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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Centenary United Methodist Church Family and Friends,

But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day.

~ Proverbs 4:18

Arise, shine; for your light has come, And the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

~ Isaiah 60:1

Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

~ Matthew 5:16

In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

~ John 1:4

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that."

— **Martin Luther King Jr., A Testament of Hope: The Essential Writings and Speeches**

"May it be a light to you in dark places, when all other lights go out."

— **J.R.R. Tolkien, The Fellowship of the Ring**

"There are darkness's in life and there are lights, and you are one of the lights, the light of all lights."

— **Bram Stoker, Dracula**

It was a couple of weeks ago that I went into the Sanctuary for some quiet time of reading my Bible and praying. Though the sanctuary was filled with beautiful, natural light, my eyes were immediately drawn to a single, electronic candle which was still lit from the previous Sunday's service.

There were three candles on the Altar but that one caught my eye. The flicker of the fake flame.

I was struck by the many verses in the Bible which talk about the importance of light, and how we as disciples of Christ are commissioned to be the light of Christ in a hurting world.

The familiar phrase, there is light at the end of the tunnel, is becoming real to many as the world is reemerging from the Covid-19 pandemic.

We are gathering once again, we are in person worship and Bible Study, we can see one another smile. All of these are points of light in the world which we have missed over the past year.

Christ has and always will be our constant. In the darkness of evil, injustice, and oppression, he is there – a light to guide, affirm, challenge, comfort, forgive, and most importantly love us.

Through his Holy Spirit, which is illustrated in the Scriptures as "tongues of fire" are within each person as grace. Grace to be gifted to another, as well as received from another.

Mission is what we are eager to do. **We will have a Sole to Soul Mission Day, Sunday, July 18th.** We will make blankets for Pathways as well as blessing bags and plan other Mission's activities for the Fall.

The Bible study, Short Stories of Jesus Continue, as well as some important administrative meetings of the church.

Look for the Sunday School opportunities which will occur in July and August.

I want to end with a rather lengthy quote from Rev. Charley Reeb from his sermon, "A Light In the Dark".

"So where is God? He is right here, closer than our breath, tasting our tears, loving us eternally. Because we know that God is near, we can respond to these tragedies.

We can respond by showing the world the light of Christ that overcomes the darkness. Isn't that what Christmas is all about? John 1:9 (NIV) states, "The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world." The same light that was in Christ lives in each of us. "What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not over-come it" (John 1:3-5).

Do you know what these powerful words from the gospel of John mean right now? They mean when the world is at its worst, the church needs to be at her best! Where are the devastated people flocking to? The church! What other institution can offer hope, light, love, strength, and faith in the midst of tragedy? What other institution can do what the church can do? We are the light!

It is in the midst of tragedies like this that we must re-learn the lesson that we don't draw people to Christ by being judgmental, self-righteous, ecclesiastical, and spiritually arrogant. We don't draw people to Christ by telling others we are right, and they are wrong. "We draw people to Christ" said Madeleine L'Engle, "by reflecting a light that is so lovely and compelling that they want with all of their hearts to know the source of it."

The message is that God's light is stronger than the darkness, God's love is stronger than hate, and God's power is stronger than death. How will the world know unless we show them? We have a nation filled with broken and hurting people who are wondering, "Where is God? Is this all there is to life — killing, hate, violence, and bloodshed? Is this all there is?" How will the world know any different unless we show them the light? That is your job this week and that is my job this week. We are to take the light that is in here and carry it with us — to our workplaces, homes, neighborhoods — to the grocery stores and shops we visit. Let Jesus' light shine through you! If there is to be peaceful change in this world, it begins in each of us!

When Mister Rogers was a boy and saw frightening things in the news, his mother would say something very wise to him. She would say, "Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping." We need to do the same. We need to be encouraged by all the helpers. In fact, all the helpers should be a motivator for us to join them. Let us be the helpers! Let us be the light and show the world that the light of Christ is stronger than the darkness.

Haven't we seen so many amazing people who are sharing the light? What about Robbie Parker, the father of Emilie Parker who was killed in the Sandy Hook shooting? This wonderful man of faith had the courage to give a national interview. He spoke of the love and innocence of his precious daughter and how much he loved being her father. When a reporter asked how he was going to move on, he replied, "I'm going to move on by helping as many people as I can." Robbie Parker chose to let his light shine!

There was also first-grade teacher Kaitlin Roig who heard what sounded like the rapid firing of an assault rifle. "I knew something was wrong," she told ABC "World News" anchor Diane Sawyer. She rushed the fourteen children, aged six and seven, into the class bathroom. She helped some climb onto the toilet so they could all fit in the tiny room. Then she locked the door. "I just told them we had to be absolutely quiet," Roig told Sawyer. "If they started crying, I would take their face and tell them, 'I love you. It's going to be okay.' I wanted that to be the last thing they heard, not the gunfire in the hall."

When she said, "I told them I loved them," isn't that what God wants us to hear? Not the gunfire, but the love. Listen, even in our darkest hour of need God has us in his arms and he whispers, "I love you and nothing can separate you from my love." It is the strongest power in the world.

How do we respond? We do something that Jesus said to his disciples and it is something many of us have heard, but we are skeptical that it will really work. The truth is that it is the only thing that will heal our world. What is it? You know it. Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you" (John 13:34). This love is what will heal you, me, this country, and this world.

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it" (John 1:5)."

I am so very thankful that the light is gaining brightness daily.

Please know that my door is always open.

Grace and Peace –

Kelley

Summer Sunday School: The Chosen

For the first time ever, the greatest story ever told is being presented as a multi-season show. Digging deeper into the backstories and context of the people and events of the gospels, *Season One* of the #1 highest crowd-funded media project of all time introduces you to people such as Simon Peter, Nicodemus, Mary Magdalene, Matthew, and of course Jesus in a way never before seen on film.

Episodes:

- Disc 1
 - I Have Called You By Name (54:35)
 - Shabbat (38:57)
 - Jesus Loves the Little Children (30:27)
 - The Rock on Which it is Built (48:50)
 - Bonus: The Shepherd (Christmas Special) (20:59)
- Disc 2
 - The Wedding Gift (54:40)
 - Indescribable Compassion (51:55)
 - Invitations (37:10)
 - I Am He (59:31)
 - Bonus: A Message From The Director (3:56)

During the months of July and August, we are going to have one Sunday School Class gathering in the Fellowship Hall. We will watch an episode a week and have a time of lesson and reflection based on the episode viewed.

We will begin each Sunday at 9:45. Please note...

This will be a wonderful experience. I hope that all of you will take the opportunity to engage in this educational and faith experience.

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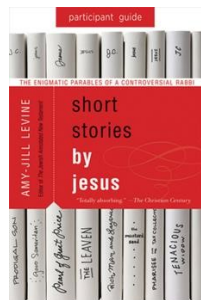
FOURTH OF JULY WORD SEARCH

Circle each word from the list in the puzzle. The words can go in any direction.

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Updated Summer Bible Study Series Scripture and Dates

Amy Jill Levine's book, **Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi**. **We will meet twice a month on Tuesday evening @6:30 in the conference room.**

The dates are as follows: July 13 (The Good Samaritan, Luke 10:25-37), July 20 (The Pearl of Great Price, Matthew 13:45-46), August 3 (The Mustard Seed, Mark 4:30-32), August 24 (The Widow and the Judge, Luke 18: 1-8) . If you are going to participate, please let Kelley know by the Monday before. I would also like to know from the group if you want to meet in person or via zoom. It is difficult to offer both, but want the way for most participation. Please let Kelley know your preference.

Calling all who want to learn about how to be a church of Radical Discipleship:

"Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom – Living into the Church's Moral Witness through Radical Discipleship."

Virtual UMW Mission u 2021

Spiritual Growth Study: Bearing Witness in the Kin-Dom: Living Into the Church's Moral Witness through Radical Discipleship

Study Leader: Rev. Amy Coles, Assistant to the Bishop, Western North Carolina Conference

Dates/Times: July 15-18, 2021 via Zoom

- Thursday, July 15 - 6:00pm - 8:00pm
- Friday, July 16 - 6:00pm - 8:00pm
- Saturday, July 17 - 10:00am - 1:00pm

Sunday, July 18 - 3:00pm - 5:00pm

Mission Study Description: In Jesus' own words, he came to bring good news to the poor, release the captives, restore sight to the blind, and to let the oppressed go free. What is the responsibility of the church to follow Christ's example in word and deed? While these times might feel particularly turbulent, society has always confronted the church with challenging issues where she has had to discern how God was calling her. The church's track record in these moments is far from perfect. The purpose of this study is to help the church and its members discern our call and bear witness to the will of God for a more just world.

You can purchase the study book for \$10.00 at either the [United Methodist Women Mission Resources Store](#), or [on Amazon](#).

Secondly:

Virtual UMW Mission u 2021

Issue Study: Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools (Overview)

Study Leaders: Laquetta Barbee and Renee Hayes

We look forward to our time together, August 1, 2021:

Sunday, August 1 - 3:00 - 7:30pm

You can purchase the study book for \$16.95 at [Amazon](#), (also available for Kindle).

Mission Study Description: Despite increased attention to the mass and over-incarceration of black men, the plight of criminalized black women and girls is overlooked, underreported and under analyzed. Monique W. Morris' *Pushout* shows how even with obstacles, stigmas, stereotypes and despair, black girls still find ways to breathe remarkable dignity into their lives in classrooms, juvenile facilities and beyond, and challenges the rest of us to do the same.

Anyone and Everyone can be a part of these opportunities. All are invited. **Centenary UMC Members will gather in the Conference Room during the above times to participate in the UMW Mission U Spiritual Growth Study together.**

Centenary Starlight Book Club



The Starlight Book club will resume at 6:30pm on Thursday, August 19, 2021 at Lucky 32.

August 19 we will be discussing, *The Sunflower Sisters*, by Martha Hall Kelly.

Ferriday's ancestor Georgeanna Woolsey, a Union nurse during the Civil War whose calling leads her to cross paths with Jemma, a young enslaved girl who is sold off and conscripted into the army, and Anne-May Wilson, a Southern plantation mistress whose husband enlists.

"An exquisite tapestry of women determined to defy the molds the world has for them."—Lisa Wingate, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Before We Were Yours*

Georgeanna "Georgey" Woolsey isn't meant for the world of lavish parties and the demure attitudes of women of her stature. So when war ignites the nation, Georgey follows her passion for nursing during a time when doctors considered women on the battlefield a bother. In proving them wrong, she and her sister Eliza venture from New York to Washington, D.C., to Gettysburg and witness the unparalleled horrors of slavery as they become involved in the war effort.

In the South, Jemma is enslaved on the Peeler Plantation in Maryland, where she lives with her mother and father. Her sister, Patience, is enslaved on the plantation next door, and both live in fear of LeBaron, an abusive overseer who tracks their every move. When Jemma is sold by the cruel plantation mistress Anne-May at the same time the Union army comes through, she sees a chance to finally escape—but only by abandoning the family she loves.

Anne-May is left behind to run Peeler Plantation when her husband joins the Union army and her cherished brother enlists with the Confederates. In charge of the household, she uses the opportunity to follow her own ambitions and is drawn into a secret Southern network of spies, finally exposing herself to the fate she deserves.

Inspired by true accounts, *Sunflower Sisters* provides a vivid, detailed look at the Civil War experience, from the barbaric and inhumane plantations, to a war-torn New York City, to the horrors of the battlefield. It's a sweeping story of women caught in a country on the brink of collapse, in a society grappling with nationalism and unthinkable racial cruelty, a story still so relevant today.



We would like to thank Sally Goins' family for the beautiful hydrangeas. They were planted for the family to honor Sally. This was one of her favorite flower. Enjoy there beauty.



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.

Bob Lane, (who was one of Centenary's keyboard player at our early service) was diagnosed with colon cancer June 17th and was scheduled for surgery June 21st. **Abbie Samuel**, eye surgery on June 24th. **Margaret Miller** health issues. **Robert Hemphill** will have surgery on July 1st. **Ann Murr**, challenging health concerns. **Jennifer Slaine. Dot Frye. Jeane Batten. Louise Woods**, Carolina Pines is now allowing visitors, Louise is in room 225 and would love to have visits. **Lori Johnson**, chemo treatments for breast cancer. **Sheridian Wacker**, health issues **Nina Stowe, co-worker's son, Malachi**, 9 months old with leukemia. **Trudy Sillmon. Keith Eller**, moved to Guilford Health Care Center for Rehab. **Kristy Carpenter, Betty and John Pugh's cousin**, cancer. **Susan Carrick. Nancy Carrick. Corey Marion. Don & Clara Ellis Rachel Sheppard. Aly Saunders. Judy Milligan. Rick & Libby Boggs. Anita Trumpler-Rich**

If you would like to send a card or email while Lori Johnson is staying with her son during her treatments.

Temporary address: Lori Johnson

6752 N.C. Hwy 65, Summerfield, NC 27358

Email address: Lorijohn28@hotmail.com



Ever though she has moved she will remain in our hearts!

Lindy Hutchison

Spring Harbor

1705 Kildare Farm Road

Cary, NC 27511

Thank you Jack Cole for the new Memorial Tree donation!

The Gift of a Memorial Tree



Advice from a Tree.

Stand tall and proud
Sink your roots into the earth
Reflect the light of your true nature
Be flexible
Remember your roots
Enjoy the view!



1st	Paul Jones, Addison Snider
2nd	Caroline Phillips
3rd	Bruce Harkins
4th	Mark Snider
5th	Steven Hennings, Noel VonGlahn
8th	Mary VonGlahn
9th	Hazel Perritt, R. David Blackman
10th	Sara Jones, Emily Lawing
11th	Rives Deuterman
13th	Mona Sartin
14th	Jim John
15th	Joann Martin
16th	Leith Singletary
18th	Louise Wood
19th	Hermann Daiber
23rd	Barbara Albright, Sonny Robinson
24th	Fran Williams
25th	Joel Phipps, Betty Shephard
26th	Maddie Clark
28th	Bonnie Bradham
31st	Thomas ile, Douglass Gilbert

Financial Update

Year-to-Date Giving/Expenses—Ending 6/30/2021

Revenues \$ 148,734

Expenses \$ 176,837

Profit or (Loss) (\$ 28,103)

Unrestricted cash available for operations: \$112,000

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.



Kelley received this letter and wanted to share it with the congregation.

Dear Rev. Kelley,

Enclosed please find a small contribution to Centenary UMC.

I trust the Lord continues to bless Centenary UMC and your individual congregants especially during this past year or more of the pandemic-and that you continue to be a beacon of light for Jesus Christ in your community!

In 1978 I was junior at UNC-Greensboro and while on a double date with friends just before Halloween, I took a pumpkin from your premises-most likely in an effort to impress a young lady. Over the years, I have occasionally thought of this theft-and while I believe that our Lord in His grace and mercy forgave me of this sin-I feel compelled to make amends and pay restitution to Centenary UMC for your loss some 43 years ago. I did try to factor any past value of money up to the present-using a generous interest rate, then more than doubling the present value. The funds are a small indication of my sorrow for your loss.

Thank you for your interest in this matter-and again I am truly sorry that it took way too long to make restitution and hopefully resolve this matter.

My prayer is that Centenary UMC continues to show the love of God and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ-as you minister to others in your community!

Blessings,

M. G. C.



During the months of July and August we are going to have Camp Meeting Sundays.

We are going to have more music taken from the old Cokesbury Hymnals, not much liturgy, and the Sermons based on some of the beloved hymns.

You may dress more casually if you would like.

I believe that you will enjoy this way of worship for the Summer.

Camp Meetings are a part of our United Methodist Tradition.

Let us see where the Spirit Leads us!



There will be a Finance Committee Meeting on July 11th at 2:30pm Conference Room.



The Missions Committee will meet on July 18th at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Soul to Sole

Sunday, July 18th


We will be making no sew blankets for Pathways along with Blessing Bags for the IRC. We will begin at 1:30pm after church in the Fellowship Hall. Hope to see you there!

Sunday Morning Worship

9:45 am Sunday School Fellowship Hall and by Zoom

11:00 am Camp Meeting Worship Sundays for month of July



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1.	2. Office Closed	3.
4. 	5. Holiday Office Closed	6.	7.	8.	9. Office Closed	10.
11. 2:30pm Finance Meeting Conference Room	12.	13. 6:30pm Bible Study in conference Room	14.	15. 6-8:00pm Virtual Mission U 2021 Via Zoom	16. Office Closed 6-8:00pm Virtual Mission U 2021 Via Zoom	17. 10:00am-1:00pm Virtual Mission U 2021 Via Zoom
18. 1:00pm Missions meeting Fellowship Hall 1:30pm Soul to Sole Fellowship Hall 3-5:00pm Mission Study Description Via Zoom	19.	20. 6:30pm Bible Study in conference Room	21. Newsletter Deadline	22.	23. Office Closed	24.
25.	26.	27.	28.	29.	30.	31.

Report from 2021 WNCC Annual Conference – Betty Durham

On June 12, 2021, the Annual Conference of the Western North Carolina Conference meet virtually as we did last year. As a Lay Delegate for Centenary, I was a voting member to the Conference, but Live Stream was available to everyone. I missed the “Lake”, but I also enjoyed watching from the comfort of my den. All reports are available on the Conference website at www.wnccumc.org and I encourage you to go to this site to see all the petitions and video explanations for why the petition was brought to the floor. All voting on these petitions were done electronically. The clergy had their meeting separately on June 11, 2021, and then were required to attend on June 12, 2021.

This was a business meeting because there are things that must be voted on at every Annual Conference as set by the General Conference of the United Methodist Church.

There were other things beside business one of which was the All-Conference Choir of which our own Edna Johnson is a member.

Here are some of the highlights from Conference but again I encourage you to go on the website to review the petitions, recommendations and enjoy some of the lighter moments.

- Celebrating the ministry of Bishop Paul and Janet Leeland
- Remembering the lives and ministry of deceased clergy, diaconal ministers, and spouses
- Receiving an offering for UMAR and the Northern Haiti Mission Connection
- Celebrating the retirement of clergy
- Approving the 2022 Conference Budget, which included Clergy Pensions and Benefits and restructuring of Clergy vacations
- Disaffiliating of churches and honoring churches that had outlived their ministry
- Nominations and elections for various committees (of which I was nominated and elected to serve on the Commission on Archives and History)

It was announced that Ken Carter will serve as the resident bishop of the WNCC in addition to his role as resident bishop of the Florida Conference beginning September 1, 2021.

All appointments were posted after the conference and the Ordering of Ministry Services (Commissioning and Ordination) were preformed on June 19, 2021, at Lake Junaluska.

It was announced that June 17-19, 2022 the Annual Conference will be held in person at Lake Junaluska.

It was my honor and pleasure to serve as your Lay Delegate to Conference.

In the Service of Christ,
Betty



“Softly and tenderly, Jesus is calling...”

...and Centenary is calling all singers and ringers to come join our Chancel Choir and/or Centenary Ringers this coming September!

Even if you haven't already been part of one of these musical groups, now is the time to join us! We would love to have you make beautiful music with us.

Please contact Anita Trumpler-Rich at atrumplerrich@triad.rr.com or the church office if you'd like to sign up or if you'd like more information.



Summer Search

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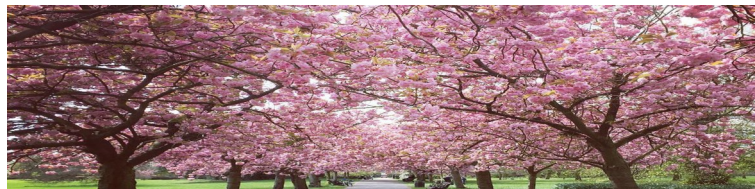


Our Mission:

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: 6/30/2021

In Honor of Jim and Margaret Turnage's 60 Anniversary

Douglas Barrett

In Honor all Centenary UMC Fathers

Jack Cole

In Honor of High School and College Graduates

Paul & Dawn Long

In Memory of Ruth Smith

Frank Hinshaw

Roach Bible Class

In Memory of Ann Overbey

Roach Bible Class

In Memory of Sally Goins

Bob & Mary Ann Smith, Jr.



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.