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Centenary United Methodist Church



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Pastor's Corner

Greetings,

As the fall leaves begin to show forth their glorious shades of copper, red, and yellow I cannot but help to be reminded of the ever changing seasons. I find it to be a truly marvelous thing, this annual progression

from spring to summer to fall to winter. Each season with its own unique sets of traits and characteristics. Each season rewarding and challenging in its own ways.

It seems to me that we all go through seasons in our lives as well. Sometimes these changes of seasons happen in a natural progression like the seasons of the year. Such is the case when we look at our lives as a whole. But sometimes these seasons of our lives bounce around. One day we are great, the next not so much, and then the next day things are great again.

Call me a pie-eyed optimist but I believe that every season has lessons for us to learn. Sometimes those lessons are hard; lessons of grief, hardship, illness or the like. Sometimes those lessons are awesome; the laughter with friends, the joy of family, the thrill of love.

In and through all the seasons of life we have a God who guides us and directs us. We can give thanks for the good and trust in his love and grace during the pain. That is a great thing.

Take time to embrace the season's change.

Until Next Time,

Pastor Stanton



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.

As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. Authorization forms and additional information are available from the church office.

Centenary UMC at a Glance

September Statistics

Total Offering:

(regular offering, not earmarks)

September 2, 3 & 6	1,832
September 9, 10 & 13	2,665
September 16, 17 & 20	1,627
September 23, 24 & 27	n/a

Attenda	nce: We	ekly
(Sat 7, Sun 9 & 10:30, Wed	6:30) To	otals
September 2, 3 & 6	11, 14, 19, 30	74
September 9, 10 &13	20, 10, 37, 25	92
September 16, 17 & 20	20, 16, 28, 25	89
September 23, 24 & 27	22, 17, 37, n/a	



Thank you to everyone who has kept CUMC a priority this summer through both your attendance and

your giving. Many thanks to our loyal members who continued their giving throughout the summer and did not assume that someone else would be supporting CUMC. We made it through the summer without having to borrow from our reserve accounts, but we are WAY behind on our scheduled apportionment payments to the conference.

We are currently working on the 2018 budget and will be presenting the budget at the next Church Council meeting on October 9 at 7:00 p.m.

If you have questions about church finances or the budget, please contact me at tina.cruse@wisconsin.gov or leave a message for me with the church office.

May mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance.

Tina Cruse, Finance Chair

October Worship

October 1 \mathcal{E} 4

Slow to Change Fxodus 17:1-7

October 8 E 11

Time to Pay the Piper Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

October 15 & 21

You Just Cant Win Exodus 32:1-14

October 22 & 25

A No Win Situation Exodus 33:12-23

October 28, 29 E Nov 1

The Greatest....
Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Remember Your

Offerings

Upcoming Events

Holiday Greenery Sales

While it may seem a little early to be thinking of Christmas, its also time for the annual CUMC Mission Trip Holiday Wreath and Greenery Fundraiser.

CUMC youth who are planning to go on the SideKick Missions mission trip in 2018 will be working with the same nursery as in previous years. The greenery looks beautiful, smells wonderful, and is high quality that often lasts beyond the Christmas season.

Posters showing the different wreathes and garland (roping) will be available in early October. Final orders are due by November 4, so that all orders available for pick-up near the lower level entrance of CUMC, on Saturday, November 18. This Saturday-before-Thanksgiving pickup date is popular with customers, so they can use the weekend before guests arrive for Thanksgiving, to decorate their homes and businesses with the greenery.

Proceeds from this fundraiser help support our youth who volunteer to serve others on the next year's mission trip. CUMC has partnered with Sidekick Missions, along with 11 other southern Wisconsin and northern Illinois churches on a week-long mission trip in the summer. Details for the 2018 trip will be discussed at a planning meeting in December.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Eugene Vehling

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 sim-

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ple 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 12 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.



Join Pastor Stanton for Coffee & Conversation from 7:30 - 9:30 each Monday morning at the Crooked Canvas. He'll be waiting to chat with you about faith, church, school, or life in general! Folks (teens and adults) are welcome to drop in any time between 7:30 and 9:30 a.m.

And remember...you can drop in on Pastor Stanton at church, too! His office hours are 12:30 – 3:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday (and often times in the morning as well), plus he's available other times by appointment!



Sunday, October 15 11:45 a.m.

St. Francis of Assisi is attributed to have been a great lover of animals and treated all of God's creation as sacred. In celebration of our non-human companions, we invite you to bring your animals to church for a special blessing on Sunday, October 15 at 11:45 a.m. We welcome all feathery, furry, scaly, warm-blooded and coldblooded friends of all shapes and sizes (animals should be in carriers or on leashes to assure nothing is going to startle them and cause them to run away in a strange neighborhood). The brief group blessing (outdoors on the church lawn) will take only a few minutes. If in addition to that you want an individual blessing for your pet, that will take place immediately afterward. (In case of rain, we will head into Fellowship Hall.) Please call the church office if you have any questions.



Planning Group Needed

It's hard to believe it, but it is that time again already.....time to start planning for the 4th annual Advent by Candlelight. We are in need of a group to coordinate this year's event. Here are the positions we need to fill: Music Coordinator, Decorations Coordinator, Dessert Coordinator, and Men's Server Coordinator. If you are interested in serving in a coordinator or helper position, please contact Becky Upmann at 965-3455 or e-mail the church office at centenaryumcoffice@yahoo.com.

We need these positions filled soon to be able to have this event this year.

Meetings and News



October Administrative Meetings

Monday, October 9

6:00 - Finance

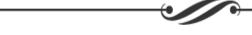
7:00 - Church Council



Annual Church Conference

Saturday, October 28 10:00 a.m.

This year our Annual Church Conference, usually held in November, will be *conduct-ed together with other churches in our circuit (like last year)* here at CUMC, for those who wish to attend. Please let the church office know if you wish to attend so we have proper seating and material available.

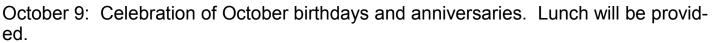


Retired & Re-Fired Small Group

It's been a busy summer for our Retired and Re-fired folks. Many of us have been gone and not able to get together. As we settle into Fall, I'm hoping we can have a few really great meetings before the snow flies and the sidewalks get

icy. I've been giving some thought to how we can stay connected through the winter months when we have to cancel our meetings due to weather conditions. If you have any ideas, give me a call at 965-3283.

Our group meets at noon on the second and fourth Mondays of the month in the Fellowship Hall. We enjoy having visitors! Our next meetings:



October 23: Bring your own lunch; coffee and tea provided.

Betty Gleason, Retired & Re-fired Small Group Leader

Youth Group News

Youth Group began on Sunday, September 10!

Calling all youth grades 6-12! Youth group will be meeting **WEEKLY!** The Youth in grades 6-12 will meet each week upstairs in the sanctuary from 6:00-7:15 p.m. Bring your friends, and we'll see you there!

October schedule:

October 1: Youth outing to a secret location. Remember your permission slips. Supper will be provided.

October 15: Youth Group 6:00-7:15

October 22: Fun trip to Vesperman farms (see permission slip that was sent home; if you need another one let the office know). We will meet at 11:45 a.m. in the church parking lot and head to Vesperman farms for a trip to the pumpkin patch and corn maze. We will return around 6:00 p.m. to the church. Your child will be responsible for money for their lunch, and you MUST have a PERMISSION SLIP signed by your parents to attend.

October 22: Youth Group 6:00-7:15

October 29: Youth Group 6:00-7:15 Halloween-themed youth group, snacks, and events

Youth Group Leaders & Volunteers



Christian Education News

Sunday school has begun and we are having a great time!!! We had 15 children on our first week and 20 on our second. We handed out our 3rd grade Bibles and also had our Sunday School blessing during the 10:30 service on September 17.

October is a busy month: We are having a mitten and hat drive for the Food Pantry and others in need. Please bring your hats and mittens to Sunday School any Sunday in October.

We are working on new songs and learning the Lord's Prayer.

Reminder: The children will be singing during the 10:30 service on October 8.



God Bless!

Tara Teasdale & Pam Harker, Sunday School Coordinators

Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday School/Bible Study: "Making Sense of the Bible"
By Pastor Adam Hamilton

Adult Sunday School has switched to Wednesday evenings. We meet in the Serenity Room from 6:30 to 7:30, the same time as the Worship service. Just to be clear, a Bible Study does not replace worship, but it can make worship better for us all.

Adam Hamilton wrote this book in an attempt to help us wrestle honestly with tough questions often raised by thoughtful Christians and non-Christians concerning things taught in the Bible. As we go through this study we will look at both the Old and the New Testament answering questions such as: In what sense is the Bible God's word and what sense is it human reflections on God? What do we mean by



Fellowship

calling it "inspired"? We will dig into some troubling questions and issues, such as historical accuracy, violence, and end times. We'll also look at various ways of reading the Bible, with the aim for people reading it to be able to hear God speak through its pages. I'm looking forward to a time of learning and reflection for all participants. Pastor Hamilton wants us to have a conversation about the Bible like we would have any conversation over a glass of ice tea or I lemon aid. Hope to see you there.

Art Finnigan



Fellowship Group News

PASTY BAKE A chill is in the air and it is time for a Pasty bake!! We will be having our Pasty bake on Saturday, October 14. We will need workers to help with assembly on Friday starting at 5:30 p.m., and we will start at 6:30 a.m. on Saturday. Come join the fun and fellowship as we make our famous comfort food!! Each pasty is

\$15.00. Get your order in to the church office or fill out your order form to hand in at each of our services. Many hands make light work!!!

We have decided not to have our Auction this fall, but watch for details in the spring.

Happy fall & God Bless!!

Pam Harker, Fellowship Group

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! We averaged 33 people for dinner during the month of September and 35 for worship.



If you are not free for worshipping at CUMC on Saturday or Sunday, would you consider Wednesday night? If you are out of town for the weekend or have football games or other obligations, 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,

Wednesday Night Dinner Team

Wednesday Nights Cooking Schedule

We have 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!

October Cooking Schedule:

October 4 Kim Brown
October 11 Joann Kohl
October 18 Lisa Cockroft
October 25 Dawn Gobrecht

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 Dawn Gobrecht at 482-0822 or Becky Upmann at the church office at 965-3455.

The people you love need the transforming grace that only Jesus Christ can bring.

Invite the people you love to Jesus!

Church Council Meeting

August 14, 2017 Minutes

Present: Pastor Stanton Bockwoldt, Tina Cruse, Art Finnigan, Lois Finnigan, Marlene Stewart, Rod Stewart, Jamie Roberts, Dawn Gobrecht, Jon Gobrecht, Eugene Uehling, Mike Cherry, John Walker, Becky Upmann

Agenda:

Opening Prayer: Stanton led us in prayer and read a devotional prayer.

Church Council Report:

• Three Questions to consider:

Why do people need Christ? Hope, Christian, unconditional love, heaven, forgiveness, understand that we are not perfect, human condition.

Why do people need the church? To be with people of the same faith, worship god, fellowship, congregation is the church, more people to Christ, make disciples, Christian based things, sacraments.

Why do people need CUMC? Handy, friends, family, CUMC loves people

Pastor Report:

 He has had 2 Member prospects, 1 youth event, 3 committee meetings, 1 conference related meeting, 3 counseling, 12 services and 5 others for the month of July. He will give a report like this every month.

Secretaries Report: Minutes were emailed. One thing to fix, after that is fixed they are approved.

Committee Reports:

<u>Nurture</u> (Now includes the following committees: TLC, Christian Education, Youth Group, Retired & Re-Fired Group, Fellowship Group, Wednesday Night)

<u>Christian Education</u> They will be meeting on August 22.

Retired & Re-fired They have been having a low turnout. Their study is called "Walk on Water, Out of the Boat".

Youth They had a cookout, it was a low turnout.

<u>Outreach</u> They met in July, they worked on the Missions for the rest of the year.

They will be sending letters to the College Military again in September.

Food Pantry Tina is working on paperwork.

Trustees

- Stanton addressed Ad Council about Directing Trustees to get stuff done at the parsonage.
- They will get a quote on gutters for the parsonage.
- There are new outlet/switches were done today at the parsonage.
- They will have an amount for each project on the list and a contractor or person who
 is doing the work
- They will have a special meeting for just parsonage work.
- Gail has a few personal concerns, internet and garage doors, paint the living room, fix 3 screens, 2 blinds, leak bathroom vanity, bulbs, deck stained and sealed.
- The bathroom downstairs should be fixed.
- The dishwasher has been fixed.
- Washer machine needs to be looked at.

- Fridge got some things fixed on them today.
- They discussed a new Building use/Rental Fee structure for the church. Funerals/ Weddings will be \$400 for nonmembers, \$75 for members. The is a set up and janitorial fee. Any wedding/funeral will involve the Pastor of CUMC. Motion to approve the building use policy as redone. Motion approved.

SPRC

- Rod said that they will be doing meet and greets
- They are looking for a coordinator for Saturday Night
- Memorial: they received a \$5000 memorial

Finance Report:

- Discussed the update from the stewardship team. Mike and Jamie had a lot of good ideas to use going forward.
- Hoping that giving and attendance will increase now that Sunday school is back in session.
- Discussed getting a new copier. The money will come from Geyer fund and Possibly Education fund to pay for it. Getting a new copier was Approved. Becky will order it from Midwest Business Supply out of Dubuque.

Next Meeting September 11 @ 7pm.

Submitted by: Becky Upmann



College/Military Ministry News

The College and Active Military Support Group just sent out its first batch of notes of Christian encouragement and a few small gifts to our members and friends who are full time college students or are in active military service.

We know it may be difficult to adjust to life away from home and the challenges and excitement of a new way of life. Our goal is to let these young people know that they are in our thoughts and prayers.

If anyone feels the Spirit pulling you to join this team and/or donate money to buy gift cards/gifts, please let Becky Upmann know (call the office at 965-3455 or email her at centenaryumcoffice@yahoo.com).

And parents, if you have a new college student or service member, please make sure to give us their address. This ministry is part of the Outreach Committee.

Going Above and Beyond as Stewards of CUMC

October Missional Giving

Mission money collected this month will go to the Centenary United Methodist Church Food Pantry. This money will help the food pantry replenish their stock

and be able to have supplies over the summer. 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 23 items for our September collection. Thank you to everyone who brought something in! For the month of October we are collecting Hamburger Helper until distribution on October 19.



From Our Parish Nurse.....

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

Walk Safely

Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks.

Look left, right and left again when crossing and keep looking as you cross.

Put electronic devices down and keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street.

Teach children to make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them.

Always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible. Children should walk on direct routes with the fewest street crossings. Watch for cars that are turning or backing up. Teach children to never dart out into the street or cross between parked cars.

Trick or Treat With an Adult

Children under the age of 12 should not be alone at night without adult supervision. If kids are mature enough to be out without supervision, they should stick to familiar areas that are well lit and trick-or-treat in groups.

Keep Costumes Both Creative and Safe

Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors. Choose face paint and makeup whenever possible instead of masks, which can obstruct a child's vision. Have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers. When selecting a costume, make sure it is the right size to prevent trips and falls.

• Drive Extra Safely on Halloween

Slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods. Children are excited on Halloween and may move in unpredictable ways.

Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians and on curbs.

Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully. Eliminate any distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings.

Drive slowly, anticipate heavy pedestrian traffic and turn your headlights on earlier in the day to spot children from greater distances. Popular trick-or-treating hours are 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. so be especially alert for kids during those hours.



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.

Reference: www.safekids.org

Fall WUMF Grant Deadline November 1

The Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation exists to help United Methodist churches, ministries, boards, and agencies with all things financial regarding their ministries. They hope to support churches and groups in expanding their ministry through projects and creative ministries. If you have a new ministry idea or event that you would like help funding, consider applying for a grant. (These grants are to be con-

sidered seed money rather than continuing support, and the typically phase out after three years.) There is a round of grants offered in the Fall and sometimes again in the Spring. The fall round deadline is November 1, and the spring round deadline is March 1.

Go to http://www.wumf.org/grants-program/ for guidelines, grant applications, and past grant recipients.

May Be Funded

Start up costs toward a new ministry

Curriculum for a new program

Training for a new ministry

Computer software for new ministry

Support for a one-time event

Advertising and publicity

Programs which strengthen a circuit

Licenses and literature

Support for the creation and organization of a food/clothing pantry

Programs serving the disadvantaged population

A well planned project with a broad base of support

A project which can survive on its own after 3 years

Unlikely to be Funded

Mission trips

Anything international

Staff salaries or operating expenses

Capital equipment such as projectors, computers, video recorders, vehicles, etc.

Building improvements such as playground equipment, elevators

Applications without the proper signatures

Projects that have not been well thought out

A project which only serves one individual

Anything not related to the UMC or an ecumenical group not related to the UMC

Any program to be continued but has no other sup-port

Applications received or postmarked after the deadline will not be considered



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



Wednesday, November 15

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 15 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, and come share in a wonderful meal. (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.)

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.

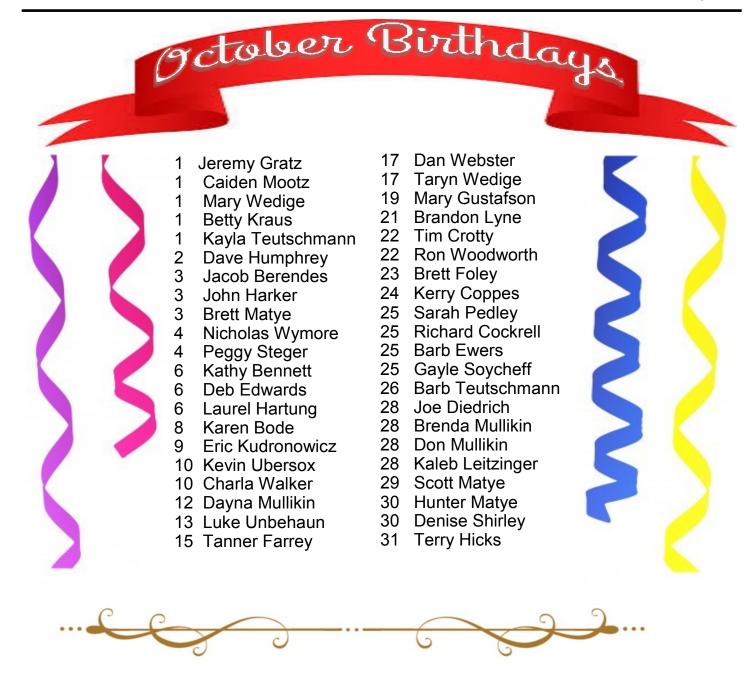




Sewing Ministry

Becky Mootz will be unavailable to lead the Sewing Ministry for the next couple months...if you would like to see it continue, please consider stepping up and leading a night. Just choose a date, and be there to give instructions. You can choose your own project and organization, or Becky has some already lined up.







- 1 Greg & Tina Cruse
- 4 Steve & Sara Gierke
- 10 Steve & Denise Leitzinger
- 11 Dan & Linda Dillon
- 14 Joe & Lisa Diedrich

- 15 Tom & Sharon Teutschmann
- 20 Ken & Lisa Cockroft
- 20 Mark & Leigh Lierman
- 23 Betty & Allen Kraus

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

Address Service Requested

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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.

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."