

The Chimes

Centenary United Methodist Church



November 2022

Bible Study

with Pastor Maria

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

Bible Study

led by Art Finnigan

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

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Blessings



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by Candlelight
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Greetings in Christ!



We are slowly heading toward the end of this year. It is a time for reflection and celebration and thanksgiving. Our church wide, we have a couple of meaningful events coming up. Church Conference on Nov. 13, Thanksgiving Dinner on Nov. 17. and Advent by Candlelight on Dec. 11, etc. Looking back, we came a long way this year, as we were getting out of the pandemic period and exploring the new normal as members coming back to worship in person. I am grateful that Centenary UMC has been able to be patiently and devotedly faithful in serving God and serving communities throughout this year. Also, I'd like to give thanks to God for our services through our offerings and financial giving. I want to honor your giving spirit that comes from your faith and obedience to God.

When we give, believing everything comes from God, God receives it and takes note of our needs and wishes. That means, in a word, our giving not only benefits others but also it benefits us, since God takes note of your needs and receives your heart.

When we pray "Give us this day our daily bread," as part of the Lord's prayer, we know daily bread doesn't mean only the bread itself. All necessary work to obtain food is included in the meaning of daily bread. For example, we need a job to get daily bread. Also, we need houses to rest in and clothes to wear. Therefore, by praying "Give us this day our daily bread," we are asking God "Give us all things needed to live," as Jesus taught us. Dear friends, if God didn't want to supply us with daily bread, He never would have told us to pray for daily bread. Every time we pray as Jesus taught us, let us remember God wants to supply us with all things we need and us to be connected with God in this faith and trust.

In Christ,

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

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Thanksgiving Dinner To-Go

Thursday, November 17

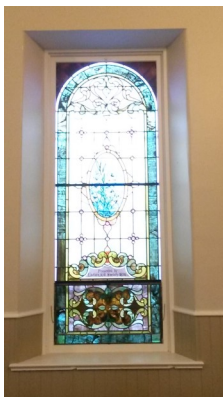
Serving 3:30-6:00



This year's Thanksgiving Dinner will be the same as last year — it will be Order-Ahead and Drive-Thru Pick-up only. Meals will still be FREE, but to ensure that we have enough food, you **MUST** order ahead of time. Please call or e-mail the church office to reserve your meal by November 15.

If you would like to help out, we need food donations, kitchen helpers, and runners to take meals to cars. There is a food sign-up that will be e-mailed to everyone, one in the back of the sanctuary or call the office. If you are able to help in the kitchen or take meals out to cars, let the church office know.

Fill the Sills for Jesus!



Again this year Centenary UMC is attempting to fill all the sanctuary window sills during the Advent and Christmas season with non-perishable food gifts to offer to Jesus on His birthday! The beloved ministry of CUMC Food Pantry will distribute them to those in need in our community. **Please start bringing food products to church (you can leave outside the upstairs doors on office days Monday-Thursday or call ahead and we will come out and get it from you)** and let's fill the sills again this year to provide food for our brothers and sisters and God's beloved children! We will be collecting donations until Wednesday, December 14.

Meetings and News



Monthly Accountable
Leadership Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 15
6:30 p.m.



Retired & Re-Fired Small Group

Fall is marching along with changes appearing daily! We hold our farmers in our prayers as they work to accomplish the harvest and the other fall field work while somehow keeping up with their daily chores. Fall brings chores for the rest of us, too, as we sort out warmer clothing, clean up the yard and garden, and put away all of our summer things.

We continue our Bible study and enjoy the discussions it creates. Our next meeting is on November 14 when we'll meet in the Fellowship Hall at noon. Please bring your own lunch and Bible study book. I will bring a few extra copies for anyone that comes to join us. Coffee, tea, and a dessert will be provided. We'll celebrate and lift up those folks in our age bracket that have birthdays and anniversaries in the month of November.

We're all Part of His Flock



The Retired & Re-Fired Group
Centenary United Methodist Church

It may not seem possible, but we will be working on Christmas cards at our November meeting. We'll also make plans for Christmas gift bags. It should be fun! May God bless you and guide you until we meet again!

Mary Gensler, Retired & Re-Fired Small Group Leader



Join us on Sunday mornings before Worship for Coffee and Fellowship. Coffee, tea and milk along with a light snack will be served from 9:30-10:30 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.

Family Fun Nights have begun, and we'd like to set up some adults on a meal rotation. This would include getting there early, preparing food, and serving the meal.

If you are interested in being on the meal team, please contact the church office 608-965-3455 or email centenaryumcoffice@yahoo.com.

Help us make this a fun-filled night!



Fellowship Group News

It won't be long and the holiday season will be upon us. We will be Decorating our church for the Christmas season on Sunday, November 27 after our 10:30 service. Please come and help us decorate as many hands make quick work! We will have some Christmas cookies and cocoa after! Hope to see you there.

So thankful for our church family and I wish you a Blessed Thanksgiving.

Make sure to sign up for our Thanksgiving meal take-out!

Pam Harker

Love to sing???? We would like to put together an Adult Choir for Christmas Eve service. If you are interested, please see the sign-up sheet on the back table or let Pam Harker know. It will be a fun time!



Youth Group

Calling all youth grades 6-12! Youth group will be meeting two Sundays this month:

November 6 @ 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall

November 20 @ 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall

Youth Group Leaders, Amy Mullikin, Jamie Roberts & Danica Diedrich



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

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international relief organization. Their mission is to provide local partners around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ. They ship these simple gifts outside the United States to children affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine, and disease; and to children living on Native American reservations in the U.S.

If you would like to pack a box, grab an information sheet from the welcome table. Filled boxes (both cardboard and plastic boxes are OK) can be **returned to the church office BY November 13** so we can get them to our collection point. If you have any questions, please contact Becky Mootz at 778-2050, on Facebook, beckyandbrad2001@yahoo.com, or at the church office.



Centenary will once again be sponsoring some families who could use a little extra help this Christmas. If you know of a family who would be a good candidate for sponsorship (some guidelines do apply), contact the church office, then the team will reach out to those families.

We like to have the tree and ornaments up by the weekend BEFORE Thanksgiving for any of you who shop on Black Friday, so to give us enough time and reduce the number of last minute requests, we will need to have family names by early November.



Planning Group Needed

It's hard to believe it, but it is that time again already.....time to start planning for the 7th annual Advent by Candlelight, which is **scheduled for Sunday, December 11**. We are in need of a Decorations Coordinator, a Dessert Coordinator, and a Men's Server Coordinator, as well as several helpers to hold a suc-

cessful event.

If you are interested in serving as a coordinator or helper, please contact Becky Upmann at the church office 965-3455, her cell 482-3920, or e-mail the church office centenaryumcoffice@yahoo.com.

Going Above and Beyond as Stewards of CUMC



Food Pantry Giving

We collected 6 items for our October collection. Thank you to everyone who brought something in!

For the month of November we are collecting cake mix and frosting. Distribution will be on Thursday, November 17. Any questions please contact Food Pantry Leader, Tina Cruse.

November Missional Giving

Mission money collected this month will go to **Christmas Blessings Giving Tree**. This money will help cover the cost of items that are left on the tree to be purchased. 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.



INTERVIEW CHALLENGE ALERT



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.

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 apart of the team please let team leader Jeremiah Diedrich know.



From Our Parish Nurse.....

November is Hospice and Palliative Care Month

Many people are familiar with Hospice care, but do you know what Palliative care is and what it can do for you or a loved one living with a serious illness?

What Is Palliative Care?

Palliative care is specialized medical care for people living with a chronic or serious illness. This type of care is focused on providing relief from the symptoms and stress of the illness. The goal is to improve quality of life for both the patient and the family. Palliative care is provided by a specially-trained team of doctors, nurses and other specialists who work together with a patient's other doctors to provide an extra layer of support. Palliative care is based on the needs of the patient, not on the patient's prognosis. It is appropriate at any age and at any stage in a serious illness, and it can be provided along with curative treatment.

Palliative care improves Quality of Life.

Palliative care teams focus on quality of life. They treat people suffering from the symptoms and stress of serious illnesses such as cancer, congestive heart failure (CHF), chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), kidney disease, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) and many more.



Palliative care relieves Suffering From Symptoms and Stress.

The goal of palliative care is to relieve suffering and provide the best possible quality of life for patients and their families. Chronic and serious illness bring symptoms that may include pain, depression, shortness of breath, fatigue, constipation, nausea, loss of appetite, difficulty sleeping, and anxiety. The team will help you gain the strength to carry on with daily life. In short, palliative care will help improve your quality of life. And recent studies, including one published in the New England Journal of Medicine, have shown that patients with a serious illness who received palliative care lived longer than those who did not receive this care.

Palliative care Helps You Match Treatment Options to Your Goals.

The palliative care team also spends the time it takes to help you match your treatment choices to your goals. They will also make sure that all of your doctors know and understand what you want. This gives you more control over your care and will improve your quality of life.



Palliative care Works Together with Your Other Doctors.

Palliative care teams are specialists who work together with you, your family and your other doctors. They provide an extra layer of support when you need it most. In addition to treating your symptoms and stress and supporting you and your family, the palliative care team communicates with all of your doctors so that everyone is on the same page. They support you every step of the way.

If you or a loved one is facing a serious illness, you may benefit from palliative care. You can have palliative care at any point in your illness. Speak to your doctor, and ask about how palliative care can work for you!

References:

<https://www.nejm.org>

<https://www.nia.nih.gov>

<https://www.mayoclinic.org>

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.

God's Voice

"God is looking for people through whom He can do the impossible – what a pity that we plan only the things we can do by ourselves." - A.W. Tozer

I recently ran across a story that highlights the power of partnership. In the latter part of the nineteenth century, when the Methodist church was holding its denominational convention, one leader stood up and shared his vision both for the church and society at large. He told the ministers and evangelists how he believed someday men would fly from place to place instead of merely traveling on horseback. But it was a concept too outlandish for many members of his audience to handle. One minister, Bishop Wright, stood up and angrily protested, "Heresy!" he shouted. "Flight is reserved for the angels!" He went on to elaborate that if God had intended for man to fly, God would have given him wings. Clearly the bishop was unable to envision what the speaker was predicting. When Bishop Wright finished his brief protest, he gathered up his two sons, Orville and Wilbur, and left the auditorium. That's right. His sons were Orville and Wilbur Wright. And several years later, on December 17, 1903, those two sons did what their father called impossible. They made four flights that day. The first lasted only 12 seconds, but the fourth lasted 59 seconds and took them 852 feet. Soon the Wright brothers had built the first practical airplane, the Flyer III, and by 1908, the brothers had demonstrated an improved model in France that flew 60 miles in less than two hours. The brothers partnered together to accomplish the impossible – and in the process, they changed the world.

~Jason Mahnke, Director of Programming & Campaigns, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation

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1	Isaiah Santiago	17	Pam Reuter
1	Ian Schwartz	18	Charles Russell
1	Kevin Teutschmann	17	Joyce Tyson
4	Nolan Strang	18	Dave Popp
5	Sheila Nielsen	19	Amber Russell
6	Kathy King	19	Evan Edge
7	Ken Cockroft	19	Oliver Searles
7	Kourtney Kirkpatrick	21	Tammy Humphrey
8	Sherry Ubersox	22	David Pedley
10	Matthew Foulker	25	Andrew Uehling
10	Shirley Gensler	26	Travis Nielsen
10	Gage Gleason	26	Brooklyn Strang
12	Harper Russell	27	Mitchell Cook
15	Jim King	30	Matthew Cook
15	Steve Schwartz		

**HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY**

10 Brad & Brianne Farrey
15 Chris & Ruth Ann Teutschmann



November Lectionary

November 7

**More than Enough
Enough to Give**
Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44

November 14

**More than Enough
Enough to Know**
1 Samuel 1:4-20
Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25
Mark 13:1-8

November 21

**More than Enough
Enough to Live**
2 Samuel 23:1-7
Revelation 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37

November 28

**Boundless
Boundless Love**
Jeremiah 33:14-16
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-36

**WORSHIP
VOLUNTEER
opportunities**



Scripture Readers

Opening Prayer Readers

CHILDREN FOR OFFERING HELPERS

Your participation will make our worship more lively and active!
If you feel called to help with any of these, please contact the office.

NOVEMBER 2022

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The Chimes

Join us for Sunday
Morning Blended
worship

10:30 In-Person &
Recorded Service on
Facebook each
Sunday

Centenary United Methodist Church
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P.O. Box 127
Shullsburg, WI 53586-0127

Address Service Requested



Family Fun Nights are held every Wednesday night from 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. and will include a meal, lesson, games, movies, and much more.

ALL kids between 3 years old and 12th grade and their families are welcome. We hope to see you there!



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Thursday, November 17

Serving 3:30-6:00



Our Mission Statement

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