

WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the friends and family of **Janet Sills** who passed away on Monday, December 25, 2017.

Please pray for **Rosie Nehls** (friend of Gail Fisher) as she is receiving chemo for cancer.

Please pray for **Ron Haglund** (brother-in-law of Bill Elving) who has been diagnosed with bladder cancer and will have surgery.

Please pray for **George Ohnesorge** (brother of Ione Beals and Ruth White) who passed away on Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

Please pray for **Lyle Emmet Phillips** (father of Kathy Phillips) who is in HSHS St. Anthony Hospital.

Events

FREE Exercise Classes: Will begin January 8 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Bev Awalt at 217-821-1680 for more information.

Tuesday Lunch Club: Will be held January 9 at noon in the Fellowship Hall.

Souper Bowl and Talent Auction

WHEN: Sunday, January 28th at 11:15 AM (following Sunday School)

WHERE: Fellowship Hall

WHAT: Soup and dessert, plus a Silent Auction AND the chance to vote with your dollars for the best homemade soup in the land

The sign-up sheet is in the Connection Area
Contact Nancy Caldwell (821-6469) or Carol Martin (342-5886) for more information

Financial Peace University

January 18th: A 9 week course starts at Centenary United Methodist Church from 6:00-8:00 p.m. A limited number of discounted memberships are available for purchase in the church office.

Praying for the Youth at Centenary

Throughout the month of January, our prayer emphasis will be the youth at Centenary. Let us pray for their development as leaders, courage to share their voice, and that they may continue to grow in relationship to God.



Flowers are given by
Jim and Laurie Borrelli
in honor of their anniversary



The mission of Centenary United Methodist Church is
Knowing Christ...Growing in Christ...Showing Christ...and
Becoming the Difference.

Nursery care is staffed and available for children up to age 4 every Sunday morning during the 9:00 a.m. worship service as well as the 10:15 Sunday school class. The nursery is located on the first floor, room 14.

Coloring books, crayons, and activity bags are available on the register in the back of the sanctuary. A **coloring table** is also available in the connection area for use by any supervised child.

Gluten-free communion elements are available for those with allergies. If you prefer gluten-free, please let your communion server know. It is the tradition of the United Methodist Church to serve **grape juice** for communion.

Sunday morning fellowship time is 10:00 a.m. Coffee, juice, and cookies are served in the connection area at the back of the sanctuary.

Transportation is available for our Sunday worship service. Call the office at 342-2030.

Our **Handicapped Accessible Elevator** is available from the north and south entrances.

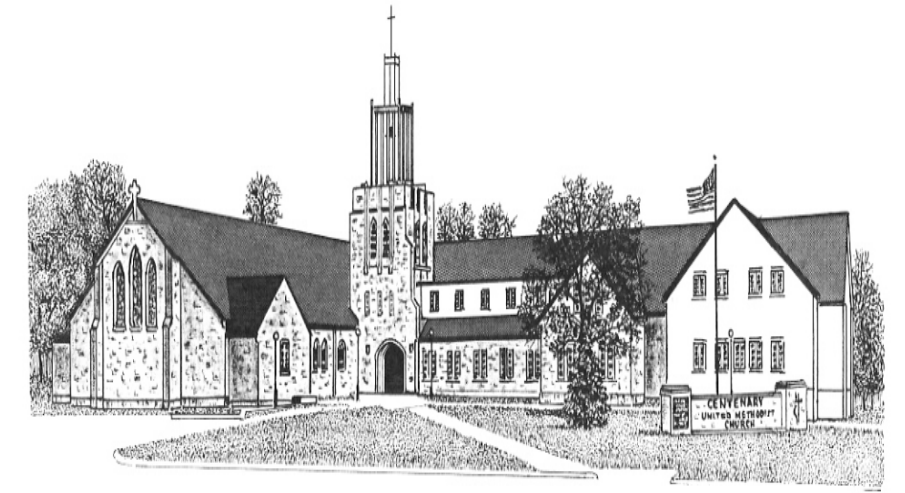
Bathrooms with changing tables are available on the main floor with one closest to the elevator and two at the far end of the hall. There are also two changing tables in the nursery.

For those who prefer to read music, **songbooks** are available from the greeter.

Electronic Giving Options are available. A reminder to everyone that you can give to Centenary UMC online. On our website, the page called GIVE ONLINE will step you through making one time or repeating online donations. Also, Chris in the office can help you set up Automatic Withdrawals directly from your bank account. There are options for weekly, bi-weekly and monthly giving to all of the different funds that support our ministry. Please contact Chris, 342-2030, or chris@effinghamcumc.com, for more information.

Pastoral Care

In order to make the best use of pastoral time and to ensure that we don't miss opportunities to offer pastoral care, we are asking that you contact the church office (217) 342-2030, Pastor Jessica (217) 652-2225, and/or Pastor Christine (618) 251-4879 directly if you or a loved one is in the hospital or if you have a need for some other form of pastoral care.



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January 6 & 7, 2018

5:45 p.m. Saturday Worship Service
9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service
10:00 a.m. Connection Time
10:15 a.m. Sunday School

Rev. Christine Cunningham, Directing Pastor
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Jeanlyn Stockman and Andrea Sills, Nursery Staff
Connie Wieck, our United Methodist Covenant Partner Missionary

Centenary United Methodist Church

Welcome to Worship!

Greetings

(Please complete the pew pad and pass to center aisle.)

(If you wish, please fill out a Prayer Request card to place in the offering plate.)

Prelude

"We Three Kings"

+Hymn

"We Three Kings"

Hymnal no. 254

Centenary Prayer

O God Who Hears Every Prayer, we give you thanks for bringing us to this expectant moment. Transform our lives into a living prayer to you. Empower us to see how your Holy Spirit is pushing us out of our comfort zones, commanding us to take risks for your kingdom and glory. Open us to your Spirit's leading. Move us to courageous action in response to what we hear...

Children's Sermon (Sunday)

"Where Children Belong"

Pastor Christine

SB 61

Offering

Offertory Music

"The First Noel"

Hymnal no. 245 (vs. 2-5)

+Doxology

Hymnal no. 95

+Prayer of Dedication

Everlasting God, you love all people, especially those who are poor and vulnerable. You have demonstrated your great compassion in Scripture and history. Thank you for calling us to actively show compassion and uphold justice as members of the church of Jesus Christ. We are grateful for opportunities to extend your love through the ministries of our congregation. Use our gifts and offerings to help our neighbors who are in need of tangible goods and your Spirit's peace. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer Song (Saturday)

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

Hymnal no. 382 (vs. 1)

Prayer Song (Sunday)

"Come As You Are"

SB 51

Congregational Prayer - By Joanne Carlson Brown

Ever-patient God, we are a people who live in thick darkness. We stumble around bombarded by news of war and poverty, famine and genocide, injustice and oppression. The maelstrom of things and issues and people of the dark, can overwhelm and paralyze us. Help us be people of the light, shining your light of righteousness, peace, and joy into all the dark places of our lives and world. Unlock the mystery and glory of the babe born in Bethlehem. Turn our aimless wanderings into a journey of purpose guided by your star. Let the light break into our lives and our world, and transform us into people of the light. (continue in silence)

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Scripture

Matthew 2:1-12

Pew Bible pg. 783 and Deep Blue pg. 1070

Message

Pastor Christine

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Hymnal page 17

+Hymn

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

Hymnal no. 251

+Prayer Requests and Opportunities and Announcements

+Benediction and Response

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

Hymnal no. 251 (chorus)

THIS WEEK AT CENTENARY January 8-14

Monday, 8

9:00 a.m. Quilters (Room 19, first floor)
9:00 a.m. Centenary Servants (K)
5:30 p.m. Exercise Class (FH)
6:00 p.m. Outreach and Witness (Conf.)
6:45 p.m. Trustees (MR)

Tuesday, 9

9:00 a.m. Brookstone Estates Bible Study
10:30 a.m. The Glenwood Bible Study
12:00 noon TLC: Tuesday Lunch Club (FH)

Wednesday, 10

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (Conf.)
10:30 a.m. Dulcimers (B3)
6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study (MR)
6:00 p.m. Handbell Choir (Rm 27)
6:00 p.m. Youth Group (FH, YR)

Saturday, 13

5:45 p.m. Worship Service

Sunday, 14

8:00 a.m. Alleluia Choir Rehearsal
9:00 a.m. Worship Service
10:00 a.m. Connection Time
10:15 a.m. Sunday School
Faith Basics Class with Pastor Christine in the Chapel during Sunday School hour

Abbreviations

FH = Fellowship Hall

MR = Meeting Room

S = Sanctuary

Conf. = Conference Room

YR = Youth Room

K = Kitchen

Step UP Program

We are currently engaged in a Community and Congregational Study for the Step UP Program in which we are involved. In the interest of all of us learning more about our Church and Community we will be publishing snippets of our findings.

Many of us know that Effingham has a large Catholic population. According to regional statistics, 21.5% of the population is Catholic, 8.9% is Methodist, and 21.7% of the population has no religious preference at all. Are you surprised?