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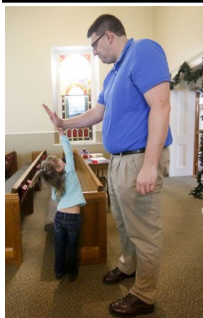
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New Heights with Pastor Jeff

I have been there, you know. Back when I wasn't a Pastor and was a lay member of my church with a job and a family just like you.

When trials came, when demands on my time intensified, when things felt like they were out of control, we would do what I called, "circle the wagons". We would stay home and take the time we would normally spend in our Christian community and with our church family to just "take a break" or find a day when "nothing was going on."

However, what we eventually found was that taking time away from our Christian community and church family DID NOT help at all. At the end of the day, our priorities were still our priorities, and we had simply stolen time from the place and the people that would remind us what our priorities should be and sacrificed that in order to keep our priorities on the things of this world.

We also found that once we stopped going and being part of the church for a few weeks that it was much harder to go back to church and to keep God in our lives. New routines and a different rhythm established in our life became huge obstacles to practicing our faith and a new pattern of distraction kept us from participation in our Christian community.

Later on, we realized that when things became hectic, it was much more beneficial to fight for our time **with** our Christian community and church family. When we did, we were not only reminded but inspired to focus on our relationship with God, our callings as Christians and as a church, and you know what else? Things became clearer, issues and trials were dealt with quicker and with more ease, and our schedules became simpler as we focused on souls and the eternal rather than the mortal and finite resources of time and money.

I invite you to do the same. This is the time of the year where the world makes serious demands on our time and our families. Don't sacrifice your Christian community and your church. Do not allow the world to take your focus off of God and your relationship with Him and your calling in this life....keep coming to church, keep participating in ministry, keep praying, keep reading the Bible and watch how God through His grace and His church leads you through and carries you over the stress, pressure and complicated times of your life.

In Christ

PJ



From Pastor Jeff

Centenary UMC At A Glance

November Statistics

| Total Offering: | | Attendance: | | Weekly |
|----------------------------------|---------|----------------------------------|----------------|--------|
| (Regular Offering, not earmarks) | | (Sat 7, Sun 9 & 10:30, Wed 6:30) | | Totals |
| Sept 24, 25 & 28 | \$3,505 | Sept 24, 25 & 28 | 15, 10, 51, 55 | 131 |
| Oct 1, 2 & 5 | 2,414 | Oct 1, 2 & 5 | 18, 15, 41, 50 | 124 |
| Oct 8, 9 & 12 | 1,623 | Oct 8, 9 & 12 | 13, 17, 35, 45 | 110 |
| Oct 15, 16 & 19 | 2,583 | Oct 15, 16 & 19 | 13, 17, 49, 39 | 118 |
| Oct 22, 23 & 26 | NA | Oct 22, 23 & 26 | 11, 13, 25, 38 | 87 |
| Oct 29, 30 & Nov 2 | NA | Oct 29, 30 & Nov 2 | NA | |

Finance News

Why are pledge cards important? What does the church need to know NOW what I plan to give in 2017?

Trust me when I say we don't ask people to fill out 2017 pledge cards without really needing the information. Pledge cards give the finance committee information needed to prepare the 2017 annual budget requested by the conference. We need an idea of how much money we will have to work with in 2017. The church's monthly "income" is not regular, predictable or sometimes dependable. My long-time involvement in church finance has truly taught me the power of both prayer and faith, and I am asking you to pray about your giving in 2017. **Please return your Pledge Card by November 16th.**

Pledge cards are not binding promises – if you pledge to give \$100 a month to the church and at the end of 2017 you have given less than your pledge, we will not send you a bill. Your pledge gives the finance committee an idea of what you expect to be able to give in the next year. It also makes you think about how important your church is to you and where it sits in relation to your other financial commitments. No dollar amount is too small or too big to be a pledge for 2017. God knows what you can afford and all gifts are gratefully received. The finance committee only receives information about the dollar amount of the pledges; we never know the names of who has turned in a pledge card.

If you are interested in how money is spent at CUMC, you may obtain a copy of the monthly church finance paperwork at any Finance Committee meeting held the second Monday of each month at 6 p.m. prior to the monthly Church Council meeting. You may also request a copy from the church office, or you can contact me with any questions. Thank you for your support and interest in the financial future of CUMC.

Tina Cruse, Finance Chair

Upcoming Events

HOLIDAY — AUCTION —

Thursday, November 3

6:00 p.m.

The Annual CUMC Holiday Auction will be Thursday, November 3 starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall! Please bring, as you feel called and inspired, baked goods, crafts, gift baskets, gift certificates and any other donated items up for bid to the Fellowship Hall (carpeted area) by Tuesday, November 1. During the auction there will be a light supper for sale (look for the sign-up sheets in the back of the church to help donate items and serve the food). **Please keep Thursday, November 3 noted on your calendar and come to enjoy food, fellowship, awesome auction action and support the life and ministry of Centenary UMC.** Auction proceeds support our general missions and ministry. If you have any questions or want more information, please contact the church office at 965-3455.

The Fellowship Group will be selling a light supper of turkey & dressing sandwiches, BBQ, chips, desserts, and drinks during the auction.

Potluck Dinner Wednesday, November 16

5:30 p.m. Potluck 6:30 p.m. Praise Service

including the Sacrament of Holy Communion

This year's Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner will be Wednesday, November 16 at 5:30.

The Fellowship Group will be serving the traditional turkey and fixings; please bring a side dish or dessert if you are able. The dinner is open to the public, so tell your friends and neighbors to come and enjoy a time of food, fun and friends. Then stay for the wonderful Wednesday Night Service and Children's Church.



There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary for items needed for the dinner. If you are able to purchase something, please put your name on the sheet.

Thanksgiving Day of Prayer

Saturday, November 12 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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 Thanksgiving Day of Prayer.

In addition, there will be two offering plates set up in the narthex during this time. One will be for your 2017 Stewardship pledge cards, which is enclosed in this newsletter. Please pray and see what God is calling you to give, whether a set amount for the year on a monthly or weekly basis, as well as whether He is asking for you to increase your financial support of CUMC this year. In order to financially plan for 2017, the Finance Committee would greatly appreciate if all pledge cards be brought in on the Day of Prayer, during worship services that weekend, or mailed to the church office (through the 16th).



The second offering plate will be for anyone who has been blessed this year and feels called by God to make a Holiday Gift or offering beyond their normal giving. These gifts will also count towards 2016 tax deductions.

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.



PJ's and Popcorn Family Movie Night



It's back!!!! Join us on Saturday, November 19 at 6:00 p.m. for family movie night! We can't publish the name of the movie that we'll be watching, but we can give you some hints.....it is about a girl fish with a bad memory, and the movie will be all about "finding" her"! I hope that is enough of a hint! Wear your favorite pajamas, bring a blanket

or pillow, and invite your friends and family! Popcorn and water will be provided free of charge, and there will also be a concession stand where the Youth Group will be selling candy and baked goods to raise funds for their upcoming activities. At the end of the evening, we will be giving away the copy of the movie that we watched to one lucky attendee! Hope to see you there!

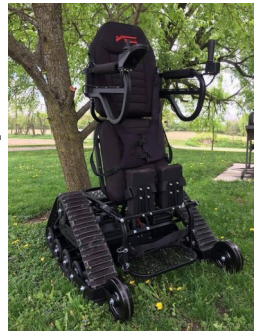
There is no charge to attend, but children under 6th grade must be accompanied by a parent or other responsible adult; after all, we want this to be a special time for families!



RAISING MONEY TO BUY A

New Chair for Garrett

All praise and thanks to God from whom all blessings flow! It only took a little over a week to EXCEED the \$25,000 needed to buy Garret "G" Starr his wheelchair! CUMC will continue the fundraising campaign in an effort to secure additional funds for G's care and well-being, so please keep the donations and generosity coming, and **don't forget about the Potluck in his honor on Sunday November 13 after the 10:30 service**, but how about an Amen for this miracle!!! Please share and let everyone know that G is going to get his chair, that they can still contribute to his well-being and that God is good, all the time and blessed us all with a miracle here at CUMC! Praise be to God. Donations may be placed in the offering plate, given to the church office, or mailed to the church at PO Box 127. Please pray to see if God is calling you to make a donation!



THE STORY OF G: In August 2003, when he was only two years old, "G" was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor called medulloblastoma along with malignant tumors in his spine. After an 18 hour brain surgery, 99% of the tumor was removed, but he was given only a 10% chance of survival. Yet G has persisted through procedures, chemotherapy, and learning to walk three times to be cancer free now for 14 years. In July 2005 G woke up and could not walk. A MRI revealed he had developed lesions on his brain. The way you see G today is because of the lesions. G's mom Melissa has set out on a quest to give her son the best possible life. Thank you for helping!

Women's Retreats Planned for 2017

We had so much fun on our weekend retreat in October that we already secured TWO more dates for the upcoming year before we even left Pine Lake! We are very excited to announce a Spring Retreat will be May 19-21, and a Fall Retreat will be in September! More details to follow. Registration forms are available now for the Spring Retreat (also below) and can be turned into the church office to secure your spot!

Join us for our spring Women's Retreat! On **Friday, May 19** we will meet at Pine Lake United Methodist Camp in Westfield for a weekend of worshipping, studying, praying, singing, relaxing, playing games, eating delicious food, and enjoying each other's company. We will be doing a DVD study of *The Armor of God* by Priscilla Schirer.



We will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Friday and conclude at 3 p.m. on Sunday (note that this is later than in years past). *We have also changed the building that we will be using. The new facility that we will be using has a bigger meeting space so we can accommodate more people more comfortably. The first 10 people to register for the event will stay at the Wesley House, and the fee for the weekend will be \$55. The next 4 people to register will be staying in the Red Oak house which will be \$65 for the weekend. The next 4 people will be at the Black Oak house which will be \$67 for the weekend.*

✂ Yes! I want to attend the Spring Women's Retreat!

Name _____

E-mail _____

Phone _____

Meetings and News

November Administrative Meetings

Monday, November 14

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 you email the office with your report update by the Thursday prior to the meeting (November 10).**

Retired & Re-Fired Small Group

War Room was powerful! Thirteen of us watched the movie together at our October 10th meeting. We're now into our 5 session bible study based on the movie. I'm looking forward to seeing how we will apply Miss Clara's strategy to our personal lives.

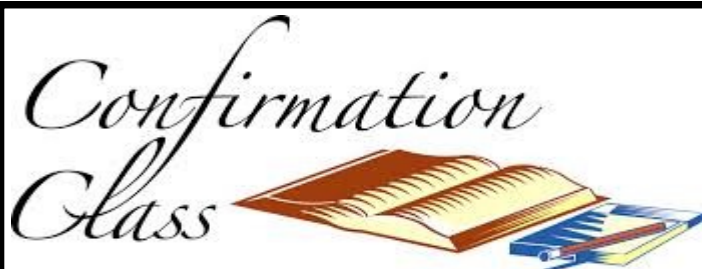
Our November meetings are the 14th and 28th. We meet at noon in the Serenity Room. Lunch will be provided on the 14th as we celebrate November Birthdays and Anniversaries. Bring your own lunch to our 28th meeting. Coffee and tea are provided.

Betty Gleason, Retired & Re-fired Small Group Leader

We're all Part of His Flock



The Retired & Re-Fired Group
Centenary United Methodist Church



Confirmation Class is at 7:15 p.m. every Sunday night.

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

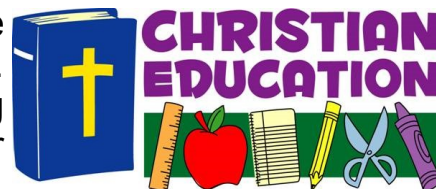
Christian Education News

"Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality."

In October we kicked off our trick or treat for UNICEF fundraiser. Thank you to all who provide support!

In November the children will be practicing their parts and songs for the **Christmas program**, which will be held during the 10:30 service on **December 18**. Be on the lookout mid-November for a take-home sheet of the lines they can work on.

Remember that all the loose change (coins only) put in the offering will go to support the Christian Education Ministry. Every time you hear the clinking of change on the offering plate you will know that money is being given to further our programs. Keep the coins coming.



The Sunday school staff is so grateful to be a part of your child's journey to know and love our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Children's Sunday School performance: November 20 at the 10:30 service

Varsity Choir Performance: November 6 at the 10:30 service

Wednesday nights Children's Church teacher rotation:

3rd-5th grade: Jacklyn Wood

PreK-2nd grade:

Nov. 2: Lorri McGranahan

Nov. 23: Linda Dillon

Nov. 9: JoAnn Meyer

Nov. 30: Lorri McGranahan

Nov. 16: Lorri McGranahan

We all hope to see your children next week for another fun week of learning about Jesus!

Christian Education Staff

Special Needs Children Support Group

CUMC hosts the monthly meeting of the Shullsburg Family/Parents of Special Needs Children Support Group. These meetings are held in the Serenity Room on the last Wednesday of each month. Meetings start at 7:00 p.m. with a 30-minute social time, followed by discussion/presentation of a topic. Please contact Jacinda Gunnell with any questions, at jacindagunnell@gmail.com or 608-558-6409 (text or call).

Youth Group News

Youth group had an exciting October! It started with a trip to see the dinosaurs with the Uehlings! Then we had a great kickoff event where 27 youth learned about doing good deeds for others followed by a trip all over town delivering “Boo baskets” filled with Halloween treats to put into practice what we learned. The next week we took a trip to Vesperman farms where we spent the afternoon doing fall activities such as zip-lining, the corn maze, apple cider donuts, and a trip to the pumpkin patch. When we got back to the church we ate dinner and watched the movie God's not Dead, made caramel apples, and enjoyed playing Romans and Christians. Thank you to all of the leaders that made this month of youth ministry possible! — Jamie Roberts, Pastor Jeff and JoAnn, Cherie and Eugene Uehling, Amy Mullikin, Dawn Gobrecht, Lorri McGranahan, and Kristin Robbins.



We are hoping to reach even more youth for Christ in November. We are encouraging everyone to invite friends! The more the merrier! If you would like to volunteer to help out with the youth group, please let Pastor Jeff know.

NOVEMBER YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

Sunday, November 6: 6:00-7:15 p.m.

Sunday, November 13: 6:00-7:15 p.m.

Sunday, November 20: Youth Group trip to Pioneer Lanes, dinner, and movie (see permission slip)

Sunday, November 27: 6:00-7:15 p.m.

Youth Group Leaders



Youth Group Trip Permission Form

My son/daughter _____ has my permission to attend the youth group trip for Centenary United Methodist Church on Sunday, November 20. I understand that my child will be transported from the church to Pioneer Lanes in Platteville by one of the adult chaperones attending the trip. We will be playing 2 games of bowling.

We will be leaving CUMC at 1:30 p.m. and then returning to church. Our activities will be concluded by 7:00 in time for Confirmation Class to begin for those in confirmation class.

The cost per youth for this trip will be \$5.00.

Please return this form and payment to the church office or to Pastor Jeff, JoAnn or Lorri McGranahan by Sunday, November 13.

We need to make sure that we have enough drivers for the number of youth attending.

☐ I will volunteer to chaperone and can take _____ youth in my vehicle.

Parent Signature

Phone number

Permission slips and money are due by November 13.

Outreach News

College / Military Outreach Ministry for H.S. Grads and Young Adults!

The active military personnel and college student support team sent out 12 "Thinking of You" cards in September to members and friends of CUMC. We included a small gift card to Walmart so that these individuals could buy some essentials. We are planning on sending out another set of greetings in December, and we would love to send these young people a Christmas gift card. If you would like the opportunity to assist in ministry we could use monetary donations and/or help writing cards. Please notify Becky Upmann or Lois Finnigan. This ministry is



Wednesday Nights Ministry Dinner & Worship

We started off our program year for Wednesdays with a kickoff barbecue! It is exciting to be back in the newness that fall programming brings! During the month of October, we averaged 40 people for dinner and 46 for worship.



If you are not free for worshipping at CUMC on the weekend, would you consider Wednesday night? If you are out of town for the weekend or have football games, Wednesday dinner and worship provide an excellent opportunity to make sure that you have a time to grow closer to God and to each other in worship. And the best part is that you don't even have to

make dinner for your family, so Wednesday nights can be a good time to relax and enjoy time with the family and God in worship. Dinner is at 5:30 followed by worship at 6:30. Hope to see you there!

In Christ,

JoAnn Meyer

Wednesday Nights Cooking Schedule

We will be having many different people cooking for our Wednesday dinners. Each month in the newsletter I will post the schedule so that those who have signed up to help will have a reminder, and so that our friends who attend Wednesdays will know who to thank for their delicious meals!

November Cooking Schedule:

November 2: Dawn Gobrecht
 November 9: Becky Upmann
 November 16: Thanksgiving Celebration dinner
 November 23: Kristin Robbins
 November 30: Lorri McGranahan



Many thanks to our helpers who work to help serve and/or clean each week. If you love to cook or help out by serving or cleaning, we are looking to add to our team. We have a lot of fun in the kitchen! It is a lot of work, so many hands would help to make lighter work. If you would like to help out, contact JoAnn Meyer at 965-4576 or Pastor Jeff at the church office at 965-3455.

Women's Retreat 2016

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is his good, pleasing and perfect will." Romans 12:2

This scripture was the focus of our women's retreat weekend. We listened to Joyce Meyer's teaching on the "Battlefield of the Mind," and we learned pitfalls of stinking thinking as well as strategies to remain diligent and focused on Christ with the renewing of our minds.

Fifteen women attended this year's women's retreat at Pine Lake United Methodist Camp. It was a wonderful, Spirit-filled weekend! We worshipped, sang, studied, ate too much, laughed (a lot), and had a few tears as well. We grew closer to Christ and to each other on our weekend journey. Many thanks to Becky Mootz and Becky Upmann for all of their work helping us make CD covers and bookmarks as well as all of the behind the scenes photocopying and organizing. Thank you to Dawn Gobrecht for planning and leading this amazing weekend and to Lorri McGranahan for all of the behind the scenes help that she provided in preparation and set up for the weekend. Praise and Glory to God for putting together this amazing weekend. We can't wait to do it again!



CUMC Going Above and Beyond

November Missional Giving

Mission money collected this month will go to **Lafayette County Homeless Coalition**, a program whose mission is to help people learn about and define homelessness and its causes in our county, coordinate community networks which promote self-sufficiency and stability for families, and advocate for locally driven solutions to end homelessness.



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 2 items for our September collection. Thank you to everyone who brought something in! For the month of November we are collecting canned vegetables. We will be collecting these until November 17.



Gingerbread House Preschool

Enrollment is now Open for the 2016-2017 school year. If you are interested in enrolling your child, would like an information packet, **or would love to help us financially**, contact us at gingerbreadpreschool@hotmail.com or 608-482-3920.



Sunday Coffee Fellowship News

If you are willing to bring snacks for fellowship between the two Sunday services, and following the 10:30 service, please sign up on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary or contact the church office at 965-3455. A fund has been established to help defray the costs just let the office know if you need to access these funds.



Sharing Christmas Blessings Team Forming



Centenary will once again be sponsoring some families who could use a little extra help this Christmas. If you would like to be a part of this team (making and writing out ornaments, setting up the tree, sorting the gifts as they come in, etc.) please let the church office know. Also, 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 frequently get last minute requests, so we are trying to reduce that by giving this much advance notice.



Chair Lift Donation

CUMC is thrilled to have received a chair lift to assist our members, visitors, and friends with mobility issues to get between floors. Wayne Gehrt graciously donated the funds to purchase it and have it installed. He did so in memory of his late wife Nancy who passed away last year.

Thank you for your generosity, Wayne!

Advent by Candlelight

Sunday, December 4 6:00 p.m.

Save the date for our 4th annual Women's Advent by Candlelight. Watch our Facebook page for more information. Join us for a fun evening of worship, singing, beautifully decorated tables, and delicious desserts served by the men of our church. If you would like to decorate/host a table, all you need to do is decorate a table for 8 people with your favorite Christmas decor and varying sizes of candles to light it. Then invite 7 friends to join you. It's that simple! The entire room will be lit by candles as we listen to 9 lessons and carols as we prepare our hearts for the Advent season. Please contact the church office if you would like to host a table, have any questions, or would like more details. Hope to see you there!



From Our Parish Nurse.....

NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL DIABETES MONTH

More than 29 million Americans fight diabetes every day, often unnoticed. This is why for American Diabetes Month[®] — sponsored by Colgate Total[®] and Medtronic Diabetes[®] — the American Diabetes Association[®] is calling on individuals to declare “This Is Diabetes.” Share your stories and snapshots on social media this November using **#ThisIsDiabetes**. For more information, visit diabetes.org/adm.

Diabetes Symptoms

The following symptoms of diabetes are typical. However, some people with type 2 diabetes have symptoms so mild that they go unnoticed.

Common symptoms of diabetes:

- Urinating often
- Feeling very thirsty
- Feeling very hungry - even though you are eating
- Extreme fatigue
- Blurry vision
- Cuts/bruises that are slow to heal
- Weight loss - even though you are eating more (type 1)
- Tingling, pain, or numbness in the hands/feet (type 2)

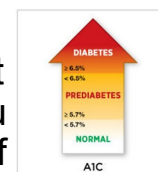
Early detection and treatment of diabetes can decrease the risk of developing the complications of diabetes.

Diagnosing Diabetes and Learning About Prediabetes

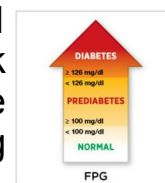
There are several ways to diagnose diabetes. Each way usually needs to be repeated on a second day to diagnose diabetes.

Testing should be carried out in a health care setting (such as your doctor's office or a lab). If your doctor determines that your blood glucose level is very high, or if you have classic symptoms of high blood glucose in addition to one positive test, your doctor may not require a second test to diagnose diabetes.

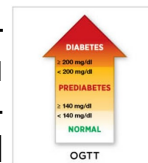
A1C- The A1C test measures your average blood glucose for the past 2 to 3 months. The advantages of being diagnosed this way are that you don't have to fast or drink anything. Diabetes is diagnosed at an A1C of greater than or equal to 6.5%



Fasting Plasma Glucose (FPG)- This test checks your fasting blood glucose levels. Fasting means after not having anything to eat or drink (except water) for at least 8 hours before the test. This test is usually done first thing in the morning, before breakfast. Diabetes is diagnosed at fasting blood glucose of greater than or equal to 126 mg/dl.



Oral Glucose Tolerance Test (also called the OGTT)-The OGTT is a two-hour test that checks your blood glucose levels before and 2 hours after you drink a special sweet drink. It tells the doctor how your body processes glucose. Diabetes is diagnosed at 2 hour blood glucose of greater than or equal to 200 mg/dl



Random (also called Casual) Plasma Glucose Test

This test is a blood check at any time of the day when you have severe diabetes symptoms. Diabetes is diagnosed at blood glucose of greater than or equal to 200 mg/dl

What is Prediabetes?

Before people develop type 2 diabetes, they almost always have "prediabetes" — blood glucose levels that are higher than normal but not yet high enough to be diagnosed as diabetes. Doctors sometimes refer to prediabetes as impaired glucose tolerance (IGT) or impaired fasting glucose (IFG), depending on what test was used when it was detected. This condition puts you at a higher risk for developing type 2 diabetes and cardiovascular disease.

No Clear Symptoms

There are no clear symptoms of prediabetes, so, you may have it and not know it. Some people with prediabetes may have some of the symptoms of diabetes or even problems from diabetes already. You usually find out that you have prediabetes when being tested for diabetes. If you have prediabetes, you should be checked for type 2 diabetes every one to two years.

Results indicating prediabetes are:

- An A1C of 5.7% – 6.4%
- Fasting blood glucose of 100 – 125 mg/dl
- An OGTT 2 hour blood glucose of 140 mg/dl – 199 mg/dl

Preventing Type 2 Diabetes

You will not develop type 2 diabetes automatically if you have prediabetes. For some people with prediabetes, early treatment can actually return blood glucose levels to the normal range.

Research shows that you can lower your risk for type 2 diabetes by 58% by:

Losing 7% of your body weight (or 15 pounds if you weigh 200 pounds)

Exercising moderately (such as brisk walking) 30 minutes a day, five days a week

Don't worry if you can't get to your ideal body weight. Losing even 10 to 15 pounds can make a huge difference.

Reference: Diabetes.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.

Church Council Meeting

September 12, 2016

Minutes

Present: Becky Upmann, Jamie Roberts, Tina Cruse, Pam Harker, Lee Gill, Lisa Diedrich, Eugene Uehling, Tara Teasdale, Cherie Uehling, Dawn Gobrecht, Mary Gensler, Pastor Jeff.

Agenda:

Opening Prayer: Jeff led us in prayer about Christianity.

Pastor Report: He led The Cuba City nursing home visit. He attended a provisional retreat. Conducted 2 greeter training sessions. Assisted the finance committee in recruiting folks for a Stewardship Team. Assisted Nurture/TLC with contacting some folks in regards to their membership status and commitments. The Technological & Staff transition is headed in the right direction. The Last worship in the park was on Aug 3rd. Network Spiritual Gifts series will be starting. Summer in the Psalms appears to have gone well. Officiated 4 memorial/funeral services. Had counseling sessions. Have recruited 4 people to lead growth groups. Led a fasting &* prayer day. Met with District Superintendent. Will be attending a Mandatory School of Ministry.

Church Council Chair Report:

Art was absent so Tina Cruse ran the meeting. Read chapter 8-9 for October Meeting.

Secretaries Report: Everyone looked over it. It was ok. Consensus to approve the August minutes.

Finance Report:

- Budget info into the office/ Tina by September 23
- Pastor Jeff will help with the Stewardship committee that is being put together.
- Quarterly Giving Statements were sent out.
- At this time there will be no Credit Card giving.
- Made it thru August, had to borrow 1500 to get us thru the past few months.

Old Business: None

Committee Reports

Trustees:

- Chair lift & Carpet are both installed.
- Concrete upstairs entrance is done. They have met with the city engineer and council members. Some of the sidewalk that is being fixed at the downstairs entrance is the cities. So the city will have to pay for their part. The city doesn't have the money to cover it this year. The trustees will see if a Donor will help cover the cost so it can get done this year. If the donor will help then the recommendation would be to go forward. Motion made that if the trustees can come up with additional funding to cover the city's cost, then we can move forward in getting the sidewalk done this year. Motion Passed by consensus.
- The new doors downstairs, the push bar is not working. This will be looked into.
- They will be doing the parsonage inspection by the October 10th meeting.

SPRC- They meet on September 18th

Memorials: Mary reported that the floor for the fellowship hall is going to be a more costly project now. They are looking for ways to come up with the money.

Nurture & Care:

They met on the 18th they discussed to do a Sub Committee of the TLC/Nurture. This will be a TLC part only, so they don't have to have as many to have a quorum. They discussed that a letter will be sent out to the inactive members. And another letter to those who haven't been here in a few months. A Copy of the membership standards will be attached.

Fellowship Group: They had 3 funeral lunches. All went well. Pam asked that you please respond to her messages so she knows if you are or are not able to help. No decision on Pasty Bakes for this year yet.

Outreach: no one to report

Youth: Eugene stated that he is working on an Activity for late in September in Dubuque. He will communicate when it is finalized. He also stated that he will no longer be doing the Youth Group part of the Youth. He will still be doing the Mission Trip part & The Fundraising for this mission.

Christian Education: The first day went well.

Additional Committees:

Next Meeting October 10 @ 7pm.

Submitted by: Becky Upmann

November Worship

November 6 & 9

In the Potter's Hand
Jeremiah 18:1-11

November 13 & 16

The Persecution of the Christian Church
Matthew 5:1-12

November 20 & 23

The Simplicity of Christ In a Complex Age
Matthew 6:25-34

November 27 & 30

Pathways to Being a Praying Church This Advent
Matthew 18:1-20, 21:13



November Birthdays

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| 1 Jenny Moyle | 16 Calli Crotty |
| 1 Isaiah Santiago | 17 Pam Reuter |
| 1 Ian Schwartz | 17 Terrance Metcalf |
| 1 Kevin Teutschmann | 17 Charles Russell |
| 3 Kelly Altfillisch | 18 Joyce Tyson |
| 4 Nolan Strang | 19 JJ Meyer |
| 4 Easton Jacobsen | 18 Dave Popp |
| 5 Sheila Nielsen | 18 Amber Russell |
| 6 Kim Williamson | 19 Evan Edge |
| 6 Kathy King | 19 Oliver Searles |
| 7 Ken Cockroft | 21 Tammy Champion |
| 7 Kourtney Kirkpatrick | 22 David Pedley |
| 8 Sherry Ubersox | 23 Madisyn Bennett |
| 9 Kathy Richard | 23 Ryan Weiskircher |
| 10 Matthew Foulker | 25 Andrew Uehling |
| 10 Shirley Gensler | 26 Travis Nielsen |
| 10 Gage Gleason | 26 Brooklyn Strang |
| 12 Rick Moyer | 27 Jean Tregloan |
| 12 Harper Russell | 29 Preston Dolphin |
| 15 Jim King | 29 Sharon Gates |
| 15 Steve Schwartz | 30 Matthew Cook |



- 10 Brad & Brianne Farrey
- 12 Mike & Michelle Jackson
- 15 Chris & Ruth Ann Teutschmann
- 20 Doug & Sara Olson
- 26 Tony & Diane Anderson
- 27 Fred & Mary Gustafson

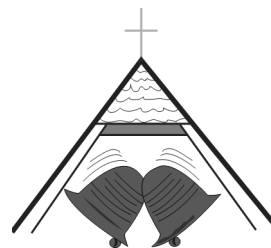


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The Chimes



*Saturday Evening Lay-Led
Worship Service at 7:00*

*Sunday Morning Hymn
Worship Service at 9:00*

*Sunday Morning Praise
Worship Service at 10:30*

*Wednesday Night Praise
Worship Service at 6:30*

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A Biblical Survey on Stewardship

Saturday, November 5

9:30 a.m. in the Serenity Room

What exactly does the Bible (not Pastors,
not Christian authors) say about giving?

Come join the
CUMC Steward-
ship Team in ex-
ploring the an-
swers as Pastor
Jeff presents "A
Biblical Survey
on Stewardship."



*Thanksgiving Day of Prayer
November 12th at Centenary
UMC...Come pray for, pledge
your support and make an
offering before God to
further the life and ministry
of Centenary United
Methodist Church*



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."