

# The Chimes

Centenary United Methodist Church



**Open Hearts   Open Minds   Open Doors**

**We are the people of the United Methodist Church!**

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

One of the unspoken goals here at Centenary UMC has been to have an average weekly attendance of over 100. Recent reports reveal that churches that average over a hundred people in worship per weekend have a much higher probability of continuing to serve Christ for many decades to come than those that average less. Since the average weekly attendance the last couple years has been just below 100, members of the church leadership and myself have been attending meetings to attain resources provided by the WI Annual Conference to help Centenary attain that goal.

Summer will soon be upon us and with it comes the most critical season in relation to accomplishing this goal at Centenary UMC. With children out of school the trips and vacations families take here in Wisconsin naturally leads to lower attendance levels during the summer. However, the more people that actually do attend church this summer, the higher our attendance average will be during the lowest part of the year, thus, raising our average attendance so we just might attain our goal this year!!

If it is at all possible, could you please make worship a part of your summer plans each weekend? Of course, if you are out of town than it can't be helped. However, if you have plans on Sunday morning why not come to worship Saturday night @ 7:00 p.m.? How about coming to Worship @ 8:00 a.m. on Sunday morning before you and your family go out fishing, boating or whatever activity you all have planned outdoors that day? What about making your weekly worship, perhaps the 10:15 a.m. Sunday service, the first and most important part of every weekend this summer?

What everyone may find is that in accomplishing this goal as a church you and your family will benefit by staying and, even perhaps, growing in your connection to your Christian community, your brothers and sisters in Christ and to your Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ Himself. God never takes a season off from His love and commitment to us...so this summer, let us, as His church, at least maintain if not grow in our love and commitment to Him. In Christ,

*Pastor Jeff*

May 2013

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## News from the Worship Committee

May is finally here! Hope everyone has been enjoying some of the warmer weather we've been having lately. On Sun. May 19<sup>th</sup> we will be worshipping in the park. If anyone is still interested in flagging, just let Sarah or myself know.

The Worship Committee along with the assistance of the SPRC are in the process of lining up guest speakers for when Pastor Jeff is gone over the summer. I would like to encourage anyone & everyone to come & listen to them. We had Pastor Dan Verdagan from Cuba City Methodist Church speak on a Sat. evening service. Also, Rev. Dave Busker from Monroe spoke at the 2 Sun. services. Everyone has their own stories to tell and I am finding it very enlightening to hear different perspectives.



The New Life Revival service is looking for people to share. Please see Lisa Diedrich or Eddie Santiago if you are interested in speaking for one of the dates listed below. If you feel called to share your testimony, a story, or a message of hope; we would love to have you share, please let us know. See the list of the open dates below to select from. As in all things praise God.....

Our next New Life Revival Service will be on Friday, May 10 @7PM. Our guest speaker will be Eddie David Santiago. Eddie's testimony is based on his book, "Through the Valley Love Endures," which he never has given his testimony publicly until now. Eddie feels called to share it first with his church family before giving his testimony at other locations. Eddie has been interviewed on Christian Freedom Radio and within the first week his book came out it ranked #14 in his genre for ebooks, #38 in paperbacks. His book is scheduled for over 50 book tour locations. It would be the perfect night to bring someone who has struggled with their faith, but not only that, his story gives a message of love that you will want to hear for yourself. Book signing opportunities, powerful worship, a time for prayer, and also to learn more about an opportunity for prison ministry Eddie plans to take on with your help. You can follow Eddie on facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/EddieDavidSantiago>

Open New Life dates to select from:

June 21<sup>st</sup>, July 12<sup>th</sup>, August 16<sup>th</sup>, September 20<sup>th</sup>, October 18<sup>th</sup>, & November 15<sup>th</sup>. December there will be no New Life Service due to Christmas Eve service.

Please enjoy our late Spring & hope to see you at one of the church services!

~Blessings, Lisa Diedrich

## Food Pantry News

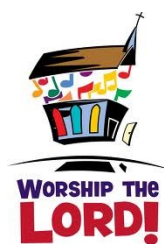


This month the food pantry is collecting canned tuna and tuna helper for next month's Food Pantry item. In April we collected 16 brownie mixes and 1 tub of frosting. Thank you so much to everyone who donated!

## Play Group

Ten to noon  
Badger Park  
(wooden play equipment area)  
May 8 & 22

All parents and little ones are welcome to attend! Find us on Facebook at Shullsburg Area Parents Group for upcoming dates and locations.



## May Worship

May 4 + 5

**Paul's Epistle to the Romans: Sharing in God's Righteousness**

Communion

Romans 14:13-22

Romans 15:1-6

May 11 + 12

Pastor Jeff on Vacation  
Guest Speaker

May 18 & 19

Sunday Worship in Park

**The Narrative of Pentacost**

Acts 2:1-21

John 15:26-27

May 25 + 26

**The Rechabites: A Lesson in Discipline**

Jeremiah 35

John 14:23-24



Worship



Thank you for all who helped to make the Pasty Bake a success! A special thank you to Fern and Bob King for the donation of lard to the pasty bake. It really helped to decrease the cost to make the crust. Your generosity was greatly appreciated. Thank you also to Dave Popp for helping to repair 2 of the ovens in the church kitchen. It helped us avoid calling a service repair person. Your talents are greatly appreciated. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make this Pasty Bake a success!

*Jesus loves the little children....*

Vacation Bible school Update:  
Dates changed to Aug. 12-16



Vacation Bible School dates have been adjusted to August 12-16 from 9am-noon. This year's theme is Everywhere Fun Fair: Where God's World Comes Together. We will travel to 5 different countries--Japan, Zimbabwe, United Kingdom, Australia, and Mexico. The scripture lessons are based on Love the Lord your God...and love your neighbor as yourself. Luke 10:27. It should be a fun-filled week with crafts, snacks, recreation, discovery time(science), storytime, and music. Our puppet this year is Godwin Merrifeather, a fun-loving bird that travels all over the fairground.

We are looking for helpers throughout the week. There will be a VBS training time July 31, Wed. at 6pm and August 3rd, Sat. at 9am. Volunteers only need to attend one training session. This will ensure we are all on the same page for the busy week of VBS. Decorating for VBS will be Sunday August 11th as soon after church as we can start. All are welcome to come help. Sunday the 18th of August will be Vacation Bible School Sunday where we will be the 1015am church service. Please let Andrew or Cherie Uehling know if you are able to help in any way. We are very excited for this year's VBS!!! Hope all the kids in our community can come!!!





## Small Group Update:

At this point I'm working on getting two small groups started. Each group will eventually have 6 to 12 members who will become part of a cohesive group, united around the discussion of common life experiences and a study of the Word. The goal is to build a group of people with common interests who have a desire to learn a little more about God and what the Bible has to say about their everyday experiences. Small groups can be a place where members can learn, where they can receive and give support to one another and where they can relax and enjoy an time away from the everyday hustle and bustle of life in general.

We have a facilitator for a **"Couples Group"** and are looking for more members. This will be a group that will consist of couples, married or not, who have children or not who have an interest in getting together as couples to discuss common experiences, joys and or concerns. Group meetings will be a relaxed informal time to socialize and share. Although Bible study will be part of all small group meetings it will not be a major part. Group members will decide when and how they will do their study but the main objective is a relaxed conversational group providing support and advice to one another in their efforts to be the better partners and followers of Christ. If you are looking for an interesting and rewarding "date night" this may be for you.

I'm looking for a facilitator for a **"Baby Boomers +"** group that will meet together and discuss their life experiences as well as goals and plans for future endeavors. These will be people who are retired or are approaching retirement age and are interested in discussing the changes that reaching this stage of life brings. These times can be challenging with special joys and certainly some concerns. It's always good to be in a discussion with someone who has been there when you are facing some of these challenges. The Bible is full of stories about people moving from one phase of life to another. God always seems to have something else for us to do. We just need to listen to what he tells us and then follow through. It helps to have other people around who are also listening in case we're getting a little hard of hearing. This small group can help all of us learn to tune in a little better to His word and also to provide support to one another in whatever paths we choose for the future. I'm thinking this could be a lunch group that may meet during the week to share a meal and discussion.

If you are interested in becoming a member of either of these groups let me know. If you have any other Ideas for groups or are willing to be a facilitator for one drop me a note or come talk to me. Email to [centenarygroups@gmail.com](mailto:centenarygroups@gmail.com) or find us on Facebook at [facebook.com/centenarygroups](https://www.facebook.com/centenarygroups).

Submitted by Art and Lois Finnegan

## *Administrative Meetings*

Sunday May 5 after church— Trustees Committee  
 Monday, May 14 — 6:00 p.m. — Finance Committee  
 Monday, May 14 — 7:00 p.m. — Church Council  
 Saturday, May 18 — 9:30 a.m. — SPRC

## Fellowship Group News

Don't forget the CUMC Car show on Sunday May 19, 2013. We are in need of donations of bars and cookies to sell and for workers at the food stand. The sign up sheet will be on the table in the back of the church Sunday May 5th. Come and join in the fun and fellowship. Hope to see you there!



Also, a reminder that the Red Cross blood drive is set for Tuesday June 25, so make sure to mark your calendar to make a difference in someone's life.

Also, thank you to everyone who helped and brought food for the Eileen Mullen Funeral on April 22. If you are able to help to help with funeral dinners or bring food, please contact Pam Harker at 608-482-1579 or e-mail me at [harkerjp@hotmail.com](mailto:harkerjp@hotmail.com) Thank you and God Bless.



Submitted by Pam Harker

## Breastfeeding Minute

### **Breastfed babies are healthier!**

Breastmilk has benefits for mom and baby, but commonly it is the benefits to baby that interest parents most in breastfeeding. Babies receive a wide range of health benefits from their mother's breastmilk. Breastfed babies have fewer ear infections, less asthma, and pneumonia trouble. Breastmilk is easy for babies to digest. Because of this, they typically have less gas, constipation and diarrhea. Constipation is extremely rare in breastfed babies unless solids are started too soon! Breastmilk promotes better brain development and higher IQ's than formula. The risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) is less when an infant is breastfed. Last but not least, breastfed infants have a decreased risk of obesity and diabetes in childhood and as an adult.

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

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Katrina Gleason, WIC Breastfeeding  
Peer Counselor  
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Please feel free to call her with any  
questions you might have.

Katrina Gleason

## Stewardship Message

### **#289 Giving means thinking positively.**

**“Make the most of every chance you get. These are desperate times.”**

*Ephesians 5:16 The Message*

April showers bring May flowers! We all hope that all the rain and snow showers we've received this spring will turn into a wonderful gift of flowers. The same can be said for our financial gifts. We like to see the fruits of our labors, so to speak!

As Bob and Marilyn finished their taxes this year, they realized that an additional gift to their church and other charities could turn their personal blessings into gifts for many others – and save them taxes, especially capital gains taxes if they gave appreciated stock.

They decided on an amount to give this year, but couldn't decide exactly how to distribute it. Marilyn said, “We have to decide. If we don't start giving this amount right now, you know we'll find other frivolous things to do with the money. If we really feel called to give it away, we need to use it to make gifts.” Then they learned they could establish a DONOR ADVISED FUND through the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation.

A Donor Advised Fund allows you to claim a tax advantage in the year you make the gift and your Donor Advised Fund account is established at the Foundation. Donor Advised Funds are distributed over an unlimited period of time on a schedule that accomplishes your charitable giving goals. This allows you to “take your time” in distributing your gift.

For more information on how you might meet your charitable giving goals through a Donor Advised Fund, contact us at:

**Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation**  
**1-888-903-9863 or [wumf@wumf.org](mailto:wumf@wumf.org)**

### *New Members!*

Centenary United Methodist Church warmly welcomes these new members into the church family:

Kate Barrera, William Arndt Carmody and Steven “Count” Humphrey.



### Holy Baptisms

Hallie Marie Hartung  
Harper Margaret Russell  
Kate Barrera  
William Arndt-Carmody



## Free Eye Screening by Lions Club

Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> @ Centenary UMC lower level

Open to Everyone beginning @ 6:00 p.m.

(Open to Food Pantry Patrons beginning @ 4:00 p.m. during Food Pantry distribution)



Centenary United Methodist Church Presents

OUR 3RD ANNUAL

## "CRUISE IN FOR CHRIST" Classic Car & Motorcycle Show

Badger Park, Shullsburg, WI

*Visit and enjoy historic Shullsburg, it's Shops and restaurants*

**May 19, 2013**

**Registration 9:00 – 12:00**

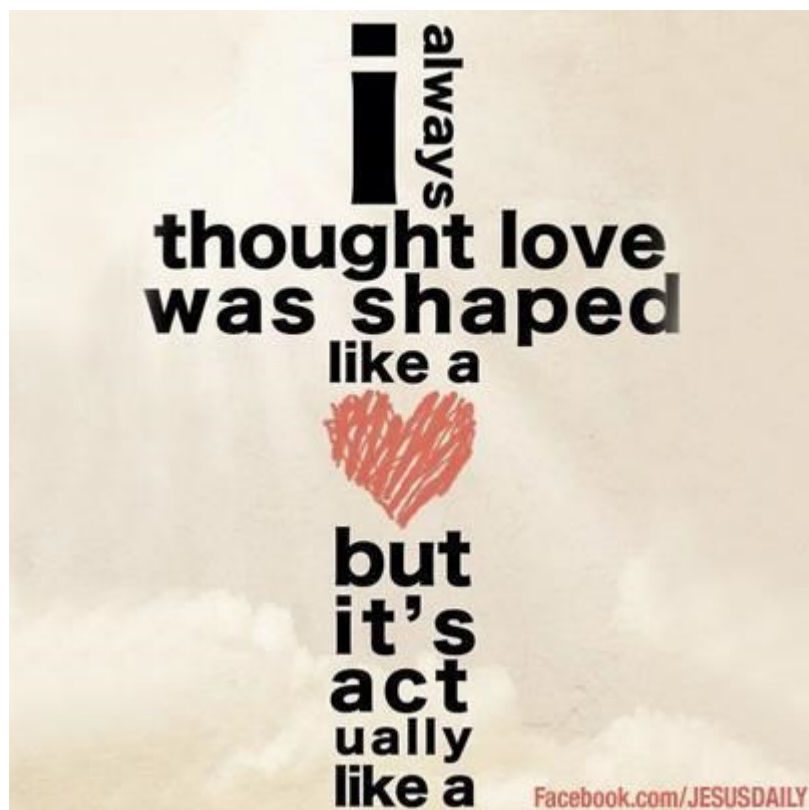
**Show 12:00 - 3:00**

Music & Door Prizes all  
Day - Food and Soda  
Concessions


All proceeds will go  
to Local Missions  
Projects

Free  
spectator  
Admission

Contemporary  
Church Service at  
10:15 Featuring  
the Awaken Band



# May 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
			6:15 Band Practice 7:15 Prayer Meeting		PASTOR JEFF'S DAY OFF	7:00 New Life Revival Service
5 8:00 Trad. Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Rock'n Praise Trustee mtg. after	6	7	8 10:00 Play Group 6:15 Band Practice 7:15 Prayer Meeting	9	10 PASTOR JEFF'S DAY OFF	11 7:00 Worship
12 8:00 Trad. Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Rock'n Praise 6:00 Youth Group	13 6:00 Finance mtg. 7:00 Administrative	14	15 6:15 Band Practice 7:15 Prayer Meeting	16 4:30 Food Pantry 6:00 Free Eye Clinic	17 PASTOR JEFF'S DAY OFF	18 <i>SPRC Meeting</i> 9:30 am 7:00 Worship
19 <i>CAR SHOW</i> 8:00 Trad. Worship 9:00 Last Sunday School 10:15 Rock'n Praise	20	21	22 10:00 Play Group 6:15 Band Practice 7:15 Prayer Meeting	23	24 PASTOR JEFF'S DAY OFF	25 7:00 Worship
26 8:00 Trad. Worship 10:15 Rock'n Praise 6:00 Youth Group	27  Memorial Day	28	29 6:15 Band Practice 7:15 Prayer Meeting	30	31	

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

## May Birthdays

1 Gavin Ubersox	23 Chris Teutschmann
3 Elizabeth Martin	24 Bronson Ubersox
4 Jackie Heinberg	25 Levi Curran
5 Dan Morrissey	25 Kay Shepard
5 Trista Starr	26 Elizabeth Farrey
6 Jaidyn Strang	26 Amy Mullikin
9 Susan Morrissey	27 Kala Nielsen
15 Ian Murphy	28 Shirley Coy
17 Brittany Foley	28 Arlene Mauk
20 Rachel Wineland	29 Matt Harker
21 Serenity Diedrich	29 Jeanette Heberlein
22 Pearl Wurtzbacher	29 Alysha Rolli
23 Reid Gill	29 Ruth Ann Teutschmann
23 Todd Strang	29 LeAnn Wurtzbacher
23 Ryan Teasdale	31 Jason Unbehaun

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Tina Cruse

## May Anniversaries

6 Harlo & Naomi Webster	25 Greg & Brenda Mullikin
8 Jon & Michelle Pedley	26 Tim & Rita Crotty
9 John & Pam Harker	26 Lois & Art Finnigan
11 Eugene & Cherie Uehling	31 Larry & Ruth Cherrey
24 Ken & Shirley Coy	

Newsletter content deadline: 20th of the month

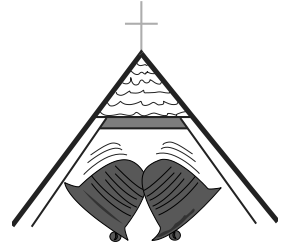
### **A Vision For Our Church**

*Centenary UMC will become THE place to be on Sunday mornings. People will drive by the church on a Sunday morning and think, "That place is packed: I wonder what I'm missing." As God draws their spirits to this place, they will encounter an inviting atmosphere and experience worship that is relevant to their lives. They will become moved to experience God more deeply and then be drawn into ministry for others.*

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



# The Chimes



Saturday evening  
worship at 7:00 pm  
music by Irene Verdagen

Sunday Morning  
Traditional service at  
8:00 am music by Tina  
Cruse

Sunday School at 9:00  
am

Contemporary Service at  
10:15 featuring the  
Awaken Praise band

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## Car and Motorcycle Show 2013

CUMC will be holding its 3rd Annual Cruise in for Christ Classic Car and Motorcycle Show on Sunday, May 19th in Badger Park. Registration is \$10 per car entered and will be from 9-noon. The show will be from noon-3:00, with judging from 1-2:30. Door prizes from local businesses will be given away, and food and concessions will be available for purchase. All proceeds will go to support local mission projects.

We will also be having Worship in the Park at 10:15 with the Awaken Praise Band. Come spend the day at the park with us!

