

WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS

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.

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.

Please pray for the family of **Duane Guffey** who passed away February 18.

Please pray for **Laura Baker** as she moves to Brookstone Estates.

Please pray for **Glynn Shubert** who is at HSHS St. Anthony Hospital.

Please pray for the **family of a sister-in-law** of Janet Satterlee who passed away suddenly. Also pray for those traveling overseas to the funeral.

Please pray for **Jim Brissenden**. He will be having heart surgery on March 5 at St. Luke's in St. Louis.

Please pray for **Debbie Wei** (Sherri Wei's sister-in-law) who is in the ICU.

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 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 before noon on Friday.

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

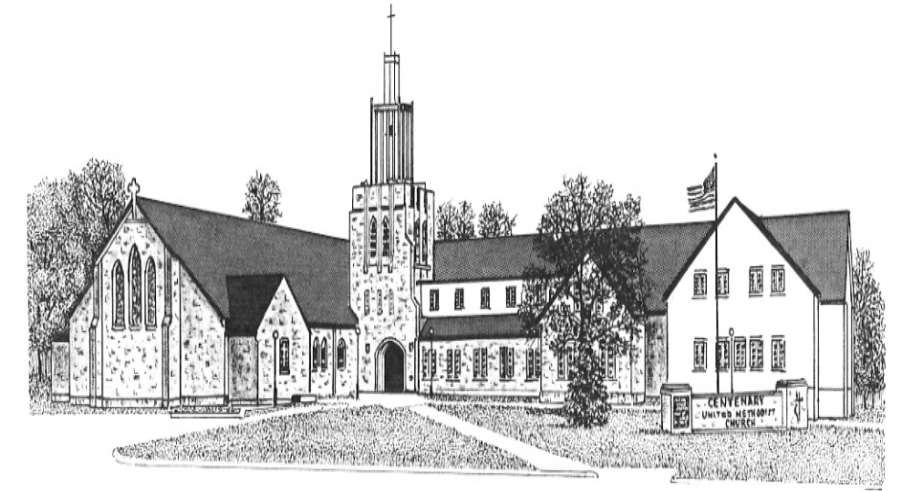
Bathrooms with changing tables are available on the main floor with one closest to the elevator and two at the far end of the hall. There are also two changing tables in the nursery.

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.



Flowers are given
by Debbie and Larry Lappin
in honor of Rev. Art Runyon's 90th birthday



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February 24 & 25, 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

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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 (Saturday) *“God Leads Us Along”*
 Prelude (Sunday) *“Everlasting God”* Handbell Choir

+Hymn
“To God Be the Glory” Hymnal no. 98
“My Tribute” Hymnal no. 99

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) Jenny Burton
“Where Children Belong” SB 61

Offering

Offertory Music *“More About Jesus”*

+Doxology Hymnal no. 95

+Prayer of Dedication

God Almighty, we rejoice in your constant faithfulness! You established your eternal covenant with your people Israel. Through the ministry of your Son Jesus, you welcomed all who trust you into your extended family. Just as with Abraham and Sarah, you gave us a new name in baptism: a beloved child of God. Empower us by your Spirit to live as generous people who share freely. May we tell younger generations of your goodness and serve your purposes in the world. As a covenant people, we dedicate our tithes and offerings through Christ our Lord. 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

Eternal God, holy and faithful, what can we give in return for our life? Teach us to take up the cross of Christ with grateful hearts and humble spirits, offering all for the sake of the gospel, so that we may receive life in fullness; through Christ, who is coming in glory. (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 *Mark 8:31-38*
 Pew Bible pg. 820 and Deep Blue pg. 1120

Message Pastor Jessica

+Hymn
“Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone” Hymnal no. 424 (vs. 1-2)

+Prayer Requests and Opportunities and Announcements

+Benediction and Response
“Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone” Hymnal no. 424 (vs. 3)

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 Feb. 26-March 4

Monday, 26

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

Tuesday, 27

9:00 a.m. Brookstone Estates Bible Study
 10:30 a.m. The Glenwood Bible Study
 6:00 pm. Youth Group Bowling: Meet at Silver Dollar Lanes

Wednesday, 28

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)
 7:00 p.m. Easter Cantata Rehearsal
NO Youth Group

Saturday, 3

5:45 p.m. Worship Service

Sunday, 4

8:00 a.m. Alleluia Choir Rehearsal
 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
 10:00 a.m. Connection Time
10:15 a.m. NO Confirmation
 10:15 a.m. Sunday School
 10:15 a.m. 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.

Below are the numbers for households in our area who gave \$200+ to various types of charitable institutions.

Private Foundations	4.4%	Environmental	.2%
Religious	22.5%	Public Radio	.1%
Education	2.6%	Political Organization	.1%
Social Services/Welfare	3.0%	Public Television	0%
Health	1.8%	Other	4.8%