

## WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the family of **Don Drain** who passed away on Saturday, January 6, 2018.

Please pray for **Linda Lewis** who had surgery in Florida.

Please pray for the **vice principal** of Angie Lappin who is in serious condition in Texas with a dangerous flesh eating bacteria attacking his body. He is unconscious from pain and has gone through several surgeries.

Please pray for **Carol Griesbaum** (Libby Moeller's mother) who had surgery at Florida Mayo Clinic.

Please pray for the family of **Ed Safford** who passed away Wednesday, January 10, 2018.

Please pray for the family of **Tommy Joe "TJ" Heth** (brother of Harold Heth and Jackie Blair) who passed away on Thursday, January 11, 2018.

Please pray for **Darlene Roberts** who is in the hospital.

Please pray for **Peggy Miller** who had oral surgery this week.

Please pray for **John** (son of Bob and Judy Lee) who had surgery for a broken arm.

Please pray for **Brookstone Estates residents and staff**. They are on lock down because of the flu.

### 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.

### 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.



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 15.

**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.

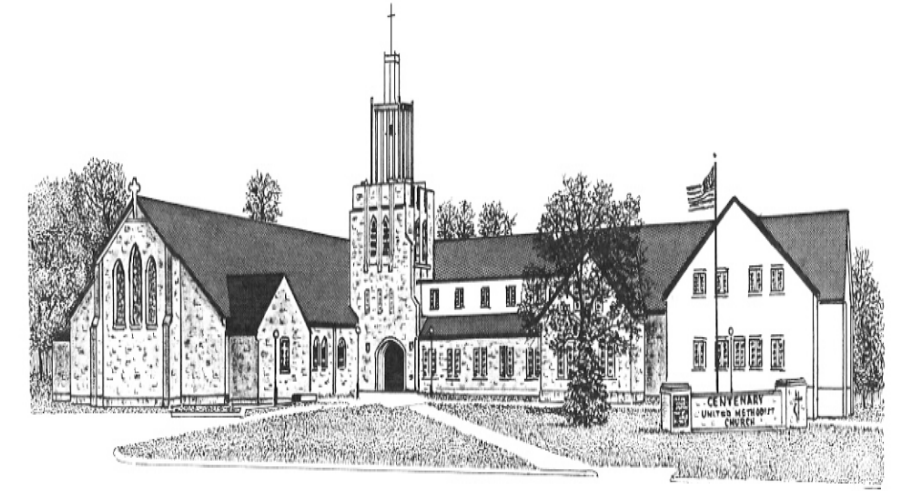
**Bathrooms with changing tables** are available on the main floor with one closest to the elevator and two at the far end of the hall. There are also two changing tables in the nursery.

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](mailto: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 20 & 21, 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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**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

*"I Know Whom I Have Believed"*

## +Hymn (Saturday)

*"Grace Greater than Our Sin"*

Hymnal no. 365

## +Hymn (Sunday)

*"I Will Call upon the Lord"*

SB 68

## 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"*

Lucas Quast

SB 61

## Offering

## Offertory Music (Saturday)

*"Rock of Ages"*

## Offertory Music (Sunday)

*"Rock of Ages"*

SB 72

## +Doxology

Hymnal no. 95

## +Prayer of Dedication

**Lord God, our hope, you are the trustworthy guide of all your people. We are glad to be in relationship with you. Let us remember that you are the source and goal of our lives. Help us to turn away from the empty promises of advertising and to live in the fullness of your gospel. Send your Holy Spirit to bring perspective on our daily actions as we work for your Kingdom. Accept our offerings and gifts for the mission of the church today. We ask this through Christ, our risen 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

**God of our earthly journey, like our kinswoman of the faith, Ruth, who pledged her faithfulness to her mother-in-law Naomi, we too yearn to be faithful to your calling us to journey with your Son, Jesus. And so, like Ruth, we entreat you with her words, saying:**

**"Do not urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me." (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.**

## Anthem (Sunday)

*"How Great Is Our God"*

Alleluia Choir

## Scripture

*Ruth 1:1-19a*

Pew Bible pg. 210 and Deep Blue pg. 304

## Message

Pastor Christine

## +Hymn

*"Trust and Obey"*

UMH 467

## +Prayer Requests and Opportunities and Announcements

## +Benediction and Response

*"Trust and Obey"*

UMH 467 (chorus)

# THIS WEEK AT CENTENARY January 22-28

## Monday, 22

9:00 a.m. Quilters (Room 19)  
5:30 p.m. Exercise Class (FH)  
7:00 p.m. Church Council (MR)

## Tuesday, 23

9:00 a.m. Brookstone Estates Bible Study  
10:30 a.m. The Glenwood Bible Study

## Wednesday, 24

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)

## Thursday, 25

6:00 p.m. Financial Peace University (MR)

## Saturday, 27

1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Step Up Hospitality Workshop at Mt. Vernon  
5:45 p.m. Worship Service

## Sunday, 28

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  
10:15 a.m. Faith Basics Class with Pastor Christine in the Chapel during Sunday School hour  
11:15 a.m. Souper Bowl and Talent Auction (FH)  
6:00 p.m. Book Club (MR)

### 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.

In 2017 the age ranges of the Effingham vicinity were comprised of: 5.8% being children from 0-4 years old; 16.6% were 5-17 years old; 10% were 18-24; 12.3% were 25-34; 24.3% were 35-55; 14.1% were 56-64; 16.9% were 65 and over.