



# The Chimes

Centenary United Methodist Church

## Couples Valentine's Day Event



Please join us for a Valentine's Day Couples Fellowship event On Sunday February 16th at 5:00 p.m. we will be having a Valentine's Dinner for couples. On the menu will be lasagna, salad, bread and a vegetable. We will also have several delicious desserts to choose from. After dinner, we will be having couples fellowship time where couples will compete in The Newlywed game. Winner will receive a gift certificate for the Water Street Pub! There is no charge for this special event, but if you would like to help out by bringing something for the meal or dessert, please let JoAnn Meyer know. We will need you to RSVP for this event so that we will know how much food to make. You can RSVP by contacting the church office at 965 -3455 or contacting JoAnn Meyer on Facebook or by email at [the8jfamly@yahoo.com](mailto:the8jfamly@yahoo.com). We hope that you can make this fun event!

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# Centenary UMC At A Glance

## January Statistics



Attendance:		Total Offering:	
(Sat 7, Sun 8 & 10:15)		Jan 4 & 5	\$1760.55
Jan 4 & 5	10,630	Jan 11 & 12	3,005.00
Jan 11 & 12	10,11,71	Jan 18 & 19	4,061.37
Jan 18 & 19	13,7,91	Jan 25 & 26	1203.57
Jan 25 & 26	10,8,51		

The Christmas Season was a blessing to all of us at Centenary UMC and we are happy to report that it was also a blessing financially. We want to thank everyone who generously gave to help with this Christmas blessing. We would also like to ask for everyone's help in achieving the Finance Committee's goal this year of maintaining this level of giving going into 2014 in order to properly support and fund growth in the church and its ministry. The initial numbers below only include the focus of the Finance Committee which is direct giving to the church from tithes and offerings. It does not reflect money received via ear-marks, Special Services Offerings, interest or dividends nor fundraisers.

***Giving to the General Fund for the Month of December 2013*** **\$21,986.89**

***Operations Expenses paid out from the General Fund December 2013*** **\$17,311.70**  
***(This amount includes repayments of all internal debt. There are no more outstanding loans to other accounts. Amen!)***

***Giving to the General Fund for the Months of January thru December 2013*** **\$117,535.76**

***Operations Expenses paid out from the General Fund January thru December 2013*** **\$142,961.32**

As you can see, we still have a large gap between our operating expenses and weekly giving. With the addition of allocated income received from ear-marks, Special Services Offerings, interest or dividends and/or fundraisers the net income for December would be \$7,422.43 and \$13,037.96 for January – December 2013. Thus, the church is becoming financially stronger. We did not pay all of our apportionments for 2013 and we still are way too dependent on fundraisers to close the gap between giving and expenses. Thus, the future of the church will depend on our ability to maintain our level of weekly giving at the end of 2013 into 2014.

Please feel free to contact the church or any member of the Finance Committee with any further questions or comments.

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My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
I wanted to take some time this month to encourage all of us to take time every day to examine and build on our relationship with God. This is often called “Devotional Time” or time devoted exclusively to God and to a relationship with Him.

A great way to do this is set a time every day for God; preferably the same time each day so it turns into a routine or even a really good habit. Fifteen minutes works but a half hour is probably ideal and if someone can give more than that each day take advantage of it. This time with God should really be spent alone. Try turning off the cell phone, the computer and finding a place (it can be at home or out) to be alone with God.

I highly recommend reading at least a passage of the Bible to center oneself on God. There are devotional books that can help do this or just start reading a chapter of the Bible a day (I would recommend starting at the Gospel of Matthew Chapter 2 if this is your first time reading the Bible daily.) Some like to just read from the books of Psalms or Proverbs daily as a devotion.

Then feel free to talk to God about anything. Tell Him about the good and bad things, the blessings and the trials, as well as what the future might hold in life. It might be a good idea, from the beginning, to start working with God to discern His will in life and in our church...as a relationship with God grows the clarity of His call increases in what we should think, say and do; what our role and part in His plan to offer salvation to the world through His Son Jesus Christ. This discernment conversation is carried out by the power of the Holy Spirit who connects us and brings us into relationship with God.

I pray that this time becomes not only part of a daily routine but a blessing to all of us in life. This relationship we are going to be working on is what is going to carry us through this life into the next. I have no doubt that everyone who makes a relationship with God a priority and earnestly makes the effort to instilling or renewing a devotional time in their daily life will experience the inspiration found in being and actually seeing oneself as a beloved child of God.

In Christ,  
PJ

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### *At A Glance (Continued),*

ON a personal note, I would like to thank everyone for accepting me as the new Finance Chair, after much prayer I have accepted the offer. The Goal here is to be a loving giver! We have **TO** 1st accept that everything we have belongs to God and we are only Stewards of what he gives us for the short time we are here. This is hard for some and easier for others to do. Because all that we have belongs to God, our goal in using that which belongs to him is to Glorify Him.

*Steve Humphrey, Finance Chair*

## February Administrative Meetings

Monday February 10th

6:00– Finance

7:15– Church Council

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.

## February Schedule for Wednesday

Confirmation Class & Bible Study

Confirmation - 6:15 p.m.

Shrewd Book/Bible Study class - 7:00 p.m.

Check out the Life of the Church in the Weekly Bulletin for updated information on place, subject, etc.

## Parent/Play Group News



Play Group will be meeting February 12 & 26 (at the church in the former nursery room) at 10:00 a.m. All parents and little ones are welcome!

Newsletter content deadline: 20th of the month

# February 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8:00 Traditional 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Rock'n Praise 11:45 Youth Group	3 4	5 6:15 Confirmation 7:00 Bible Study	6 7	7 8	Pastor Jeff's Day Off	10:00 Workout Group 7:00 Casual Worship
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Special thanks to Tony & Diane Anderson for preparing the mailing of the December newsletters.

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## Youth Group News

The Youth Group has started a new message series at the beginning of 2014. The new series is called "10 Minute Talks," by Jonathan McKee. The series has dozens of topics, which blends Biblical passages with real-life events that will resonate with the senior and junior high youth. Youth Group meets on Sundays at 11:45 am.

CUMC youth are part of the 10+ Churches that participate each year in the mission trips with Sidekick Missions. The mission trip this year will be to Dallas, TX, on July 12 - 20. The fee per participant is \$475, which is the same fee that has been in place for the last several years. The Youth Group has been fundraising, and will have a better sense of how many youth are planning to be on the trip soon. The initial payment is due March 1st. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

Also, youth group is continuing with That's My Pan sales through 2014. Orders can be placed with a youth group member or online at [thatsmypan.biz/frwi10167](http://thatsmypan.biz/frwi10167). This website is for our fundraising. There is no payment option on the website--customers must give the money to a youth group member. Cash or checks made out to CUMC Youth Group.

*Eugene Uehling*, Youth Group Coordinator

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## Pasty Dates for 2014

March 8th and 22 and September 6th and 20th. Prep would be done the Friday before. If anyone would like to order a pasty, call Cherie Uehling at 965-4569 and leave a message with how many you would like, and for which date. There will be a noon or 4pm pick up time.

*Cherie Uehling*

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## Blue Box Helpers Wanted

The office is looking for someone to organize and refill the children's activity box each week. It only takes about 15 minutes and involves making new copies of coloring sheets, loading up clipboards, refilling/re-rolling the crayon rolls, and discarding used paper.

There is a sign-up sheet near the box. If you could help out, please put your name down. Becky Mootz can give you more instructions.

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## Outreach News

On January 21 we had our first committee meeting discussing the current outreach missions in the church. The ministries covered were Food Pantry, Meals for New Mommies, PJ's & Popcorn Movie Nights, Women's Dinner & Movie Nights, the annual Car Show, and the Christmas Giving Tree. We discussed what is working with each of these outreach activities and what areas need some help or church support. We saw many of the same areas come up multiple times and we hope to be addressing those soon. We want to make these ministries easier for the people who are currently managing them and offer more support where it is needed.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 18 at 6:00 p.m. in the Serenity Room. We will be working on a budget to fund some ministries that need financial support and compiling numbers from ministries that currently get funding. If you have a ministry that you work with that wasn't listed above and you want to share how it is going, feel free to stop in to or next meeting!

Katrina Gleason, Outreach Chair

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## Retired & Re-Fired Small Group

The Retired and Re-Fired group met on January 13. It was great to be together again after not meeting since before Christmas. We shared our progress on our winter projects, and brainstormed ideas for 2014 projects.

When we meet on January 27 we will go over our list of brainstormed ideas and select our projects for the year. We have some really great ideas.

Join us in 2014. We will meet on the second and fourth Mondays at noon in the Serenity Room. Bring your lunch and join us. February's meeting dates are the 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

Betty Gleason, Retired & Re-fired Small Group



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



## Bell Choir

## Sunday School Music Notes



We have been having so much fun teaching music to the Sunday School Children on Sunday mornings! Thank you so much everyone for your hard work learning the songs on the CD that we see home. If you don't have a CD please see JoAnn Meyer or Dawn Gobrecht. Our performance schedule is as follows:

- Sunday, February 2nd: Children's Handbell Choir
- Sunday, February 16: Children's singing

We hope to see everyone there! Thank you for supporting the Children's choirs!

Dawn Gobrecht & JoAnn Meyer



## Trustees News

The trustees have assigned once again assigned liaisons to different areas of the church. If you notice something wrong physically with the church than please speak with the person in charge of the area.

Lauren Ray - Narthex

Terri Hicks - Grounds

John Walker -- Parsonage, Mason Building

Rich Brown -- Sanctuary

Charles Searles -- Entire First Floor

We will be utilizing the cork board in the Narthex for a different purpose now. The church seems to be struggling with volunteers stepping forward to help with common tasks at the church; changing bulbs, shoveling snow, etc. We feel it is due to people not really knowing what needs to be done. On the cork board we will be putting up note cards with different everyday tasks that need to be done. Please take one of these note cards at any time, perform the task, then write your name on the card with an idea on how long it took. Place this in my mailbox. This will help us track the things that are done at the church and figure out about how much time it would take to hire someone to do that task.

We do not have an update on waterproofing the parsonage basement at this time. The study committee is working on this. Also, we will not have an update on the church renovation project until the next newsletter. Stay warm!

*Jeremiah Diedrich*— Trustee Chair



## Women's Small Group

This small group meets on Monday mornings at 9:00 a.m. at Sarah Santiago's home at 7354 County Road U. We are a group of women who fellowship together and lift one another up in prayer. Children are welcome! Right now, we are working on a series called Serendipity 101: Coping with Stress. Each week we have a Bible study that goes along with our readings. We would love to have you join us! If you have any questions, please see Sarah Santiago or JoAnn Meyer for more details. Hope to see you on Mondays!

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## 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.

The next parent meeting is Tuesday, February 4 at 6:00 p.m.

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## Food Pantry Giving

We collected 14 cans of tuna for January, as well as 13 cans of infant formula.

For the month of February we are collecting canned meals  
(such as beef stew, Spaghetti's, etc.).

We will be collecting these until  
February 20.



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

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**2014 Super Bowl of Stewardship 2/1/14 \*\*\*REGISTER TODAY\*\*\***

Presented by the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation, the Super Bowl of Stewardship is an excellent opportunity to bring the stewardship or finance teams from your church to learn some of the theology and how-to basics of Church Stewardship.

At this seminar you will:

1. Get tools and tips for writing a 3-5 year stewardship plan
2. Learn the top ten things to do now in stewardship
3. Determine which annual campaign may be best for your church
4. Discover why and how to prepare a narrative budget
5. And much more!

All this plus lunch for only \$12 per person! Any group of four or more from the same church or charge is only \$40 total!

**BONUS DEBT WORKSHOP!** You may use this session for your personal growth or pre-view it for use in your congregation. This workshop replaces the afternoon portion (1:00-2:30 PM) of the Stewardship Seminar. There is an additional \$8 charge for this workshop.

**WHERE: Black River Falls UMC WHEN: Saturday, February 1, 2014 9a-3p**

**\*\*\*Please mark your calendars now for two winter workshops\*\*\***

**CLERGY TAX WORKSHOP**

Monday, January 27, 2014 9:30 am – 2:00 pm

Room 204 of the Conference Center in Sun Prairie

The snow date is Tuesday, January 28 and the cost is \$6.00 for lunch. A postcard will be sent in early December.

**You can register by:**

a) Returning the card

b) visit: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4EA9AF22AB9-clergy4>

The Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation's Clergy Tax Workshop is designed to assist you in the preparation of your 2013 Federal and Wisconsin State Income Tax filings. Betty Mennenga, a tax consultant with Mennenga Tax & Financial Service will facilitate. Feel free to bring your tax returns, which you can finish filling out during the workshop.

Along with the clergy tax workshop is another workshop for both clergy and laity:

**FREED UP FROM DEBT WORKSHOP**

Sunday, January 26, 2014 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Monday, January 27, 2014 from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

The cost for these workshops is \$8.00 for materials. These workshops will be held in the Foundation Conference Room, Suite 305 of the Conference Center, 750 Windsor Street, Sun Prairie, WI 53590. If you are needing a hotel we suggest the Quality Inn & Suites in Sun Prairie [http://www.qualityinn.com/hotel-sun\\_prairie-wisconsin-WI191?](http://www.qualityinn.com/hotel-sun_prairie-wisconsin-WI191?source=gglocaloz)

[source=gglocaloz](http://www.qualityinn.com/hotel-sun_prairie-wisconsin-WI191?source=gglocaloz) .

You do not need to attend the clergy tax workshop to attend this workshop. No sharing of personal financial information takes place – however, please bring the details of any debts. Spouses are encouraged to attend.

**2014 Spring Grants Available!**

For over 30 years the Foundation has been offering grants to help creative projects and ministries get off the ground. Application deadline is February 3, 2014. To view or download the current Grant Application and Grant Guidelines visit [www.wumf.org](http://www.wumf.org).

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## Fitness Day at CUMC

Sunday February 2nd will be **Fitness Day** at Centenary UMC. Anyone and everyone is welcome to come to church worship services in fitness apparel or work out clothes. Following the 10:15 a.m. service a personal physical trainer will be holding a **Healthy Lifestyle Information Session** in the downstairs Fellowship Hall giving a general overview of how to live a healthier lifestyle and treat our bodies the way God calls us to. Feel free to invite friends and members of the community to this blessed opportunity.

Be sure to mark Fitness Day on your calendar, wear your gear and come to worship God and then take care of our bodies as part of God's call to us as a disciple of His Son Jesus Christ.

Ed Santiago

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## Memorial News

Through the generous donations of the families of Fran Matl, Doris Hodge, and Bob McCoy, the following items have been provided for our church:

- ~sanctuary keyboard
- ~multi-tracks program (recorded musical instruments that are used to supplement/enhance live music performed during worship services)
- ~two handbell sets used by the Children's Bell Choir
- ~12 pew Bibles and 20 children's Bibles (two of which were donated to the McCoy Public Library)
- ~video camera (used in the sanctuary)
- ~laptop (used for worship services)

Thank you to these families for their thoughtful and generous memorials in 2013.

Memorial gifts, large or small, enable our church to provide many special services and items that we otherwise can't afford.

Joy Redfearn and Mary Gensler

## February Birthdays

1 Allen Kraus	13 Tony Anderson
2 Diane Anderson	13 Delvon Tregloan
2 John Walker	13 Dalton Wotnoski
3 Gary Weiskircher	15 Brad Mootz
5 Sandy Hittenmiller	19 Matt Gensler
5 Leigh Lierman	19 Grady Poppy
5 Xandria Olson	20 Glenn Matl
7 Lori Kudronowicz	20 Tessa Schwartz
7 Tucker Schmid-Cox	22 Bill Scott
7 Mark Russell	23 Joshua Meyer
9 Jennifer Berendes	23 Jonathan Weiskircher
11 Jerry Nielsen	25 Chris Wurtzbacher
12 Jacob Meyer	28 Todd Ubersox
13 Paige Hauser	



## February Anniversaries

6	Pat & Betty Gleason
14	Tom & Emily Martin
20	Rich & Janet Harker

## February

### Missional Giving

Mission money collected this month will go to the Warm Hearts Fund.

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.

## February Worship

February 1 & 2

**Coming of the Word into the World**

John 1: 14

February 8 & 9

**Testimony of John the Baptist:**

John 1: 15

February 15 & 16

**The Word Reveals the Father**

John 1: 16-18

February 22 & 23

**Hannah Diedrich**

## *A New Women's Bible Study*

A new women's bible study will be beginning on February 5th! Join us on Wednesday evenings beginning at 6:30 in the fellowship hall. We will be studying the fruits of the spirit. Class will be approximately 2 hours in length. There are daily readings and questions that go along with this study. When we meet on Wednesday evenings, we gather for study and watch a DVD teaching by Beth Moore, one of my very favorite biblical teachers. If you would like to join this bible study, please let JoAnn Meyer know at [the8jfamily@yahoo.com](mailto:the8jfamily@yahoo.com), on facebook, in person or by phone at 965-4576. Study books to go along with the class are \$16.00, but if there is a financial concern, just let us know and it will be covered for you. Hope to see you on Feb. 5th!



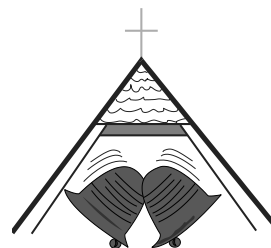
## *Bingo at the Manor*

If you like to play bingo, then come to the Lafayette Manor in Darlington on February 5 and play Bingo from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.





# The Chimes



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

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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## PJ's & Popcorn Family Movie Night

Our next PJ's and Popcorn Family Movie Night will be on **Friday February 28th!** We'll meet in the fellowship hall at 6:30 p.m. to watch a 2nd despicable movie.... (Hope that was enough of a hint!) Wear your most comfy Jammies, and we'll make the popcorn! See you on the 28th!

JoAnn Meyer

### **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.*