# The Chimes



Centenary United Methodist Church



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Greetings,

I recently was driving past an intersection where several years ago my Mustang experienced a total alternator failure. The failure was sudden. There were no symptoms that anything was wrong until moments before the complete loss of everything electrical in the

car. Once the alternator was gone, however, the car was dead in the water.

I can see parallels in my experience with the alternator and life in general. Sometimes events happen in our lives with little to no warning. Suddenly everything gets thrown off and we are no longer traveling the road that we thought that we would. When these events of life happen we are faced with choices. We can respond in anger, we can respond with hope, we can choose to look at the bright side, we can operate from a position of doom and gloom. The thing that is true of them all is that we choose.

One of the things that I try to make sure that I get across to the youth is that it is rare that anyone or anything can really make you do something (I'm not talking about laws or taxes or things of that nature but rather whether or not certain emotions take over our lives). Ultimately we choose. If someone or something does something that is upsetting to us, we choose whether we will dwell on that action and let it ruin our mood or day or we can choose to let it go. The choice is ours. Do not be a captive of your own emotion. Choose hope. Trust that we have a God who will be there with us in the midst of whatever is occurring in our lives. We can rely on God and there is nothing that is greater than that.

Until Next Time,

Pastor Stanton





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

# Centenary UMC at a Glance

### June Statistics

Total Offering:			
(regular offering, not earmarks)			
\$1,603			
1,099			
1,776			
1,302			
1,437			

	Attendance:	Weekly
(Sat 7, Sun 9 & 10	0:30, Wed 6:30)	Totals
June 1 & 2	13, 31	44
June 8 & 9	8, 33	41
June 15 & 16	12, 26	38
June 22 & 23	13, 37	50
June 29 & 30	9, 21	30



CHURCH OPERATING EXPENSES DON'T GET
TO TAKE A SUMMER VACATION...PLEASE REMEMBER TO SUPPORT CUMC WHILE YOU
ENJOY YOUR SUMMER.

# Upcoming Events



There will be Confirmation Orientation meeting on Sunday, August 18, following 9:30 a.m. worship (approx. 10:30 a.m.) for the 2019-2020 year. Any child grade 7-12 who hasn't already attended confirmation is invited! Both the

youth and a parent should attend this meeting. We will share the schedule for the year as well as have parents sign up to be a helper for one or more sessions (depending upon number of students).

## Children's Clothing Exchange

Exchange your children's outgrown clothing for clothes that fit!

Sponsored by Lafayette County Home and Community Education (HCE)

### Here's how:

- Gather up your children's outgrown clothing that is clean and in good condition. (Newborn through teen sizes.)
- Drop off your clothing to the lower level of the church on Thursday, August 22 between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. (or see sign in narthex for other locations)
- Go to the lower level of the Town Bank in Darlington on Saturday, August 24 between 9:00 a.m. and noon to select your clothing AT NO CHARGE. All the clothing collected throughout the county will be in this one location.
- No outgrown clothes to contribute? That's okay. You may still select clothing at the Town Bank between 9:00 a.m. and noon.
- Want to contribute but don't need clothes in return? That's okay, too. Simply bring your clothing to any collection site.

Backpack Blessing Sunday, August 25 9:30 a.m. service

Another new school year just on the horizon, and that means it's time for another Backpack Blessing! Bring your backpacks to church on Sunday, August 25 to receive a special blessing for the school year as well as a tag to tie on to your bag.



# Meetings and News

August Administrative Meetings Monday, August 12



7:00 - Church Council



# Wednesday Night Dinner E Worship

Summer worship schedule change: Due to low attendance, Wednesday night services have been postponed for the remainder of the summer. They will resume, along with Wednesday night meals, in September.



# Youth Group News

Calling all youth grades 6-12! For the months of July & August we will meet once a month — watch the newsletter and Facebook for updates. Bring your friends, and we'll see you there!

August Outing: TBD

Youth Group Leaders & Volunteers





As a subcommittee of the CUMC Outreach Committee, we try to stay in contact with our college students and active military. We periodically send them letters and small gifts from our church. Since school will be starting soon,

we need to make sure we have current addresses. Parents, we need addresses for your college students and active military service members, especially those leaving home for the first time. Please contact the church office with updated information.



# Retired & Re-Fired Small Group

It was a joy to celebrate our 6th Birthday by hosting Coffee Fellowship on July 28.

At our August meeting we will discuss what we will be doing for the upcoming year.

We meet on the second and fourth Mondays at noon in the fellowship Hall.

This month's meetings:

Monday, August 12 — Celebration of our birthdays and anniversaries. Lunch will be provided.

Monday, August 26 — Bring your own lunch; drink will be provided.

Betty Gleason, Retired & Re-Fired Small Group Leader





# Christian Education News

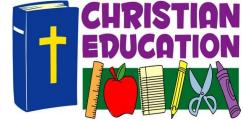
Sunday school is on summer break, but we wanted to let everyone know that there will be a meeting on Sunday, August 4 at 10:45 a.m. for anyone interested in teaching, volunteering, or helping in any way this upcoming Sunday School year. We are also looking for a Coordinator this year, so if you feel called

please contact Pastor Stanton or the church office.

Look for registration forms to come out in August.

If you have any questions please contact the church office for more information. We hope to see you there.

Christian Education Staff







# Sunday Coffee Fellowship

If you are willing to bring snacks for fellowship between the two Sunday services, and following the 10:30 service, please sign up on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary or contact the church office at 965-3455. A fund has been established to help defray the costs—just let the office know if you need to access these funds.

# Vacation Bible School Recap

Vacation Bible School 2019 was an intergalactic trip this year!! The weather was

amazing, and the kids were very energetic! The Vector Verse was from Ephesians 3:20, "Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask for or imagine by his power at work within us!" The theme was "To Mars and Beyond" where we learned that God's love travels to multiple planets and galaxies. The voyagers responded to the phrase "To Mars and Beyond" with multiple different Power Launchers including: "Go



with multiple different Power Launchers including: "Go Beyond with Faith," "Go Beyond with Boldness," "Go Beyond with Kindness," "Go Beyond with Thankfulness," and "Go Beyond with Hope!"

We learned many stories from the Bible: Daniel Trusts God in the Lions' Den, Queen Esther Takes a Stand, The Good Samaritan Helps a Fellow Traveler, Jesus Heals 10 Lepers, and Jesus Comforts Friends on the Way to Emmaus. The children also had robot-shaped snacks and created crafts to go along with the stories they learned that day. Recreation was held outside where the voyagers were able to run around and play games relating to space. Lastly, the children went to the science station where they made their own robots, slime, rockets, balloon starships, saw how light bends, worked with static, and learned how to defy gravity! My mom and I are so grateful that VBS was a success again this year and hope it continues to succeed in the years coming!

With Love,

Cherie and Sadie Vehling





Float in the July 4th parade

### **Church Council Meeting**

May 13, 2019 Minutes

**Present**: Pastor Stanton, Mary Gensler, Art Finnigan, Lois Finnigan, Mike Cherry, Jamie Roberts, Tara Teasdale, Becky Upmann

Agenda:

1. Opening Prayer: Stanton led us in prayer and read a devotional prayer.

### 2. Church Council Chair Report:

 This is a proposal that I would like to submit to the Trustee committee and to the Church Council. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the Trustees meeting on 5/22 so I would like to present it tonight.

I believe that some improvements in our sanctuary video and audio system can enhance our worship experience and provide another connection with home bound members of our congregation as well as countless others in the community.

I think we need a second screen in the back of the sanctuary so the people who are presenting will know what is being displayed on the screen behind them without turning around. I think this will aid in the presentations and may even lead to more visual aids being used. This may serve to help the presenters communicate thereby enhancing worship.

I would first propose that we place a large screen monitor or TV on top of cabinet in the back of the sanctuary and connect it to the PC so that the Power Point will be simultaneously projected in the front and the back. I feel that a 65-inch TV would be suitable although a 72" might be better however the cost 72" seems to be much higher than the 65".

Second, I would like to see that at least one service per week should be audio recorded and that recording be placed on the CUMC website for access by anyone, but especially our home bound members who for whatever reason can't physically get to Church. I know that the existing computer is capable of this now, but we may need to purchase a newer one to do a better job. I would like to see the recording uploaded to the website immediately following the service. I believe this could easily be done by the IT person prior to shutting down the system after the service.

I think that these improvements can be done at a minimum cost as follows: 65" TV - \$479 (Amazon) a 72" TV -\$879 to \$3,799 (Wal-Mart) **Art will purchase** Wiring for TV - \$16.99 for 25 feet of HDMI cable (Amazon) **Art will purchase** Laptop Computer \$300 to\$700 **Church will purchase and have installed** 

I would like to see this done soon and I believe it can be completed quickly. If this is approved, I am willing to take ownership of this project and follow it through to see that it happens. I probably will need to get help from people who can do some of the things that I can't do, but I will cross that bridge when I come to it. Thank You for your consideration of this project.

Voting: Mary-Yes, Lois-Yes, Art-Yes, Jamie-Yes, Stanton-Yes, Becky-Yes. All in favor. Art will take this to Trustees for their approval.

3. Secretary's Minutes: Motion made by Mike Cherry to approve the, Second by Jamie Roberts. All in favor. Minutes were approved.

4. Pastor Report: Pastor Stanton's Report for the month of May 2019

Initial Visits: 0 Committees & Council: 2 Follow-Up Visits: 2 Conference Related: 2 Hospital: Community: 2 Communion: 3 Classes Taught: Member & Prospect: 5 1 Counseling: Youth Events: 2 Worship Services: 11 Other: 1 Nursing Home: 1 TOTAL: 13 Other: 5 24 TOTAL:

Conference Year to Date:
Vacation Days: 5
Vacation Sundays: 1
Sabbatical Sundays: 1
Year to Date:
Sick Days: 0
Funerals: 2
Weddings: 0

Sabbatical Sundays: 1 Weddings: 0 Continuing Education: 0 Baptisms: 0

New Members Received: 0

Conference Related & Other day long events: 2

**Professional Expenses:** 

Total Miles: April 72 @ standard IRS rate (.58) \$41.76

Pastor's Report May 2019

Report on current ministries

Wed. Bible Study

Coffee and Conversation (looking for time and place)

Confirmation (May 19<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m.)

**Mission Guatemala** 

**Nursing Homes** 

Worship services

**Future Ministries** 

Thank you, dinner or lunch, for farmers (fall)

Once a month evening bible study

Organized service opportunities

Men's and/or Co-Ed retreat (men's retreat coming fall 2019)

Hop 'pin Theology (beginning June 6, 2019)

Leadership Time

### 5. Committee Reports:

**Nurture** (Now includes the following committees: TLC, Christian Education, Youth Group, Retired & Re-fired Group, Fellowship Group)

<u>Sunday School</u>- They wrapped up Sunday School for the year. The Song they sung went very well. Everyone loved the video that was played. VBS will be July 22-26 this year.

Youth Group- They went to a movie; they had a very good discussion on it. They had a nice meeting Last night.

Retired & Re-fired Group- They met today. They will be doing their study on Psalm 23 still. They will be celebrating their Birthday on July 6.

<u>Fellowship Group</u>- They had a good Easter Breakfast turnout. They did a Funeral Luncheon for the Patrows.

### Outreach-

<u>Food pantry</u> – They got their new freezer.

<u>College & Military</u>- They made 15 cards for the college & Military ministry and sent them out.

### Trustees-

Meeting is set for Wednesday May 22 after Worship Service. However, I (Jon Gobrecht)
have decided that with my busy schedule I am resigning from the trustee chair effective
immediately. I do not have the time it takes to effectively put forth this committee's needs.
Thank you for allowing me to serve the church.

**SPRC-** no one to report **Memorial:** nothing to report

### **Finance Report:**

- Will send our 10% tithe apportionments to the conference.
- Went over reports and statements
- Discussed stewardship ideas for getting people to church

Next Meeting June 10 @ 7pm.

Submitted by Becky Upmann

# Going Above and Beyond as Stewards of CUMC



# Food Pantry Giving

We collected 19 items for July! For the month of August we are collecting condiments canned Tuna. Distribution will be on Thursday, August 15.

# August Missional Giving



Mission money collected this month will go to **Shulls-burg PTA Anonymous Closet.** This closet provides personal care items for students in need. The money given will help them purchase supplies and items.

werychild.onevoice 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.



# Youth Group Mission Trip Update

For more than a decade, Centenary UMC has partnered with SideKick Missions on annual youth mission trips. SideKick Missions' destination this year was Washington, DC. Ninety-five youth and adults from 12 United Methodist churches in Wisconsin headed to Hopkinsville, Kentucky, from June 22 through 29.

Sadie Uehling, Joleeza Rice, and Eugene Uehling represented CUMC on this trip. It was two days of travel to Kentucky, and just one day on the return. The bus company provided relief bus drivers on the return, who took over in Janesville. The mission trip volunteers slept in the First UMC in Champaign, Illinois, on the way to Kentucky, and the Christian County Middle School was our host for our stay in Hopkinsville.

SideKick Missions divided the volunteers into 10 crews, with the adult leaders all having knowledge of the work that was to be done at their worksite. The full scope of projects at these 7 worksites included painting, roofing, retaining wall repairs, cement work, and brush removal. Sadie and Joleeza were on the Smurfs Crew. As the Chair of the SideKick Missions Board of Servants, Eugene worked with the leadership crew on a variety of tasks throughout the week. Youth share their "God sightings" each night at worship. The SideKick Praise Band plays each night, at worship. Friday is a "fun day" with educational and tourist opportunities.

The Youth Mission Trip has a major fundraiser each fall: greenery and wreath sales before the holiday season. The Youth Group will be finalizing details on this year's fundraiser soon, and orders will be available for pick up at CUMC on the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Thank you to all who support this fundraiser!

It is so rewarding to see how these mission trips make such an impact on all the volunteers. These trips could not happen without your support, and it would be great to see more youth on future trips!



# From Our Parish Nurse.....

### **August is National Immunization Awareness Month!**

Each year in August, National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM) provides an opportunity to highlight the value of immunization across the lifespan. People of all ages are encouraged to protect their health by being vaccinated against infectious diseases. Most young parents in the U.S. have never seen the devastating effects that diseases like measles or whooping cough (pertussis) can have on a family or community. It's easy to think of these as diseases of the past. But the truth is they still exist. Many vaccine preventable diseases are only a plane ride away. For example, measles is still common in many parts of the world. The disease is brought into the United States by unvaccinated travelers who are infected while in other countries. When measles gets into communities of unvaccinated people in the U.S. (such as people who refuse vaccines for religious, philosophical or personal reasons), outbreaks are more likely to occur.

### For Children:

Vaccines give parents the safe, proven power to protect their children from serious diseases. Parents can provide the best protection by following the recommended immunization schedule giving their child the vaccines they need, when they need them.

- \* Babies receive vaccinations that help protect them from 14 diseases by age 2. It is very important that babies receive all doses of each vaccine, as well as receive each vaccination on time.
- \* After age 2, children are still recommended to receive a yearly flu vaccine and will be due for additional vaccine doses between 4 and 6 years of age.

Getting all of the recommended vaccines is one of the most important things parents can do to protect their children's health. If a child falls behind the recommended immunizations schedule, vaccines can still be given to "catch-up" the child before adolescence.

When children are not vaccinated, they are at increased risk for disease and can spread disease to others in their play groups, child care centers, classrooms and communities – including babies who are too young to be fully vaccinated, and people with weakened immune systems due to cancer and other health conditions.

**Preteens and teens** are at risk for diseases like meningitis and HPV cancers and need the protection of vaccines to keep them healthy. Vaccines are recommended for preteens and teens because:

- \* Some of the childhood vaccines wear off over time, so adolescents need shots to stay protected from serious diseases like tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough).
- \* As children get older, they are at greater risk of getting certain diseases like meningitis, septicemia (blood infection), and infections that can lead to HPV cancers.
- \* Specific vaccines, like HPV vaccine, should be given during the preteen (11 to 12) years because they provide more protection when given at that age.

\* HPV is short for human papilloma virus. There are more than 40 HPV types that infect human mucosal surfaces, mostly the genitals and mouth/throat. Although most infections will go away naturally, some infections that don't go away can cause cancers in men and women.

Preteens need the HPV vaccine now to prevent HPV cancers later in life. About 79 million people in the U.S., most in their teens and early 20s, are infected with HPV. About 14 million people become infected every year.

- \* CDC, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Academy of Family Physicians strongly recommend HPV vaccination at ages 11 to 12 for the best protection against HPV cancers.
- \* For teens who have not started the series at 11 or 12 years, it's not too late. It is still beneficial to get the vaccine as soon as possible during the teen years

### Adults:

Every year, thousands of adults in the U.S. needlessly suffer, are hospitalized, and even die from diseases that could be prevented by vaccines. All adults should get vaccines to protect their health. Even healthy adults can become seriously ill, and can pass certain illnesses on to others. Immunization is especially important for older adults and for adults with chronic conditions such as asthma, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), diabetes or heart disease.

Immunization is also important for anyone who is in close contact with the very young, the very old, people with weakened immune systems, and those who cannot be vaccinated. All adults should get the influenza (flu) vaccine each year to protect against seasonal flu.

Every adult should also get the Td or Tdap vaccine once if they did not receive it as an adolescent to protect against pertussis (whooping cough), and then a Td (tetanus, diphtheria) booster shot every 10 years.

In addition, women are also recommended to get the Tdap vaccine each time they are pregnant, preferably at 27 through 36 weeks.

Adults may need other vaccines – such as shingles, pneumococcal, hepatitis, HPV – depending on one's age, occupation, travel, health status, vaccination history, and other risk factors.

Vaccines are thoroughly tested before licensing and carefully monitored after they are licensed to ensure that they are very safe. Vaccines are among the safest and most cost-effective ways to prevent disease. They not only protect vaccinated individuals but also help protect entire communities by preventing and reducing the spread of infectious diseases.

Currently the United States has the safest, most effective vaccine supply in its history. The country's long-standing vaccine safety system ensures that vaccines are as safe as possible.

### Resources:

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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

Marlene Stewart, RN, MSN, PN, WCC (608) 293-1193

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



- 1 Laura Scott
- 1 Emma Rodriguez
- 2 Pat Gleason
- 3 Ian Unbehaun
- 5 Ronda Pedley
- 6 Dennis Grace
- 6 Maria Townsend
- 6 Brandon Hoev
- 9 Amber Capp
- 11 Debbie Gierke
- 11 Sara Gierke
- 11 Floyd Tyson
- 12 Heidi Sigwarth
- 12 Emma Strang
- 13 Brett Gill
- 13 Brock Gill
- 13 Brenda Johnson

- 13 Steven Isenhart
- 15 Lisa Cockroft
- 15 Jason Hauser
- 15 Wanda Wood
- 16 AnnMarie Stewart
- 17 Dan Stoddard
- 18 Bob Edge
- 18 Patrick Harker
- 18 Sam Moyer
- 18 Tammy Scott
- 19 Kess Starr
- 21 Cassidy Gleason
- 21 Fred Gustafson
- 21 Jared Reuter
- 22 Cody Groskrechz
- 24 Preston Martin
- 24 Lindsey Poppy

- 24 Robert Unbehaun
- 24 Tamara Ihus
- 25 Randy Gill
- 25 McKinley Russell
- 26 Lisa Diedrich
- 27 Katrina Gleason
- 27 Dawn Gobrecht
- 27 Sarah Santiago
- 28 Ed Gierke
- 29 Weslyn James
- 29 Kaylee Kudronowicz
- 29 Larry Teasdale
- 29 Sally Blackbourn
- 31 Shelley Brown
- 31 Paige Russell
- 31 Tim Strang





- 5 Jake & Barb Teutschmann
- 11 Erik & Lori Kudronowicz
- 15 Brett & Karen Bode
- 18 Scott & Ronda Pedley

- 25 Travis & Brittany Lyne
- 28 Matt & Angie Sandlin
- 31 Steve & Kathie Schwartz

# August 2019

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25 9.30 Blended Worship Service & Backpack Blessing	26 Noon Retired & Re-Fired	27 Pastor Stanton's Day Off	<i>28</i> 9:00 Bible Study w/Pastor Stanton	29	30	31 7.00 Casual Worship



Summer Schedule

Saturday Evening Lay-Led Worship Service at 7:00

Sunday Morning Blended Worship Service at 9:30

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### 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."