

The Chimes



Centenary United Methodist Church



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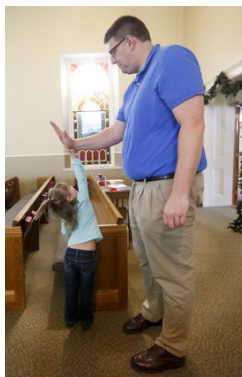


This summer, Centenary is not going to hide in the shade! Introducing the Summer of Giving 2015. Read about our efforts to inspire increased giving during our summer months on page 3.



See insert to see how to help save lives in Africa.





New Heights with Pastor Jeff

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The normal routine for the last few years at CUMC is to weather the drought of giving and attendance at church during the summer and then come out begging in the fall for everyone to give extra and make up for how far we are behind in bills and apportionments. This summer at Centenary UMC I believe God is calling us to make it a Summer of Giving!

This summer the focus will be on increasing our giving during the months of June, July and August from approximately \$24,000 last summer to \$37,000 for the summer of 2015. This is a 54% increase over last summer and would keep us up to date on all bills and apportionments through the summer months. This would mean that there would no letter or phone call drive to beg people for extra funds this fall!

The emphasis will be threefold: 1) giving each week whether you attend worship or not; 2) starting somewhere by giving some set amount each week with the goal of eventually achieving a tithe (10% of your net income), and 3) giving through our United Methodist connection to support the Imagine No Malaria Campaign to help fight the spread of Malaria to children throughout the continent of Africa throughout this month of May.

There are several pages of information in this newsletter about all three of the emphasis points, and my prayer is that all of you, every member and friend of Centenary UMC, will *prayerfully* read each article and *prayerfully* discern the amount God, not you or anyone else, but that God is calling to you to give each week this summer to reach our goal of \$37,000 for the Summer of Giving 2015 as well as to have a direct effect on the lives of children in Africa through your support of the Imagine No Malaria mission collection this May.

God bless you for your prayers and your financial support of CUMC this summer and for being inspired to save lives in Africa through the Imagine No Malaria Campaign this month of May 2015.

In Christ, *PJ*

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."

Centenary UMC At A Glance

April Statistics

Total Offering:

Attendance:

(Sat 7, Sun 9 & 10:30)

Apr 4 & 5	\$2,388
Apr 11 & 12	\$1,147
Apr 18 & 19	\$1,468
Apr 25 & 26	\$1,337

Apr 4 & 5	14, 17, 112
Apr 11 & 12	7, 17, 44
Apr 18 & 19	7, 18, 76
Apr 25 & 26	12, 13, 72

Ways to Participate in the Summer of Giving 2015!
(& help CUMC reach its goal of \$37,000 in giving for the months of June, July, & August 2015!)

Give Every Week!

We live in a consumeristic society where we pay for goods and services we receive. Thus, it is understandable that sometimes as members and friends of Centenary we only make an offering or donate to the church when we go to service and only give what we would give for that service. The offering is a weekly sacrifice offered to God to financially support His church and its mission, given out of faith in Him. Centenary UMC depends on your weekly support to stay operational and to continue to make disciples of Jesus Christ in this community and through our United Methodist connection to the world. Please give generously when you come to worship, and when you do not attend, please mail or drop off a donation, or call the office to set up an EFT (see article below) so you make sure that the ministry of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ receives your full financial support every week.

Enjoy 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.

Start with anything and then work towards Tithing!

Any financial gift you give, whether it be ten cents or ten dollars a week, helps support the ministries of Centenary UMC. God calls us to aim towards one day giving 10% of our income each week, but no one can get there without starting somewhere! So give whatever you can each week, and after you have been giving the same amount each week for awhile, gradually increase it and see how far you come, see how much your giving grows and how much the blessings for you and for others grow as you work toward giving 10% (a tithe) of your income to God through the life and ministry of Centenary UMC. Amen!

Meetings and News

May Administrative Meetings

Monday, May 11th

6:00 – Finance

7:00 – Church Council

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



Confirmation Class is at 6:00 p.m. every Sunday night. Class Ends May 17th.

Trustees News

The Trustees Committee is working with Renaissance Restoration to complete the exterior project at Centenary UMC. The planned renovations still to be completed are some exterior painting, completing work on the restored double door entrance on Church Street, some drainage/gutter work, and concrete work on the lower level sidewalk. The Trustees are reviewing a couple options for the lower level sidewalk and limestone walls to that entrance. Additional discussions will take place at the May Trustees meeting. Please speak with a Trustee if you any questions, or suggestions. Thank you!

Eugene Vehling, Trustees Chair



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

Sunday School News

Our final weeks of Sunday school this year will be bustling with plenty of fun activities. On Mother's Day, May 10, the children will be doing a musical performance and will also receive their award certificates for the year at the 10:30 a.m. service. After service, the 7th & 8th graders will be holding a bake sale. You can buy the special mom in your life a nice treat while helping support their spiritual retreat to the Grand Harbor. The following weekend, May 17, will be our last Sunday school weekend before summer break. We are very excited to have John and Deb from the Crooked Canvas coming! The children will be shown how to paint their very own 8x10 masterpiece to bring home. We would like to thank the Charlene Scott family for their generous donation; because of this there will be no cost to any Sunday school families for this event.



*****Parents: please have your children wear painting clothes May 17.*****

Tara Teasdale, Sunday School Coordinator and Staff

Fellowship News

Thanks to all who brought food and helped in anyway for the funerals of Mary Shirley and Louise Lyne. We would not be able to host these events with out the many hands that contribute. Thanks to all.



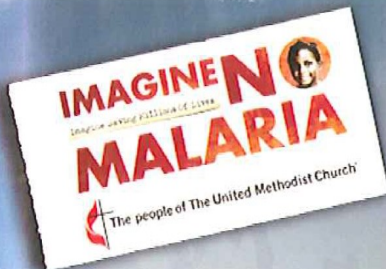
We will be hosting the Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, June 9 from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. We will be providing the light lunch, but we will need bars and cookies donated to serve the donors. We will have a sign-up sheet set out starting on May 24 for donations and also times to work the kitchen if you can. Also in the works from the Shullsburg Community group is a class on Emergency Preparedness during the blood drive with info on compression CPR, tornado awareness, calling 911, emergency supplies, etc. More information will be coming in the June newsletter.

We have an opportunity to serve our community thru the Beautification Group of Shullsburg to help water the flowers on Water Street at the Veterans' Memorial at Badger Park this season. We will need one driver and one person to water for each day of the week from Saturday, Sept. 5 through Friday, Sept. 11. We start watering around 5:30 a.m., and it usually takes about one hour or so. Contact Pam Harker at 482-1579 if you are interested, or watch for a sign up sheet starting in June.



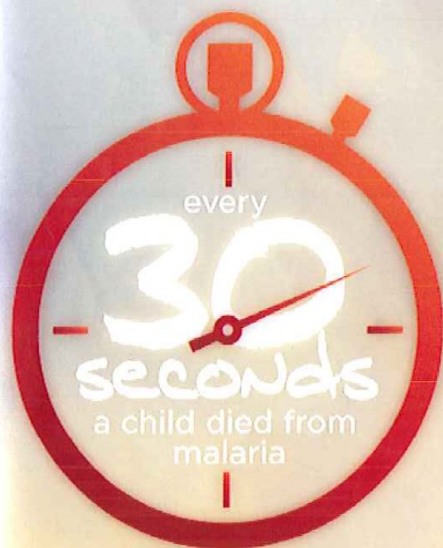
God Speed!

Pam Harker, Fellowship Group



We've had **EXTRAORDINARY** progress

Just a few short years ago, statistics showed a child died every 30 seconds of malaria. Today, because of your dedication and generous support, **malaria's impact has been cut in half.** According to the World Health Organization, this disease now claims a life every 60 seconds.



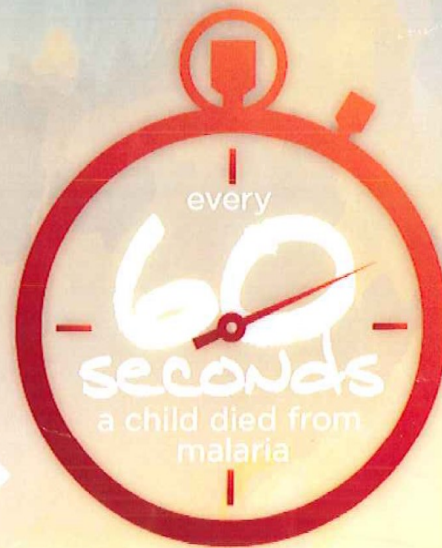
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2011:
WHO estimates
655,000 deaths
attributed to malaria,
DOWN from the
estimated more than
1 million fatalities in
2007.

PROGRESS →

Recent efforts in Sierra
Leone and the Democratic
Republic of Congo have
produced net usage rates
exceeding 80 percent.



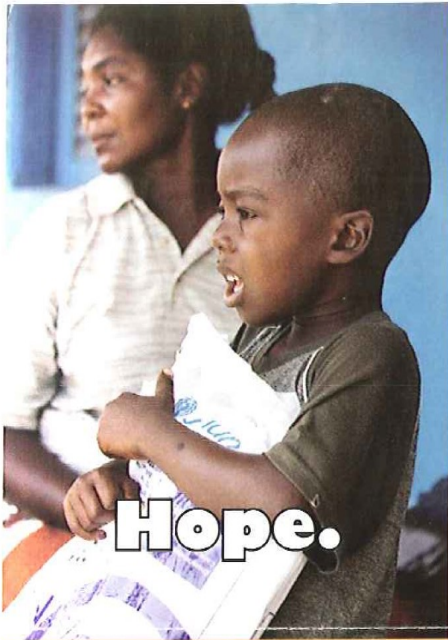
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WORKING TOGETHER matters

Working side-by-side with local communities, national departments of health, other non-profit organizations (like **Nets For Life, UNICEF, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies**) is precisely the way we will beat this disease.

www.imaginenomalaria.org



When Imagine No Malaria was launched in 2010, a child died of malaria every 30 seconds. We have made significant progress and have cut the number of deaths in half. Still, a child dies every 60 seconds. There is still much work to be done.

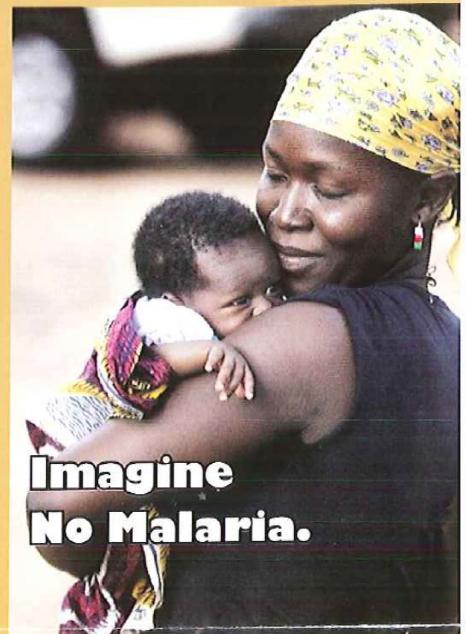
Malaria is a disease transmitted through the bite of a mosquito. Left untreated, its flu-like symptoms – fever, chills, vomiting, headache – lead to convulsions, organ failure and countless unnecessary deaths.

But malaria is preventable, treatable and beatable. To overcome malaria, we must continue to support the most effective prevention methods. We also must improve education about the disease, continue to establish community-based malaria-control programs, conduct communications and revitalize hospitals and clinics to improve treatment across Africa.

One in five children do not reach their 5th birthday because of malaria. Imagine No Malaria, an extraordinary effort of the people of The United Methodist Church, is a way to put our faith into action. The goal is to reduce preventable deaths by malaria.

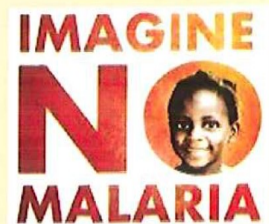
The people of The United Methodist Church were founding partners in Nothing But Nets, a global grassroots campaign to prevent malaria by sending lifesaving, insecticide-treated mosquito nets to children and families in Africa. Because of the campaign's success, we moved our commitment to the next level, creating Imagine No Malaria and setting goal to raise \$75 million or more.

Our goal is within reach. Momentum builds. Imagine No Malaria!



Imagine No Malaria as an expression of the United Methodist Global Health Initiative is responsible for the stewardship of your donations. These gifts make possible lifesaving work in the fight against malaria.

Through Imagine No Malaria, 13 health boards have been created with responsibility in 16 countries. Over 5,800 health care workers have been trained and over 1.2 million nets have been distributed, impacting more than 2.4 million lives. We stand together in this fight. Donate online: www.ImagineNoMalaria.org.



All Mission Giving or checks/envelopes marked "Imagine No Malaria" received in May will go directly to financially support these efforts in Africa. Feel free to mail in your donations to CUMC, PO Box 127, Shullsburg, WI 53586 or best of all, come to worship any weekend in May and drop your donations off in the special offering plate covered in mosquito netting. God bless you for your prayerful consideration, generous heart and financial donations supporting this ministry to save children in Africa from malaria.

Retired & Re-Fired Small Group

We had some amazing meetings in April. The snow and ice were gone, and folks felt they could venture out. It's spring, and it seems like we were coming out of hibernation. We welcome two new members to our group, Michelle Wedige and Todd Ubersox. Tricia King stopped for a visit at our April 13 meeting. She helped us get our group started, so it was good to see her again.

We'll be sponsoring a community program on Advanced Directives this fall, and we've just started making plans for this. At our April 25th meeting we sat under the Palaver Tree and talked, and I know something special will become of this. It was great!

We'll meet at Noon in the Serenity Room on May 11 for our regular meeting, and we will make cards at Barb & Jake Teutschmann's house at Noon on May 26. We will not be meeting on May 25 due to it being Memorial Day.

Betty Gleason, Retired & Re-fired Small Group Leader



Audio & Video Ministry

Volunteers are invited to sign up to assist with CUMC's Video Ministry at its 10:30 a.m. Sunday service. A sign-up sheet with calendar pages for the first quarter of 2015 is located on the table outside the church office. A brief demonstration on how to set up the video camera is available to all volunteers!

Eugene Vehling

Limited-Term Service/Ministry Opportunity

Thanks to the Memorial Committee, we have a beautiful new notification board by the Narthex entrance to post announcements, etc. in. This creates an opportunity for a Notice Board Steward. This is a short-term opportunity to help keep the church and community up-to-date on what is going on at CUMC. For a period of 3 months, the Steward would be responsible for both the new case on the Narthex wall as well as the older case on Church St. Duties would include changing lettering and posting flyers for special events (as provided by the office) as well as cleaning the glass doors. I estimate the time commitment required to be 20 minutes every other week.

This is a great opportunity for someone to do a very useful service for the church with a limited-time commitment. No special skills are required, but someone with a visual eye would be fantastic. If you are interested in helping to keep everyone informed about what is going on at CUMC, please contact the office.

CUMC Going Above and Beyond

May Missional Giving



Mission money collected this month will go to **Imagine No Malaria**, which provides insecticide-treated bednets to protect Africans from infected mosquitoes while they sleep.

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 around 52 items for our April collection. Thank you to everyone who brought something in! For the month of May we are collecting Baked Beans. We will be collecting these until May 21.



Gingerbread House Preschool

Gingerbread Preschool has openings for children 3-4 year olds. School days are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8-11 a.m. from September through May. For more information in enrolling your child contact Becky Upmann at 482-3920 or gingerbreadpreschool@hotmail.com.

Annual Open House will be Wednesday, May 6 from 6:30-7:30 at the Preschool.



Each week on our colored Here I Am To Worship Cards that you receive in your bulletin, there are three boxes that you can check off:

Were you one of the:

30% who took a break from serving

50% who served the church at least 1 hour

20% who talked or prayed with someone about their relationship with Jesus Christ.

So please remember to check your boxes!

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CENTENARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CUMC CHURCH COUNCIL
March 9, 2015

Present: Pastor Jeff, Becky Upmann, Mary Gensler, Dawn Gobrecht, Tara Teasdale, Pam Teasdale, Tina Cruse, Lisa Diedrich, Cherie Uehling and Eugene Uehling.

Agenda:

1: Opening Prayer- Pastor Jeff opened with a prayer. He talked about things that are happening in the church. We did communion.

2: Pastor's Report- We looked over the reports.

3: Secretaries Report- Went over the reports. Fix the mistakes that needed to be fixed. It was passed.

4: Finance Report- Tina is asking to approve the budget for 2015 with a few items to be fixed on it. Becky will fix it and email everyone the final copy. We will be needing around \$2900 a week to make our budget work. We will fix the bulletin info and do a monthly form instead. We will discuss stewardship at next month's meeting. We will be doing pledge cards in the Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday Bulletins.

5: Old Business-None

6: Committee Reports

A) Trustees- They met the day before the meeting. Brad from Edward Jones met with them and gave them recommendations about how to make the most of the money. They will be having a committee meeting. They are getting the AV issues downstairs looked at. They are looking at electric services to fix the outlets in the fellowship hall. Looking into surge protectors. Looking to get lightning strike ground in.

B) SPRC-They met with Brad at the February meeting to discuss their 5 year plan. They will be meeting on March 22nd.

C) Memorial- The money left is spoken for. It is to be used for the Multi-tracs. Mary will discuss changing her committee to a coordinator run committee instead.

D) Nurture & Care- Lisa said they met with Brad and went over the 5-7 year plan. They will bring to council when the report is done.

E) Fellowship Group- There will be no March Pasty Bake. They meet with outreach on March 24th to do reorganizing. They are trying to get a committee meeting together.

F) Outreach- They had a meeting on March 24. They will be meeting with the committee chairs that want Outreach help.



May Birthdays

1 Gavin Ubersox	19 Helen Edge
1 Elliott Searles	20 Rachel Wineland
1 Garrett Ray	21 Serenity Diedrich
2 Levi Busch	22 Pearl Wurtzbacher
3 Bernadine Salathe	23 Reid Gill
3 Elizabeth Martin	23 Todd Strang
4 Jackie Heinberg	23 Ryan Teasdale
4 Natalie Searles	23 Chris Teutschmann
5 Dan Morrissey	24 Bronson Ubersox
5 Trista Starr	25 Levi Curran
6 Jaidyn Strang	25 Heather Ortiz
7 Emily Gratz	25 Kay Shepard
7 Rick McDermott	26 Elizabeth Farrey
9 Susan Morrissey	26 Amy Mullikin
12 Shaun Hoey	27 Kayla Jacobson
14 Riley Gobrecht	28 Shirley Coy
14 Lucas Adams	28 Arlene Mauk
14 Mackenzie Milestone	29 Matt Harker
16 Justin Ahlstrom	29 Jeanette Heberlein
17 Brittany Foley	29 Ruth Ann
17 Lorri McGranahan	Teutschmann
19 Becky Upmann	29 LeAnn Wurtzbacher
19 Caleb Arteaga	31 Jason Unbehaun

May Worship

May 2 & 3

Song of Songs Part 2
Song of Songs 3:6-11,
4:1-5:1

May 9 & 10

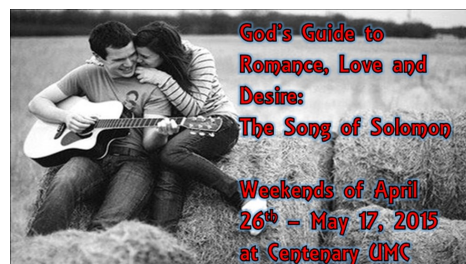
Song of Songs Part 3
Song of Songs 5:2-5:16,
6:1-7:9

May 16 & 17

Songs of Songs Part 4
Song of Songs 7;10-8:4
8;5-8:14

May 23 & 24


**Pentecost in Early
Methodism**



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	

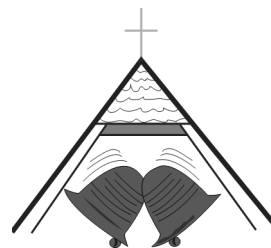
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
11:45 SPRC Mtg. 6:00 Confirmation Class				1 Pastor Jeff's Day Off	2 7:00 Casual Worship	
3 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Hymn Worship 10:30 Praise Service 11:45 Pot Luck Lunch 11:45 Youth Group	4 9:00 Hymn Worship 10:30 Praise Service 11:45 Pot Luck Lunch 11:45 Youth Group	5	6	7	8 Pastor Jeff's Day Off	9 7:00 Casual Worship
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24 9:00 Hymn Worship 10:30 Praise Service	25  Memorial Day	26	27	28	29 Pastor Jeff's Day Off	30 7:00 Casual Worship
31 9:00 Hymn Worship 10:30 Praise Service						

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



The Chimes



Saturday evening
worship at 7:00 pm

Sunday Morning
Hymn Worship service at
9:00 music by Tina Cruse

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

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**"The
Biggest
Weekend"
(>200 people)
& Potluck at
Centenary United Methodist Church
June 6th-7th, 2015**

Come be a part of breaking the record of 200 for weekend attendance at Centenary UMC on June 6th- 7th, 2015 @ the Sat. 7:00 p.m. (Casual), Sun. 9:00 a.m. (Hymn) & Sun. 10:30 a.m. (Praise Service). (Nursery Care for Children Under 5 years of age provided at the Praise Service. **Potluck Lunch to follow, just bring place settings for you and your family and a dish to pass!**)



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