

# The Chimes

Centenary United Methodist Church



Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Fall programming is here, and I hope you are as excited as I am to experience the love, grace and hope of Jesus Christ in all our programs and ministries! May I ask all of you to please take the time to go through this newsletter page by page with those who are with you in this life? Explore, discuss and commit yourself (and/or your spouse and/or family) to a weekly routine of worshiping and spending time with God and your brothers and sisters in Christ @ Centenary UMC.

May I strongly recommend committing to a weekly worship service each week and protecting it against all outside distractions and interference? According to the scriptures, there is nothing more important than a faithful relationship with God, through Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit; a relationship that can only be formed and grown through making time with Him the top priority in life. A weekly worship service, in this day and age, is probably an essential element in starting and keeping a relationship with God.

How about committing to Sunday school for not only the children in your life but also for yourself? Or, perhaps, one of our short 4 to 5 week Wednesday Bible study classes would be something you feel more confident committing to?

Finally, God, through His church, desires to have all of His children participating and involved. If you have a gift, Centenary UMC wants you to share it. Don't worry if there is someone already doing what you like to do, don't fret if you aren't sure exactly where you would fit in and, please, take this note as me coming up to you in person and asking, "Can you help?" The future of Centenary UMC rests in the hands and feet of its members and their willingness to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ for this community. Please contact Pastor Jeff or talk to any of the church leadership if you feel called to use your hands and feet to be the hands and feet of Jesus in sharing the love, grace and hope found in God by the power of the Holy Spirit here at Centenary UMC.

I hope, with all my prayerful heart, to see all of you soon.

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LABOR DAY

## Food Pantry Giving

We collected 6 jugs of laundry soap for Food Pantry this month. Thank you to all who contributed!

This month we are collecting paper products, such as bathroom tissue, Kleenex, paper towels, & feminine products. We will be collecting these until September 19.



## September's 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.

## Parent/Play Group News

Play Group will be meeting September 11 & 25 and October 9 & 23 (at wooden playground equipment at 10:00 a.m.). All parents and little ones are welcome! If it is raining or hot, we will be at the church.



## 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 first day of school is Tuesday, September 10.

## 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> Centenary UMC 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.

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.

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*.

**Save the dates so you can be part of the "FIRST" Weekly Bible/DVD Study Program led by Pastor Jeff at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays from October 23 - November 13.**

### September Administrative Meetings Monday, September 9

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 email Tina Cruse with a committee update.

## It's A New Sunday School Year !

Autumn is around the corner and school is starting up again. Families are coming back to church and children's laughter again fill the classrooms of Sunday School

We are very excited for this year. Our teaching staff has increased and continues to grow with helpers and substitute teachers. At this time, we are combining junior high and senior high in one class, but we are hoping we can recruit a couple more teachers so that we may have them in their own individual classrooms. If you are interested, please contact Michelle Jackson or Pam Harker.

This year's teachers are:

Preschool – Becky Upmann and Tara Teasdale

1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> – Amy Mullikin and Sara Olson

Jr/Sr High – Cherie Uehling and Pam Harker

4K-5K – Pam Reuter and Danica Wendlandt

3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> – Dawn Gobrecht and Jeremiah Diedrich

Adult – Todd Strand & Danelle Schmid and Art Finnigan

This year's committee members and their positions are:

Co-Chairpersons: Michelle Jackson and Pam Harker

Children's Music Directors: JoAnn Meyer and Dawn Gobrecht

Secretaries/Treasurers: Amy Mullikin and Becky Upmann

We are still working out details of where the classrooms will be. At this time, Adult and Preschool – 5K will be in classrooms upstairs, and the rest of the classrooms will be downstairs. Please go to those areas to pick up your children after Sunday School.

We are asking all children to enter through the downstairs door prior to 9:00am. This way, we will not be disruptive for those that may still be in prayer in the Sanctuary.

Also, very important, please have your children there by 9:00am. New this year, we are having a Hand Bell Choir with the children and will be spending the first 15 minutes doing this. By being on time, they won't miss out on any of the fun.

And finally, if you haven't filled out a Sunday School registration form, when dropping your children off for the first time, please plan to stay for a few minutes to do this. It will help us with planning the curriculum and purchasing supplies.

On a fun note, after our first day of Sunday School, which will be on September 8, and the 10:15am church service, Nurture & Membership will be sponsoring a potluck at the Jackson pavilion in the park. I hope to see you there! It will be fun for all!

*Michelle Jackson*, Sunday School Superintendent



## Bell Choir



Beginning at 9:00 a.m. just before Sunday School, we again be having music time! This year we will have a new addition to the music time....children's hand bells! We are very excited to introduce this to the children! Also, if you enjoyed the music at VBS, we are hoping to have singing time as well, with high energy songs and possibly hand movements to go along with them. Each month we will perform our songs for the congregation. Dawn Gobrecht and JoAnn Meyer are looking forward to helping with music time. If you are interested in sharing your gift of music with the children, please let either of us know!

## Vacation Bible School News

Everywhere Fun Fair! If you haven't heard by now, our theme for Vacation Bible School was Everywhere Fun Fair. We had an awesome week with 78-82 children filling the sanctuary every day!! We were overwhelmed with pride and joy by having 49 volunteers come throughout the week to help keep the children rotating through their centers. We like to call it controlled chaos. Each day we talked about a scripture on being a good neighbor. We visited Japan, Zimbabwe, United Kingdom, Australia, and Mexico. The children started the day in the sanctuary with general assembly--singing songs and hearing from Gulliver The Traveler, Telly Ticket Taker, and the puppet, Godwin Merriweather. The children then went through activity centers such as Storytelling, Discovery Time, Snack, Craft, and Recreation. The day ended at noon with more assembly time--singing and dancing.

Our mission for the week was The Water Project--helping provide clean water for those that don't have access to it.

On Sunday the 18th, we shared our worship style with the rest of CUMC at the 10:15 service. Lots of energy, singing and dancing!! After the church service, Linda Dillon organized a Fun Fair of our own for all the children to participate.

We would like to thank Jake and Barb Teutschmann for money for ice cream for a snack, Dave Popp for 2 barrels of Root Beer, Art and Lois Finnigan, Sharon Teutschmann and her parents, and Linda Dillon for bringing items from the different countries we talked about for the kids to see, The Reilly's for making the telephone booth from the UK, and Cheryl Fink and Neuvo Queso for samples of Oaxaca cheese (a Mexican cheese) for the kids to try. Thank you, thank you, thank you to all the volunteers for being dependable and showing up each day. We could never do this week without YOU!! I hope you will return next year to help too.

Cherie Uehling, VBS Coordinator

## September Worship

August 31 & September 1

**God in Time & Space**

September 7 & 8

**A Biblical Guide to Parenting  
Part 1 - Training Children &  
Youth for Godliness**

Exodus 16:1-35

1 Timothy 4:1-16

Matthew 18:1-9

September 14 & 15

**A Biblical Guide to Parenting  
Part 2 - Being a Servant Leader Role Model**

John 13:1-17

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

September 21 & 22

**A Biblical Guide to Parenting  
Part 3 - Learning Together As  
a Family**

Deuteronomy 6:1-25

Exodus 12:1-30

Luke 18:15-17

September 28 & 29

**A Biblical Guide to Parenting  
Part 4 - Worshiping Together**

Acts 2:42-47

Deuteronomy 31:1-13

Matthew 7:7-12





Join us on Saturday, September 21st for **PJ's and Popcorn Movie Night!** Wear your favorite Pajamas and head to Centenary UMC for family movie night. Don't forget your favorite blanket and pillow! We'll meet in the basement fellowship hall at 6:30 p.m. and we'll watch Disney's latest release. We can't advertise the name of the movie, but I'll say this: It's going to be "epic", so you won't

want to miss it. (wink....wink)! Hope to see you there! If you have any questions or want to help out with the popcorn making, please let me know!

JaAnn Meyer

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On Tuesday, September 24 we will be heading to Dubuque to watch Kirk Cameron's latest movie. We can't say the name of the movie, but you can watch the trailer at [unstoppablethemovie.com](http://unstoppablethemovie.com). I don't know much about this project, only that it was recommended by a friend. The movie starts at 7:00 p.m. at AMC Star 14 on NW Arterial. For those that can get away early, we will head to dinner at the Texas Roadhouse. We will leave from the church parking lot at 4:15 and after dinner we will head to the movie. For those that can't do dinner beforehand, meet at the parking lot at 5:45 and that group can head up together. Please visit the above website and order your tickets today. Click on buy tickets and you will be brought to the fandango website to purchase tickets for the event. Ticket price is \$12.50 each. Please RSVP to me at 965-4576 or on Facebook, and if you can do dinner, or just the movie. Hope to see you there for a fun night out!



JaAnn Meyer

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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 October newsletter.

Pam Harker, Fellowship Group

## Retired & Re-Fired Small Group Meeting

The next meetings for **The Retired & Re-fired Small Group** are Monday August 26th, September 9th and September 23rd. Meetings will be the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 12:00 Noon in the Serenity Room. 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.

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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## Breastfeeding Minute

### Thawing or Warming Breastmilk

Once breastmilk is frozen it must be properly thawed and warmed to prepare it for baby. Preparing breastmilk is not the same as formula and should be reviewed by anyone who will be caring for your baby. Breastmilk should be used within 24 hours of being thawed and should not be refrozen. To thaw a container of breastmilk quickly, hold it under running warm water. Swirl the bottle gently to mix the fatty layer back into the milk. Avoid too much heat or shaking because these can both damage the protective parts in the milk and very hard shaking will separate out fat not mix it in. Always test the temperature of the milk to make sure it is not too hot before feeding it to baby. Only thaw the amount of breastmilk that will be used in a 24 hour time period to avoid waste. Breastmilk should never be heated in the microwave. This can give milk hot spots and can damage the immunities in the milk. If you need more specific information or have questions about proper thawing and warming of breastmilk contact your local healthcare provider, WIC office or me, Katrina Gleason. Happy Feeding!

This article is provided by:

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WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor  
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Please feel free to call  
her with any questions  
you might have.



## 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 more information, or to place your order.

Pricing will be finalized by Labor Day. 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*

Newsletter content deadline: 20th of the month





## Dexter Sanders to Speak at Centenary UMC on September 5<sup>th</sup>



Centenary UMC has partnered with the Shullsburg School District to bring international author, educator and international speaker, **Dexter Sanders**, to Shullsburg on Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>.

Dexter Sanders will address the students of Shullsburg Schools with a secular message centering on Respect for Self, Home, and School. His school presentation, titled "Right Side Up," stresses the need for treating oneself with respect, building a confident self-image, and treating others the way you want to be treated. This respect message carries through to an anti-bullying topic which emphasizes positive behaviors while at school, so students may attain success through a supportive and productive learning experience.

AJ the Animated Illusionist will open Dexter's presentations at the school.

Centenary UMC has scheduled a special evening presentation by Dexter Sanders at 7 pm, on Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. This evening presentation, titled "A Chosen Generation," is Free and Open to the Public, at CUMC. Free pizza will be served afterwards in CUMC's lower level Fellowship Hall. In this presentation, Dexter shares how today's youth represent the next generation of Christians, and the opportunity they have to share their faith. AJ the Animated Illusionist will also open Dexter's presentation at Centenary UMC.

Dexter and AJ's evening presentation at Centenary UMC will be a night of hope and inspiration for area youth and their families.

Dexter is a former educator, and uses his experience as an educator, combined with passion and spiritual empowerment to touch the hearts and minds of his listeners, through a humble and sincere approach. Dexter is the founder and Pastor of Rock Orlando Center of Transformation, of Orlando, Florida. He is currently leading an initiative called "Transformation Orlando", which has a goal to bring spiritual, physical and emotional transformation to the entire City of Orlando.

Dexter is also a member of the Luis Palau's Next Generation Alliance - equipping, training, and sending out dozens of younger evangelists to proclaim the life-changing message of Jesus Christ to multiplied millions each year. Since its inception, more than 13 million people have heard the Good News of Jesus Christ through this ministry.

Additional funding to make this event possible is being provided by the United Methodist Foundation and through the generosity of area individuals. Thank you to all who have helped support this event!

## News from the Worship Committee

We've had the opportunity for a variety of "hosts" for our summer services.....Tricia King shared some testimonies from a few in the TLC Group. Terry Hicks has been filling in for a few Sat. evening services. Steve 'Kount' Humphrey offered his services at an 8 am. The VBS took charge of a 10:15 services & if you missed it....boy you really missed something special! How blessed we are to have shared in the energy those kids have!!! We will be having our very own Tina Cruse lead an 8 am service & the band members that attended the leadership conference in July will be sharing what they learned at a 10:15 service. A HUGE THANK YOU to all of you for your help with leading worship!!!

We are looking to have a New Life Revival Service on Fri. Sept. 20 @7PM....Please check out their page on Facebook for more information as it becomes available. I will try to send out an update through email as well.

**We are still looking for 2-3 more individuals to join us & help serve on the Worship Committee.** If any of this sounds interesting to you, please call the church office & leave a message or you can call me directly.....482-1610.

Lisa Diedrich, Worship Committee Chair

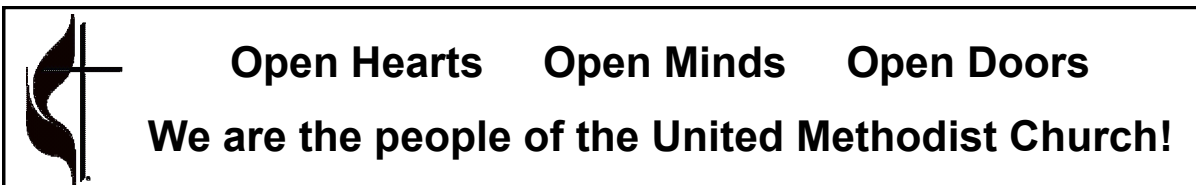
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## Confirmation Class

The two-year confirmation program is open again this year to anyone from age 12 - 18 looking to understand what it means to become a Christian and be confirmed as a member of Centenary UMC.

The four confirmands from last year are welcomed back for their 2nd year, and anyone that would like to begin the two-year process this year is welcome to begin. The two-year format Pastor Jeff uses allow confirmands to start on either year.

A Confirmation meeting for both children and parents is currently scheduled for Wednesday, September 11 at 6:15 p.m. The 2nd year confirmands as well as new students are asked to come so as to understand the expectations of both students and parents. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the church office.



## Study Committee

The 1st Study Committee meeting occurred April 16th 2012. Since that time we have been meeting on the 3rd Monday of every month.

The purpose of this committee is to come up with plans on how to update the physical structure of the church building to better serve the needs of those that use this facility. Those needs were identified by the congregation during Vision meetings in January, 2012.

1. Renovation of the Sanctuary
2. Space to house the Food Pantry, Sunday school, Gingerbread House Preschool, and Storage
3. Renovation of bathrooms upstairs and downstairs
4. Handicap Accessibility between floors without having to go outside

As the Study Committee meets and explores possible solutions we come to a consensus on how best to proceed. Our findings are presented to the Trustee's. The Trustee's weigh options and their recommendation is presented to the Church Council. Input from everyone is much appreciated during this process.

The renovation of the Sanctuary was completed in February, 2013 after a considerable amount of effort by members of this congregation.

The space needs of the church are currently being addressed through the lease of the lower floor of the Mason's building. In short order both the Gingerbread and Food Pantry will move to this new location. This is another Major undertaking by our congregation. This move will require patience, cooperation, time, energy, positive thoughts and prayers.

As we move through this process of how best to address these needs please continue to ask questions, voice concerns, attend meetings, and in general pitch in when called upon to serve our Lord.

Finally – food for thought - On July 4th, 1967 CUMC celebrated 100 years of worship in this beautiful building. In a few short years, 2017 we will be celebrating 150 years of worship.

*Joe Diedrich – Chairperson – Study Committee*

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## Pasty Bakes

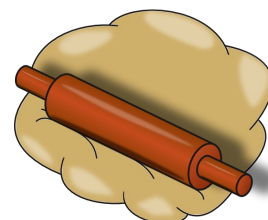
Pasty Reminder September 7 & 21 Pick up times are noon & 4pm

Call Cherie at 965-4569 to order--Please leave a message as to how many pasties you want, what pick up time you want, and what date.

I need helpers for Friday the 6th & the 20th at 4pm and then Saturday the 7th & 21st at 6am.

See you then!!

Cherie Uehling



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# September 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:00 Trad. Worship 10:15 Rock'n Praise	2	3	4	5	6 Pastor Jeff's Day Off	7 <b>Pasty Bake</b> 7:00 Casual Worship
8 8:00 Trad. Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Rock'n Praise 11:30 Fall Picnic	9 noon Retired/Refired	10	11 10:00 Play Group 6:15 Confirmation mtg 7:00 Bible Study	12	13 Pastor Jeff's Day Off	14 7:00 Casual Worship
15 8:00 Trad. Worship 10:15 Rock'n Praise	16	17	18 7:00 Bible Study	19 5:00 Food Pantry DOWNTOWN	20 Pastor Jeff's Day Off 7:00 New Life Service	21 <b>Pasty Bake</b> 6:30 PJ's & Popcorn 7:00 Casual Worship
22 8:00 Trad. Worship 8:00 SS Teacher mtg 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Rock'n Praise	23 noon Retired/Refired	24 7:00 Movie in Dbq.	25 10:00 Play Group 7:00 Bible Study	26	27 Pastor Jeff's Day Off	28 7:00 Casual Worship
29 8:00 Trad. Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Rock'n Praise	30					

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

## September Birthdays

2 Mike Moyle	16 Janet Wymore
2 Joe Thompson	17 Eli Poppy
3 Godfrey Teutschmann	17 Kiera Sandlin
5 Caydon Smith	19 Brad Gill
6 Karley Gobrecht	19 Amanda McNett
6 Jesse Harshman	19 Cheri Wotnoski
6 John Meyer	20 Janet Harker
7 Mackenzie Cunningham	20 Jennifer Kent
8 Steve Gierke	20 Nevada Sandlin
8 Ashley Hauser	20 Rodney Stewart Jr.
8 Collin Hauser	22 Sara Moyle
8 Brittany Kent	23 Shirley Hastings
8 Kyle Kent	23 Steve Humphrey
9 Peyton Dempsey-Strang	24 Kevin Kent
9 Art Finnigan	24 Mark Lierman
9 Alan Hauser	24 Trynton Schwartz
9 Eleanor Jackson	24 Julie Thompson
9 Maddie Mullikin	25 Merl Thomasson
9 Sam Uehling	25 Laura Hinzman
10 Becca Gill	26 Ashley Gill
10 Sharon Teutschmann	27 Karen Gill
11 Evelyn Clark	27 Emma Pedley
11 Mary Lou Edwards	27 Joey Schwartz
11 Joey Meyer	27 Julie Westemeier
12 Sean Cockroft	28 Brandon Popp
13 Heather Harshman	28 Gina Raymond
14 Vanessa Schwartz	28 Maria Russell
15 Greg Cruse	28 Jennifer Thompson
15 Brandon Capp	
15 Maddux Russell	
16 Gayle Doyle	

## August Statistics

### Attendance:

August 3 & 4	8, 8, 59
August 10 & 11	18, 13, 47
August 17 & 18	14, 8, 67
August 24 & 25	10, 96, 55
August 31	not available

### Offerings:

August 3 & 4	\$9207.00
August 10 & 11	\$1928.45
August 17 & 18	\$1204.00
August 24 & 25	\$1598.21
August 31	not available

### Designated Offerings:

(included in above totals)

Apportionments	\$15.00
Nurture	\$5.00
Welcoming	\$5.00
VBS	\$52.00
Missions	\$55.00
Debt Repayment	\$7600.00

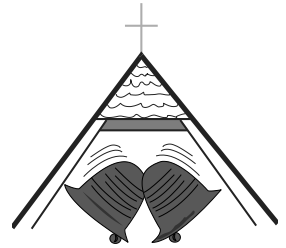
## September Anniversaries

3 Dan & Judy Webster	13 Jerry & Laura Droessler	21 Larry & Pam Teasdale
3 Rick & Denise Rolli	14 Bob & Barb Edge	23 Rodney & Marlene Stewart
4 Eric & Amber Russell	16 Amber & Brandon Capp	29 William & Tammy Scott
9 Greg & Janet Jenson	17 Harvey and Jacki Heinberg	29 Becky & Brad Mootz
11 Jason & Jennifer Nelson	18 Becky & Andy Upmann	





# The Chimes



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

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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## Fall Church Picnic

Jackson Pavilion in Badger park September 8  
following the 10:15 service (weather permitting,  
otherwise in Fellowship Hall)

Hamburgers, hot dogs, place settings, and lem-  
onade will be provided. Please bring a dish to  
pass. We hope to see you there!!

### ***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.*