

Centenary Family in the Hospital

(*) Returned Home

Brookstone Estates

Nancy Bazzell

Lakeland Rehab & Health

Ruth Scheets ♥ Helen Wakefield ♥ Wilma Vandever
Martha Bazzell ♥ Martha Hughes ♥ Wanda Crews

Villas of Holly Brook

Jean Nicholson ♥ Florence Richards ♥ Joyce Mietzner

The Glenwood

Esther Craig ♥ Alice Brasel ♥ Harry Brasel
Joan Holmes Covey ♥ Darlene Roberts ♥ Doris White

Willowbrook

Dick Bonnewell

Lavender Ridge

Verna Purdy

Lutheran Care, Altamont

Melba Middlesworth ♥ Gladys Gabel

Evergreen

Joanne Stortzum

Brookstone Suites Senior Living

Sally Johnson



Children are welcome to be dropped off in the nursery,
but we love the sound of children in worship.

"...for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these."

– Matthew 19:14

"Centenary:

where every member is a minister."

CHURCH STAFF

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This Week at Centenary: February 7-13

Sunday, 7

9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
10:00 a.m.	Connection Time
10:00 a.m.	Trustees Church Building Walk Through
10:15 a.m.	Sunday School
11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Youth Super Bowl-ing and Pizza (FH) (YR)

Monday, 8

9:00 a.m.	Quilters (Rm. 19)
9:00 a.m.	Centenary Servants (K)
6:00 p.m.	Monday Nite Lites (S)
6:45 p.m.	Trustees meeting (MR)

Tuesday, 9

9:00 a.m.	Brookstone Bible Study
10:30 a.m.	Glenwood Bible Study
12:00 p.m.	TLC: Tuesday Lunch Club (FH)
6:00 p.m.	Discussing Mere Christianity (MR)

Wednesday, 10

9:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting (Conf.)
12:15 a.m.	Ash Wednesday service
6:00 p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal (Rm 27)
6:15 p.m.	Ash Wednesday service
7:00 p.m.	Cantata Rehearsal (S)
7:45 p.m.	Alleluia Choir (S)



Thursday, 11

10:00 a.m.	Memorial Committee
6:00 p.m.	Renegade Gospel (YR)
6:30 p.m.	Financial Peace University (MR)

Saturday, 13

5:45 p.m.	Worship Service
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February 6, 7, 8, 2016

Worship Schedule

Saturday	5:45 p.m.
Sunday	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School	10:15 a.m.-11:15 a.m.
Monday Nite Lites	6:00 p.m.



The mission of Centenary United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Slowing Down to The Speed of Lent

"Pastor Jessica and I are as stunned as you are that Ash Wednesday comes so close to Christmas this year," says our directing pastor. "And with Ash Wednesday comes Lent. Lent isn't something every Christian gets excited about."

Sometimes Lent brings with it another layer of *Do More, Try Harder*. Our pastors want something different for you.

"We'd love for you to experience God's amazing grace. Even God's astonishing rest," Joe continues. **Slowing Down to The Speed of Lent** will be our preaching theme this year.

"Our overarching Scripture will be **Matthew 11:28**. That's Christ's promise to 'all who work to exhaustion.' Jesus says that he will give us 'rest.' It's time we acted like we believe that. It's time we trusted God's grace."

"Pastor Jessica and I invite you to join us in **Slowing Down to The Speed of Lent**,"

Dr. Scheets concludes.

Ash Wednesday is February 10 and the First Sunday of Lent is February 14. May God richly bless Centenarians in this holy season!

Wonderful Wednesdays in Lent 2016: The Full Armor of God

Fear and uncertainty and doubts are very real. They are also not new.

Wonderful Wednesdays in Lent this year will focus on The Book of Ephesians' message of The Full Armor of God. As is our custom, we'll gather twice on Wednesdays in Lent, lunchtime and dinnertime, for 30 minutes of singing, praying, Scripture and thinking together about Scripture.

Our pastors are thrilled to have laity and a seminary student involved with them in the leadership of these Wonderful Wednesdays.

Choose now whether you'll join in at 12:15 or 6:15 starting on Wonderful Wednesday, February 17 through March 16 in our sanctuary.



Flowers on the Altar

are given in memory of Pete Peters' birthday on February 9

**"Do no harm. Do Good.
Stay in love with God." - - - John Wesley**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Glorious God, you graciously reveal the light of your wisdom to humankind. We stand in awe of you. In Christ, you set aside the veil that separated us from you. Your Spirit is transforming us to become more like Jesus. We thank you for entrusting the ministries of this church to our care. Use these offerings to encourage and enlighten our friends and neighbors. We pray in the name of your Son. Amen.

Joe's Notebook

*"The arc of the moral universe is long,
but it bends towards justice."*

Martin Luther King Jr.

Midwest Mission Distribution Center

Midwest Mission Distribution Center is currently looking for donations of bicycles. Bicycles of all kinds are accepted, they are then evaluated and repaired as needed.

There are no bicycles to be worked on, evaluated, or repaired at this time. MMDC has weekly volunteers who do this work, but they have run out.

*If you have any questions, please call 217-483-7911 or
email office@midwestmissiondc.org*

**Call Roger Normand if you would like for him to pick up a
bicycle at your home.**

You can also bring a bicycle to church during office hours.

Midwest Mission Distribution Center
is currently in need of:

♥ Blunt (safety) scissors ♥ Baby gowns/sleepers

You may drop off items at the back of the Connection area

Weekly Funds needed for 2016 budget: \$ 8,498.61

January 31, 2016 weekly giving for general fund \$ 7,356.00

A stingy planter gets a stingy crop; a lavish planter gets a lavish crop. I want each of you to take plenty of time to think it over, and make up your own mind what you will give. That will protect you against sob stories and arm-twisting. God loves it when the giver delights in the giving.

--- 2nd Corinthians 9:6,7

Mission Trip!

Save the dates: April 8, 2016 – April 10, 2016

Why? A Youth / Adult Mission Work Trip to **Little Grassy UMC Camp**

Times: leave the church at 4:30 pm on Friday, April 8, 2016 and return at approximately noon Sunday, April 10, 2016.

Note: Adults must be Safe Sanctuaries certified to attend this trip. See Pastor Jessica for information.

Look for a **sign-up sheet** in the Connection Area!

RENEGADE GOSPEL

"I worship the resurrected Christ and deal with doubts at the same time. How about you?" asks Mike Slaughter in his Renegade Gospel study.

Starting the day after Ash Wednesday, Thursday, February 11, at 6:00pm, Janet Hargis and our directing pastor will lead us through this short term Lenten study. You'll find this both challenging and inspiring.

They ask that you pre-register to help them prepare enough materials, so please contact our church office (342.2030) or Dr. Scheets (joe@effinghamcumc.com) to reserve your space.



Confirmation classes will begin Wednesday, February 17th.
We will meet from 6:45 – 8pm in the Youth Room.

Check out our directing pastor's daily devotional blog:

joescheets.com