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Centenary United Methodist Church



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Greetings,

Some years ago I read a book called *Remember Why You Play* by David Thomas. It is a book about football; specifically, about the Faith Christian Lions in Grapeville, Texas. You see, the Faith Christian Lions did something that is really quite remarkable. The final game of their 2008 season was against Gainesville State School Tornadoes. Gainesville State School is a school for teenage inmates and as a result every game for them is a road game.

What made the game extraordinary was that before the game the Faith Christian Lions fans decided that they were going to treat the Tornadoes like the home team.

“Before the game, Faith parents and students formed a 40-yard-long spirit line and held a banner for Tornadoes players to run through when they entered the field. Then about half of the Faith fans and cheerleaders moved over to the visitors’ side of the stadium and cheered for Gainesville State players throughout the game. Among those cheering were parents of Faith players, encouraging kids they did not know to tackle their own sons.” (Thomas, introduction)

When news of what the Faith Christian School had done for the players of Gainesville State got out, they (Faith Christian) found themselves the object of news reports and interviews, something which the coach and players for Faith Christian didn’t understand. Turns out that the Faith Christian Lions were just doing what they felt was the right thing to do.

In our sports crazed society I wonder how many of us would do the same thing if we were faced with the same circumstances as the Faith Christian Lions. How many of us would root against our loved ones so that we could root for incarcerated teenagers? And consider this... how sad is it that we live in a society that a team’s fans extending kindness becomes a national story? It seems to me that the time has come for a change and that that change begins with each one of us.

Until Next Time,

Pastor Stanton



Upcoming Events

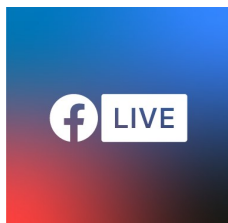
Online Bible Study

During this period of social distancing, Pastor Stanton continues Wednesday Morning Zoom-Only Bible Study. For information on how to join, see CUMC's Facebook page under events or contact Pastor Stanton.



Online Worship

Until we can return to in-church worship, we will continue to stream Sunday morning worship on Facebook Live (Centenary United Methodist Church) for you to watch or listen to anytime. We continue to send weekly mailings for our shut-ins.



NEWSLETTER PREFERENCE

If you would prefer an electronic copy of the newsletter rather than paper, please e-mail the church (centenaryumcoffice@yahoo.com) from your preferred e-mail address, and we will add you to the distribution list. **Please make sure we have your updated email as we will be transitioning to electronic copies for those with emails.**

November Worship

November 1

Time for Cooperation

Revelation 7:9-17

1 John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12

November 8

That's Not Nice

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

November 15

Speculations on Motivation

Judges 4:1-7

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30

November 22

When Did I See You Cry?

Ezekial 34:11-16

Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46

November 29

Time to Visit

Isaiah 64:1-9

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:24-37





Confirmation Class for 2020-2021

Confirmation classes were suspended in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Sadly, the pandemic continues; however, we are going to resume confirmation classes. Initially, these classes will be conducted via Zoom.

Any youth in grades 7 and up who hasn't already been confirmed is welcome to attend. If you have any questions call Pastor Stanton at 608-965-3455 or email him at centenary.umc.pastor@gmail.com.

There will be a confirmation orientation informational Zoom session on **Sunday, November 8 at 10:30 a.m.** so that parents and youth may discuss the format, times, and dates of confirmation class. Information for the orientation is below:

Topic: Confirmation Orientation

Time: Nov 8, 2020 11:00 AM Central Time

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89137338240>

Meeting ID: 891 3733 8240

Passcode: Confirm (note: not Confirmation because that was too long for Zoom)

Or dial in: 312-626-6799



Church Conference

Monday, November 16 7:00 p.m.

This year our Annual Church Conference will be *held via Zoom*. All are welcome to join. Please let the church office know if you wish to attend, and we will send you the link to the Zoom room.

Thanksgiving Dinner To-Go

Thursday, November 19

Serving 3:30-6:30

This year's Thanksgiving Dinner will look a little different than in the past — 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 18.



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 (or you can click on the Signup Genius link on shullsburgumc.com). If you are able to help in the kitchen or take meals out to cars, let the church office know.

Day of Prayer

Saturday, November 21 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Each year CUMC has a day of prayer where folks are invited to come to the church building and spend time in prayer. We ask that, in addition to your personal prayers, you spend some time praying for the church and its mission in our community. This year, the day for prayer is November 21, 2020, but because of Covid-19, this year's event will be done via Zoom. Information to log on is listed below. If you are unable to use Zoom, you are encouraged to sign up for a time and pray where you are.



Topic: Day of Prayer

Time: Nov 21, 2020 07:00 AM Central Time

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89058543168>

Meeting ID: 890 5854 3168

Passcode: Prayer

Or dial in: 312-626-6799

Going Above and Beyond as Stewards of CUMC



Food Pantry Giving

We collected 11 items for our October collection. Thank you to everyone who brought something in! For the month of November we are collecting canned fruit and vegetables. Distribution will be on Thursday, November 19.

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.



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, you can find the guidelines and allowable items at www.samaritanpurse.org/occ. Preprinted cardboard boxes are available at church, but any similarly-sized cardboard or plastic box is acceptable. **Filled boxes can be returned to the church office BY November 19** so we can get them to our collection point. If you have any questions, please contact Becky Mootz at 778-2050, on Facebook, at beckyandbrad2001@yahoo.com, or at the church office.

As of now, there have been **no changes** to the allowable items due to COVID-19.





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 anyone who shops on Black Friday, so to give us enough time, we will need to have family names by early November. We are giving plenty of advance notice in order to reduce the number of last minute requests.

Advent by Candlelight...with a Twist!

Sunday, December 6 4:00 p.m.



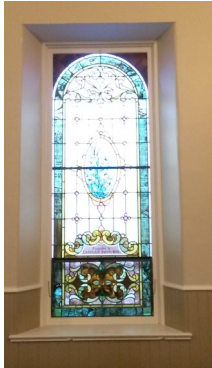
Advent
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Women's Ministry

Save the date for our 8th Annual Women's Advent by Candlelight, **this year done virtually!** Join us for a fun evening of worship, singing, beautifully decorated tables, and delicious desserts all happening safely via Zoom. Now, you may ask what that will consist of? It will be all of the same fun we

usually have, but in the comfort of your own home. I will be doing a Zoom with all of the slides and music from the church for you to participate in. It will be loads of fun! More information on this will be provided to table hosts. To host a table, all you need to do is decorate a table with all your favorite Christmas decor with varying sizes of candles to light it. Then invite your friends to join you. It's that simple! We will share in the candlelight as we listen to lessons and carols and prepare our hearts for the Advent season. If you would like to host a table, please contact me at 482-3920, 965-3455, or centenaryumcoffice@yahoo.com. Hope to see you there!

Becky Upmann

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! LET'S FILL THE SILLS!

Help for your Stewardship Team

The materials developed for the Online Stewardship Retreat 2020 are available to anyone on the Website of the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation. This includes video presentations, slides, handouts, forms, spreadsheets, etc. relevant to the topics included in the retreat.

Find the Retreat materials at www.wumf.org/knowledge Click on Topic #7 "Online Stewardship Planning Retreat" Even if you did not register for the Retreat in August, you can still participate by following the link above.

The Retreat is intended to help churches to plan for multi-year Stewardship activities that transcend simply seeking pledges for a church budget.

Topics include: • Introduction and Overview • Importance of a Stewardship Plan • Developing a Multi-Year Plan • Ideas for Year-Round Stewardship • How River of Life Plans Stewardship • Using the Stewardship Challenge Grant • Help with Stewardship Tools • Narrative Budget-Share a Budget that Tells a Story The staff of the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation is always ready to help.

If you have any questions or need help during your planning, do not hesitate to reach out to us. We can connect you with the Retreat presenters and others or the materials that can help you customize a Stewardship program that is right for your church. Find the Retreat materials at www.wumf.org/knowledge Click on Topic #7 "Online Stewardship Planning Retreat"

Our Stewardship Knowledge Base (<https://www.wumf.org/knowledge/>) has two relevant topics: Topic #1 Creating a Narrative Budget and Topic #6 Financial Tools for Stewardship.

If you have questions or want to learn more, contact:

Jim Wells, Director of Stewardship & Capital Campaigns, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation at 608-837-9582 or jwells@wumf.org.

Stewardship as Discipleship

If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. (James 2:15-17) How does a disciple set aside his or her life for God? We simplify, in our denomination, the complicated issue of discipleship as the following: your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. It is important to note that discipleship is comprised of actions, not beliefs. You may say all the creeds, but as James (2:19) points out, "Even the demons believe [in God]." Much of our teaching about stewardship has to do with giving financially to support the mission and ministry of the church. That is giving, but what makes it discipleship. Last month I noted that when we are planning an expenditure, John Wesley advises us to ask, 1) am I acting as a proprietor or a steward? 2) am I following Scripture? 3) can I offer this as a sacrifice to God, through Jesus Christ? and 4) will this action be judged as righteous? These are the questions of a mature disciple who understands that in the Kingdom of God, actions speak louder than words. Since the disciple knows that everything comes from God (a belief), then every expenditure, even spending for oneself or one's family, should be put to Wesley's tests. That is what sets aside the disciple's expenditures for God. The disciple turns beliefs into action and converts the simple materialism of the economy into spirituality. Spending money may be indistinguishable between disciple and non-disciple, but the disciple's spending helps bring about the Kingdom of God. Reread Wesley's four rules above and you will see that a disciple's expenditure includes prayer, presence, gift, service, and witness, Jim Wells

Connecting with CUMC

Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 12:30 to 3:30

Pastor's Hours: Mon., Wed., Thurs. 10:30-2:30, Fri. by Appointment

Phone: 608-965-3455



Office Administrator Becky Upmann is there to help with your questions or concerns.

Email: centenaryumcoffice@yahoo.com

CUMC Website: www.shullsburgumc.com



Facebook: [Centenary United Methodist Church](https://www.facebook.com/CentenaryUnitedMethodistChurch)

Each Sunday service is broadcast on Facebook Live. In order to view it you must have the Facebook application on your computer or other device and be friends with CUMC. If you need assistance getting connected, contact the church office.

Meetings and News

Monthly Accountable Leadership Board Meeting



Monday, November 9 — 6:30 p.m.



ALB Positions Open

There are still a handful of seats open on our newly-formed Accountable Leadership Board, as well as openings for numerous team members. If you'd like to serve, please look for the yellow application outside the office or on the church website www.shullsburgumc.com.

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KEEP
CALM
AND
SERVE
GOD

Retired & Re-Fired Small Group

The doors of CUMC have again been locked. Our church building has been shut down, but we as a church are still going strong. The R&R Group members are still sending cards, celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, raising folks up in prayers, and The Upper Room Devotionals are going out by mail.

We are now working on our Christmas Cards and the gift bags that we deliver to those in our Home Visitation Program. Even if we can't meet in person, we will continue to serve.

This Thanksgiving will probably seem a bit different, but we can still thank God for our many blessings.

Blessings and Love,

Betty Gleason, Retired & Re-Fired Small Group Leader

We're all Part of His Flock



The Retired & Re-Fired Group
Centenary United Methodist Church



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

Sunday School News

Sunday School has been meeting via Zoom at 9:00 a.m. every Sunday, with lessons being posted on Facebook each week. Zoom code and password can be requested on our Facebook page, **Centenary UMC Sunday School**. We are looking into recording the lessons in case you are unable to attend and would like to view it afterwards. Don't forget to like our Facebook page so that you don't miss out on any of the lessons or upcoming information. Feel free to join us any week you can.



College/Military Addresses Needed

As a subcommittee of the CUMC Outreach Committee, we try to stay in contact with our college students and active military. We periodically send them letters and small gifts from our church. **Parents, we need addresses for your college students and active military service members, especially those leaving home for the first time or shuffling around because of virtual learning. Please contact the church office with updated information.**



Centenary
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Schedule

Saturday Night Worship — Canceled until further notice

Single Sunday Worship — 9:30 a.m. — Zoom & Facebook Live Only

Wednesday Morning Bible Study — 9:30 a.m. — Zoom Only

Wednesday Night Activities — Canceled until further notice

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:

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(608) 293-1193

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



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Apps make life easier. With GivePlus Mobile, you can use your smartphone to give anytime, anywhere!

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- Make one-time or recurring donations using your debit/credit card or checking/savings account
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To give through the app, search your phone's app store for "GivePlus Mobile" or contact the church office.

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

The Finance Committee would like to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Not only is electronic giving from a checking or savings account convenient for individual congregation members, but it also provides much-needed donation consistency for our church.



November Birthdays

1 Jenny Moyle	10 Shirley Gensler	21 Tammy Humphrey
1 Isaiah Santiago	10 Gage Gleason	22 David Pedley
1 Ian Schwartz	12 Rick Moyer	23 Madisyn Bennett
1 Kevin Teutschmann	12 Harper Russell	23 Ryan Weiskircher
4 Nolan Strang	15 Jim King	25 Andrew Uehling
4 Easton Jacobsen	15 Steve Schwartz	26 Travis Nielsen
5 Sheila Nielsen	17 Pam Reuter	26 Brooklyn Strang
6 Kathy King	18 Charles Russell	27 Jean Tregloan
7 Ken Cockroft	17 Joyce Tyson	27 Gail Bockwoldt
7 Kourtney Kirkpatrick	18 Dave Popp	27 Mitchell Cook
8 Sherry Ubersox	19 Amber Russell	29 Preston Dolphin
9 Kathy Richard	19 Evan Edge	29 Sharon Gates
10 Matthew Foulker	19 Oliver Searles	30 Matthew Cook



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 10 Brad & Brianne Farrey
- 15 Chris & Ruth Ann Teutschmann
- 26 Tony & Diane Anderson



*On this special day...
I wish you all the very
best, all the joy you can
ever have and may you
be blessed abundantly
today, tomorrow and
the days to come! ♡*


November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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9:00 Sunday School Zoom Check-In 9:30 Blended Worship via Zoom & Facebook Live	9:30 Zoom Bible Study w/Pastor Stanton					

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9:00 Sunday School Zoom Check-In :30 Blended Worship via Zoom & Facebook Live	7:00 Church Conference via Zoom	Pastor Stanton's Day Off	9:30 Zoom Bible Study w/Pastor Stanton	3:30 Food Pantry 3:30-6:30 Drive-Thru Thanksgiving Dinner		7:00 Zoom Day of Prayer

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The Chimes

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guidelines & details)

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