



THE CENTENARIAN

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Centenary UMC,

As we approach the month of February, we look forward to joining together to experience the journey of Lent, the 40 days leading up to the celebration of Easter. Please know that it is monthly that worship, fellowship, and educational gatherings are being evaluated as to how soon we may return to gathering in person once again. Please note that your committees of the Ad Council, along with the committees of nurture, worship, and missions, are working to ensure that Valentines and Lent will have reminders and offerings from the church to hold our Faith Community in focus and together until it is safe for us to gather in person again. Please look throughout the newsletter for listings and opportunities.

I want to thank you as a congregation for the leaders and members of the committees which you elected at the last Charge Conference. In this addition of the Centenarian, you will find a complete listing of the Ad council, along with the members of each committee.

The Ad council in 2020 and this far in 2021 has been meeting monthly to evaluate the missions and ministries of the church as well as the return to in person worship, study, and fellowship. The members of the Ad Council are to be commended for their hard work.

The Discipline of the United Methodist Church states the Ad Council purpose: ¶ 252.1. *Purpose* - The **church council** shall provide for planning and implementing a program of nurture, outreach, witness, and resources in the local church. It shall also provide for the administration of its organization and temporal life. It shall envision, plan, implement, and annually evaluate the mission and ministry of the church. The church council shall be amenable to and function as the administrative agency of the charge conference (¶ 244).

Along with the purpose in the Guidelines for Effective Leaders in the United Methodist Church it states that all leaders possess these qualities in being effective leaders in their churches:

"Effective leaders share several traits. They listen actively to ideas, concerns, or suggestions and express God's love by showing compassion for others through word and deed. They are servant leaders who can both share the work and delegate responsibility. Good leaders are aware of their own gifts and abilities. At the same time, they can recognize the gifts of others and are willing to step aside to let them use their gifts and abilities. They attend to their own spiritual growth and discipleship. In leading meetings, they engage in Christian conferencing and develop agendas that include ample time for biblical reflection, prayer, singing, and so forth."

However, I love that the United Methodist church sets the precedent that all leaders which are asked to be on Ad Council, chair a committee, or sit on a committee are first and foremost to be Spiritual leaders who do this through speech and action. Christian spiritual leaders practice regular worship attendance, small group participation, Bible study, and regular generous giving. These practices are essential for committee members.

At Centenary UMC we are fortunate to have people who uphold both their baptismal vows, their church membership vows, and strive to be the spiritual leaders for the vital missions and ministries of Christ and His Church. We thank them for the time and talents which they have already shared and pray for their upcoming year of service.

However, each member of the congregation has an important role to play. We all must pray for one another, and we must be unified in working together Christ through Centenary UMC.

It is going to be exciting to see how God leads us forward in 2021. I know it will be exciting and challenging, but also vital and fruitful.

Thank you to each person who is serving this year, and for the congregation which support their time, talents, gifts, service, and witness.

Ephesians 2:10:

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared before hand, that we should walk in them.

This is our purpose and path as we follow God's plan in prayer.

What a blessing 2021 will be! Thanks be to God!

Take care and God bless,

Kelley

From the Worship Committee

The Worship, Missions, Membership Nurture and Outreach Committees are working very closely with the AD Council to continue finding ways to be the church even though we can not be in the building. We anticipate, that due to the Covid-19 virus and possible bad weather in the winter months, we may not be back in the building until after the Lenten Season. We can still to be the "Church" just in vastly different ways.

Here are some of the upcoming plans:

February 7th

Drive-Thru Communion – on this day we will be giving out Valentine's/Lenten Bags. If you cannot make it to the church that day we will do a Doorstep Drop Off. Just give the church a call someone will bring it by, leave on your porch and call to let you know it is there.

February 17th

Ashe Wednesday Drive-Thru Ashes – You may also pick up your Lenten bags at that time.

March 7th

Drive-Thru Communion with the Stations of the Cross displayed around the outside of the church building. Please keep in mind that just like our world things are constantly changing but God's love and grace will always be there for us. In the building or outside the building we can always be the hands and feet of Jesus and show that love to our neighbors.

In His Service,
Betty Durham



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1.	2. 10:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Bible Study (last one) 7-9:30pm James Esterline (sanctuary) practice	3. 10:00am-3:00pm Kelley Conf. on Zoom	4. 1:00pm Recording Worship Service	5.	6. 10:00am Sole to Soul workday in Fellowship Hall
7. 1-2:00pm Drive-thru Communion 2:00pm Finance Meeting	8.	9. 7-9:30pm James Esterline (sanctuary) practice	10.	11. 1:00pm Recording Worship Service	12.	13.
14. Valentine's Day 	15.	16. 7-9:30pm James Esterline (sanctuary) practice	17. Drive-thru Ashes on the Go 8-10:00am, 12-1:00pm & 5-6:30pm	18. 1:00pm Recording Worship Service 7:00pm Centenary Starlight Book Club	19.	20.
21. 2:00pm SPRC Meeting in the Narthex	22.	23. 10:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Bible Study The God we can know, by Rob Fuquay (6 weeks) 7-9:30pm James Esterline (sanctuary) practice	24.	25. 1:00pm Recording Worship Service	26.	27.
28 1:00pm Ad Council Meeting						

If you failed to get your 2021 pledge card in the mail cut and mail to the address provided.

Centenary United Methodist Church 2021 Commitment Card

I plan to give \$_____ Weekly ☐ Monthly ☐ Yearly ☐

My 2021 CUMC Annual Pledge Total: \$_____

Please contact me to set up recurring giving (via autodraft). ☐

I cannot give an estimate at this time but will continue to give generously as I am able. ☐

Name (please print): _____


Email: _____ Phone: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____


For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.
Jeremiah 29:11

Centenary United Methodist Church, 2300 W. Friendly Ave., Greensboro, NC 27403

Thank you for your generous support of the mission and ministries of Centenary United Methodist Church!



*Drive-Through
Ashes Wednesday
on the go
February 17, 2021
8-10:00am, 12-1:00pm and 5-6:30pm*



COMMUNITY CLOTHES CLOSET
Free clothing for those in need.

The Clothes Closet is closed at this time and will not be accepting donations due to COVID-19. We will let you know when this changes.

Ad Council

On February 28 at 1:00pm there will be a Ad Council meeting by Zoom.

SPRC

On February 21 at 2:00pm the SPRC Committee will meet in the Narthex so that we may social distance.

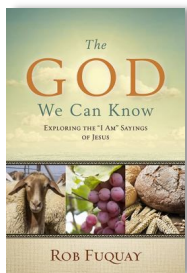
Finance Meeting

On February 7 at 2:00pm there will be a meeting of the Finance Committee in the Fellowship Hall so that we may social distance.

DRIVE-THROUGH
Communion and Prayer

Sunday, February 7 from 1-2:00pm

On Sunday, February 7 from 1:00-2:00 PM, come to receive the elements and blessing as we celebrate World Communion Sunday. You will not need to get out of your car. You will drive in under the portico in the back of the church, receive your elements, and blessing. Come, let us celebrate the Lord's Supper together.



New Lenten Bible Study: *The GOD We Can Know By Rob Fuquay*

Exploring the "I am" sayings of Jesus

When: Tuesday Mornings @ 10:00 AM and Tuesday Evenings @ 6:30 PM

Where: via zoom

Dates: February 23-March 30, 2021 (6 weeks)

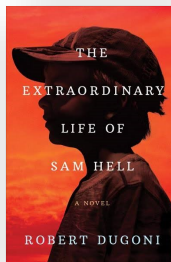
Getting to know God means getting to know ourselves. The more we know who God is the more we know who we are. The Gospel of John records several declarations of Jesus known as the "I Am" sayings. This 6-week study is designed for the entire congregation to explore each of those sayings and will help you find and form an answer to the most essential question in the Christian faith, "Who do you say I am?"

One by one, Jesus' statements grab our imagination, reveal more about his identity and purpose, and connect us to the God of Moses, who spoke the first "I Am." These significant yet ordinary images (bread, light, shepherd, vine, and more) give us insightful ways to experience Jesus and point us to a God who wants to be known.

The books are available at the church and the cost is \$10.00. Make checks out to CUMC and write on the memo line Lenten Bible Study.

The Peanut Gang

As of January 1 Leith Singletary has been selected as the new President of CUMM, also Paul Jones is the new chairman of UMM peanut project. Note: the January sales were excellent and we look forward to a banner year. We welcome any additional volunteers to help service customer stores or label new stock when received monthly. I would like to thank all of the present workers for their time and service to this project.



Centenary Starlight Book Club

On Thursday, February 18 we will be discussing, The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell by Robert Dugoni

Where: via Zoom

When: 7:00pm

Sam Hill was born with ocular albinism, red pupils. Children called him "Devil Boy". No one would accept him as a playmate, Even the Sisters of the school where he attended were almost afraid of him. He was finally accepted by a Black boy his age and they became the best of friends all their lives. Sam was extremely smart. He excelled in all classes. He was bullied all through school. He became an eye doctor, He left America and became an eye doctor in a foreign country. But his true friends stuck with him all through his life. (less)

Valentines day word search

U	W	E	G	K	N	I	W	T	C	A	N	D	Y	U	A
R	A	T	S	W	E	E	T	R	F	Y	C	P	C	R	K
F	K	G	M	A	H	O	L	N	T	A	U	A	S	A	D
L	E	D	L	O	V	E	P	K	V	G	P	S	Z	X	A
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L	A	C	H	O	C	O	L	A	T	E	D	W	E	A	F
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H	U	G	S	F	I	T	F	U	D	A	D	A	M	M	L

Love
Cupid
Hugs
Kisses

Heart
Gift
Arrow
Sweet

Candy
Flowers
Chocolate
Valentine





Prayer Concerns

If you have a prayer concern or praise, please contact the church office at 336-299-9643, or call Kelley at the parsonage. Let us know if the concern may be shared with the congregation.

The Prayer Chain has received requests to pray for the following people:

Alex Williamson, health issues. **Diane Stanley's friend, Jean Kearn died, keep her family in your prayers.** **Scott Stanley**, having mouth surgery on February 21. **Prayers for our sweet 100 year old Lucille Crawford**, she tested positive for Covid. **Susan Carrick** health issues. **Susan Carrick's niece's husband, Allen**, who feel off a roof. **Nancy Carrick**. **Phoebe Swing**, is home. **Ann Hennings** is home. **Corey Marion**, esophageal cancer. **Barbara Blackman's sister, Dorthey Wessels.** **Peggy Bowles.** **Don & Clara Ellis, Trudy Sillmon, Rachel Sheppard, and Pat Stevenson.**

Also, many are dealing with anxiety, stress, depression, and loneliness due to COVID-19. Please put it upon your heart to offer all people the grace which God offers all. Prayers for our country during this transition.

Our Condolences to Rev. Oliver Helsabeck and daughter Elizabeth in the death of Susan, wife & mother, on January 26.

Our Condolences to Jimmy & Ken Overbey in the death of their mother Ann Overbey on January 22.

Our Condolences to Ann Hennings in the death of her husband Ed Hennings on January 21.

Our Condolences to Nina Stowe and Sonny Robinson in the death of their Aunt Peggy whom we have been praying for.

Sole to Soul Workday

We will be having a Sole to Soul workday on February 6 at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall to put blessing, Lent, and Valentine bags together



Quarantine Cooking-Cookbook Share you favorite recipes and help with our DR fundraising, and get the entire recipe booklet for your contribution! Suggested donation of \$5/recipe included or submit 5 for \$20. You can submit your recipes to Libby in the office along with your check. Deadline extended to 2/15/2021.

The Centenary Care Team

The Centenary Care Team has been put in place to help us stay better connected to your needs and prayers. We thank those who have volunteered their time to make the phone calls and send cards, and we pray this has enhanced our lines of caring and communication. If you have not been contacted by the Centenary Care Team and you would like a phone call, contact Kelley Groce at 336-299-9643.

Prayer & Offering Support

Thank you for continuing to support the church with your pledges, tithes, and offerings! Mail your donation to: CUMC, 2300 W. Friendly Ave., Greensboro, NC 27403

Use your bank's bill pay feature and set-up payments through your account. Or, you may use our online giving platform, SubSplash. Directions for online giving can be found on our website

www.CentenaryUMCGreensboro.org. Use your credit card to make a one time donation, or set-up weekly or monthly giving.

Coming into the Church

If you need to enter the church building, to pick something up or drop something off, we ask that you please wear a mask and use hand sanitizer or antibacterial wipes on door knobs and surfaces that you touch. If you have any questions call the church office at 336-299-9643 and leave a message for Libby Boggs.

Financial Update

Year-to-Date Giving/Expenses—Ending 1/31/2021

Revenues \$ 27,950

Expenses \$ 21,593

Profit or (Loss) for 10 months (\$ 6,357)

Unrestricted cash available for operations: \$111,149



I wish to thank you for the gift basket and for being so loving, caring during my sickness.

Love,

Dot Frye

MONTHS WORD SEARCH



L X T W E F Q F L V S N
S M A Y K R J U L Y U O
E Y J U N E M M Q X N V
P C Y F E B R U A R Y E
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JANUARY
FEBRUARY
MARCH

APRIL
MAY
JUNE

JULY
AUGUST
SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER
NOVEMBER
DECEMBER

Zoom Sunday School

We have Sunday School via zoom each Sunday at 10:00am. Dave Blackman, and Carolyn Townsend are the teachers. Here is the Zoom link to join on any Sunday.

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/82563138861?](https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/82563138861?pwd=bEd5U1FwYzZtNkdZVWJRM2pwbW5Cdzo9)
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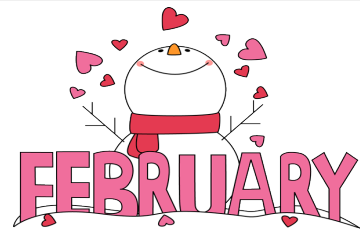
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(Chicago)

From your Staff

Happy Valentine's Day



- 1st Nelda King, Milton McFarland
- 3rd Austin John
- 7th Betsy Wampler
- 9th Carry Mullins
- 11th Allison Skenes
- 13th David Baugh, David Sillmon,
Barbara Wolf
- 14th Jim Kinard
- 15th Katherine Holman, Bob Smith
- 16th Ann Atchison
- 17th Rob Hurin, Peggy Boles
- 18th Libby Boggs
- 21st Charles Wisekal
- 23rd Peggy Harris
- 25th Jim Turnage
- 27th John Pugh, Noah Demmitt,
Jennifer Slaine
- 28th Susan Lee, Cynthia Michael



February Word Search

B G R O U N D H O G C L O V E
V L F E B R U A R Y P W I N T
A L A B L A C K H I S T O R Y
L O F C V E R U W A S H I L S
E V E R K W A S H I N G T O N
N S B R H H X P Y R N P A E O
T V H P R E S I D E N T S Z W
I A K A C W A D X A K P E A L
N L S W D O L R D Q Y Z C R J
E L I N C O L N T A C A N D Y
S N E G C T W E Q S Y N E M O



February	Hearts	Black History (Month)
Groundhog (Day)	Candy	Leap Day
Shadow	Lincoln	Winter
Valentine's (Day)	Washington	Snow
Love	Presidents' (Day)	Cold



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Our Mission:

To experience God's life changing love and take God's love into the world.

Our Vision:

To be a church where everyone is involved in ministry.



Gifts for the Budget: January 1-31

In Honor of Don & Clara Ellis
Betsy Briley

In Memory of Jim Adams
Jack Cole
Coak & Nancy May

In Memory of Chris Puckett
Harold & Linda Billings
Coak & Nancy May
Jimmy & Diane Stanley

In Memory of Carol Faulkner
Jack Cole

In Memory of Frank York
Jon Glazman
The Educational Foundation

In Memory of Rev. Joseph Hau
Joseph J. & Susan Hauser

In Memory of Brent King Mabe
Madeline Hodge

Call 1-336-270-2202
to hear our latest sermon



How to receive the Sermon:

To view the sermon on the computer and to print the bulletin please go to our webpage at

www.CentenaryUMCGreensboro.org. The page will come up and you will see that it is divided into three categories with the picture of the church in the background. Click on the link which says - Worship.

You will then find the link for that week's sermon and bulletin.

It may not be on the front page of the webpage; you might have to click on the link for Worship first.

You may also call [1-336-270-2202](tel:1-336-270-2202) to listen to the sermon by phone.

Please call Libby Boggs at the church office 336-299-9643 should you have any questions or concerns.