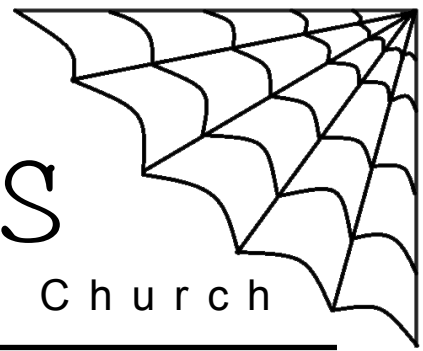


The Chimes

Centenary United Methodist Church



Wednesdays:

with Pastor Maria
9:30 @ Second
Chance

with Art Finnigan
6:00 @ Serenity Room

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Greetings in Christ!

Two years ago, around this time, when the Pandemic was severe, I read an impressive news story from the United Methodist Conference home page: 10,000 KF94 face masks, specially manufactured to keep off Covid virus, were delivered to retired United States Methodist missionaries from Korea. It is a gift from a University hospital which was founded by Protestant missionaries.



Dr. Yoon, president of Yonsei University Health System said, "During the days when our country didn't even have a concept of hygiene, missionaries built our hospitals to offer medicine. We can't repay the love with this shipment of masks, but we still remember the love of missionaries."

Thomas Kemper, general secretary of Global Ministries in UMC said, "This very generous gift from the people of South Korea is a moving testimony to their heartfelt love for those who have served The United Methodist Church over the years in roles such as evangelists, church planters, doctors, nurses, social workers and teachers," Kemper continued to say, "The generosity of Severance Hospital will enable us to provide urgently needed face masks to retired missionaries who for many years served selflessly in mission in Korea and other countries throughout the world."

When Jesus' disciples had difficulty understanding Jesus' standard of greatness, He said that **one must deny themselves, take up their cross and follow him. To seek to save life meant to lose it, but to be willing to lose life for his sake meant to gain it** (Mark 8:34-35)

I know Centenary UMC has been following the footprint of Jesus well as a congregation and as individuals. Now you may find it a bit harder but post pandemic circumstances can't change who we are and our serving heart of love. May God bless you and your family!

In Christ,

Pastor Maria



TO LOVE YOU MORE...

It is the job of the pastor, leaders, and whole congregation to care for the body of the church. We are called to love as Jesus loved. The church doesn't always know when you are hurt, having surgery, going through a tough time, or in the hospital.

If you would like Pastor Maria to visit you or a family member, please call the church office or her cell directly at (253) 886-6015 to set up a time!

Upcoming Events

Bible Study

Wednesday Morning Bible Study
with Pastor Maria weekly at
Second Chance Coffee at 9:30 a.m.



We will be having a Hymn Sing Sunday each month that has a 5th Sunday. The first one was in July, and the next one will be October 30.

Please think of your favorite song — traditional hymn or contemporary — and let us know them by the Sunday before. Also consider giving the congregation a reason why that is your favorite.

MEET THE PASTOR

We have some families that have graciously accepted to host an informal gathering at their home to welcome Pastor Maria to Shullsburg and familiarize her with her new church family. **Hosts and dates scheduled:**

Mary Gensler: Thursday, September 29 at 6:30 p.m.

Pam Harker: Tuesday, October 4 at 6:00 p.m.

Pastor Maria / Parsonage Open House: Sunday, October 9 from 2-5 p.m.

Jen & Nathan Russell: Wednesday, October 12 at 7:30 p.m.

Danica & Jeremiah Diedrich: Monday, October 17 at 5:30 p.m.

Lois & Art Finnigan: Tuesday, November 1 at 6:30 p.m.

If you are interested in attending one of these or would like to host one yourself, please either let the host or the church office know.

Thanksgiving Dinner To-Go

Thursday, November 17

Serving 3:30-6:00



This year's Thanksgiving Dinner will be the same as last year — it will be Order-Ahead and Drive-Thru Pick-up only. Watch the November newsletter for more information. If you would like to be apart of the Thanksgiving Meal Team please let the church office know.

Meetings and News



Monthly Accountable Leadership Board Meeting

Monday, October 10
6:30 p.m. @ Hazel Green UMC



Retired & Re-Fired Small Group

Fall has arrived with perfect timing and we are enjoying the color of the first fall leaves and cool, crisp, nights. For some reason, fall always seems to be the shortest season...please make the most of it!

At our meeting in September we began a new Bible study led by Karla Blackburn. It is a "no-homework" Bible study that's titled, "How Do you Walk the Walk you Talk?" We are Christians who believe in Jesus Christ. The study asks what difference does your Christian faith make in your day to day life, in your family and work relationships? Does this match the description of a Christian life we find by studying Ephesians in the Bible? We are discovering what it means to be a Christian who truly walks the talk! Our group will be following the study during our next 5 meetings.

We're all Part of His Flock



The Retired & Re-Fired Group
Centenary United Methodist Church

Our next meeting is on October 10, 2022 when we'll meet in the Fellowship Hall at noon. Please bring your own lunch and your Bible study book. Coffee, tea, and a dessert will be provided. We'll celebrate and lift up those folks in our age bracket that have birthdays and anniversaries in the month of October. May God bless you and guide you until we meet again!

Mary Gensler, Retired & Re-Fired Small Group Leader



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

If you feel called to sign up for a Sunday, please see the sign up sheet on the back table or contact the Team Leader, Mary Gensler.

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

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

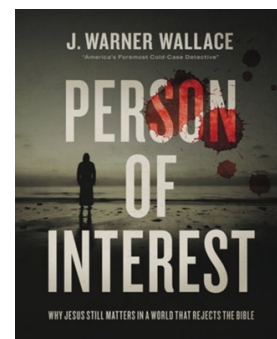
Help us make this a fun-filled night!



Wednesday Evenings

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the Serenity Room

Led by Art Finnigan



Watch and listen to an experienced detective, who just happened to be an atheist, study and solve the case of Jesus.

Youth Group

Calling all youth grades 6-12! Youth group will be meeting two Sunday's this month.

October 2 @ 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall

October 16 @ 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall

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



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

God's Voice

In my ministry, several people have asked why God doesn't speak to people like God did in the Bible. Their assumption is that any time Scripture talks about God speaking to someone, that person is hearing a literal voice saying words. I think this is a far too limited understanding of how God speaks to us every day. Consider this story told by Scott McKenzie and Kristine Miller.

"Every day, on her way to work, Audrey's route took her past a women's penitentiary. Surrounding the building and grounds stood a large chain-link fence topped off with barbed wire intended to keep separate those on the inside from those on the outside. Each time Audrey passed the woman's penitentiary, she saw the women walking the grounds or sitting at picnic tables soaking in a few precious moments of warm sunshine. As she passed, Audrey would quietly say a prayer for the incarcerated women and their families. One day, as Audrey was driving past, she felt a strong urge to pull in. Without fully realizing what she was doing, she turned sharply into the entrance of the prison. In an instant, she found herself face-to-face with a large, intimidating prison guard whose face suggested a humorless disposition. Feeling the awkwardness of the moment, Audrey explained that she had felt God's push to visit the facility and asked if they received volunteers."

"The prison guard responded by giving Audrey the business card of the volunteer coordinator and sent Audrey on her way. God's nudge had sent Audrey to an unfamiliar place, and she was courageous enough to go. Soon she started a Bible study class at the prison sharing Jesus' message of love and hope."

Audrey believed that the urge to pull into the penitentiary was God speaking to her. I tend to agree. Rather than waiting for a literal voice to speak to us, what if God spoke and called us through our nudges, yearnings, and hopes. That would mean that God is closer than many of us think or realize. It also means that God challenges us more frequently than we realize. But, when we courageously listen to God with a willing heart, we will discover that the result is transformational, not just for us, but for everyone whose life is impacted.

~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.

Worship service is recorded every Sunday and posted on the church Facebook page around 12:30 p.m. The Tech Team is in charge of recording & posting, if you would like to be apart of the team please let the office know.



Going Above and Beyond as Stewards of CUMC



Food Pantry Giving

We collected 8 items for our September collection. Thank you to everyone who brought something in!

For the month of October we are collecting cereal. Distribution will be on Thursday, October 20.

October Missional Giving

Mission money collected this month will go to **Food Pantry**. 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.



College/Military Ministry Addresses Needed

As a church, we try to stay in contact with our college students and active military by periodically sending them letters and small gifts. Since school has now started, we need to make sure we have current addresses.



Parents, we need addresses for your college students and active military service members, especially those leaving home for the first time. Please contact the church office with updated information.

Pastor Maria is continuing the "Centenary Interview Challenge." The rule is the same with Ice Bucket Challenge, except there is no ice bucket! After you have an interview with Pastor Maria, you are expected to nominate someone for the next interview. We are hoping that she is able to get everyone to do the challenge. This is a great way for her to get to know everyone.

INTERVIEW CHALLENGE ALERT



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, MSN, PN, WCC
(608) 293-1193

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

Reference: www.safekids.org



Operation Christmas Child

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

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



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

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

Planning Team Needed

It's hard to believe it, but it is that time again already.....time to start planning for the 7th annual Advent by Candlelight. We are in need of a some team members for the following ,Decorations Coordinator, Dessert Coordinator, and Men's Server Coordinator, as well as several helpers to hold a successful event. Watch the November Newsletter for a Date.

If you are interested in serving on the team or be in a 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.



Advent
by
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Women's Ministry



1	Jeremy Gratz	14	Gabriella McGovern
1	Caiden Mootz	17	Dan Webster
1	Mary Wedige	21	Brandon Lyne
1	Kayla Teutschmann	22	Tim Crotty
2	Dave Humphrey	22	Ron Woodworth
3	Jacob Berendes	24	Kerry Coppes
3	Brett Matye	25	Gayle Stoycheff
4	Nicholas Wymore	25	Sarah Pedley
4	Peggy Steger	25	Barb Ewers
6	Kathy Block	28	Joe Diedrich
6	Deb Edwards	28	Brenda Mullikin
6	Laurel Hartung	28	Don Mullikin
8	Karen Bode	28	Kaleb Leitzinger
9	Eric Kudronowicz	29	Scott Matye
10	Kevin Ubersox	30	Hunter Matye
10	Charla Walker	30	Denise Shirley
13	Luke Unbehaun	31	Terry Hicks
13	Brandi Walter		



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	Mark & Leigh Lierman



WORSHIP
VOLUNTEER
opportunities



Scripture Readers
Opening Prayer Readers
CHILDREN FOR OFFERING HELPERS

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



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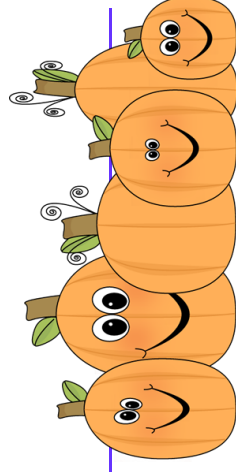
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30	31	1	6:30 Cottage Visit @ Lois Finnigan's
Hymn Sing Sunday 10:30 Blended Worship			





The Chimes

Join us for Sunday
Morning Blended
worship

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

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

Address Service Requested



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

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

Thanksgiving Dinner To-Go
Thursday, November 17
Serving 3:30-6:00



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