

WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for **Jennifer Satterlee** (Janet and Don Satterlee's daughter-in-law) who had surgery in Wyoming.

Please pray for **Kauleen** (a friend of Sue Heth). She is in her late twenties and she is on dialysis due to multiple health problems.

Please pray for **Stan** (Bev Awalt's brother) as he is recovering from surgery.

Prayer praise for **Bev Awalt** who received good news on testing.

Please pray for the **nephew** of Jackie Blair who is dealing with issues.

Please pray for **Esther Craig** while she is receiving rehabilitation at Lutheran Care Center in Altamont.

Please pray for **Jon Gordon** (a friend of Gail Fisher) who has been diagnosed with diabetes and who lost his job and is looking for a new one.

Please pray for **Dave Smith** (Kaye Kimpling and Charlie Smith's brother) who had heart surgery.

Please pray for **Leonard Waldhoff** who is taking therapy now.

Please pray for **the community of Parkland, Florida** where a mass shooting occurred at a high school.

Events

The Women of Easter: We meet every Tuesday in March at 10:00 a.m. in the meeting room. For more information and to RSVP, contact Libby Moeller 217-663-7973. (You can order your book online at Amazon.)

We are accepting donations for Cunningham Children's Home: Men's body wash ♦ gift cards in the amount of \$20.00 for: Wal-Mart, Dollar Tree and McDonalds ♦ plus Boxtops for Education, which we collect all year long. We will know by the end of the month and post it on the U. M. W. board what the needs of Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House will be.

Esther Unit of UMW will be collecting the following items through April 13th. They will be taken to the Spring District meeting on April 18th.

Esther Unit of UMW: Meets Wednesday, March 7, in the meeting room at Centenary at 1:00 p.m. Officers for 2018 will be installed at that time.

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.



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.

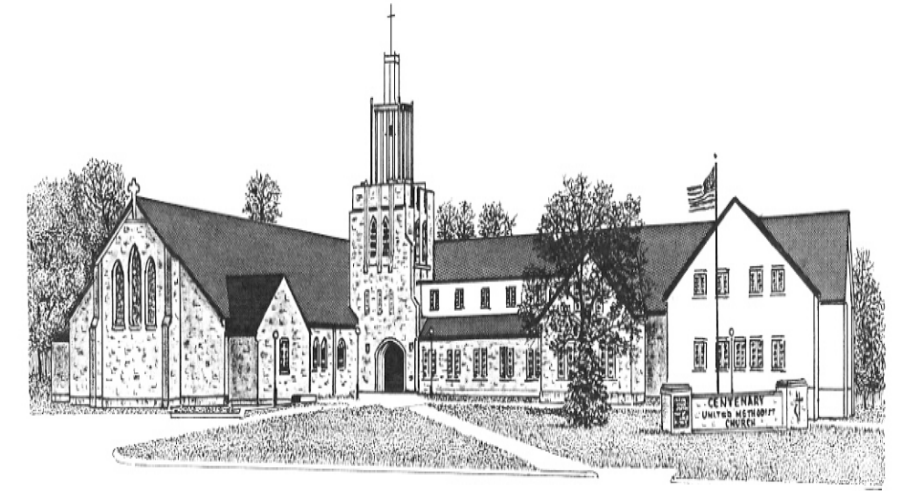
Transportation is available for our Sunday worship service. Call the office at 342-2030.

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, for more information.



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February 17 & 18, 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 "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"

+Hymn (Saturday)
"Come, Thou Almighty King" Hymnal no. 61

+Hymn (Sunday)
"Forever" SB 52

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) Maddie Johnson
"Where Children Belong" SB 61

Offering

Offertory Music "Dove of Peace"/"I Come With Joy"

+Doxology Hymnal no. 95

+Prayer of Dedication

God of heaven and earth and every galaxy, we praise you for your tremendous wisdom and love. You have been patient with us when we have been slow to follow your way. Through the obedience of Jesus Christ, you have forgiven us and renewed our life. Give us grace to extend your kindness beyond our family and congregation to strangers in need. We present our offerings and gifts as a sign of our gratitude. We pray through Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

Prayer Song (Saturday)
"Near to the Heart of God" Hymnal no. 472 (vs. 1)

Prayer Song (Sunday)
"Think About His Love" SB 77

Congregational Prayer – (Psalm 25:4-7)

Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. Remember, LORD, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you, LORD, are good. (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)
"Standing on the Promises" Alleluia Choir

Scripture *Mark 1:9-15*
Pew Bible pg. 812 and Deep Blue pg. 1110

Message Pastor Christine

+Hymn (Saturday)
"Take Up Thy Cross" Hymnal no. 415 (vs. 1-3)

+Hymn (Sunday)
"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" SB 23 (vs.1-3)

+Prayer Requests and Opportunities and Announcements

+Benediction and Response (Saturday)
"Take Up Thy Cross" Hymnal no. 415 (vs. 4)

+Benediction and Response (Sunday)
"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" SB 23 (vs.4)

February Prayer Emphasis

Believing that God hears us when we pray and that there is power in praying together, we are asking each of you to stop and pray every day at either 7:00 am or 7:00 pm.

Throughout the month of February, our prayer emphasis will be Centenary's congregational leaders.

THIS WEEK AT CENTENARY February 18-25

Sunday, 18

1:00 p.m. Step UP Welcome and Connection Meeting (MR)

2:00 p.m. Junior Youth Group (FH)

Youth Group Lock In: Sunday at 8:00 p.m. - Monday 8:00 a.m.

Monday, 19

9:00 a.m. Quilters (Room 19)

5:30 p.m. Exercise Class (FH)

Tuesday, 20

9:00 a.m. Brookstone Estates Bible Study

10:30 a.m. The Glenwood Bible Study

Wednesday, 21

Childcare provided 6:00-8:00 p.m. (Rm. 15)

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (Conf.)

10:30 a.m. Dulcimers (B3)

11:00 a.m. Lakeland Rehab & Health

6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study (MR)

6:00 p.m. Handbell Choir (Rm. 27)

6:00 p.m. Youth Group (FH, YR)

7:00 p.m. Easter Cantata Rehearsal

Saturday, 24

5:45 p.m. Worship Service

Sunday, 25

Childcare provided 8:00-11:15 a.m. (Rm. 15)

8:00 a.m. Alleluia Choir Rehearsal

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:00 a.m. Connection Time

10:15 a.m. Confirmation Class (B7)

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:15 a.m. Faith Basics Class with Pastor Christine in the Chapel during Sunday School hour

1:00 p.m. Annual Audit Meeting (Conf.)

6:00 p.m. Book Club (MR)

Abbreviations

FH = Fellowship Hall

Conf. = Conference Room

MR = Meeting Room

YR = Youth Room

S = Sanctuary

K = Kitchen

Step UP Program

The demographics of our area that we are examining in the midst of the Step UP program also look at Household Income. Some interesting statistics in this category.

Less than \$10,000	5.2%	\$50,000 to \$74,999	20.6%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	4.1%	\$75,000 to \$99,999	13.0%
\$15,000 to \$24,999	11.2%	\$100,000 to \$149,999	12.7%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	10.4%	\$150,000 to \$199,999	4.5%
\$35,000 to 49,999	14.5%	\$200,000 +	3.8%