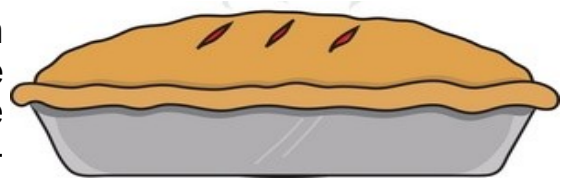
Meetings and News

Fellowship Group News

Our fellowship group met on Saturday, 2/18/2023 and had a brunch to honor all who have helped with our funeral luncheons and also to Thank our Catholic sisters who also have helped us. We served a Ham/broccoli/cheese and sausage/spinach quiche, fruit and rolls/muffins. Everyone enjoyed fellowship together. We hope to meet together again and to help each other out in the future.

We followed the brunch with a fellowship meeting and discussed our upcoming events.

Pasty Bake set for Saturday, 3/11/2023. Each Pasty will sell for \$25. We will be preparing for the Pasty bake on Friday, 3/10/2023 at 3:30 pm. We will be peeling potatoes, preparing the dry ingredients for the crust and the meat. Saturday, 3/11 we will be starting the Pasty bake at 6:30 am sharp. Many hands make light work and I hope to see as many ladies as we can. **You may call the church office at 608-965-3455 or fill out order forms to place in offertory plate at church.** We also have sign up sheets to sign up for working Friday, Saturday or both. Call my cell phone if any questions or concerns at 608-482-1579 Please sign up and come and help as it is a good time with friends and fellowship for a good cause as we make our famous pasties and also raise money for our church.



We will also be hosting a Easter Brunch from 9:00 am to 10:15 am on April 9, 2023. **We will have a sign up sheet for items needed for the Brunch to have to the Church fellowship hall by Saturday, 4/8/2023 or if you sign up for a Egg bake or hot dish bring to the church by 8:45 Easter morning. Come and enjoy a wonderful breakfast with your church family on Easter Sunday morning and celebrate the hope of our risen Jesus.**

Just a heads up that we will also be hosting the RED Cross blood drive on Tuesday, 6/13/2023. Please make sure to mark your calendar to give of your life saving donation. More detail will follow in the upcoming newsletter.

May God bless you this Lenten and Easter season and never forget the sacrifice that God gave the world for us to have everlasting life and forgiveness of our sins.

Exciting news also is that our bathrooms in the fellowship hall are in the process of being remodeled and they will be handicapped accessible for all of our members and for anyone who might visit our church.

Pam Harker— Fellowship Chair

Retired & Re-Fired Small Group

Our group will be back from winter break on March 20. At this meeting we'll be working on getting Easter cards ready. We'll also talk about our plan for activities and projects for the spring. Please bring your own lunch and your Bible study book. Coffee, tea, and a dessert 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

Online intercessory prayer team is newly organized. You can participate in this ministry either by submitting intercessory prayer concerns through Sunday worship attendance card or email to the leader or by being part of this team. If you are interested in joining, please let Pam Teasdale or the church office know.

When we pray, God listens and works for us. 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!

The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth (Psalms 145:18)

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, Becky Upmann & Pastor Maria Kim for their dedication to the weekly prayers.

Easter Lilies

Easter lilies are now available for order. They will be delivered on Holy Saturday and will beautify our sanctuary Easter Sunday. They may be taken home after the Easter morning service. Cost will be \$12 each. Order using the form on the back table in the sanctuary or contacting the church office. Alternately, you are welcome to purchase a lily on your own as well.

All orders are due by March 15.



Pastor Maria is continuing the "Centenary Interview Challenge." The rule is the same with Ice Bucket Challenge, except there is no ice bucket! After you have an interview with Pastor Maria, you are expected to nominate someone for the next interview. We are hoping that she is able to get everyone to do the challenge. This is a great way for her to get to know everyone.



Going Above and Beyond as Stewards of CUMC



Food Pantry Giving



We collected 15 items for our February collection. Thank you to everyone who brought something in! For the month of March we are collecting breakfast items. Distribution will be March 16.

March Missional Giving

Mission money collected this month will go to the **Dubuque Rescue Mission** in Dubuque, IA. This is a community offering hospitality, spiritual hope, food, shelter, clothing, and job development to those in need.

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.



Dubuque Rescue Mission



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 March and April.**

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. They played last Feb. 12 and next time will be **March 12th** (Their schedule may be subject to change. Please, check church announcements or Facebook). As many of us who attended Feb. 12 worship already shared, it was such a grace filled and lively worship. You may watch it again on our church Facebook and give a warm encouragement and prayers for this new ministry.



From Our Parish Nurse.....

Flu - vs - Cold

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 |
|-------------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| <i>Symptom onset</i> | Abrupt | Gradual |
| <i>Fever</i> | Usual | Rare |
| <i>Chills</i> | Fairly common | Uncommon |
| <i>Fatigue/weakness</i> | Usual | Sometimes |
| <i>Sneezing</i> | Sometimes | Common |
| <i>Stuffy nose</i> | Sometimes | Common |
| <i>Sore throat</i> | Sometimes | Common |
| <i>Chest discomfort/cough</i> | Common | Mild to moderate |
| <i>Headache</i> | 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 HANDWASHING cannot be stressed enough, so keep washing those hands!

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.

Source: Centers for Disease Control



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

March 2 at Shullsburg Home at 10:00am
 March 7 at Darlington Manor at 10:00am
 March 8 at Willow Valley at 11:00am

Youth Group

Calling all youth grades 6-12! This month's meetings:

March 19 @ 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall

March 26 @ 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall

Youth Group Leaders,

Amy Mullikin, Jamie Roberts, & Danica Diedrich



What Do You Really Want?

"He who loves money will not be satisfied with money . . ." Ecclesiastes 5:10

Many people will say that they want more money. But, the truth is that's not what people really want. As far as I know, we still cannot eat money, make clothes from it, or build a house with it. If we were stranded on a deserted island, it would be practically useless to us.

No one really wants money. Instead, they want what they think it will provide for them. For some people, more, nicer, newer stuff; others want the sense of security or power they think it provides.

I would argue that, until we understand what motivates our desire for money, we won't be at peace in our relationship with it. This Lenten season,

I would encourage you to take time to figure out your money motivation by taking this Money Motivation Quiz. As it notes, none of the motivations are inherently good or bad, but each does have a "dark side". More than just allowing us to lean into the positive parts of our motivation and avoid the dark side, knowing that people may have different motivations regarding money than we do, will help us when we deal with money in our relationships.

Ultimately, we believe that loving God and loving our neighbor as ourselves is our greatest priority. It is always easier to do so when we know ourselves well.

Rev. Jason Mahnke, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation

INGATHERING MISSION KIT SUPPLY LISTS



Personal
Dignity
Kits

Home Care Kit (\$20 Value)



- 2 Liquid Household Cleaners - 16-40 oz
No spray bottles
 - 2 Dish Soaps - 16-34 oz
 - 2 Liquid Laundry Detergents - 32-64 oz
 - 1 Scrub Brush - with or without handle
 - 1 - 5 gal Round Bucket with resealable lid
- All items must be NEW & placed in the bucket.



Home
Care
Kits

Personal Dignity Kit (\$15 Value)



- 1 Bath Hand Towel - No kitchen towels
- 1 Bath Washcloth - No dishcloths
- 1 Adult Toothbrush - No multi-packs
- 1 Bar Soap - 3-4 oz
- 1 Shampoo - 15-18 oz
- 1 Deodorant - 2-3 oz - stick, roll on, or pump
- 1 1-gal Resealable Plastic Bag

\$2 donation for razor and toothpaste
All items must be NEW & placed in a 1-gal
resealable plastic bag

Bring a monetary donation to Annual Conference or send to:

Wisconsin Annual Conference
750 Windsor Street, Suite 104
Sun Prairie, WI 53950

Please write check to: WAC, add Ingathering and name of the kit to memo line



Our Mission Statement

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



CHILDREN FOR OFFERING HELPERS

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

John 11:1-45



MARCH 2023

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| 1 | 9:30 Bible Study @ 2nd Chance w/Pastor Maria | 2 | 10:00 Community Worship @ Shullsburg Home | 3 | |
| | 6:00-7:00 Family Fun Night | | | | |
| | 6:00-7:00 Adult Book Study | | | | |

| | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
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| 5 Communion | | | | | | |
| 10:30 Blended Worship | | | 10:00 Community Worship @ Darlington Manor | 9:30 Bible Study @ 2nd Chance w/Pastor Maria | 3:30 Pasty Prep | Pasty Bake |
| | | 6:30 Cub Scouts | 11:00 Community Worship @ Willow Valley | | | |
| | | | 6:00-7:00 Family Fun Night | | | |
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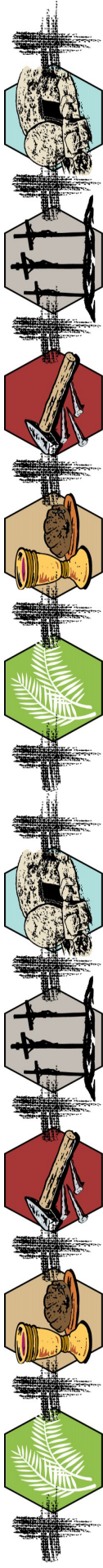


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| 12 | 10:30 Blended Worship w/ the Re-Awaken Band | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| | | | 6:30 Joint ALB meeting | 9:30 Bible Study @ 2nd Chance w/Pastor Maria | 3:30 Food Pantry | | |
| | | | | 6:00-7:00 Family Fun Night | | | |
| | | | | 6:00-7:00 Adult Book Study | | | |



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| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 10:30 Blended Worship | 12:00 Retired & Re-Fired Group | 6:30 Cub Scouts | 9:30 Bible Study @ 2nd Chance w/Pastor Maria | | | |
| 6:30 Youth Group | | | 6:00-7:00 Family Fun Night | | | |
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| 26 | 10:30 Blended Worship | 27 | |
| | 6:30 Youth Group | | |
| 28 | 6:30 Cub Scouts | | |





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
Shullsburg, WI 53586-0127

Address Service Requested

*The
Season
of
Lent*



Lent (Feb. 22 - April 8): is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. During this period, Christians focus on relationship with God, growing as disciples and extending ourselves, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of ourselves for others (from *Ask The UMC, a ministry of United Methodist Communications*, umc.org)

Holy Week and Easter Services



Come Worship With Us!

Palm Sunday service — Sunday, April 2 — 10:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday service — Thursday, April 6 — 6:30 p.m.
(at Hazel Green Church)

Good Friday service — Friday, April 7 — 6:30 p.m. (at Shullsburg Church)

Easter Service — Sunday, April 9 — 10:30 a.m.

Easter Breakfast to start at 9:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m.

(No Easter Early Morning service)