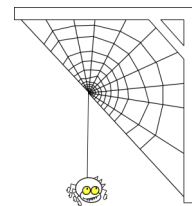


# The Chimes



Centenary United Methodist Church



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Have you ever noticed that the greater the challenge the greater the reward? I have yet to accomplish anything, by myself or with others, of any relevance or consequence unless there was challenge.

I have long said and I continue to emphasize that something incredible, something awesome for the glory of God and His Kingdom is happening here at Centenary UMC. Thus, it should come as no surprise that we are beginning to encounter challenges in terms of our church and its ministry. Therefore, as your Pastor, I would like to share with you my favorite Bible verse: Isaiah 41:10. The way I have memorized it is: "Fear not, for I am with you, Be not afraid for I am your God. I will protect you, yes I will help you, I will uphold you in my righteous right hand." This verse has personally and spiritually carried me through the darkest times in my personal and spiritual life as well as my ministry.

I pray that all of you, my brothers and sisters, can find comfort, courage and inspiration in God's words to the prophet Isaiah. We never have reason to fear or to panic when we are doing God's will. Our Almighty God is with us and He will protect us, help us and uphold each of individually and as Centenary UMC in the palm of His righteous right hand. Do not focus on problems, instead promote solutions. Do not spread negativity, instead express hope and optimism. Don't worry and fret, go to God in prayer and discern His will as His beloved child and help us as a church to discern His will for all of us at Centenary UMC.

As Paul says in Romans 8:31: "If God is for us, who can be against us?" Have faith in God, trust in Him, find comfort and courage in Him. Let us not cringe or fear challenge...let us embrace it as individuals and a church and march together towards the call to glory that God has given us.

Can I get an Amen?

PJ

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## Food Pantry Giving

We collected 37 paper products items for Food Pantry this month. Thank you to all who contributed!

This month we are collecting bathroom tissue. We will be collecting these until October 17th.



## October

### Missional Giving

In light of our current financial situation, any mission money collected this month will go to our general fund to help repay our internal loans.

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.

## Gingerbread House Preschool

Gingerbread Preschool has openings for children 3-4 year olds. School days are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8-11 a.m. from September through May. For more information contact Becky Upmann at 482-3920 or [gingerbreadpreschool@hotmail.com](mailto:gingerbreadpreschool@hotmail.com).

The next parent meeting is October 1st at 6pm

## Parent/Play Group News



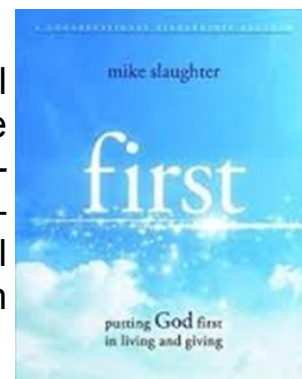
Play Group will be meeting October 9 & 23 (at the church in the nursery room) at 10:00 a.m. All parents and little ones are welcome!

Newsletter content deadline: 20th of the month

## Putting God First in Living and Giving

Do we worship idols? The answer may surprise you.

From October 19<sup>th</sup> to November 13<sup>th</sup> at Centenary UMC we will hear about God's generosity and our response as we experience our stewardship program, *first: putting GOD first in living and giving*, developed by author and pastor Mike Slaughter of Ginghamburg Church. There will be opportunities in worship, in small groups, in youth and children's classes, and in devotions that can be used at church or at home.



We are made in God's image and are meant to be creators of life and hope, not the consumers of our culture's shiny gods. We have the ability to change the world and create a legacy that will live forever in the lives of generations to follow. That legacy starts when each of us takes the hard steps of financial discipline and fulfilling the call to generosity that God has placed in all of us.

The goal of this stewardship program is not to make you feel guilty, nor is it to say that you have to be exactly like this or that person. The goal is for all of us to ask questions of ourselves and be open to the possibility that God will lead us in new

directions in our lives. During the four-week program, we'll be challenged in a number of different ways. We'll be asked to look for the idols in our own lives (Hint: Most of them aren't animals made of gold) and name the ways these idols enslave us, holding us back from living in the true freedom that God desires for us.

We'll be challenged to consider the place that money, work, and debt have in our own lives. What are our common understandings of these, and might the witness of Scripture lead us to some different understandings?

We'll be challenged to ask ourselves what it means for us to be faithful, to save, and to give. How do we balance all the competing interests in our lives? What priorities does God want us to have?

Finally, we'll be challenged to give with our hearts, not out of obligation or a sense of duty and not just when we think the recipient deserves our gift. Instead, we'll be challenged to give the way God gives—freely, fully, with no favorites or expectations of repayment.

It is our prayer that, at the end of these four weeks, we will have begun to grow into the individuals and the church that God knows we can be. Please join us in *first: putting GOD first in living and giving*.

**Be sure to be part of the "FIRST" Weekly Bible/DVD Study Program Led by Pastor Jeff Wednesdays Beg. October 23rd thru November 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m.**

## Sunday School News

The leaves are beginning to turn beautiful colors, football is being played in the crisp autumn air, sweaters are being pulled out of storage, and laughter and smiles have once again filled the Sunday School 'halls' of our church.

The year is off to a great start as teachers provide lessons from Route52 for grades pre-school – fifth and Grapple for junior – senior high. When asking some of the kids what they think of Sunday School this year, I keep hearing they 'love it' and they are having fun. Most importantly, when you ask them the stories they hear in class, they share them with a smile.

In October, we will be transitioning from the Route52 and Grapple lessons to the First curriculum that's being shared church-wide. Join your children as they learn the importance of Stewardship by helping in their classrooms or attending the adult Sunday School class. Then continue the lesson during church service.

October is also a time for fundraising for UNICEF. Change-boxes will be here soon, and teachers will send home the boxes with the students to save up pocket change or more during the month of October. "Worldwide, UNICEF and religious groups are acting together as advocates for children on a wide range of programs addressing children's rights." (unicef.org)

Another excitement among the students is the Bell Choir! Wow! There is some crazy-wonderful talent and joyful noise filling the sanctuary during the first fifteen minutes of Sunday School. Be on the lookout for when the choir will play during church service. You won't want to miss it!

As we enjoy the month of October, remember to stay warm and safe, and best fun of all, have a great Halloween!

Blessings,

Michelle Jackson

### October Administrative Meetings

Monday, October 14

Finance Committee — 6:00 p.m.

Church Council — 7:00 p.m.

All committee chairs should plan to attend or send someone from their committee to report. If no one from your committee will be attending, please e-mail Pam Teasdale with a committee update.

## Trustees News

It has been a very busy couple months for the Trustees.

First, we approved a proposal from the Study Committee to move the Gingerbread Preschool and Food Pantry downtown into the Mason's building. This needed the Trustee's approval because the funds to support this outreach are coming from an investment account the Trustees are in charge of managing. We will be signing a 2-year lease to see how this goes.

Secondly, as many of you have probably noticed there has been flooding in Pastor Jeff's basement. This **SHOULD** be fixed now as Curran's Plumbing came and removed the roots from their floor drain in the basement. We are currently looking into ways to help improve the basement and its current moisture problems. For now, we approved the purchase of a dehumidifier that the Trustees will keep at the parsonage.

Thirdly, we are in the process of researching the cost to upgrade all of the light fixtures in the church. The light fixtures that we have now are outdated, and the light-bulbs/ballasts will not be manufactured anymore. There are new ones that are much more energy efficient that we can get rebates from different energy and state companies on. We are trying to get a total cost on this and then we will look at how to afford this.

Finally, I am **very excited** that a couple anonymous donors have stepped forward to help dramatically improve the exterior of the original church. We will be replacing some limestone block that has eroded, tuck-pointing the mortar that has fallen out, replacing some window and door sills, re-caulking and repainting our exterior woodwork, addressing the retaining wall and concrete sidewalk in front, and anything else that will help restore the church to its original workmanship and quality as we approach its 150th anniversary. This is something that **could** get done this fall but it is more likely that this will take place over the next few years. If you have any questions or comments let me know.

## October Worship

October 5 & 6

### **Biblical Guide to Parenting Part 5: Children As A Legacy of the Gospel**

Joshua 3: 14-4:24

2 Timothy 3: 10-4:8

John 1: 1-13

October 12 & 13

Pastor Jeff Gone

Guest Speaker

October 19 & 20

### **FIRST – Week 1**

### **Naming Our Idols**

Deuteronomy 4: 12-20

2 Kings 17:24-41

Matthew 6: 19-24

October 26 & 27

### **FIRST – Week 2**

### **Money, Work & Debt**

Deuteronomy 28: 12-14, 15:1

Matthew 21: 28-31

Proverbs 14:23, 12:11

*Jeremiah Diedrich*, Trustees Chair

## Nursery Information

Centenary UMC is a family church that loves children and loves having children in worship. For the last couple years we have financially supported a staffed nursery for those parents who preferred to worship without their children or who felt they were having a hard time during worship. The nursery has not been used much of late, and the recent blessing of an HD projector and screen being installed in the Fellowship Hall, as well as a video camera purchased with memorial funds from Doris Hodge and Bob McCoy has provided families a new option during worship in the place of a nursery.

The 10:15 worship service every Sunday will now be streamed live in the Fellowship Hall. Any parent concerned about their children's behavior during worship may, at their discretion and at any time, head downstairs to enjoy the sights and sounds of worship on the screen without worrying that they are being disruptive. The nursery room near the Serenity Room is now being used as a Sunday School classroom, but during worship, parents may still take their children there (there will not be an attendant; parents please accompany your children).

Please remember that we are NOT discouraging children being in the sanctuary; only you as a parent can make that call. This is just another option available to you.

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## Mailboxes

Just a reminder of the people who have mailboxes at the church. Please check your boxes on a regular basis for up-to-date information.

Pastor Jeff	Secretary: Becky Mootz
Treasurer: Monica Hanson	Board of Trustees: Jeremiah Diedrich
Youth Group: Eugene Uehling	TLC Group: Tricia King
Small Group Leader: Art Finnigan	SPRC/Food Pantry: Tina Cruse
Memorial Committee: Joy Redfearn	Parish Nurse: Marlene Stewart
Fellowship Group: Pam Harker	Lay Leader: Art Finnigan
Worship Committee: Lisa Diedrich	Study Committee: Joe Diedrich
Gingerbread Preschool: Becky Upmann	Irene Verdegan
Office Assistant/Attendance Secretary/Sunday School Treasurer: Becky Upmann	
Sunday School Co-Chairs: Michelle Jackson & Pam Harker	
Children's Music Directors: Joann Meyer & Dawn Gobrecht	
Sunday School Secretary/Nurture & Membership Committee: Amy Mullikin	
Finance Secretary: Lois Finnigan & Laura Popp	

## News from the Worship Committee

### **BUILDING UP FUTURE WORSHIP LEADERS**

Have you ever wanted to lead worship, sing, or play an instrument? We want to help you shape your gifts and talents to lead in many different areas of worship here at CUMC. Thanks to the memorial committee donating funds toward building future worship leaders, we now have a program that will allow you to practice on your own or with others. This app will be used directly from an IPAD. It will allow you to play as if you're in a band on stage worshipping. You can adjust the sound, delete or add different instruments, and simply play along with the song that will fit any comfort level or ability. Aren't you tired of singing into your hairbrush, hiding your gifts in your car as you sing to the radio, or spending endless hours playing guitar hero? Want to learn more? Please contact Lisa Diedrich (Injdiedrich@gmail.com) or Ed Santiago (edsantiago29@gmail.com) for more details. The goal is to build up future worship leaders to have worship expand into many different areas of the church and impact many different lives all for GOD's glory with bringing others into HIS life changing presence. We are eager to have you on board. Maybe you just want to learn how to run sound, power point, graphics, etc. You can make a HUGE difference, just give it a try. (All ages are welcome!)

As in all things, to GOD be the glory! ☺

*Eddie Santiago & Lisa Diedrich, Worship Committee Chair*

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## Breastfeeding Minute

### **Breastfed babies are healthier!**

Breastmilk has benefits for mom and baby, but commonly it is the benefits to baby that interest parents most in breastfeeding. Babies receive a wide range of health benefits from their mother's breastmilk. Breastfed babies have fewer ear infections, less asthma, and pneumonia trouble. Breastmilk is easy for babies to digest. Because of this, they typically have less gas, constipation and diarrhea. Constipation is extremely rare in breastfed babies unless solids are started too soon! Breastmilk promotes better brain development and higher IQ's than formula. The risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) is less when an infant is breastfed. Last but not least, breastfed infants have a decreased risk of obesity and diabetes in childhood and as an adult.

This article is provided by:

Katrina Gleason  
WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor  
608-482-3291

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

## Retired & Re-Fired Small Group Meeting

The next meetings for **The Retired & Re-fired Small Group** are Monday October 14th & 28th. Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 12:00 Noon in the Serenity Room. You are asked to bring your own lunch and beverage (water will be provided). The name reflects the composition and direction of this small group. Although group members are retired, we are constantly re-fired by the experiences and opportunities that God places before us.

There are a number of topics that do not interest "young people" or they may not be comfortable for them. One strength of this group is that members don't mind talking about a variety of topics. The group will be discussing everyday issues that confront us as well as our plans for the future and God's plans for us. Group members have a wealth of experiences to share with one another which make meetings interesting and informative. Although sharing and mutual support is the main focus of our meetings, we also have some Bible study and prayer.

For the week of October 14 we will be discussing Travel. Mary Gensler will be giving a presentation on different things about travel.

For the week of October 28th we will be discussing what to do with pictures. Mary Gensler & RuthAnn Teutschmann will be giving a presentation on different ways to organize your pictures and different things to do with them.

If you are retired or semi-retired, we'd love to see have you join this group. This may be a good way to get yourself re-fired for the next chapter of your life.

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## Fellowship Group News

It is never too early to start thinking of items or crafts that you could donate and bring to the Holiday Auction which will be held in November. The date has yet to be determined and more information will be available in the November newsletter.

Pam Harker, Fellowship Group



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



## Youth Group News

### CUMC Youth Group 2nd Annual Wreath & Greenery Sale



The CUMC Youth Group will be holding its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Wreath & Greenery Sale this fall. The most popular items were wreaths and garland roping, but other specialty greenery items (like candy cane-shaped, heart-shaped, or centerpiece greenery) are available. The Youth Group is buying direct from the manufacturer who was used last year (and by the FFA for many years). These high-quality wreaths and greenery are made from fresh, flat Balsam Fir boughs. The wreaths are available in 24" and 36" finished sizes, and are decorated with bright red bows and real pine cones. The garland roping uses the same fresh Balsam boughs, and is available in 25-foot, 50-foot, and 100-foot lengths.

Please feel free to reach out to Eugene or anyone with the Youth Group to get pricing, more information, or to place your order.

We are planning for delivery on the second Saturday in November (November 9<sup>th</sup>), so that customers may decorate their homes and businesses before Thanksgiving. Our order deadline is Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>.

Proceeds from the Wreath and Greenery Sale will support the Youth Group's Mission Trip in 2014. The destination and dates for the Sidekick Missions trip will be discussed at a meeting in October.

Thank you in advance, from the Youth Group, for your support.

*Eugene Vehling*, Youth Group Coordinator

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## Confirmation Class & Bible Study

Confirmation Class is at 6:15 p.m. every Wednesday Night.

Bible Study class is at 7:00 p.m. every Wednesday Night.

# October 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:00 Gingerbread mtg	2 6:15 Confirmation 7:00 Bible Study	3	4 Pastor Jeff's Day Off	5 7:00 Casual Worship
6 8:00 Trad. Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Rock'n Praise 6:00 Youth Group	7	8	9 10:00 Play Group 6:15 Confirmation 7:00 Bible Study	10	11 Pastor Jeff's Day Off	12 7:00 Casual Worship
13 8:00 Trad. Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Rock'n Praise 6:00 Youth Group	14 noon R&R Small Group 5:30 TLC mtg. 6:00 Finance mtg. 7:00 Church Council	15	16 6:00 TLC mtg. 6:15 Confirmation 7:00 Bible Study	17 5:00 Food Pantry	18 Pastor Jeff's Day Off 7:00 New Life Service	19 7:00 Casual Worship
20 8:00 SS Mtg. 8:00 Trad. Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Rock'n Praise 6:00 Youth Group	21	22	23 10:00 Play Group 6:15 Confirmation 7:00 Bible Study	24	25 Pastor Jeff's Day Off	26 7:00 Casual Worship
27 8:00 Trad. Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Rock'n Praise 6:00 Youth Group	28 Noon R&R Small Group 7:00 Special Finance mtg	29	30 6:15 Confirmation 7:00 Bible Study	31		

Special thanks to Tony & Diane Anderson for preparing the mailing of the September newsletters.

## October Birthdays

1 Robbie Gill	16 Hal Ubersox
1 Caiden Mootz	17 Jennifer Hoppman
1 Mary Wedige	17 Dan Webster
1 Elizabeth Kraus	17 Taryn Wedige
1 Kayla Teutschmann	19 Mary Gustafson
2 Dave Humphrey	22 Tim Crotty
3 Jacob Berendes	22 Ron Woodworth
3 John Harker	23 Brett Foley
3 Brett Matye	25 Sarah Pedley
4 Nicholas Wymore	26 Barb Teutschmann
6 Kathy Bennett	27 Kathleen Symons
6 Deb Edwards	28 Joe Diedrich
6 Karen Essex	28 Brenda Mullikin
8 Karen Bode	28 Don Mullikin
9 Eric Kudronowicz	29 Scott Matye
10 Kevin Ubersox	30 Hunter Matye
10 Charla Walker	31 Terry Hicks
12 Dayna Mullikin	31 Robert McGowan

## October Anniversaries

1 Greg & Tina Cruse
4 Steve & Sara Gierke
9 Kristi & Nick Neff
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

## September Statistics

### Attendance:

Sept 1	13, 49
Sept 7 & 8	10, 9, 83
Sept 14 & 15	8, 9, 68
Sept 21 & 22	n/a, 10, 117
Sept 28 & 29	not Available

### Total Offerings:

Sept 1	\$2,415.00
Sept 7&8	3,960.52
Sept 14 & 15	37,075.75
Sept 21 & 22	4,846.32
Sept 28 & 29	not available

### Designated Offerings:

(included in above totals)

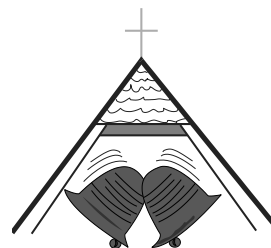
Apportionments	\$ 60.00
Missions	65.00
Sunday School	20.45
Pasty Bake	3,610.00
Building Project	30,000.00
Worship Conf. Grant	730.00



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



# The Chimes



Saturday evening  
worship at 7:00 pm  
music by Irene Verdegen

Sunday Morning  
Traditional service at  
8:00 am music by Tina  
Cruse

Contemporary Service at  
10:15 featuring the  
Awaken Praise band

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## Thanksgiving Dinner & Auction

Thursday, November 21

Service at 6:00

Meal at 6:30

Auction following

A sign-up sheet of food items that need to be donated  
will be posted as it gets closer.

### **A Vision For Our Church**

*Centenary UMC will become THE place to be on Sunday mornings. People will drive by the church on a Sunday morning and think, "That place is packed: I wonder what I'm missing." As God draws their spirits to this place, they will encounter an inviting atmosphere and experience worship that is relevant to their lives. They will become moved to experience God more deeply and then be drawn into ministry for others.*