

The Chimes

Centenary United Methodist Church



May 2021

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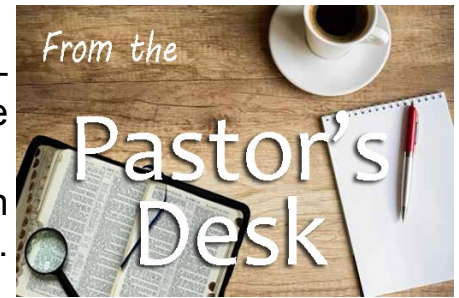


Greetings,

Great things are done through willing hearts. I truly believe that a willing heart is one of the greatest gifts that we can give to God.

All too often, though, we allow fears and doubts to stand in the way. We know what God desires us to do and we... don't do them.

I close with a poem that I came across some time ago that speaks of willing hearts. Some of you may remember this poem; I have used it as an illustration in sermons from time to time.



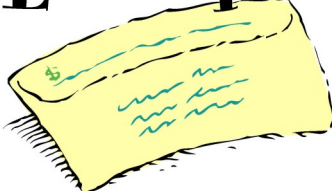
Simply Amazing

Amazing, simply amazing
 How such extraordinary things were accomplished
 Through such ordinary people
 Through the years we have canonized and glorified
 These ordinary people
 Made them into something more...
 And in the process have lost their humanity
 These men, these disciples
 Weren't so different from you or I
 Except maybe in their willingness
 They were ordinary guys
 With fears, doubts, anxiety, confusion
 Sometimes not knowing where to turn
 Yet somehow God was able to use these men
 To accomplish extraordinary things
 So what, pray tell, does that mean for us?
 What might God do with us?
 In spite of our fears, doubts, anxiety, confusion
 In those times we don't know where to turn
 Who knows?
 It might be amazing, simply amazing

Until Next Time,

Pastor Stanton

Offering Envelopes



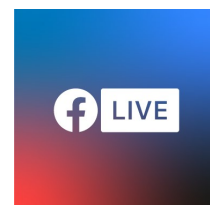
If you would like a box of offering envelopes for this year, please let Lois Finnigan or the church office know.

Bible Study

Wednesday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Stanton will be meeting at Second Chance Coffee Shop now at 9:30 a.m..



In-Person & Online Worship



If you are not yet comfortable returning to church, we continue to stream Sunday morning worship on Facebook Live (Centenary United Methodist Church) for you to watch or listen to anytime. We also continue to send weekly mailings for our shut-ins.

Change: Nothing Stays the Same

"In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see." ~In the Bulb, There is a Flower, Natalie Sleeth, UMH #707~ There is nothing like a crisis to help us to reset priorities.

With COVID-19 we have witnessed job layoffs, deaths, social and economic upheavals, and health emergencies. Despite our natural resistance to change, we are learning new ways to live. On account of COVID-19, what personal priorities have you reset? Toilet paper. Seriously. Will we ever take lowly "TP" for granted again? Toilet paper is just one of the countless everyday blessings that the pain of COVID-19 has taught us to savor – along with worshipping beside loved ones, going to work, getting paid, shopping, going to the movies, and on and on. (What's on your list?)

We are not just individuals; we are brothers and sisters in Christ. As a follower of Jesus, what priorities have you rearrange? How will the Holy Spirit guide us to a "new normal" of holy living as both disciples and community that will be different – and better – than what we have known? May the "new normal" find us better stewards of our lives -- less greedy, less self-focused, less preoccupied with silly things, and more centered in Christ, more loving to our neighbor, more generous, more hopeful, and more tolerant.

Rev. Krystal Goodger, Director of Programming and Planned Giving, WUMF

Centenary UMC Worship Protocols During COVID-19

1. **MASKS:** Masks covering nose and mouth are required for anyone attending CUMC until such time as the danger of COVID-19 has passed. Those attending worship are asked to bring their own masks if they have one. If not, masks will be available at the church.
2. **SEATING:** LIFO “last in, first out” ushered seating – seat people arriving first in the front row. Seat people not living together at least six feet apart. This will probably be every other row with alternating end of the pews/seating). Maintain at least six feet of physical distance between people as they are seated and dismissed.
3. **NO PASSING:** Do not pass attendance pads, offering plates, the Peace, and determine alternate means for collecting offering and other information previously passed.
4. **REMOVE** anything passed from or kept in the pews (bibles, hymnals, pens, etc.)
5. **OFFERING** should either be electronic or placed by the attendee in a stationary plate.
6. **ORDER OF WORSHIP:** Discontinue use of bulletins for the time being. Allow PowerPoint presentation to guide the worship service.
7. **HAND SANITIZER** will be in all high touch areas.
8. **NO SHARING:** Do not share equipment that is touched. No item should be used by more than one person without sanitization occurring between users.
9. **BIBLES:** People are encouraged to bring their own Bibles to worship.
10. **BLOCK OFF** areas not in use.
11. **TIGHT SPACES:** Establish one in-one out for tight spaces and have sanitizer available.
12. **RESTROOMS:** Try to limit use of restrooms. Have a disinfecting material available for those who do use the restroom so they can disinfect prior to use.
13. **FLOW:** Try to ensure that people are traveling one-way through entrance and exit doors (in prior to worship, out after worship).
14. **ADMISSION:** Stress that people who aren't feeling well and/or have demonstrated any of the symptoms of COVID-19 should stay home and participate in worship through online means. Be upfront with attendees that anyone who demonstrates COVID-19 symptoms will be asked to leave worship.
15. **CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY:** Sunday School will be done through Zoom and via the Sunday School's new Facebook page.



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Upcoming Events



Confirmation Class Schedule for Remainder of 2021

May 16 11:00 – 12:30

Biker Blessing Sunday, May 16

following Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Praise Service

Drive up to the main entrance on
Monroe St. (by the park), and
Pastor Stanton will anoint your
bike with oil and pray for protec-
tion for you and your bike this
summer.



★ SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 2021 ★

DOWNTOWN SHULLSBURG, WI • 3 P.M.-?

5th Annual
Cruisin' SHULLSBURG
Welcome ALL MAKES & MODELS

MUSIC | FOOD | DOOR PRIZES | 50/50 RAFFLE | NO ENTRY FEE

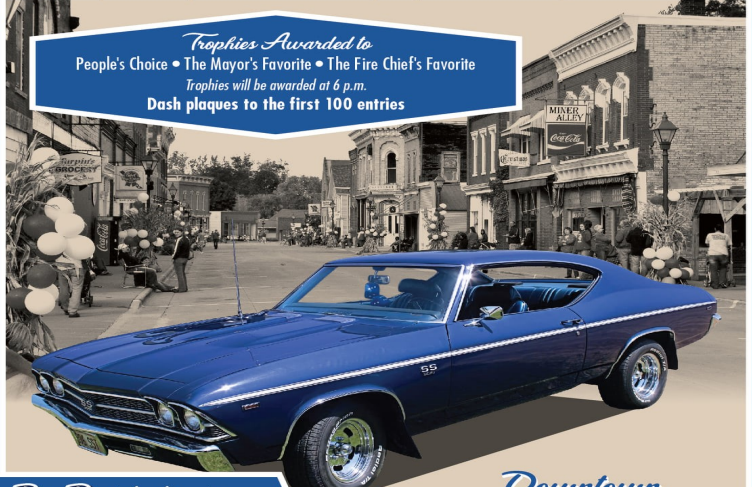
Trophies Awarded to
 People's Choice • The Mayor's Favorite • The Fire Chief's Favorite
Trophies will be awarded at 6 p.m.
 Dash plaques to the first 100 entries

Pre-Registration is open
 E-mail Jafrank23@hotmail.com
 Call or text 815.266.9167 or 608.553.3757
 Facebook message "Cruisin Shullsburg"

*Downtown
shops and restaurants
will also be open*

Event sponsored by Advance Shullsburg Inc., a non-profit group looking to better our city.
Check us out on our facebook page, "Cruisin Shullsburg". Rain or Shine.

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

Going Above and Beyond as Stewards of CUMC



Food Pantry Giving

We collected 14 items for our April collection. Thank you to everyone who brought something in! For the month of May we are collecting canned tuna. Distribution will be on Thursday, May 20.

May Missional Giving

Mission money collected this month will go to **Wisconsin Conference Hospitality Kits**. The money collected will be used to make kits to take to Annual Conference in June. Then they will be shared by Harbor House Crisis Shelters in Superior and Northcott Neighborhood House, a United Methodist Children's Services and Solomon Outreach in Milwaukee. 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.



Meetings and News



Monthly Accountable Leadership Board Meeting

Monday, May 17 — 6:30 p.m.



Sunday School News

Sunday School will not be having a lesson on May 9 — we are taking that Sunday off for Mother's Day. May 16 and 23 will be the last two Sunday school lessons. Thank you to all who participated this year, either by doing the lessons online or by joining in on Zoom! Don't forget that Sunday School meets every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom. Keep checking the Sunday School Facebook page for weekly lessons and any updates.



Sunday School Team

Retired & Re-Fired Small Group

Greetings to all in our church family, and welcome to May! At last month's meeting our members discussed the actions of a very bad girl in the Bible, the unnamed wife of Potiphar, an Egyptian official close to the Pharaoh. You can read about her attempts to seduce Joseph (Jacob's favorite son given the "coat of many colors") in Genesis 39. No matter what "Mrs. Potiphar" tried, Joseph rejected her, and as a result he continued to receive God's favor. How can we recognize and resist temptation in our lives?

We're all Part of His Flock



The Retired & Re-Fired Group
Centenary United Methodist Church

Our next meeting is May 10. We will meet at noon downstairs in the Fellowship Hall for lunch and discuss the next "bad girl of the Bible", Lot's wife. Please read chapter 3. The story of the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah starts in Genesis 18:16 and ends in Genesis 19:29 after Lot's wife has become a pillar of salt.

We'll also discuss making Personal Dignity Kits and Home Care Kits for the United Methodist Ingathering that takes place in June.

The kits provide people in crisis with items for personal care and home cleanliness. If you'd like to contribute items for the kits, see the lists below. If you'd like to help fund the kits, please mark your donation "2021 Ingathering" and place in the offering plate or mail it to the church during the month of May. Thank you!

Mary Gensler, Retired & Re-Fired Small Group Leader

Ingathering Mission Kits

Personal Dignity Kit

- 1 Bath Hand Towel (no kitchen towels)
- 1 Bath Washcloth (no dishcloths)
- 1 Adult Toothbrush (no multipacks)
- 1 Bar Soap (3-4 oz.)
- 1 Shampoo (15-18 oz., secure lid with tape)
- 1 Deodorant (2-3 oz. stick, roll on, or pump)
- \$2 donation for toothpaste and razor

Place items in a 1-gallon resealable plastic bag .

Home Care Kit

- 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

Place items into a 5-gallon bucket with a resealable cover.

For videos on packing the kits, go to
www.midwestmission.org/kits-projects-patterns/midwest-mission-kits.

From Our Parish Nurse.....

May is Bike Safety Month!

Bicycle riding is fun, healthy, and a great way to be independent. But it is important to remember that a bicycle is not a toy; it's a vehicle! Be cool – follow some basic safety tips when you ride. Safe Riding Tips Before using your bicycle:

- ♦ Make sure it is ready to ride. You should always inspect your bike to make sure all parts are secure and working properly.
- ♦ Remember to wear a properly-fitted bicycle helmet. Protect your brain — save your life!
- ♦ Adjust your bicycle to fit. Stand over your bicycle. There should be 1 to 2 inches between you and the top bar (if using a road bike) and 3 to 4 inches (if using a mountain bicycle). The seat should be level front to back. The seat height should be adjusted to allow a slight bend at the knee when the leg is fully extended. The handlebar height should be at the same level with the seat.
- ♦ Check your equipment. Before riding, inflate tires properly, and check that your brakes work.
- ♦ See and be seen. Whether daytime, dawn, dusk, foul weather, or at night, you need to be seen by others. Wearing white has not been shown to make you more visible. Rather, always wear neon, fluorescent, or other bright colors when riding day or night. Also wear something that reflects light, such as reflective tape or markings, or flashing lights. Remember, just because you can see a driver doesn't mean the driver can see you.
- ♦ Control your bicycle. Always ride with at least one hand on the handlebars. Carry books and other items in a bicycle carrier or backpack.
- ♦ Watch for and avoid road hazards. Be on the lookout for hazards such as potholes, broken glass, gravel, puddles, leaves, and dogs. All these hazards can cause a crash. If you are riding with friends and you are in the lead, yell out and point to the hazard to alert the riders behind you.
- ♦ Many bicycle-related crashes resulting in injury or death are associated with the bicyclist's behavior, including such things as not wearing a bicycle helmet, riding into a street without stopping, turning left or swerving into traffic that is coming from behind, running a stop sign, and riding the wrong way in traffic.
- ♦ Go with the traffic flow. Ride on the right in the same direction as other vehicles. Go with the flow – not against it. Obey all traffic laws. A bicycle is a vehicle, and you're a driver. When you ride in the street, obey all traffic signs, signals, and lane markings. You need your ears to hear traffic and avoid dangerous situations; don't wear headphones when you ride.



- ♦ Children less than 10 years old are not mature enough to make the decisions necessary to safely ride in the street and are better off riding on the sidewalk. (Check the law in your state or jurisdiction to make sure sidewalk riding is allowed.)
- ♦ Enter a street at a corner and not between parked cars. Alert pedestrians that you are near by saying, "Excuse me" or "Passing on your left," or use a bell or horn.

SUMMER IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER! STAY SAFE AND HAVE FUN!

Reference: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) www.nhtsa.dot.gov

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

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

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

Fellowship Group News

CUMC will be hosting another Red Cross Blood Drive from 1:00-6:00 on Tuesday, June 1. Please come and give a donation to help the Red Cross save lives across our area. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall, and all safety precautions will be followed. Please donate if you are able. You must schedule an appointment by going to red-crossblood.org; click on Donate Blood, then Schedule an Appointment. If you have any questions, call Pam Harker at 608-482-1579.

Pam Harker



A Note on Borrowing Church Furniture

As garage sale and graduation party season is underway, many people ask to use tables and chairs for their events. If you are thinking about using them, please contact the church office to discuss costs, check the church calendar for availability, and make the necessary arrangements.



May Birthdays

1 Gavin Ubersox	19 Caleb Arteaga
1 Elliott Searles	19 Helen Edge
1 Garrett Ray	20 Rachel Smith
2 Levi Busch	21 Serenity Diedrich
3 Bernadine Salathe	22 Pearl Wurtzbacher
3 Elizabeth Martin	23 Reid Gill
4 Jackie Heinberg	23 Todd Strang
4 Natalie Searles	23 Ryan Teasdale
5 Dan Morrissey	23 Chris Teutschmann
5 Trista Starr	24 Bronson Ubersox
6 Jaidyn Strang	25 Levi Curran
7 Emily Gratz	25 Heather Ortiz
9 Susan Morrissey	25 Kay Shepard
10 Nevaeh Cockrell	26 Elizabeth Farrey
11 Don Greenley	26 Amy Mullikin
12 Steve Cole	27 Kayla Jacobson
14 Riley Gobrecht	28 Shirley Coy
16 Justin Ahlstrom	29 Matt Harker
16 Dan Busch	29 Ruth Ann Teutschmann
17 Camden Schwartz	29 LeAnn Wurtzbacher
19 Becky Upmann	31 Jason Unbehaun

May Worship

May 2

What Does It Say?

Acts 8:26-40

1 John 4:7-21

John 15:1-8

May 9

I Don't Get It...

Acts 10:44-48

1 John 5:1-6

John 15:9-17

May 16

Not an Everyday Sight

Acts 1:1-11

Ephesians 1:15-23

Luke 24:44-53

May 23

Pentecost

If....

Acts 2:1-21

Romans 8:22-27

John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

May 30

Trinity Sunday

Awesome Dude!

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalms 29

Romans 8:12-17

John 3:1-17

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 2 Stanton & Gail Bockwoldt
- 25 Greg & Brenda Mullikin
- 26 Tim & Rita Crotty
- 26 Lois & Art Finnigan



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9:00 Sunday School 9:30 Blended Worship In-Person & Facebook Live		Pastor Stanton's Day Off	9:30 Zoom Bible Study w/Pastor Stanton			
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The Chimes

Join us for Sunday
Morning Blended
worship
9:30 Sanctuary &
Facebook

(See inside for more
guidelines & details)

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226 West Church Street
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Shullsburg, WI 53586-0127

Address Service Requested

Centenary
UMC's

SUMMER Schedule

**** Memorial Day weekend — Labor Day weekend (May 30 — Sept. 5) ****

Single Sunday Worship — 9:30 a.m. (blend of hymns & contemporary music)

Wednesday Morning Bible Study — 9:00 a.m. — Via Zoom



Our Mission Statement

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