

The Centenarian

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Centenary UMC,

Victor Borge once stated: "A smile is the shortest distance between two people".

God knows a lot regarding the power of placing a smile on one's face. The Psalmist wrote regarding the positive effects on one's life by having not only a positive attitude, but also a smile on your face which reflects your heart.

Psalm 119:135 "Smile on me and teach me your laws."

Psalm 31:16 "Make your face shine on your servant; save me in your steadfast love!"

Psalm 4:6 "Many people say, "Who will show us better times?" Let your face smile on us, LORD."

Proverbs 17:22 "A joyful heart is good medicine, but depression drains one's strength."

Proverbs 15:13-15 "A glad heart makes a happy face; a broken heart crushes the spirit. A wise person is hungry for knowledge, while the fool feeds on trash. For the despondent, every day brings trouble; for the happy heart, life is a continual feast."

I was reminded of this as David and I helped our daughter, Meredith move into her apartment at Wake Forest University. We had worked for several hours and it was time for us to go eat lunch. We went to one of the dining halls on campus which is referred to as "The Pit". A woman was there to swipe the dining card. Meredith informed us that her name is Darlene. She smiles brightly at each student when they come into the dining hall and refer to every student as "her babies". I watched her as we ate our lunch, and it was true, as each student came in, she smiled and offered a word of hospitality and positivity.

As we were leaving the dining hall, I went over to her. I thanked her for being such a bright shining spot in the lives of these students far from home. During our two-minute conversation, she smiled, laughed, and threw me three kisses.

I pray that I am a Darlene to people. I witnessed that she had a pride in her job, a joy in her heart, a love of people, and I suspect a faith within.

There are many things here at Centenary UMC for which we can smile about and experience the joy. Our faith in Jesus is our number one reason.

As we head into to the events, studies, lessons, fellowships, and missions of the Fall with Centenary UMC, may we follow Darlene, and lead with a smile on our faces as well as in our hearts.

Shalom,
Kelley



Inside this issue

From the Pastor	1
UMM	2
UMW	2
Bible Study	2
Sermon Series	2
Friendship Club	2
Meetings & Events	2
9/11 Worship Service	2
Women's Retreat	3
Book Club	3
Habitat Letter	4
Mission & Outreach	4
Project AGAPE	4
CROP Hunger Walk	5
Church Picnic	5
September Birthdays	5
Pumpkin Patch	5
Community Concert Series	6
September Calendar	7
Financial Update	8
Memorials & Honorariums	8
Thank You	8

Important Dates

09/03	Fall Bible Study
09/07	Women's Retreat
09/08	Church Council Meeting
09/10	Fall Bible Study
09/10	Friendship Club
09/11	Worship Service 6:30
09/14	Community Breakfast
09/14	Clothes Closet
09/14	Sole 2 Soul
09/17	Fall Bible Study
09/19	Book Club
09/25	UMAR Dinner

United Methodist Men

- ◆ Centenary United Methodist Men recently gave \$500 to the building fund at Siloam United Methodist Church, 2380 East NC Hwy 47, Denton, NC 27239. On December 18, 2018 they lost their historic church building to a fire.
- ◆ The United Methodist Men invite everyone to attend their **Steak Dinner on Friday, October 4 at 6:30 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. Please call the church office 336-299-9643 to make a reservation. \$10 per person, payable at the door.

United Methodist Women

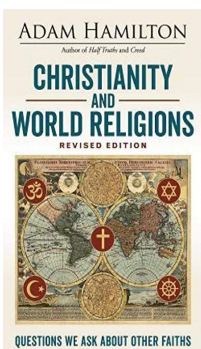
The Centenary UMW Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 3 at 10:00 AM in the Conference Room

The UMW have two Fellowships that will start back up in September. All Centenary women are invited to join!

Stanley Fellowship—will meet on Monday, September 9 at 6:30 PM in the Parlor. They meet the 2nd Monday of each month (Sept-May).

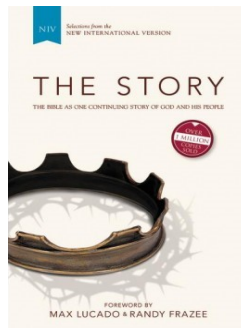
Daiber-Pruitt-Albright Fellowship—will meet Monday, September 16 at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. They meet the 3rd Monday of each month (Sept-May).

Any questions? Call Debra Schlueter at 336-707-4213 or email aikdeb30@gmail.com.



Bible Study

Our Bible study in September & October will be Christianity and World Religions by Adam Hamilton. The course will begin on September 3 on Tuesday's with the option to attend at 10:00 AM or 6:30 PM. We will have some guest speakers and a couple of field trips to other places of worship as a part of our experience. The book is available for purchase through the church office or at the first class on September 3. Please pray about being a part of this meaningful study.



Sermon Series

On September 8 we will start the sermon series The Story. This will be a 31 week series which takes us through the Bible from Beginning to End, focusing on the story of God throughout the Scriptures. Each family or individual has been gifted a copy of The Story. Please let the church office know if you or your family have not received one yet.

Friendship Club

Friendship Club will resume September 10 at 12:00 noon.

We have a great line up of programs! Friendship Club meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month (Sept-May). Call the church office to make your reservation 336-299-9643. Lunch is \$8 and payable at the door. Checks made payable to Friendship Club.

September — The Minister's Music Quartet from Lawndale Baptist Church

October — Storyteller Sylvia Eaglon from High Point

November — James Shields is coming to talk to us about the Underground Railroad of Guilford College

December—We will enjoy the music of the season.

September Meetings & Events

UMW Board Meeting—September 3 at 10:00 AM

Ad Council Meeting—September 8 at 12:00 PM

UMW Stanley Fellowship—September 9 at 6:30 PM

Friendship Club—September 10 at 12:00 PM

Community Breakfast/Clothes Closet—Sept. 14 at 8:00 AM

Sole 2 Soul—September 14 at 10:00 AM

Daiber-Pruitt-Albright Fellowship—Sept. 16 at 10:00 AM

Book Club—September 19 at 6:30 PM

UMAR & Churchwide Dinner—September 25 at 6:00 PM

9/11 Worship Service

May we never forget the lives that were lost and the lives that were forever changed by the attacks of September 11, 2001. The attacks killed nearly 3,000 people from 93 nations. 2,753 people were killed in New York, 184 people were killed at the Pentagon and 40 people were killed on Flight 93. **Join us for a very special worship service at Centenary United Methodist Church at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary on September 11, 2019.**

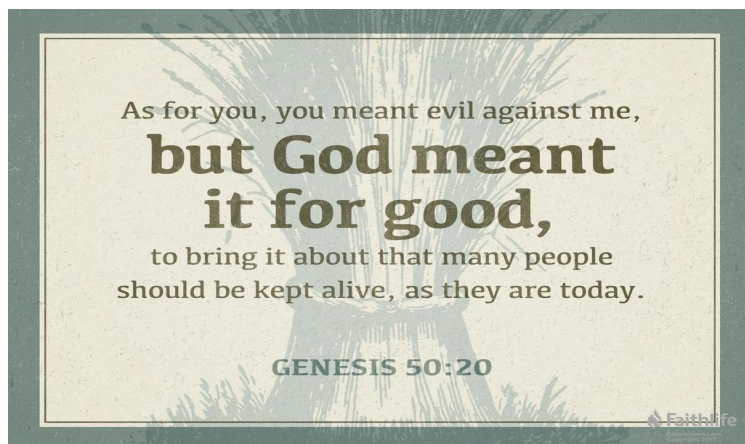


Centenary United Methodist Church will host a **Women's Mission Awareness Retreat** on Saturday, September 7, 2019 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The topic for this retreat is **"Sex Trafficking and the Impact on Our Community"** and will feature two gifted speakers, as well as a hands-on project to go to Triad Ladder of Hope.

Speakers:

- Sandra Johnson, founder of Triad Ladder of Hope - a 501 (c)3 non-profit faith-based organization, is dedicated to eradicating the exploitation, sale, and enslavement of men, women, and children.
- Renee Hayes is the Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women's Membership, Nurture and Outreach Chair. She is past WNCC UMW Social Action Chair and previously was the Northern Piedmont District Social Action Chair.

Women from around the Piedmont are invited to attend, learn more, and raise awareness regarding sex trafficking in our neighborhoods. Ladies of Centenary UMC, please invite your neighbors and friends! Pre-registration is required by calling the church office at 336-299-9643 or through the website www.CentenaryUMCGreensboro.org. Cost is \$10 per attendee and includes a light breakfast and lunch, registration, and a monetary donation towards this mission. Registration is payable at the door.



Centenary Starlight Book Club

The Starlight Book Club will meet **Thursday, September 19 at 6:30 PM at Lucky 32 to discuss Jodi Picoult's A Spark of Light.**

A powerful and provocative new novel about ordinary lives that intersect during a heart-stopping crisis.

The warm fall day starts like any other at the Center—a women's reproductive health services clinic—its staff offering care to anyone who passes through its doors. Then, in late morning, a desperate and distraught gunman bursts in and opens fire, taking all inside hostage.

After rushing to the scene, Hugh McElroy, a police hostage negotiator, sets up a perimeter and begins making a plan to communicate with the gunman. As his phone vibrates with incoming text messages he glances at it and, to his horror, finds out that his fifteen-year-old daughter, Wren, is inside the clinic.

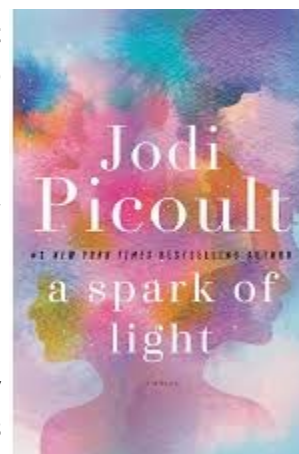
But Wren is not alone. She will share the next and tensest few hours of her young life with a cast of unforgettable characters: A nurse who calms her own panic in order save the life of a wounded woman. A doctor who does his work not in spite of his faith but because of it, and who will find that faith tested as never before. A pro-life protester disguised as a patient, who now stands in the cross hairs of the same rage she herself has felt. A young woman who has come to terminate her pregnancy. And the disturbed individual himself, vowing to be heard.

Told in a daring and enthralling narrative structure that counts backward through the hours of the standoff, this is a story that traces its way back to what brought each of these very different individuals to the same place on this fateful day.

Jodi Picoult—one of the most fearless writers of our time—tackles a complicated issue in this gripping and nuanced novel. How do we balance the rights of pregnant women with the rights of the unborn they carry? What does it mean to be a good parent? A Spark of Light will inspire debate, conversation . . . and, hopefully, understanding.

October 24 - Greensboro's One City, One Book – Born A Crime by Treavor Noah

November 14 - Lost Roses by Martha Hall Kelly





George and Estelle Cranford and Centenary UMC honored by Habitat for Humanity of Greater Greensboro

Centenary's annual Mother's Day Plant Sale benefiting Habitat for Humanity Greensboro celebrated its 29th year this past Mother's Day weekend! George and Estelle Cranford came up with the idea while visiting another church plant sale 30 years ago, and the rest is history. Over the past 29 years the sale has raised over \$130,000 for Habitat Greensboro! While volunteering at this year's sale, Habitat Board member Joy Brown was so moved by the Cranfords and Centenary's dedication to this long standing support of Habitat that she decided to honor them through Habitat's recently launched Adopt-A-Lot campaign. In an effort to help cover the cost of land for each new Habitat home, Habitat is asking donors to consider "Adopting A Lot" for \$10,000. Once Joy found out the proceeds from this year's sale were \$4,194 she made an additional gift of \$5,806 to bring the total to \$10,000 to designate an "Adopt-A-Lot" in honor of the Cranfords and Centenary UMC. Please join us to celebrate the Cranfords, our church and all who have helped contribute to the success of the plant sale over the past 29 years at a church service this fall. The date is yet to be determined.

From the very beginning the Cranfords decided the proceeds from the sale should support a community non-profit and together with Centenary's missions team they chose Habitat for Humanity of Greensboro. Centenary church members have faithfully supported the sale with countless loyal volunteers over the years who help set up the tents, water the plants, assist customers, cook hotdogs and burgers, and do whatever it takes to make the plant sale a huge success. Each year, they see so many repeat customers who look forward to the sale and often come back 2-3 times during the sale to purchase more plants for their gardens. The Smith Family who own Mendenhill Farms has been supplying all the plants on consignment for the past 26 years and have been instrumental to the success of the sale as well.

George has only missed working at one plant sale due to surgery, and Estelle has been at every sale to share her expertise and love of all things that bloom and grow with the customers. Estelle says she especially loves interacting with all the people and George enjoys adding up each customer's

purchases (always in his head, NEVER with a calculator!) and conversing with everyone. Attending Habitat home dedications has always been a highlight for the Cranfords as they see the fruit of all the work that goes into the plant sale become a blessing of stability and hope for a family who is able to purchase an affordable home. We look forward to the 30th Annual Plant Sale next Mother's Day weekend!

- Marian Ragsdale, Senior Development Associate
Habitat for Humanity of Greater Greensboro

Mission & Outreach Opportunities

- ♦ **Community Breakfast** Volunteers are needed to cook, set-up, clean-up, and fellowship with our guests on Saturday, September 14 from 8:00-10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Robin Garner at (336) 964-2474 or robinsongbird057@yahoo.com
- ♦ **Clothing Closet** from 8:00-10:00 AM on Saturday, September 14. Help is needed the day of distribution of clothing and a few days prior to help organize. Contact Adele Singletary for more information at 336-272-3919
- ♦ Saturday, September 14 from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM, following the Community Breakfast and Clothing Closet, join us in the Fellowship Hall for Sole 2 Soul! We will be assembling the **Project Agape Christmas Boxes** for the children of Armenia. Or you can help around the church with various painting projects or yard work.
- ♦ **Greensboro Urban Ministry** Please continue to support Greensboro Urban Ministry with your donations of non-perishable food items. Collection bins are located throughout the church.
- ♦ **Support Community Breakfasts or UMAR Dinners**
Your contributions are always greatly appreciated!!



Project AGAPE for September will only be collecting until 9/12/19, because Sole 2 Soul is on September 14 when the shoeboxes will be assembled. Sterilite Plastic shoebox size boxes are needed, as well as small soft toy (no buttons or eyes) for Infant-2 years; small ball, car, doll, toy or game for 3-6 year old; stuffed animal, toy or game for 7-12 year old; or small tool set (set of screwdrivers), toy or game for 13-18 year old. Bring your donation to the church office on Sunday or during regular business hours 8:30-4:30 Monday-Thursday.

The Greater Greensboro CROP Hunger Walk is a 5k (3.1 mile) community event that raises funds to fight hunger. The walk is the fifth largest CROP Hunger Walk in the nation. Since 1981, our walk has raised over \$5.7 million to fight hunger. Twenty-five percent of the funds raised goes to Potter's House Community Kitchen at Greensboro Urban Ministry, with the other 75% going to Church World Service to meet human needs and foster self-reliance in countries world-wide.

Sunday, October 6, Centenary UMC members and friends will join with hundreds of others for the annual CROP Hunger Walk. The walk begins at the Greensboro Coliseum at 2:30 PM. Register online at <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/greensboronc/Account/Register> or sign-up this Sunday in the Narthex and join the Centenary UMC Team! Once you are registered, ask your friends, family, and neighbors to sponsor you with a financial donation. They may make their contribution online or you may collect checks.

Can't walk, but want to help? Sponsor the Centenary UMC Team or individual walker by making a donation online <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/Donate> or by writing a check. Make checks payable to "Greensboro CROP Walk" and give it to the individual you want to sponsor, drop it in the Secure Correspondence box by the church office, or mail it to Centenary UMC, 2300 W. Friendly Ave., Greensboro, NC 27403.

T-Shirts are available to Centenary UMC Team Members at \$6 per shirt. Be sure to sign-up in the Narthex. Checks for T-shirts can be made payable to CUMC and note "T-shirt" on the memo line. Order early, quantities are limited! Lisa Bunch will contact you when they are available for pick-up.

September Birthdays

1st	Susan Carrick and Robin Garner
2nd	Martha Proffitt, Chris Bagwell and Linda Lucas
3rd	Fred Phillips and David Groce
4th	Waynette Goodson
5th	Polly Bowman
6th	Roxanne Skiver
8th	Jacob Tadros and Deborah Morgan
9th	Dawn Long
10th	Chris Puckett
11th	David Coley, Mallory Rothrock and Griffin Herman
12th	Mary Ann Smith, Wyatt Peterson and Sarah Horn
16th	Jane Norman
21st	Shari Saunders
23rd	Martha Nell Rives
24th	Lorene Eaton
25th	Brice Sillmon, Caroline Robinson, and Joshua Pace
27th	Grayson Rothrock, Brenda Wilson and Bobby Vereen
28th	Mildred Rives
29th	Bill Deuterman



Pumpkin Patch

It's almost Pumpkin Patch season at Centenary! The Boy Scouts will be selling pumpkins on the front lawn of Centenary beginning Saturday, October 12. Pre-schools and daycares will be invited to bring their young ones during the week to hear a story and pick out pumpkins. If you are interested in reading to these groups or helping to sell pumpkins, please contact Alex Hurin at 336-457-0130. This fundraiser will support the Boy Scouts and Centenary UMC.



Church Picnic

Thank you to Abbie Samuel, Betty Durham, Robin Garner, and all the Nurture Committee members for a wonderful Church Picnic. The food was fabulous, the fellowship great, and Berry McGee was wonderful entertainment.



Centenary Community Concert Series

Sunday afternoons at 4:00 pm

October 13

Made at Centenary: The Ultimate in Locally-Sourced Music

James Esterline, pianist

Accessible music written at the very piano on which it will be played, this program consists of salon miniatures – preludes, valsettes, mazurkas, and the like – along with some esoteric takes on hymn tunes and a few substantial variation sets. A couple of transcriptions round out this traversal of the composer's works.

An alumnus of the Eastern Music Festival, James Esterline studied piano performance under George Kiorpes of UNC Greensboro in the course of obtaining his bachelor's degree in music, mathematics, and physics from Guilford College, before going on to complete doctoral study in nuclear physics at Duke University. Performing regularly both as soloist and accompanist, James serves as music director at Browns Summit United Methodist Church; he also teaches piano, privately in the Triad and the Triangle, and at Harmony Music School, a free lesson program for underprivileged children in southwestern Greensboro.

October 20

Euterpe Music Club is not officially part of the Centenary Community Concert Series, but everyone is invited to attend their performance by several musicians at 4:00 PM.

October 27

Music for a Great Cause: A Philharmonia of Greensboro benefit concert

Members of the Philharmonia of Greensboro

Members of the civic orchestra of Greensboro present a varied program of small-ensemble music and solos, ranging from Mozart violin sonatas and Chinese fantasies for harp to Klezmer bassoon quartets and contemporary Bostonian music for woodwind trio. Come and be enlightened – and entertained!

Founded in 1978 as the Greensboro Civic Orchestra, the Philharmonia of Greensboro is a program of The Music Center of City Arts (the visual and performing arts division of the City of Greensboro Parks & Recreation Department); operating under the direction of Peter Perret, it is a volunteer group of orchestral musicians, both non-professional and professional. There are approximately sixty members in the ensemble made up of strings, woodwind, brass, and percussion players. The Philharmonia performs between three and six concerts a season, including regular appearances in the OPUS and MUSEP concert series. The Philharmonia always welcomes new members!

November 3

Treasures Unearthed: An Airing of Forgotten Wind Quintets

**Cambiata Winds: Nancy Thurston, flute; Susan Kundert, oboe; John Walker, clarinet; Mary Sylvester, French horn; Caroline Shogry, bassoon
with James Esterline, pianist**

Cambiata Winds makes its second full Centenary Community Concerts appearance with another work (this time a wind quintet) by the long-overlooked German late-Romantic composer Theodor Blumer, as well as an arrangement of Debussy's *Petite Suite* for wind quintet. As a bonus, interposed between the two: the barnstorming Chopin of his *Grande Polonaise brillante*.

"Cambiata" is the word that indicates a changing voice. We are a classical woodwind quintet – at least, that's where we start. But we change our instrumental voices to suit the occasion, enabling us to play a wide range of literature for a variety of occasions!

November 10

Music for a Great Cause: A Harmony Music School benefit concert

Teachers and Students of Harmony Music School

We close our 2019 concert season with the consistent cuteness overload that is Harmony Music School's young students in performance; they will be joined by their teachers presenting a variety of styles ranging from classical to folk rock. Come and support the ministry in music that is Harmony's free lesson program!

Founded by local musician and music advocate Lyn Koonce, Harmony Music School is a non-profit, volunteer-based program based at Hinshaw United Methodist Church that provides free music instruction and instruments to children otherwise without access to the resources necessary to learn a musical instrument. Currently in its seventh full year, the school presently offers tuition in piano, guitar, and violin. Volunteers and gently loved instruments are welcome. Feel free to get in touch with Lyn at (336) 689-0233 or harmonymusicschoolgso@gmail.com.

SEPTEMBER 2019

Sunday Morning Worship

9:00 AM Modern Worship Service
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service

AA—Alcoholics Anonymous
DA—Debtors Anonymous
Al-Anon—Support for family & friends of AA
Compassionate Friends—Supporting families after a child dies
LIFT Luncheon—fellowship for individuals who have lost a spouse
TCS—The Covenant School
ACES—Guilford County Schools

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion Sunday	2 Office Closed 	3 Bible Study 10 AM & 6:30 PM UMW Board Mtg 10 AM AA 8 PM	4 Choir Practice 6:30 PM	5 DA 7:30 PM	6 Al-Anon 8 PM	7
8 Church/Ad Council Mtg 12 PM	9 UMW Stanley Fellowship 6:30 PM	10 Bible Study 10 AM & 6:30 PM Friendship Club 12 Noon AA 8 PM	11 9/11 Worship Service 6:30 PM	12 Sears Luncheon 11:30 AM TCS Parent Mtg 3:15 PM DA 7:30 PM	13 Al-Anon 8 PM 	14 8-10 AM Community Breakfast & Clothes Closet 10 AM to 12 PM
15	16 UMW Fellowship 10 AM	17 Bible Study 10 AM & 6:30 PM AA 8 PM	18 Kelley @ Friends Homes 2 PM Choir Practice 6:30 PM	19 ACES/GCS 8 AM Senior Pageant rehearsal 2 PM DA 7:30 PM	20 Al-Anon 8 PM	21 Senior Pageant 9 AM
22	23	24 No Bible Study AA 8 PM	25 UMAR Dinner 6 PM Choir Practice 6:30 PM	26 TCS Parent Mtg 6 PM Book Club 6:30 DA 7:30 PM	27 Al-Anon 8 PM	28 
29	30					

USPS 934-960

Published monthly by

Centenary United Methodist Church

2300 West Friendly Avenue
Greensboro, North Carolina 27403-1108

Phone: 336-299-9643

Fax: 336-299-0171

E-Mail: Lisa@CentenaryUMCGreensboro.org

Visit us online!

<https://www.CentenaryUMCGreensboro.org/>



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.

Periodical Postage

Paid at

Greensboro, NC

Gifts for the Budget: July 22-August 28

In Memory of Tom Hutchison:

Don & Clara Ellis
Mona Sartin
Bonnie Travis

Donations made to the James T Ensign Park

In Memory of Tom Hutchison
In Memory of Tommy Ensign
In Memory of Randy Ensign
In Memory of Angie Ensign
Rebecca Ensign and Steve Sartore

In Memory of Brent King Mabe on the anniversary of his death 7/30/15

Madeline Hodge

In Memory of Wilma Kay Johnson

Harold & Linda Billings
Coak & Nancy May
Jim & Brenda Wilson
Barbara Wolfe

In Memory of Doris Rousseaux

Bonnie Travis

In Memory of Esther & Brandon Drinkard

Bonnie Travis
Coak & Nancy May

In Memory of Jane Swindell

Coak & Nancy May

In Memory of Gwynn Lackey

Coak & Nancy May

In Honor of Ginny Taylor's 100th Birthday

Bonnie Travis

Thank You!

- ♦ A note of thanks to Betty Durham, Linda Billings, and Emily Lawing for their creative work on updating our bulletin boards in the Educational Building.

Financial Update

Year-to-Date Giving/Expenses—Ending 7/31/2019

Revenues \$177,419.59

Expenses \$218,007.30

(Loss) for 7 months (\$40,587.71)

Unrestricted cash available for operations: \$159,243 minus
\$20,000 moved in early August for operating expenses =
\$139,243 left in the Unrestricted Foundation Account