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Centenary United Methodist Church

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



October 2021

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Greetings,

In my office there is a blue and white prayer shawl. For those who are unfamiliar, a prayer shawl “also called a tallit, is a special garment worn by Jewish men. The garment signifies the nobility that comes from being God’s chosen people. The tallit is a sign of obedience to God’s law.



“Jewish women are not required to wear them, but some do during prayer time. Jewish children are often given the tallit at their bar mitzvah or bat mitzvah. Some Christians today use a prayer shawl during their prayer time.” Crosswalk.com

I received this prayer shawl from one of my congregations for Pastor Appreciation Day which is in October (which also happens to be Pastor Appreciation Month). I treasure this prayer shawl. I know the thought and intention that went into its selection. At times, I use the prayer shawl to help focus my prayer time.

I want to encourage you to find your version of a prayer shawl. Something that, when you use it or encounter it, will help to inspire and focus your prayer. We could all use a little more prayer in our lives.

Until Next Time,

Pastor Stanton

Pet Blessing



In celebration of our non-human companions, we invite you to bring your animals to church for a special blessing on Sunday, October 3 at 10:30 a.m. We welcome all feathery, furry, scaly, warm-blooded and cold-blooded 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.

Bible Study

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



Meetings and News



Accountable Leadership Board Monthly Meeting

Monday, October 18 — 6:30 p.m.



Retired & Re-Fired Small Group

Signs of fall are all around us now, including the leaves changing color and the temperatures dropping as the sun goes down. It is a good reminder that the seasons are passing as the pages of the calendar turn. What season of life are you in now? The next group meeting of Retired & Refired is Monday, October 10 at noon downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your own lunch, dessert will be provided. If you would like to join our group, call me at 608-482-2753 or just come and join in.

We will be sharing chapter 6 of our book, "Bad Girls of the Bible". This story focuses on an up and coming young couple looking for status among the "best people" in their community. The scripture behind this story starts in Acts 2:42-47, then fast-forwards to Acts 4:32-37 and Acts 5:1-11. Our bad girl is Sapphira who conspires with her husband to lie to the very people she seeks to impress, leading to her destruction. This may start you thinking about what kind of a Christian you are in the eyes of God, not just in the eyes of our fellow humans on earth. Looking forward to seeing you there!

We're all Part of His Flock



Mary Gensler, Retired & Re-Fired Small Group Leader



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 mid-November (exact date not yet determined) 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.

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

Families Needed

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

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



Planning Group Needed



*Advent
by
Candlelight*

Women's Ministry

It's hard to believe it, but it is that time again already.....time to start planning for the 6th annual Advent by Candlelight, which is **scheduled for Sunday, December 5**. We are in need of a Decorations Coordinator, a Dessert Coordinator, and a Men's Server Coordinator, as well as several helpers to hold a successful event.

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

Thanksgiving Dinner To-Go

Thursday, November 18

Serving 3:30-6:30



This year's Thanksgiving Dinner will be the same as last year — it will be Order-Ahead and Drive-Thru Pick-up only. Watch the November Newsletter for more information. If you would like to help out, let the church office know.



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

- ♦ **Prairie du Sac: Concordia:** Clergy, Kimberly Brumm and the 180 members located at 585 5th St, Prairie du Sac, WI 53578. October 31 – November 6
- ♦ **Reedsburg:** Clergy, Vicki Brantmeyer and the 260 members located at 833 3rd St, Reedsburg, WI 53959. November 7 – November 13
- ♦ **Reedsburg: Casa de Oracion:** Clergy, Procopio Arellano and the 37 members located at 833 3rd St, Reedsburg, WI 53959. November 14 – November 20
- ♦ **Retreat:** Clergy, Carter Jorgensen and the 34 members. Retreat is part of the New Hope, Retreat, Liberty Pole charge located at E3426 County Road N, De Soto, WI 54624. November 21– November 27
- ♦ **Rewey:** Clergy, Clark Grosvenor and the 19 members. Rewey is part of the Belmont, Rewey charge located at 421 Hughit St, Rewey, WI 53580. November 28 – December 4



Open Hearts Open Minds Open Doors

We are the people of the United Methodist Church!



Hello All,

Confirmation is beginning in-person on October 6, 2021. Any child grades 7 and up are welcome to participate. Below is information from the confirmation orientation meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Stanton.

DESCRIPTION OF PURPOSES OF CONFIRMATION

1) Help young people draw closer to Christ

WHEN & WHERE WE MEET

Fellowship Hall – Wednesdays 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Tentative Dates: October 6, November 3, December 1, January 5, March 9, May 4

- 2) Assist in affirming their baptism
- 3) Provide experiences toward adult participation
- 4) Build relationships with other teens, adults & the pastor
- 5) Family ownership of confirmation and the faith

ISSUES AND IDEAS

Responsibilities

- Attendance at Wednesday classes–100% or make up
- Absences & make-up work & your folder
- Weekly worship–50% of the time is the minimum requirement
- Use Facebook Messenger to send Pastor Stanton a note about what you think the sermon was about. If you'd rather, you can use the attendance cards to share what the sermon was about and place in offering plates or give to Pastor Stanton or place in Pastor's mailbox
- Sunday morning class (also a 50% attendance desired)
- Service/worship project(s) (4 hours for the year)

General information

- Bibles: bring them, plus who needs one?
- Snow days – class will be rescheduled if we are under a winter storm warning for the time that class is scheduled (no change if meeting via Zoom)
- Inviting others
- Special needs? Let me know
- Newsletters & scheduling (*not list your name? Unless you say don't, names might show up on the Internet...no other information unless you have given it to us to put on there*)

Parent involvement

- Wednesday class volunteers (take a turn or two)

QUESTIONS / CONCERNS / CLOSING PRAYERS

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



Going Above and Beyond as Stewards of CUMC



Food Pantry Giving

We collected 6 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 21.

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.



KEEP YOUR INFORMATION
UP TO
DATE
WE DON'T WANT YOU
TO MISS OUT!



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

Thank you!!

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

All the Ways to Give to Your Church

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



GIVEPLUS⁺



Stewardship: Helping Gods Kingdom Come About

(The Kingdom of God) “is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

Mark 4:31-32 My two children have received an allowance for doing chores from the time they understood the concept of money. We paid them allowances, not because they needed the money, but because we wanted them to begin to understand that money is something to earn, not to just ask their parents for. We also wanted to begin to teach them how to manage money.

The lesson was very simple. When they were little, every Friday, I'd grab 10 dimes and sit down with them. We'd first take a dime, grab an offering envelope, put their name on it, and slide the dime in. The second dime would be dropped in their piggy bank, which we'd take to the local bank every few months. The other eight would go into their pocket or purse for them to bring with to the store when we went.

I was once asked what difference those dimes given to the church really made. To which I responded, “To the church finances, I can't imagine anything. To my kids – more than I can explain. Every Sunday they put their envelopes in the offering plate with huge smiles on their faces. As they got older, when they made more money, they'd continue the same practice – along with reflecting on how they wanted to make a difference with their generosity.

Would they give it all to the church? Would they give some to a mission or another non-profit that was making a difference?” Watching them grow in generosity constantly reminds me that we all have a place in bringing about God's kingdom, whether what we have to offer is large or small. It's about the need of the giver to give, rather than the church to receive. Even a seemingly small act of generosity can grow into something beyond what we could ever ask or imagine.

Jason Mahnke, Director of Programming & Campaigns, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation

Visit the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation at www.wumf.org or Facebook/[wumf.org](https://www.facebook.com/wumf.org) or call 888-903-9863.

Building Use



Policy

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

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

From Our Parish Nurse.....



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



Birthdays of the Month

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	Geraldine Kryzaniak	25	Barb Ewers
4	Peggy Steger	26	Barb Teutschmann
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 Unbehau	31	Terry Hicks
13	Brandi Walter		

October Worship

October 3

Job: Hard Lessons to Learn A Friendly Wager

Job 1:1, 2:1-10
Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12
Mark 10:2-16

October 10

Job: Hard Lessons to Learn Hide and Go Seek

Job 23:1-9, 16-17
Hebrews 4:12-16
Mark 10:17-31

October 17

Job: Hard Lessons to Learn Who Do You Think You Are?

Job 38:1-7
Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 10:35-45

October 24

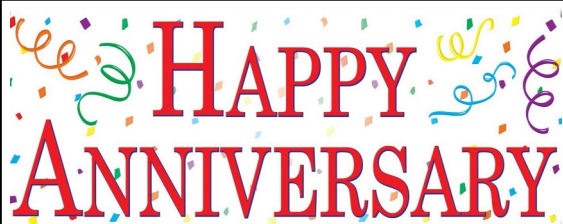
Job: Hard Lessons to Learn Isn't That Convenient?

Job 42:1-6, 10-17
Hebrews 7:23-38
Mark 10:46-52

October 31

More Than Enough Enough to Love

Ruth 1:1-18
Hebrews 9:11-14
Mark 12:28-34



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 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

*Best Wishes
on your
Special Day!*

OCTOBER 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	World Communion Sunday 9:30 Sunday School Class 9:30 Blended Worship In-Person 10:30 Pet Blessing	4		5	Pastor Stanton's Day Off	6	9:30 Bible Study @ 2nd Chance w/Pastor Stanton 6:00 Confirmation Class	7		8		9	
10	9:30 Sunday School Class 9:30 Blended Worship In-Person	11	Noon Retired & Re-Fired	12	Pastor Stanton's Day Off	13	9:30 Bible Study @ 2nd Chance w/Pastor Stanton	14		15		16	
17	9:30 Sunday School Class 9:30 Blended Worship In-Person	18	6:30 ALB Meeting	19	Pastor Stanton's Day Off	20	9:30 Bible Study @ 2nd Chance w/Pastor Stanton	21	4:00 Food Pantry	22		23	
24	9:30 Sunday School Class 9:30 Blended Worship In-Person	25		26	Pastor Stanton's Day Off	27	9:30 Bible Study @ 2nd Chance w/Pastor Stanton	28		29		30	
31	9:30 Sunday School Class 9:30 Blended Worship In-Person												





The Chimes

Join us for Sunday
Morning Blended
worship
9:30 In-Person &
Facebook

(See inside for more
guidelines & details)

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