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Masks are strongly recommended for ALL persons entering our church. Thank you for your cooperation.

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#### Greetings,

Recently I was doing some filing in my office when I ran across a newsletter article that I shared at my very first full time appointment out of seminary at the Drayton/Glasston parish in northern North Dakota. As I read the words of Dietrich Bonhoeffer (a Lutheran



theologian who was executed in a Nazi concentration camp just prior to the end of World War II) and the comments I shared surrounding them, I realized that the message still rings true today and I have decided to share them with you. The following article was originally written September 25th, 2000. I hope the words speak to your hearts and minds.

Cheap grace is the deadly enemy of the church. We are fighting today for costly grace. Cheap grace means grace sold on the market like cheapjack swears. The sacraments, the forgiveness of sin, and the consolations of religion are thrown away at cut prices... Cheap grace means grace is a doctrine, a principle, a system... An intellectual assent to that idea is held to be of itself sufficient to secure remission of sins... In such a church the world finds a cheap covering for its sins; no contrition is required, still less any real desire to be delivered from sin. Cheap grace therefore amounts to denial of the living Word of God, in fact, a denial of the Incarnation of the Word of God. Cheap grace means the justification of sin without the justification of the sinner...

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Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, communion without confession, absolution without personal confession. Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and Incarnate.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, The Cost of Discipleship

Though these words were written in a different generation and place, (1937, Germany) the words, unfortunately, ring true in our society today. It seems as though we are living in a society where anything goes. Sadly, the church, has in many cases also bought into such a mentality as well.

It seems to me that we, in the American church, have come to a point where we are focusing entirely on grace. Ordinarily this would be a thing of great joy, however the grace that we have been focusing on has been cheap grace and, as Bonhoeffer said, cheap grace is the deadly enemy of the church.

In our efforts to appear non-judgmental, the church has allowed the message of Jesus Christ to become distorted. Rather than sharing the message that life in Christ is radical, life changing, and more fulfilling, the church and its members have decided that the message of Christ need not necessarily change lives. Instead, the church seems to have taken the stance that anything goes. We, after all, are in no position to judge. What we fail to realize is that there is a difference between judging people and encouraging them to fulfill the potential that is theirs in Christ.

While I agree that we are all sinners and have fallen short of the glory of God, I do not believe that that fact disqualifies us from encouraging and (at times) rebuking one another if we see evidence that our brothers and sisters in the faith are falling short of the mark. However, that is not the view we have taken in the church.

Costly grace is the gospel that must be sought again and again, instead we have bought into the world's ideas that anything goes or that we are in no place to judge others. All the while we fail to realize the difference between judging and caring. And while we're at it we sell cheap grace to all who want to hear it.

While "cheap grace is the deadly enemy of the church," costly grace is, on the other hand, the real grace of Jesus Christ. The gift which must be asked for, the door at which a person must knock.

Such grace is costly because it calls us to follow, and it is grace because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ. It is costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a person the only true life. It is costly because it condemns sin, and grace because it justifies the sinner. Above all, it is costly because it cost God the life of his Son: 'ye were bought at a price', and what has cost God much cannot be cheap for us. Above all it is grace because God did not reckon his Son too dear a price to pay for our life, but delivered him up for us. Costly grace is the Incarnation of God.

The price we are having to pay today in the shape of the collapse of the organized church is only the inevitable consequences of our policy of making grace available to all at too low a cost we gave away the word and sacraments wholesale. We poured forth unending streams of grace. But the call to follow Jesus in the narrow way was hardly ever heard.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, The Cost of Discipleship

Until next time, may the *costly* grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Pastor Stanton



Due to some expiration of terms, as of January 1, 2022, there are several openings on the CUMC Accountable Leadership Board. This is the body that makes decisions regarding the day-to-day operations as well as planning for future needs and goals of our church. The members of this Board work hard to see that the church building is properly maintained and the expectations of our members and friends are accomplished as well as possible.

Now is your chance to get involved in the leadership of your church. We need people who want to make a difference in the planning and implementation of the way that CUMC goes about fulfilling its mission of "Sharing God's love by making disciples of Jesus Christ."

Applications for the ALB are available at the church office, by mail or e-mail. They are also available on our website shullsburgumc.com.

ACCOUNTABLE LEADERSHIP BOARD

Please prayerfully consider serving God and your church by getting involved.



Art Finnigan, Retiring Chair ALB

As you know the COVID pandemic has been a struggle for individuals, organizations and businesses and Centenary United Methodist Church is no exception to this. It has been a rough year all around. And like in any small church, the finances are always an issue and that has been the case at Centenary for some time now. But it has been exacerbated by the COVID pandemic.



So, our Accountable Leadership Board began some discussions a few months ago about where we were sitting financially and where

we are heading with the fact that we are living in a COVID world. The worship numbers have not rebounded since we returned to in person worship and there were some concerns raised that with the trajectory we are on, we as a congregation would not be able to support a full-time Pastor in the future.

Our board chair contacted our District Superintendent and shared some of those concerns with him about being able to afford a full-time pastor going forward. As it turns out the conference had an immediate need at Hazel Green UMC, where they had suddenly lost their pastor. The Wisconsin Conference had that church without a pastor and our church stating that they do not know if we will be able to afford a full-time pastor.

Through some meetings with both Centenary's board and Hazel Green's board the decision has been made to enter into a Ministry Partnership where the expenses of the Pastor, will be shared between the two congregations. Now there are some practical practices that we had to discuss. One being that both churches worship at the same time (9:30 on Sunday morning). Obviously, the technology doesn't exist for me to be in two places at the exact time and the orders of Worship are a bit different so even if that was possible, it still wouldn't work.

Members of both boards met together on Monday, October 25 and made some decisions regarding worship times. Other decisions will have to be made as we live into this experience. But, beginning November 7, I will be serving both congregations. So, what that means for our in-person worship, is that worship time is changing from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Likely the time of online worship will also change to that time so that it is still streaming at the same time as the live service. But since it is pre-recorded, we could possibly change that if those who faithfully watch the online worship desire. I just wanted to let you know that that change is coming.

Shullsburg has had to shift their worship to accommodate this change, Hazel Green has shifted their worship time as well to help accomplish this. Their worship service will now be at 8:45 a.m. So we are hoping that this partnership will enable us to maintain a full-time clergy person at Centenary and Hazel Green. That we may both experience the grace and love of our Lord Jesus Christ. That we may be the witnesses to our communities that God calls us to be and that through that witness, both churches will grow. That is our hope and prayer. I would sincerely ask that you join us in those prayers. If you have any questions, please let me or one of the ALB members know.

# Upcoming Events

# Thanksgiving Dinner To-Go Thursday, November 18

Serving 3:30-6:30



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 16.

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.



# Confirmation Class Schedule for 2021-2022

November 3, December 1, January 5, March 9, May 4

\*all classes are from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Any youth in grades 7 and up who hasn't already been confirmed is welcome to attend. We start with pizza at 6:00! Friends are welcome!

#### **QUESTIONS / CONCERNS**

Office 965-3455 Cell 312-636-4427 E-mail centenary.umc.pastor@gmail.com

# Bible Study

Wednesday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Stanton meets at Second Chance Coffee Shop at 9:30 a.m..





# Meetings and News



# Accountable Leadership Board Monthly Meeting

Monday, November 15 — 6:30 p.m.

# Retired & Re-Fired Small Group

The next group meeting of Retired & Refired is Monday, November 8th at noon downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your own lunch, dessert will be provided. If you would like to join our group call me at 608-482-2753 or just come and join in.

We will be sharing chapter 7 of our book, "Bad Girls of the Bible". Our We're all Part of His Flock next story features a long-time "bad girl" with a bad reputation around town. Her name is Rahab. How does she see herself? Is she as bad as the life she has lived? How can we be forgiven? Do we forgive others for their sins of the past when clearly they have changed their life? Read the Book of Joshua to find out more about Rahab.



Looking forward to seeing you there!

Many Gensler, Retired & Re-Fired Small Group Leader

# 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 nonperishable 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 15.

# Sunday School News

Sunday school has been going great! The kids are enjoying the new curriculum that we are using. We are planning on making cards and/or pictures for the nursing home residents for Christmas. If your child would like to write a letter or draw a picture they can be dropped off at the church by December 11.

Christian Education Team: Danica Diedrich, Amy Mullikin, E Jamie Roberts

# Fellowship Group News

Fellowship

November is a month to be thankful for all we have been given by God and to count our blessings.

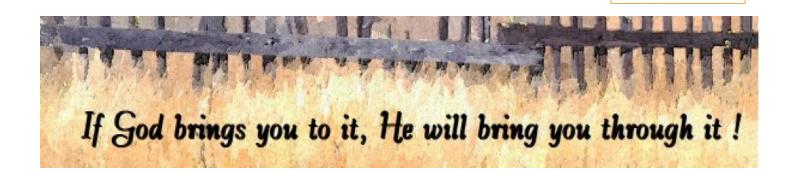
I would like to say thank you to everyone who helped with the many funeral lunches that we have held at our church over the last couple months. We have served the families of Peggy Ahlstrom, Jean Tregloan, Johnny Redfern, Marcella Russell, David Lowe, Carolyn Ensch, and Floyd Tyson. The families were very grateful for our service. Thank you to all who helped set up, cleaned, brought food, and served. Once again it takes many hands to work together to serve our fellow man. Very thankful also for our Catholic sisters who helped also.

We will be having the hanging of the Greens on the last Sunday of November, Nov 28. immediately following church. We will be decorating the sanctuary for Christmas. Please come and help us decorate!

Let us not forget our church family needs to be in everyone's prayers and for our congregation to come together in these continuing Covid times.

Happy Thanksgiving

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## 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 packet from the welcome table. Filled boxes (both cardboard and plastic boxes are OK) can be **returned to the church office BY November 12** so we can get them to our collection point. If you have any questions, please contact Becky Mootz at 778-2050, on Facebook, becky-andbrad2001@yahoo.com, or at the church office.

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

# Families Needed

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, 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.





# Planning Group Needed

It's hard to believe it, but it is that time again already.....time to start planning for the 6th annual Advent by Candlelight, which is **scheduled for Sunday, December 5.** 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

#### successful event.

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

# PRAYER LIST



Below is a list of the district churches and a Health & Welfare Agency in the South West District we will pray for in September. Please take time each week and pray for them and, if you feel called, to send them a postcard with a prayer in it.

- **Prairie du Sac: Concordia**: Clergy, Kimberly Brumm and the 180 members located at 585 5th St, Prairie du Sac, WI 53578. October 31 November 6
- Reedsburg: Clergy, Vicki Brantmeyer and the 260 members located at 833 3rd St, Reedsburg, WI 53959. November 7 – November 13
- Reedsburg: Casa de Oracion: Clergy, Procopio Arellano and the 37 members located at 833 3rd St, Reedsburg, WI 53959. November 14 November 20
- Retreat: Clergy, Carter Jorgensen and the 34 members. Retreat is part of the New Hope, Retreat, Liberty Pole charge located at E3426 County Road N, De Soto, WI 54624. November 21

  November 27
- Rewey: Clergy, Clark Grosvenor and the 19 members. Rewey is part of the Belmont, Rewey charge located at 421 Hughit St, Rewey, WI 53580.
   November 28 – December 4

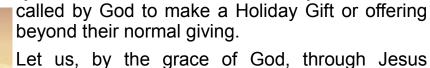
# Day of Prayer

Saturday, November 20 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.

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for you and your family to sign up to come and pray for Centenary UMC for a half-hour time slot during the Day of Prayer.

There will be an offering plate for anyone who has been blessed this year and feels



Let us, by the grace of God, through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit start the program year off right with this incredibly important and holy time of prayer and stewardship.



# 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 18.

# 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.





We have been working hard on updating our mailing lists and email addresses. If you have moved or changed your email address or phone number, please let us know. If you are unsure of the information that we have on file for you, please contact Becky U. in the church office to verify.

Thank you!!

(608)965-3455 or e-mail at centenaryumcoffice@yahoo.com

# All the Ways to Give to Your Church

All of these along with In-Person or Mailed giving provides much-needed donation consistency for our church. As you contemplate future contributions, please consider one of these as your way to give. Authorization forms and additional

information are available from the church office.







# Stewardship: Great Quotes on Giving

Sometimes a great quote sticks with you, rings true, and really makes you look at something in a new way. Stores like Hobby Lobby seem to have based a large part of their business models on the fact that we love having great quotes hanging in our homes. As we approach Thanksgiving, I hope you find these giving quotes inspiring.

"Make all you can, save all you can, give all you can." ~John Wesley

"He who obtains has little. He who scatters has much." ~Lao-Tzu

"No person was ever honored for what he received. He was honored for what he gave." ~Calvin Coolidge

"It is possible to give without loving, but it is impossible to love without giving." ~Richard Braunstein

"You can't have a perfect day without doing something for someone who'll never be able to repay you."

~John Wooden

"You can have everything in life that you want if you will just help enough other people get what they want"

~Zig Ziglar

"Remember this – you can't serve God and Money, but you can serve God with money." ~Selwyn Hughes

"I judge all things only by the price they shall gain in eternity." ~John Wesley

"It is more blessed to given than receive." ~Jesus, Acts 20:35

Jason Mahnke, Director of Programming & Campaigns, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation Visit the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation at www.wumf.org or Facebook/wumf.org or call 888-903-9863.

#### Building Use



PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE 965-3455 BEFORE USING THE CHURCH TO AVOID CONFUSION OR CONFLICTS.

Building use request forms are available at the office. Use of any room, including the Fellowship Hall, must be approved by the ALB or the Pastor.

### 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.

# Accountable Leadership Board & Staff Refresher

#### **ALB**

**ALB Chair: TBD** 

Trustees Representative: Jamie Roberts SPRC Representative: Mary Gensler Finance Representative: Jen Russell Memorial Representative: Mary Gensler Nurture Representative: Pam Harker Mission and Outreach: Marlene Stewart Sunday School Representative: Danica

Diedrich

Fellowship Group: Pam Harker Treasurer: Becky Upmann

Financial Secretary: Lois Finnigan

We have 2-4 open positions on the ALB, if you are interested in joining the board, let any member or the office know.

#### Other Groups

Youth Group: Jamie Roberts & Pastor

Stanton

Youth Mission Trip: Eugene Uehling

Pasty Bakes: Cherie Uehling
Parish Nurse: Marlene Stewart
Member to Annual Conference:

Art Finnigan & Mary Gensler

**Communion Stewards:** 

Sharon Teutschmann & Penny Tregloan

#### **Staff**

Pastor: Stanton Bockwoldt Treasurer: Becky Upmann

Secretaries: Becky Mootz & Becky

Upmann

Custodian: Georgia Bass



- 1 Jenny Moyle
- 1 Isaiah Santiago
- 1 Ian Schwartz
- 1 Kevin Teutschmann
- 4 Nolan Strang
- 5 Sheila Nielsen
- 6 Kathy King
- 7 Ken Cockroft
- 7 Kourtney Kirkpatrick
- 8 Sherry Ubersox
- 9 Kathy Richard
- 10 Matthew Foulker
- 10 Shirley Gensler
- 10 Gage Gleason
- 12 Rick Moyer
- 12 Harper Russell
- 15 Jim King

- 15 Steve Schwartz
- 17 Pam Reuter
- 18 Charles Russell
- 17 Joyce Tyson
- 18 Dave Popp
- 19 Amber Russell
- 19 Evan Edge
- 19 Oliver Searles
- 21 Tammy Humphrey
- 22 David Pedley
- 23 Madisyn Bennett
- 25 Andrew Uehling
- 26 Travis Nielsen
- 26 Brooklyn Strang
- 27 Gail Bockwoldt
- 27 Mitchell Cook
- 30 Matthew Cook

Best Wishes
on your
Special Day!



# HAPPY SE ANNIVERSARY

10 Brad & Brianne Farrey
15 Chris & Ruth Ann Teutschmann

# November Worship

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



# NOVEMBER 2021

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# The Chimes

Join us for Sunday Morning Blended worship

10:30 In-Person & Facebook

(See inside for more guidelines & details)

Centenary United Methodist Church 226 West Church Street P.O. Box 127 Shullsburg, WI 53586-0127

Address Service Requested



#### Worship Time Change

Stanting Sunday, November 7 we will be worshiping at 10:30 a.m.

see pg. 4 for more information



# Our Mission Statement

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