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Centenary United Methodist Church

October 2016



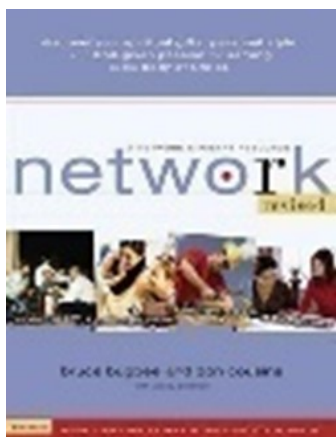
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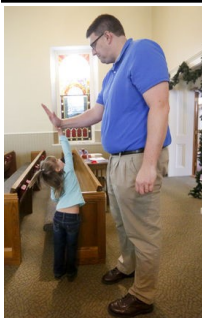
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New Heights with Pastor Jeff

I wonder sometimes what it will be like to die. Now, I am not being morbid; I'm not talking about the process of my body dying; rather, I am thinking of what it will be like for my eternal soul to be released. What it will feel like for me, by the grace of God through Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit, to ascend and appear before my Almighty God.

The legendary Christian band Mercy Me wrote a favorite song of mine about this called, "I Can Only Imagine" where they lyrics explore a similar line of thought. "Will I stand in your presence, or to my knees will I fall, will I sing Alleluia, will I be able to speak at all..." For as the scriptures tell us, all of us will go before Christ at this point and give an account of our lives. I have come to realize that the number of points I scored in basketball games, how much money I made and spent, what kind of car I drove or house I lived in or even what titles I carried in my human life will not matter at all to God.

What will matter to God, as the scriptures tell us as a whole, is whether I played my part and filled my role in His story that the Bible tells. Did I answer my call to be in a relationship with Him as a beloved child of God and then through that relationship hear, understand, seek and actually live my life out according to His will so that others could be saved by His grace? Through the church, did I actually invest my prayers, presence, gifts and service so that out of my love for God I loved others and helped, in some way, with them becoming disciples of Jesus Christ. My prayer and hope is that God will reveal to me a crowd of people that I, in some way, helped find their way to heaven themselves. I hope and pray with all my heart that he will put His divine hand on my shoulder and say, "Well done, good and faithful servant. Well done."

And my prayer this month as we continue this process of searching out our spiritual gifts is that the above happens for every one of you reading this here at CUMC. That every one of you will be able to see the fruits of your gifts and your relationship with God as a friend and/or member of CUMC on the day you go before God as you look upon all the souls that you had or played a part in, by the grace of God, being in heaven for eternity.

And it starts by investing your prayers, your presence, your gifts and your service at CUMC...starting right now.

In Christ

PJ



From Pastor Jeff

Centenary UMC At A Glance

September Statistics

| Total Offering: | | Attendance: | | Weekly |
|----------------------------------|---------|----------------------------------|----------------|--------|
| (Regular Offering, not earmarks) | | (Sat 7, Sun 9 & 10:30, Wed 6:30) | | Totals |
| Sept 3, 4 & 7 | \$3,037 | Sept 3, 4 & 7 | 17, 14, 11, 41 | 83 |
| Sept 10, 11 & 14 | 2,977 | Sept 10, 11 & 14 | 12, 17, 51, 45 | 125 |
| Sept 17, 18 & 21 | 2,241 | Sept 17, 18 & 21 | 8, 15, 36, 54 | 113 |
| Sept 24, 25 & 28 | 3,268 | Sept 24, 25 & 28 | 5, 10, 51, n/a | n/a |

Finance News

Thank you to everyone who has kept CUMC a priority this summer through both your attendance and your giving. A special thanks to those who kept up with their giving through the summer and did not assume that someone else would be supporting CUMC.

We are currently working on the 2017 budget and should be able to present the budget to church council on October 10. If you have questions about church finances or the budget, please contact me at tina.cruse@revenue.wi.gov or leave a message for me with the church office.

May mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance.

Tina Cruse, Finance Chair

September Finances

Total Giving: \$11,523
Total Expenses: 10,023

Apportionment Information

Monthly Giving: \$ 165
Total YTD Paid: 3,044
Total Owed: \$23,856
Behind: 14,848
% Paid YTD: 7.84%

“Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.”

Proverbs 3:9-10, ESV

Upcoming Events

Sermon Series

A reminder that Pastor Jeff will be continuing Sermon Series, Network. This is a Spiritual Gifts process (*not a class, but a sermon series during worship*) here at CUMC. This is not only to find out what gifts God has granted them, but also to help discern God's will in regards to what ministries, committees and roles God is calling you to in order to fulfill Centenary UMC's mission to love God, love each other, and make disciples of His Son Jesus Christ.

The curriculum being used has a participant book that is ESSENTIAL to the process and WILL BE USED DURING WORSHIP.



Please join us for our Annual Women's Retreat on Friday, October 21, beginning at 7:00 p.m. We will be spending time doing a DVD study by Group publishing, called Sweet Life Cafe, praying, singing, relaxing, playing games, eating delicious food, and enjoying growing closer to one

another and to our Savior. Our time together will conclude at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 23. The cost for the weekend will be \$55. There is an option to come a day early for setup and relaxation for an additional cost of \$23.

To register for this event, please turn in the bottom portion of this slip with your payment to the church office by **October 2**.

All women are encouraged to attend this fun weekend of fellowship, study, prayer, laughter, and fun. Look for us on Facebook at "CUMC Women's Retreat 2016" for more details and updates. Contact JoAnn Meyer or Dawn Gobrecht for more information.

Name: _____

I want to attend Fri.-Sun _____ (\$55.00)

I want to attend Thur-Sun _____ (\$78.00)

E-mail address _____

Phone number _____

Growth Groups Are Here!

Groups will start meeting the week of October 2 and end the week of December 17. Groups will be reading and discussing a variety of books. All groups will include a Christian content and plenty of food and fellowship. They are a great way to get to know your brothers and sisters in Christ while having fun and learning a little bit along the way. Look for the catalog insert in this newsletter. **There is still time to sign up before classes start October 2.**



If you are interested in joining a Growth Group, contact the church office. We look forward to seeing **you** in a group this fall!

Thanksgiving Day of Prayer

Saturday, November 12

8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Beginning October 23, there will be 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 will be mailed out with the November 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 11th).



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. Come, be a part of the 3rd Annual Thanksgiving Day of Prayer.

Meetings and News

October Administrative Meetings

Monday, October 10

6:00 – Finance

7:00 – Church Council

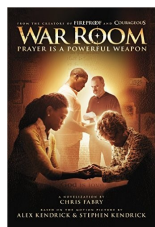
All committee chairs should plan to attend or send someone from their committee to report. **Please make sure that you email the office with your report update by the Thursday prior to the meeting (October 6).**

Annual Church Conference

This year our **Annual Church Conference** (usually held here in November) will be *conducted together with the other churches in our circuit* on Saturday, October 29 at 10:00 a.m. at the Platteville United Methodist Church, for those who wish to attend.

Retired & Re-Fired Small Group

We finished our study of Living the Proverbs at our September 26 meeting. Over the past two years, Charles Swindoll led us to examine 26 different hassles of everyday life. We enjoyed our journey and have benefited from the wisdom of Solomon and the wise songs of Israel.



Our next bible study is War Room. I read the book in just four days, and I don't read books in four days! This is the most powerful book I have ever read. **The book is a narrative of the movie, which we are going to watch at our October 10 meeting.** We will follow with a five session Bible study. This is powerful and can change your life.

Also on October 10 we will celebrate our October birthdays and anniversaries. Lunch will be provided for this meeting. Bring your own lunch on our October 24 meeting. We meet on the second and fourth Mondays at noon in the Serenity Room.

Betty Gleason, Retired & Re-fired Small Group Leader

We're all Part of His Flock



The Retired & Re-Fired Group
Centenary United Methodist Church

Christian Education News

Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.

There were an average of 32 children at our first month of Sunday School! It was wonderful to see so many parents at CUMC bringing up their children in the way of our Lord. Each Sunday we do an offering so the children have an opportunity to experience giving. If you would like your child to participate, you can send money with them on Sunday.

We would like to recognize our Sunday School Staff for the 2015-2016 year:

4K-K : Amy Mullikin assisted by Lisa Cockroft
 1-2nd grade: Sara Olson assisted by Danica Diedrich
 3-4 grade: Sally Blackbourn assisted by Felyscha Unbehaun
 5th grade: Jamie Roberts assisted by Garrison Wright
 5-6-7th grades: Kristin Robbins
 Behind-the-scenes operations staff: Lois Finnigan

Music Dates (Led by Robin Cockrell):

October 9 & 30, November 20, Christmas Program December 18 , January 1 & 22, February 12, March 5 & 26, April 9 & 16, May 7 & 14.

Wednesday nights Children's Church teacher rotation:

3rd-5th grade is being taught by Jacklyn Wood every week

PreK-2nd grade:

October 5: Lorri McGranahan

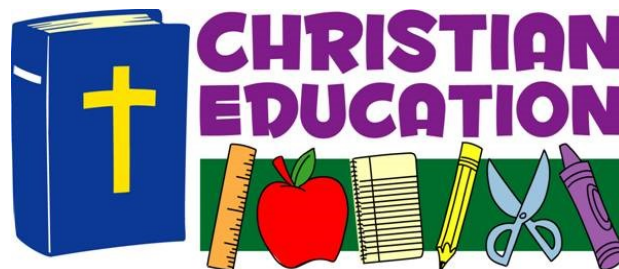
October 12: JoAnn Meyer

October 19: Lorri McGranahan

October 26: Linda Dillon

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

Christian Education Staff



*Confirmation
Class*



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

Starting September 25

Youth Group News

Youth Group begins on Sunday, October 9 at 6:00 p.m.!

Calling all youth grades 6-12! Youth group will now be meeting **WEEKLY!** The youth group kickoff for the fall will be on **Sunday, October 9 at 6:00 p.m.** 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 9: This is our kickoff event. We are combining for the night with the confirmation class and will be meeting longer than usual until 8:00. We will be having a lesson and discussion, and then we will be working on making Boo Baskets and delivering them. (Boo Baskets will have Halloween treats in them, and we will deliver them stealthily to friends in the community. The people will then pass on the kindness to three other people and hopefully many in our community will be blessed by this!) Dress according to the weather as we will be delivering the baskets on foot throughout the town.



Saturday, October 15: Fun trip to Vesperman farms (see permission slip on next page that must be returned by Wednesday, October 12). We will meet at 1:45 p.m. in the church parking lot and head to Vesperman farms for a trip to the pumpkin patch and corn maze. We will return to eat dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. We will then watch the movie God's not Dead 2 and will split up into Junior high and High school groups to discuss what we saw. We will then have free time and group games until 11:00 when the kids can be picked up at church. The cost for this day of fun is \$5.00, and you **MUST** have a PERMISSION SLIP signed by your parents to attend. There will be no youth group on the evening of the 16th. This field trip replaces that time.

October 23: Youth Group 6:00-7:15

October 30: Youth Group 6:00-7:15 Halloween-themed youth group, snacks, and events

Youth Group Leaders

Special Needs Children Support Group

Centenary United Methodist Church will be hosting the monthly meeting of the Shullsburg Family/Parents of Special Needs Children Support Group. These monthly meetings will be held the last Wednesday of each month. A 30 minute social time will open the meeting, followed by discussion/presentation of a topic. Meetings will start at 7 pm, in the Serenity Room, in the upper level. Please contact Jacinda Gunnell with any questions, at jacindagunnell@gmail.com or 608-558-6409 (text or call).

Youth Group Trip Permission Form

My son/daughter _____ has my permission to attend the youth group trip for Centenary United Methodist Church on Saturday, October 15, 2016. I understand that my child will be transported from the church to Vesperman Farm by one of the adult chaperones attending the trip.

We will be leaving CUMC at 1:45 p.m. and then returning to church at 6:00 p.m. for dinner and lock-in.

We understand that kids have things going on that day; if your child is not able to join us for the trip to Vesperman Farm, you are welcome to drop them off at the church when we return at 6:00 for dinner and lock-in.

Also, if you would like your child to go to Vesperman Farm but they are not able to stay for dinner and lock-in, please be prepared to pick them up at 6:00 at the church. We look forward to a great day with the youth!

_____ my child will attend Vesperman Farm as well as dinner and lock in

_____ my child will ONLY be going to Vesperman Farm

_____ my child will ONLY be going to dinner and lock in from 6:00 - 11:00 PM

Parent Signature

Phone number

Permission slips are due by October 12.

Fellowship Group News

Our Annual Holiday Auction has been set for Thursday, November 3 at 6:00 p.m.

We will need to have baked goods, crafts, and other donated items to sell, and of course, BIDDERS! Please bring your items to church in the carpeted room by Tuesday, November 1. We will be serving a light lunch also of turkey & dressing sandwiches, barbeque, chips, drinks, and bars etc. Watch for dessert sign-up sheets starting on October 15 & 16.

Happy Fall!!!!

Pam Harker, Fellowship Group

HOLIDAY
— AUCTION —

Newsletter content deadline: 20th of the month

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 40 people for dinner during the month of September and 47 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!

OCTOBER COOKING SCHEDULE:

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|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| October 5: | JoAnn Meyer |
| October 12: | Kristin Robbins |
| October 19: | Lorri McGranahan |
| October 26: | Kim Brown (Halloween Celebration) |
| November 2: | 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 JoAnn Meyer at 965-4576 or Pastor Jeff 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!*

Outreach News

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

A team has been organized that will allow CUMC to remember our college students and active military service members. We know it may be difficult to adjust to life away from home and the challenge and excitement of a new way of life. The team will send notes of Christian love and small gifts to let them know that they are in our thoughts and prayers.



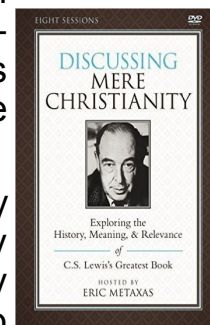
If anyone feels the Spirit pulling you to join this team and/or donate money to buy gift cards/gifts, please let Becky Upmann know in the office. **Parents, we need the addresses for college students and active military service members. Call Becky U. at the CUMC office 965-3455 or email her at centenaryumcoffice@yahoo.com.**



Adult Sunday School

We are going to start this year by looking at "Mere Christianity" by C.S. Lewis, a book that came about as a result of a number of radio broadcasts produced during World War II. It brings together what he saw as the fundamental truths of the religion. Rejecting the boundaries that divide Christianity's many denominations, C.S. Lewis finds a common ground on which all those who have Christian faith can stand together, proving that "at the center of each there is something, or a Someone, who against all divergences of belief, all differences of temperament, all memories of mutual persecution, speaks the same voice." This message continues to be relevant to us in the 21st Century.

Arguably one of the most influential Christian writers of the 20th Century C.S. Lewis had some important things to say about our faith and the way that we understand the teachings of Jesus. He wrote more than thirty books, allowing him to reach a vast audience, and his works continue to attract thousands of new readers every year. C. S. Lewis's most distinguished and popular accomplishments include *Mere Christianity*, *Out of the Silent Planet*, *The Great Divorce*, *The Screwtape Letters*, and the universally acknowledged classics in *The Chronicles of Narnia*. To date, the Narnia books have sold over 100 million copies and been transformed into three major motion pictures.



We meet in the Serenity Room at 9:15. We'll have coffee and tea available and as always, we'll have some good conversation about the relevance of what we learn to our own lives. This year we plan to welcome High School students who may like to join in our discussion.

CUMC Going Above and Beyond

October Missional Giving

Mission money collected this month will go to the **Food Pantry**. **This is a program that helps serve the people of Shullsburg and the surrounding areas.** 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 18 items for our September collection. Thank you to everyone who brought something in! For the month of October we are collecting canned fruit. We will be collecting these until October 20.

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.



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 considered 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 support
- 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!

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.

Reference: www.safekids.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.

Holiday Greenery Sales

While it may seem a little early to be thinking of Christmas, the Mission Trip for CUMC Youth Group is starting to its annual Holiday Wreath and Greenery Sale. The Youth Group is working with the same nursery as in previous years. The greenery looks beautiful, smells wonderful, and is high quality to last beyond the Christmas season.



Look for posters and flyers at church and around town showing the different wreathes and garland (roping) that is available. Final orders are due October 31, so that all orders available for pick-up, on Saturday, November 19. This Saturday before Thanksgiving pickup date is popular with our customers, so they can use that week-end, before guests arrive on Thanksgiving, to decorate their homes and businesses with the greenery.

Please contact Eugene Uehling, with any questions -- and to order your holiday 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 2017 trip will be discussed at a planning meeting in December.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Eugene Uehling

Advent by Candlelight

Advent by Candlelight planning group needed:

It's hard to believe it, but it is that time again already....time to start planning for the 3rd annual Advent by Candlelight. We are in need of a planning group to help make this event happen this year. Here are the positions needed: Program Coordinator, Table Coordinator, Music Coordinator, Decorations Coordinator, Dessert Coordinator, and Men's Server Volunteer Coordinator. If you are interested in volunteering to help, or if you volunteered in the past and are willing to do so again, please contact Becky Upmann at 965-3455 or e-mail the church office at centenaryumc@yahoo.com. We need these positions filled soon to be able to have this event this year.



Church Council Meeting

August 8, 2016

Minutes

Present: Becky Upmann, Marlene Stewart, Rod Stewart, Dawn Gobrecht, Tina Cruse, Lisa Diedrich, Eugene Uehling, Dan Dillon, Art Finnigan, Lois Finnigan

Agenda:

Opening Prayer: Art led us in prayer.

Church Council Chair Report:

- Discuss Chapter 7 in Book- Art discussed chapter 7, Preference Drive Church that in this chapter were people are wanting what they want. Churches can't work with everyone using "my" instead of what's best for the church. Do what's best for the church not what is best for us. He discussed where people like preferences in church such as a certain spot/chair, music, and kitchen ways from past, sanctuary a certain way. It is important to remember people are the church not the building, important for new people coming in.
- Leadership Sheet-Art went through the sheet. This is something we need to be doing. Everyone was to read it and give it some thought.
- Sunday school Discussion- Art went into why he had the meeting with the Sunday school teachers and parents. It was ok to go ahead without the coordinator position being filled. The teachers will help with everything.

Secretaries Report: Everyone looked over it. It was ok. Minutes from May were approved.

Finance Report: Proposed Budgets are due by the September meeting so they can be finalized by the October meeting.

- Will be mailing out stewardship letters, and having Jeff contact them when he gets back from vacation.
- Pay Reilly's from reserve fund to get that all caught up.
- Trustees are working on a maintenance fund list and cost of each item.
- Tina will email Jack McCoy about the 150 year anniversary fund amount.

Old Business: None

Committee Reports

Trustees:

Men's bathroom is fixed. Light in Sanctuary are being updated. John met with the city engineer about the sidewalk. They are giving the go ahead on options.

SPRC- Discussed the Employee/Av Tech/Musicians, was decided to just pay everyone as an employee.

Memorials: nothing to report

Nurture & Care: Discuss TLC letter for members/friends- Lisa said this will be discussed at the next meeting and will be done.

Fellowship Group: nothing to report

Outreach: Decided to do a subcommittee this will be working with the Military/College Kids. Lois is going to chair this committee. Still in need of names. They will be doing a list of wants/needs to be able to send to the participants.

Youth: Working on what they will be doing this year.

Christian Education: Sunday school starting on September 11.

- Have restructured the classes. Eliminate 3 yr. olds. And no high school at this time. Looking at weekly youth groups but that is not finalized.
- New time will be 9:15-10:15, they will be using the same curriculum as last year and new has been ordered.
- Wednesday night will be doing a web based curriculum
- Art Finnigan will be leading the Adult Sunday School.
- **Motion to approve taking 3 year old out of the rotation and doing 4k-8th grade, Changing the time and creation of making a Christian Education Committee to be filled by the LLC. Consensus to Approve.**

Additional Committees:

Next Meeting September 12 @ 7pm.

Submitted by: Becky Upmann

October Worship

October 2 & 5

**The Network of Spiritual Gifts
Part 4: The Power of Love & Value of Personality**
1 Corinthians 12:27-31

October 9 & 12

**The Network of Spiritual Gifts
Part 5: The Influence of Passion**
Philippians 2:1-11

October 16 & 19

**The Network of Spiritual Gifts
Part 6: The Promise of Ministry**
Ephesians 2:1-10

October 23 & 26
TBD

October 30 & Nov 2
The Story of Judah
1 John 4:7-21

Sharing Christmas Blessings Team Forming

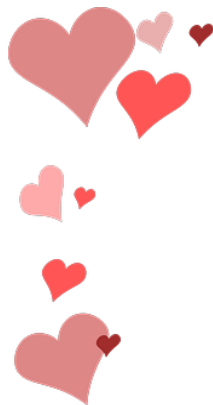
Centenary will once again be sponsoring some families who could use a little extra help this Christmas. If you would like to be a part of this team (making and writing out ornaments, setting up the tree, sorting the gifts as they come in, etc.) please let the church office know. Also, if you know of 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.





October Anniversaries



- 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



October 2016

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| <p>2 9:00 Hymn Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Praise Worship 4:30 Narnia Group 4:30-6:00 Girl Scouts 7:15 Confirmation Class</p> | <p>3 6:30 Step-Parent Group 7:00 Stewardship Mtg.</p> | <p>4 6:30 Step-Parent Group 7:00 Stewardship Mtg.</p> | <p>5 5:30 Meal 6:30 Praise Worship</p> | <p>6 6:30 Praise Worship</p> | <p>7 Pastor Jeff's Day Off</p> | <p>1 7:00 Lay-Led Worship 8 7:00 Lay-Led Worship</p> |
| <p>9 9:00 Hymn Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Praise Worship 11:45 Xmas Unplugged 4:30 Narnia Group 6:00 Youth Group 7:15 Confirmation Class</p> | <p>10 Noon Retired & Re-Fired 6:00 Finance mtg. 6:30 Step-Parent Group 7:00 Church Council</p> | <p>11 Noon Retired & Re-Fired 6:00 Finance mtg. 6:30 Step-Parent Group 7:00 Church Council</p> | <p>12 5:30 Meal 6:30 Praise Worship 7:30 Sunday School mtg.</p> | <p>13 6:30 Praise Worship 7:30 Sunday School mtg.</p> | <p>14 Pastor Jeff's Day Off</p> | <p>15 6-11 Youth Group Lock-In 7:00 Lay-Led Worship</p> |
| <p>16 9:00 Hymn Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Praise Worship 11:45 Xmas Unplugged 4:30 Narnia Group 4:30-6:00 Girl Scouts 7:15 Confirmation Class</p> | <p>17 6:30 Step-Parent Group</p> | <p>18 6:30 Step-Parent Group</p> | <p>19 5:30 Meal 6:30 Praise Worship</p> | <p>20 4:30 Food Pantry</p> | <p>21 Pastor Jeff's Day Off</p> | <p>22 7:00 Lay-Led Worship</p> |
| | | | | Optional extra day of | Women's Retreat at Pine Lake 21-23 | |
| <p>23 9:00 Hymn Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Praise Worship 11:45 Xmas Unplugged 4:30 Narnia Group 6:00 Youth Group 7:15 Confirmation Class</p> | <p>24 Noon Retired & Re-Fired 6:30 Step-Parent Group</p> | <p>25 Noon Retired & Re-Fired 6:30 Step-Parent Group</p> | <p>26 5:30 Meal 6:30 Praise Worship</p> | <p>27</p> | <p>28 Pastor Jeff's Day Off</p> | <p>29 10:00 Circuit Church Conference @ PUMC 7:00 Lay-Led Worship</p> |
| <p>30 9:00 Hymn Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Praise Worship 11:45 Xmas Unplugged 4:30 Narnia Group 4:30-6:00 Girl Scouts 6:00 Youth Group 7:15 Confirmation Class</p> | <p>31 6:30 Step-Parent Group</p> | | | | | |



Special thanks to all the wonderful volunteers that help prepare the



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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Thanksgiving Day of Prayer

Saturday, November 12

8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Beginning October 23, there will be 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.



HOLIDAY — AUCTION —

Thursday, November 3 6:00 pm

We will need to have baked goods, crafts and donated items to sell. Please bring your items to church in the carpeted room by Tuesday, November 1. We will be serving a light lunch also of turkey & dressing sandwiches, barbeque, chips, drinks and bars etc. Watch for dessert sign-up sheets starting on October 15 & 16.

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."