

WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for **Jim Brissenden** who had heart surgery.

Please pray for **Melba Middlesworth** who was admitted to HSHS St. Anthony Hospital.

Please pray for **Larry Wolfert**, who had surgery on his left wrist.

Please pray for **Cory Miller** (grandson of Connie Timmons) as he travels to California for a competition.

Please pray for the family of **Esther Craig** who passed away Tuesday, March 6.

Please pray for the family of **Glynn Shubert** who passed away Wednesday, March 7.

Please pray for **Gerildine Tensen** (Nick Tensen's Mom) who was diagnosed with stage four cancer.



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.

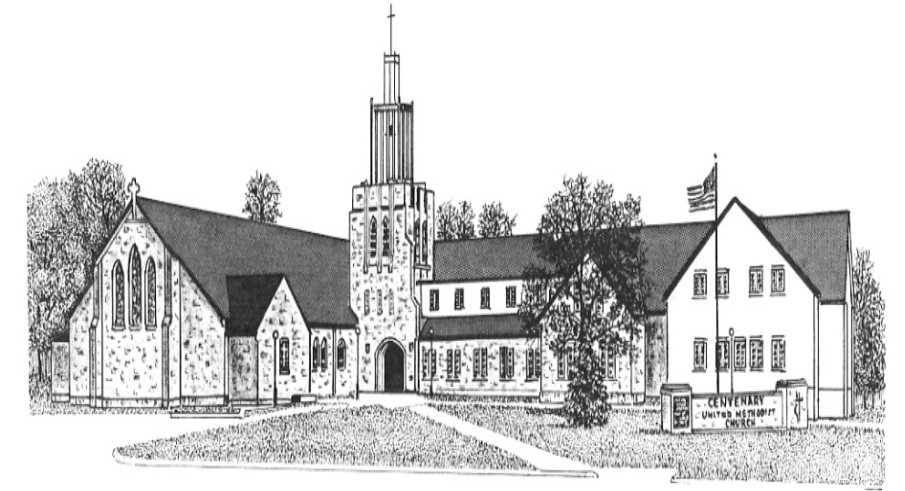
Transportation is available for our Sunday worship service. Call the office at 342-2030 before noon on Friday.

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 at 342-2030, or chris@effinghamcumc.com, for more information.



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March 10 & 11, 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

Events

Centenary United Methodist Women are collecting love gifts for Cunningham Children's Home: Men's deodorant (*please, no roll-on*) ♦ gift cards in the amount of \$20.00 to: Wal-Mart, Dollar Tree and McDonalds ♦ Boxtops for Education (which we collect all year long.)

For Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House we are accepting love gifts in the amount of \$20.00 to Wal-Mart, Target, Dollar General, Family Dollar, Subway, and McDonalds.

We will be collecting the items through April 5th.

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.

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

“God So Loved The World”

+Hymn (Saturday)

“Amazing Grace”

Hymnal no. 378

+Hymn (Sunday)

“We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise”

SB 19

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

SB 90

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)

“Jesus Loves Me”

Libby Moeller

Hymnal no. 191 (vs. 1)

Offering

Offertory Music *“The Old Rugged Cross Made The Difference”*

+Doxology

Hymnal no. 95

+Prayer of Dedication

Generous God, you beautifully show mercy to us, from the beginning of our life to the end, even to eternal life. We act more like your people in the Bible than we like to admit: doubting, impatient, complaining about the sweet manna you provide. Open our eyes to see the truth about ourselves. Give us hope in your power to heal and renew us, individually and as a church. By your Spirit, help us to trust you with our whole heart. May we respond to your great love with generosity. Receive these gifts and offerings for the renewal of this, your congregation, and wider community in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Prayer Song (Saturday)

“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross” Hymnal no. 301 (vs. 1)

Prayer Song (Sunday)

“Word of God Speak”

SB 84

Congregational Prayer (by John van de Laar)

Too often, too easily, our eyes are drawn down, God, to the suffering of victims and the pain of perpetrators, to the wounds we inflict on others and the wounds we inflict on ourselves. We need to see these things and pray. But, we also need our eyes to be lifted, God, to the signs of your life among us, to the touch of your healing on our souls, to the cross that casts its liberating shadow across all human affairs. We need our eyes to be lifted, God, so our hearts may be filled with faith and hope and love. (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)

“Calvary Medley”

Alleluia Choir

Scripture

John 3:14-21

Pew Bible pg. 862 and Deep Blue pg. 1181

Message

Pastor Christine

+Hymn

“Grace Greater than Our Sin”

Hymnal no. 365

+Prayer Requests and Opportunities and Announcements

+Benediction and Response

“Grace Greater than Our Sin”

Hymnal no. 365 (chorus)

This Week at Centenary March 12-18

Monday, 12

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

6:00 p.m. Outreach and Witness (Conf.)

6:45 p.m. Trustees (MR)

Tuesday, 13

9:00 a.m. Brookstone Estates Bible Study

10:00 a.m. Three Women of Easter (MR)

10:30 a.m. The Glenwood Bible Study

Wednesday, 14

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

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

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

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

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

7:00 p.m. Easter Cantata Rehearsal

Thursday, 15

7:00 p.m. Step UP Prayer meeting (MR)

Saturday, 17

9:00 a.m. Pick It Up Effingham (meet at Menards)

5:45 p.m. Worship Service

Sunday, 18

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

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

Abbreviations

FH = Fellowship Hall

Conf. = Conference Room

MR = Meeting Room

YR = Youth Room

S = Sanctuary

K = Kitchen