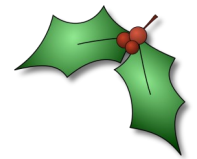


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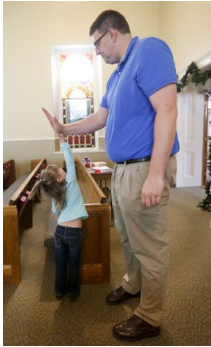


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New Heights with Pastor Jeff

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Will you please take a moment and imagine something with me?

Imagine humanity, God's created children, as a sheet of ice. When God first created us the ice was smooth, clear and pure, perfectly level. When we as humanity, when we as His created children, rebelled against God and the world fell, the ice cracked. Because of sin the ice was impacted and it left several cracks or gaps between God's children.

Some of these cracks are poverty, depression/anxiety, and loneliness among many others. God's ultimate goal in His calling to us as Christians and the church is, by His grace and according to His guidance, to fill these cracks. By and through His power and grace to restore humanity to a clean, flat sheet of ice.

This Advent I am presenting a sermon series entitled "A Christmas That Fills the Cracks". What better or more inspiring time could there be for us to make a conscious effort to begin to fill these cracks then the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas? God sent His Son Jesus Christ to be the ultimate Zamboni. By His teaching, life, grace, love death and resurrection we as Christians and His church, at Centenary UMC, we have everything we need to fill the cracks in our local community and to help support the filling of those cracks throughout the world.

Do not miss this opportunity during the weeks of Advent to come together as a church family to discern and carry out God's plan to fill these cracks with love, grace, peace and hope! It will transform and take Advent and this Christmas season to a whole new level of inspiration and holiness. It has the potential to bridge the gaps or cracks between many of us as God's children so that we can come together and worship God in celebration of the miracle of Jesus Christ' birth on Christmas Eve. Praise be to God, Amen!

PJ



The Chimes - Christmas Edition

Q How can you and your family help Centenary UMC this Advent/Christmas season?

A *Attend, and invite others to come with you, to:*



The Annual Holiday Auction on, Wednesday, December 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the downstairs Fellowship Hall. See more on page 6.

The 3rd annual Advent by Candlelight on Sunday, December 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the downstairs Fellowship Hall. See more on page 7.



The Christmas Eve Service: "Why Did God Do It" at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, December 24 for a worship experience with traditional Christmas Hymns and Contemporary Flair including candlelight as we receive the gift of Jesus Christ, and through the joy of the season become inspired to give it to others!

A *Give:*



A monetary gift to Centenary UMC that increases your yearly giving to the point that it becomes a tithe (equates to 10% of your household income). It is the perfect gift of faith to God and to CUMC!

Non-perishable food items to the Food Pantry by bringing them in to "Fill The Sills" of the sanctuary. We will fill the windowsills with food throughout Advent until the Christmas Eve Service and make a huge donation to the Food Pantry as a Christmas Gift to Jesus Christ.



A *Take:*



An ornament from the Christmas Blessings Tree set up in the back of the sanctuary. If you feel called, choose one or more tags from the tree, record the ones you've taken on the sign-up sheet, then return the gifts to church by Sunday, December 13. This is a way that you and your family can be Jesus' hands and feet to give someone a brighter Christmas!!

Centenary UMC At A Glance

November Statistics

Total Offering:		Attendance:		Weekly
(Regular Offering, not earmarks)		(Sat 7, Sun 9 & 10:30, Wed 6:30)		Totals
Oct 31, Nov 1 & 4	\$3,291	Oct 31, Nov 1 & 4	7, 12, 78, 69	166
Nov 7, 8 & 11	\$1,651	Nov 7, 8 & 11	12, 20, 48, 45	125
Nov 14, 15 & 18	\$2,916	Nov 14, 15 & 18	12, 18, 61, 75	166
Nov 21, 22 & 25	\$3,074	Nov 21, 22 & 25	10, 14, 48, 35	110
Nov 28, 29 & Dec 2	\$1,707	Nov 28, 29 & Dec 2	5, 22, 73, na	100

Finance News

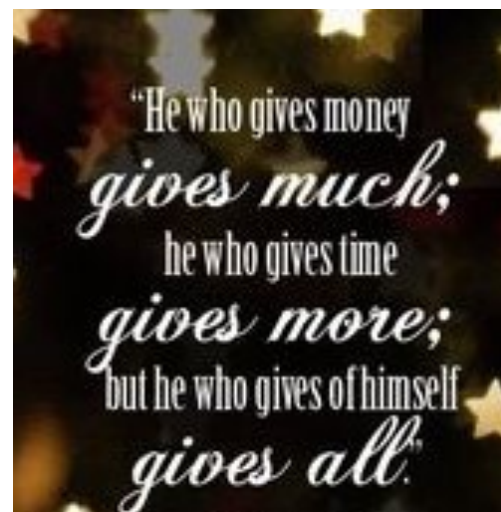
A big Thank You to everyone who has already turned in their 2016 pledge card!

The finance committee really needs this information to be able to form a picture of next year's budget. If you have not yet completed and turned in a pledge card, PLEASE try to do so by Sunday, December 13. They are available from the church office and extras will be in the church pews on Sunday.

We have our monthly Finance Committee meeting on Monday, December 14, and 2016 projections are very important.

Everyone is welcome to attend a Finance Committee meeting and become familiar with the financial workings of CUMC. Monthly Finance Committee reports are available to everyone – you can get a copy at the meeting or pick up a copy at the church office. If you have any church finance questions, please contact me.

Tina Cruse, Finance Chair



Upcoming Events

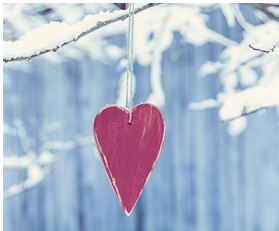
Advent Sermon Series

This Advent (beginning the week of Sunday, November 29 through Christmas) we will be discerning from God how to fill in the cracks in our local community that appear like the cracks in the ice during winter. These cracks are the places where our brothers and sisters in this community become separated or isolated from others because of their physical, emotional and/or spiritual needs. By filling in these cracks as individual Christians and as a church in this community, we pray that the joy and blessing of Christmas cannot only be revealed but celebrated by everyone! The birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ was the most loving and hope-inspiring gift ever given! Which is why this Christmas season Pastor Jeff will be giving a sermon series about taking the celebration of Christmas out of our church sanctuary and homes. Instead, we will celebrate Christmas by filling in the cracks created by these needs in order to bring everyone in our community back together in peace, love and hope. Come as you are, no judgment, only grace to be a part of Centenary UMC's Christmas That Fills the Cracks this year for Christmas 2015.



Holiday Grief Support

We often expect Christmas to be a time of family, fun and food, but for some people it can be a time of mourning and grief for a loved one lost.



Home Health United is sponsoring a session to help people deal with their grief through the holidays. This program will be held at Southwest Hospital in Platteville on Tuesday, December 1 from 2-4 pm. For additional information call 877-356-4514, or visit www.homehealthunited.org.



Thursday, December 10
Auction 6:00 p.m.



It's time once again to start thinking about the Holiday Auction! Join us on Thursday, December 10 for an evening of bidding, fellowship, fun, and bargains at the holiday auction. For the auction, we are asking for donations of usable household items, crafts, handmade items, baked or canned goods, gift baskets, business donations, etc. to make for an interesting and successful auction. To allow us to get everything set up in advance, please bring your items to the downstairs Fellowship Hall no later than Sunday, December 6.

The auction is open to the public, so tell your friends and neighbors to come get a jump start on their Christmas shopping and support Centenary at the same time! Auction proceeds support our general missions and ministry. For more information please contact the church office at 965-3455.

A small meal will be available for purchase during the auction courtesy of the Fellowship Group.

Holy Communion & Potluck December 6

In the interest of creating more opportunities for members and friends of Centenary UMC to build and grow in relationships with each other, we will now have a potluck lunch the **first Sunday of every month after the 10:30 a.m. worship service**. The next monthly potluck will be Sunday, December 6. Each family is asked to bring a dish to pass and their own table settings (plates, cups, napkins, silverware).



Special Needs Children Support Group

Centenary United Methodist Church is hosting the monthly meeting of the Shullsburg Family/Parents of Special Needs Children Support Group. These monthly meetings are held the last Wednesday of each month throughout the school year. **The next meeting will be December 30.** A 30-minute social time will open the meeting, followed by discussion/presentation of a topic. Meetings will start at 7:00 p.m. in the Serenity Room. Please contact Jacinda Gunnell with any questions, at jacindagunnell@gmail.com or 608-558-6409 (text or call).

Advent by Candlelight

All women of the church and community are invited to the 3rd Annual Advent by Candlelight at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 13. The Fellowship Hall will feature beautifully decorated tables during an evening of worship, singing, and delicious desserts served by the men of our church. The entire room will be lit by candles as we listen to 9 lessons and carols and prepare our hearts for the Advent season. If you are interested in attending, please contact Becky Upmann. There is no cost for this event.

JoAnn Meyer

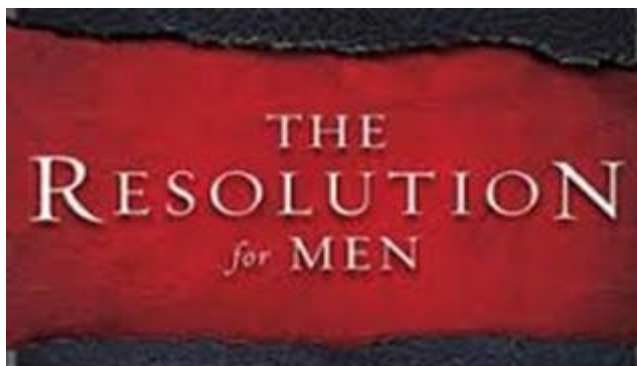


One of the beautiful tables from a past year.



On December 19 will be having our first annual women's Ugly Sweater Dinner and Movie. We will meet at 6:00 p.m. at the Water Street Pub for dinner (you will pay for your own meal). Make sure to wear your favorite ugly sweater! The uglier the better! There will be prizes for the top two outfits.

After dinner we will head to the Serenity Room at CUMC for dessert and a movie. Bring a dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies to eat and share while watching the movie. All women are invited to attend. Come and enjoy a relaxing ladies night out! RSVP to Dawn Gobrecht, JoAnn Meyer, or the church office.



For the first 7 men who register and submit payment the cost will be \$60 for the weekend which includes lodging at the Wesley House, Meals and Text (The Resolution for Men by Stephen and Alex Kendrick to be read prior to the Retreat). Cost after the first 7 will be \$75 for accommodations in a cabin near the Wesley House. Deadline for Registration is Thursday December 30th, 2015. FB Message, E-Mail or Call CUMC at (608) 965-3455 for details.

Centenary United Methodist Church
First Annual Men's Retreat
Fri. January 8th (Begins at 7:00 p.m.) –
Sun. January 10th (Ends after Lunch),
2016
At Pine Lake United Methodist Camp
W8301 County Road M
Westfield, WI 53964



Meetings and News

December Administrative Meetings

Monday, December 14

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 by the Thursday prior to the day that you email the office with your report update.



Confirmation Class is at 7:00 p.m. every Sunday night.

Fellowship Group News

It's that time for the Holiday Auction, and we are looking for any donations of clean durable goods, crafts and baked goods. The auction is set for Thursday, December 10 at 6:00 p.m. The Fellowship Group will have a light supper of turkey & dressing and barbeque sandwiches, chips, baked goods, and lemonade, milk, and coffee for sale. Please bring your items for the auction to the Fellowship Hall by Sunday, December 6 so we have time to set up. There is a sign-up sheet for bars and cookies to donate for the meal at the back of the sanctuary. Come and join the fun of the auction, fellowship and getting some of your holiday shopping done!

Thanks to all who made food and helped with the Betty Thompson funeral luncheon. It is a blessing to all.

With all the things that have happened this year, good and bad, and as we celebrate with our family and friends, keep in mind the little boy who came to give his life for all of us. Jesus is the reason for the season and share his love with all!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Pam Harker, Fellowship Group



Retired & Re-Fired Small Group

The Retired & Re-Fired Group will meet on December 14 at noon in the Serenity Room. We will be making our Christmas Cards at this time. We really enjoy making cards, and it's a double blessing: those who receive them are blessed, and we are blessed as we make them!

Speaking of our Card Connection Project, our group has sent out over 370 cards this year so far!

We meet on the second and fourth Mondays of the month at noon in the Serenity Room. December dates are the 14th & 28th. Bring your lunch and join us. Coffee and tea are provided. Contact me at 965-3283 with any questions.

Betty Gleason, Retired & Re-fired Small Group Leader

Sunday School News

Thank you to everyone that has been donating to the **loose change fund**. It has been a blessing for the Christian Education at CUMC. We will continue to collect the loose change that is put into the offering plates.

If your family is able to **provide a snack** for our program, it would be greatly appreciated.

I wanted to take a moment to remind everyone of our **Weather Policy**. If there is a Winter Weather Warning, Sunday School will be canceled. If Sunday School needs to be canceled for any other reason, each family will receive a phone call. It has been brought to my attention that a program called Remind 101 may be helpful to the church. If you know about the program and would like to help set something like this up, please call Sarah or the Church.

Our **Christmas Program** will be held during the 10:30 church service on Sunday, December 20. The children will be performing "A Star Was Born." We will be practicing weekly during class. If you could check in with your children to see if they need to practice any lines at home that would be appreciated. **We will also be having a practice for 5K on up on Saturday, December 12 from 10-12.** We only will have 2 practices in the sanctuary, so if your children could make it, it would really help out. We are also still looking for help with props, directing, and music. If you have gifts in any of these areas we would love help.

We will return from break on January 10.

May you all have a Blessed Christmas.

Sarah Santiago, Sunday School Coordinator



From Our Parish Nurse.....

Remember Safety When Buying Toys This Christmas Season....

Several consumer interest groups such as the U.S. Public Interest Research Group (PIRG) have found that while most toys on store shelves are safe, some still pose hazards. Among the dangers: lead paint, choking and strangulation hazards, magnets, toys that are too loud, and those containing other toxic chemicals. Parents should pay close attention to toy recall lists and follow the manufacturers guidelines for replacement or reimbursement. The National Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) provides the following tips for toy safety:

*Brightly painted toys (wood, plastic, and metal) made in Pacific Rim countries, particularly China, because of lead paint dangers. Children mouthing the toys for extended periods can get lead poisoning, which can cause irreversible neurological damage.

*Ceramic or pottery toys manufactured outside the U.S. and Europe, because of lead dangers. If children drink tea from a ceramic tea set, for example, the lead from the ceramic can leach into the tea.

*Soft vinyl toys can also contain toxins, including lead.

*Toys with small parts can pose a choking hazard for young children. Government regulations specify that toys for children under age 3 cannot have parts less than 1 1/4 inches in diameter and 2 1/4 inches long.

*Pull toys with strings that are more than 12 inches in length, which can be a strangulation hazard for babies.

*Magnetic toys, which can be swallowed by young children. Magnets are an especially urgent concern because of their immediate, life-threatening danger and because they're so popular. If a child swallows more than one magnet, they can fuse in the intestine, causing a blockage that usually requires surgery. The magnet problem is not limited to young children. Ten of the 22 cases brought to the attention of the CPSC involved children aged 6 to 11.

*All jewelry, especially metal jewelry, for children of all ages. Many brightly colored jewelry pieces have been found to contain dangerous levels of lead.

*Items that contain "phthalates," or toxic chemicals, such as xylene, dibutyl phthalate, toluene, and benzene, which can cause health problems in children.

*Toys that are not age-appropriate. Toys intended for older children can harm younger ones. Older children who play with toys intended for younger ones can be injured when, out of boredom, they seek unintended uses for the toys.

Where the toys are manufactured is critical. The U.S. and European Countries have the highest manufacturing safety standards. You can find a list of companies that report selling American-made toys and products at toysmadeinamerica.com - This site provides 136 links to toy companies, many of which are small, family-owned businesses. Some are eco-friendly as well.

For information about buying other products reported to be made in America, visit www.howtobuyamerican.com.

This page is provided by our Parish Nurse for Centenary UMC:

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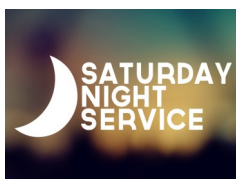
Please feel free to call her with any health questions you might have.

Did You Know???



Some information from the SPRC.....

Did you know the members of the SPRC shall keep themselves informed of personnel matters in relationship to the Church's policy, professional standards, liability issues, and civil law. They are responsible for communicating and interpreting such matters to staff. Committee members should make themselves available for educational and training opportunities provided by the conference, district, and/or other arenas that will enable them to be effective in their work.



As CUMC revamps their worship schedule, join us Saturday evenings at 7:00 p.m. This service is now being led by a Lay Speaker sharing their message and God's word. This gives you the unique opportunity to hear scripture and a variety of testimonies from each individual speaker. **There will be a special Christmas Hymnal Music Service on Saturday December 26th at 7:00 pm.** Hope to see you there.

Tara Teasdale, Saturday Night Coordinator



A silent night, a star above,
a blessed gift of hope and love.
A blessed Christmas to you!

Wednesday Night Dinner & Children's Church

Wednesday Night Ministry: It Keeps Growing!

Wednesdays at CUMC update:

It has been another exciting month of fellowship and worship on Wednesdays at CUMC. We have averaged 50+ people for dinner each week. Many thanks to Dawn Gobrecht, Becky Upmann, Leann Wurtzbacher, Felyscha Unbehaun, Kristin Robbins and Jamie Roberts for all of



your help shopping for and making dinner, cleaning up afterwards, or hanging with the kids after school. On Wednesday, November 18 we celebrated Thanksgiving as a church family. Becky Upmann, Deb Unbehaun, Mary Gensler and Kathy Coulthard did a wonderful job making an incredible turkey feast! Thank you so much to Becky Upmann for organizing! The food and fellowship were amazing.

Our children's ministry on Wednesday continues to grow. After school we have had even more children hanging out with us, doing their homework, playing games, and doing artwork. After dinner and during children's church we have been learning about Moses and the Exodus and learning about being thankful. Many thanks to Jackie Wood for leading our older children. We are still in need of adults to hang out with the kids after school, as well as teachers for the Preschool-2nd grade group during children's church. If you have the gift of teaching and would like to help out, please contact JoAnn Meyer at 965-4576. We have been praying for your help and look forward to seeing who God has chosen to answer the call.

Upcoming Wednesday events:

*December 2 and 9: Dinner at 5:30, Worship at 6:30

*December 16: Church Family Christmas Dinner at 5:30 p.m. We will be having a delicious turkey and ham dinner with all of the fixings. Bring a dish to pass if you would like to contribute. This would be a great opportunity to invite someone to CUMC.

*December 23: HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS birthday party! 5:30 p.m. Come and celebrate the birth of our Savior with our Birthday themed dinner. Worship at 6:30

*December 30: HAPPY NEW YEAR-themed dinner and activities! 5:30 p.m. Worship at 6:30

JoAnn Meyer



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

CUMC Going Above and Beyond

December Missional Giving

Mission money collected this month will go to the **Pay Apportionments**.

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 54 items for our October collection. Thank you to everyone who brought something in! For the month of December we are collecting Oatmeal and Box Cereal. We will be collecting these until November 19.



Gingerbread House Preschool

We are looking for wonderful people who would love to help us financially. If you are interested in donating to help support Gingerbread, please contact us at gingerbreadpreschool@hotmail.com



Fill the Sills for Jesus!

Again this year we will be attempting to fill all the window sills in the sanctuary during the Advent and Christmas season with non-perishable food gifts to offer to Jesus on His birthday! Please feel free to start bringing food products into church or to our worship services, and let's fill the sills again this year as we provide food for our beloved brothers and sisters and His beloved children! What a wonderful Christmas/Birthday present to give Jesus this year! LET'S FILL THE SILLS! Amen!



Newsletter content deadline: 20th of the month

Church Council Meeting

October 12, 2015

Minutes

Present: Becky Upmann, Art Finnigan, Lois Finnigan, Cherie Uehling, Brad Mootz, Sarah Santiago, Dawn Gobrecht, Lisa Diedrich, Tina Cruse, Eugene Uehling, Pastor Jeff.

Agenda:

Opening Prayer

Church Council Chair Report: Nothing to Report This Month

Pastor's Report

*Went through Church Conference Paperwork. Changes were made. Motion to approve the Paperwork pending changes. It was APPROVED.

*Successful Launch of Wednesday Night Dinner/Service on September 16, began with 43 and is averaging around 50+ each week for service and 30+ for dinner.

*Near Record Breaking Attendance for the weekend of October 3-7. 193 people in attendance.

*First time visitors are on the rise. Also, number of families returning to church is on the rise (especially on Wednesday night).

*Did 5 Pastoral Visits this month.

*The Church had a matching donation for the Lenora Cherry transplant fund. Raised over \$1,000.

*Potluck Sunday continues to be a blessing.

*Confirmation began on October 4th. With 9 confirmands.

*He attended a Provisional Mentor Group.

*Performed 2 funerals *Had 2 Baptisms this month *Had 3 new members this month

*He will be attending a Seminar on October 8th.

*He will be meeting with Jim King, Glen Matl and Mary Bradley to brainstorm ideas for the Quasquicentennial.

Secretaries Report: Everyone looked over the report. They were APPROVED.

Finance Report:

*Tina stated that attendance is up, but giving is down. We have enough to pay payroll this week but nothing else. We need \$2500 per week to pay the bills and payroll. We need \$2900 a week to pay bills, payroll and apportionments. They will be doing Stewardship Moments again during church services. Quarterly Statements will contain a Thanks you in them this time. Pledge cards will go out in the Newsletter. Bring them in the on the Day of Prayer.

Old Business:

*Brad went over the changes in the 4-7 year plan. It is in its Final Form now. There was a Motion that the 4-7 year plan be used and brought to Conference. It was APPROVED.

Committee Reports

Trustees:

Eugene stated that they had a meeting and got all the Church Conference Paperwork done.

They got the Annual Inspection of the Parsonage done.

They have a To-Do List and will be getting started on that.

They will be working on the Budget.

They are working with Contractors on better quotes for the Sidewalk and Concrete. They hope to have all of it and the Handicap Accessibility done in 2016.

SPRC:

*Dawn went over information from their Sept Meeting.

*They will be implementing the "Did You Know" segment in to the Newsletter each month.

*Discussed info received regarding listening session- we will be continuing to discuss and sending out a letter.

*They are working on arranging a sub for when Tina is gone next year.

*Motion to approved Jeff's Benefit Package for 2016. Motion was APPROVED.

Memorials: Nothing to Report

Nurture & Care: It was brought to the meeting to Merge TLC and Nurture together as one Committee. It was APPROVED to do this. They will be meeting to see how they want to proceed.

Fellowship Group:

*Cherie stated that they will have a funeral on Friday.

Outreach: No report

Youth:

They will be eating lunch and then heading to Vespermans Farm on Sunday. They will need a Parental Form. The cost will be covered by the Youth Activity Fund.

They will be starting the Greenery Fundraiser on October 21st.

They will be meeting to discuss the destination for 2016 Mission Trip.

Christian Education:

*They haven't had a meeting. They will be meeting in the next few weeks. They are averaging 44 kids a week.

Additional Committees:

*Discussed the Thanksgiving Meal and Auction. More Information to Come.

Next Meeting November 9 at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Becky Upmann

December Birthdays

1 Karen Grace	17 Alex Neff
2 Betty Gleason	18 Mike Jackson
3 Laura Droessler	19 Wayne Gehrt
4 Jeff Wymore	19 Dillon Humphrey
5 Ruth Cherrey	20 Rich Harker
6 Brooklyn Bennett	21 Duane Hastings
8 Rich Brown	21 Kasha Leitzinger
9 Chad Teasdale	22 Dirk Bode
9 Brett Bode	23 Rick Gill
9 Pete Poppy	23 Loretta Ingram
9 Karlana Woodward	24 Nate Strang
10 Lyla Olson	25 Jesus Christ
10 Beth Teutschmann	25 Gayle Stoycheff
12 MaryKay Fecht	26 Harvey Heinberg
13 Justin Crotty	27 Josh Russell
13 Larry Johnson	28 Lee Gill
14 Debbie Unbehaun	29 Eddie Santiago
15 Allie Gierke	29 Danelle Schmid
15 Will Moyle	30 Ellen Doyle
15 Ella Woodworth	30 Bev Monahan
15 Doug Olson	31 Charles Symons
17 Marcia Moyle	

December Worship

December 6 & 9

A Christmas That Fills the Cracks

Part 2: Are We Offering A Christmas of Value?

December 13 & 16

A Christmas That Fills the Cracks

Part 3: Are We Offering a Long-Term Christmas or Just Another Holiday?

December 20 & 23

A Christmas That Fills the Cracks

Part 4: Are We Offering An Authentic Christmas?

December 27 & 30

When and Where to Use Spare Parts
John 14:6

December Anniversaries

7 Floyd & Joyce Tyson
10 Bruce & Sandy Russell
21 Tim & Kari Strang
22 Rick & Lee Gill



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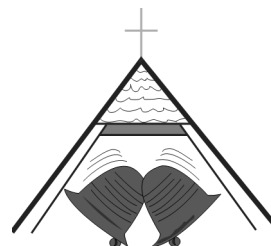
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Special thanks to Tony & Diane Anderson for preparing the mailing of the December newsletter.



The Chimes



*Saturday Evening Lay-Led
worship at 7:00*

*Sunday Morning Hymn
Worship Service at 9:00 -
music by Tina Cruse*

*Sunday Morning Praise
Worship Service at 10:30 -
music by Ed Santiago*

*Wednesday Night Praise
Worship Service at 6:30 -
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Sharing Christmas Blessings

It is such a blessing to be able to BE a blessing to others! Centenary has identified 9 families who could use a little extra help with gifts this Christmas. The tree in the Sanctuary is decorated with ornaments listing their ages, gender, and items from their wish lists. If you would like to help, please choose one or more ornaments, write your name down on the list next to the items you've chosen, attach the ornaments to the wrapped gifts, and return them to the church BY Sunday, December 13. The Blessing Committee will then gather up and distribute all the gifts.



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."