

## WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the family of **Philip Wendt**, (brother-in-law of Charles Luchtefeld), who passed away Sunday, March 11, 2018.

Please pray for **Grant Moss**, (5 year old great-nephew of Pastor Christine), who is at Cardinal Glennon Hospital.

Please pray for **Evelyn Rose**, (Jerry and Connie Timmons great-granddaughter), who has the flu.

Please pray for **Cheryl Woodard** who is going through chemotherapy treatments.

Please pray for **Frances Dietrich** who is recovering from foot surgery.

Please pray for **Laura Baker** who is in HSHS St. Anthony Hospital.

## 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.*

Esther Unit of UMW: Will meet Wednesday, April 4th, 1:00 p.m., in the Meeting Room. Linda White will have the devotions, and Judy Stroud will present the Prayer and Self-Denial program. Judy is also hostess for this meeting.

## 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.

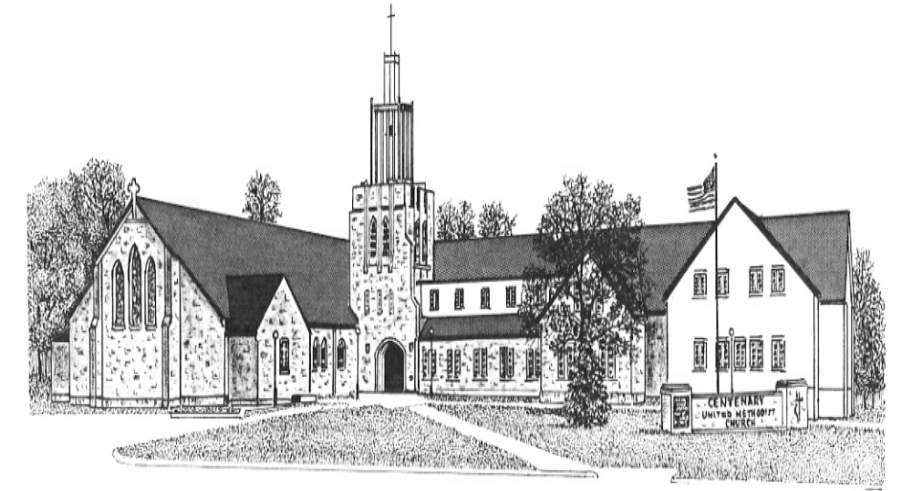
**Transportation** is available for our Sunday worship service. Call the office at 342-2030 before noon on Friday.

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 at 342-2030, or [chris@effinghamcumc.com](mailto:chris@effinghamcumc.com), for more information.



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## March 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**

**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

*"Via Dolorosa"*

+Hymn

*"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"* Hymnal no. 280

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...**

Sacrament of Holy Baptism (Sunday)

Anthony Ray Grames

The Baptismal Covenant II

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*"Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"* Hymnal no. 611

Children's Sermon (Sunday)

Jim Borrelli

*"Jesus Loves Me"*

Hymnal no. 191 (vs. 1)

Offering

Offertory Music

*"Ten Thousand Angels"*

+Doxology

Hymnal no. 95

+Prayer of Dedication

**O Lord, our God, your faithful goodness is beyond our understanding! You fulfill your promises at the right time. You sent the crowd of angels to sing of your glory when Jesus was born. At the height of Jesus' ministry, people honored him and shouted your praises. Like them, we want to contribute to your kingdom coming on earth. It is a privilege to share in your mission in the world through your congregation. Accept our offerings as a sign of our love and gratitude. We pray 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 *from Revised Common Lectionary Prayers*  
**Caught between joy and despair, we yearn for the fulfillment of God's desire beyond the brokenness and neediness of this life. We offer thanksgiving for God's presence with us and petitions for the transformation of the church and the world. Day by day you sustain the weary with your word and gently encourage us to place our trust in you. Awaken us to the suffering of those around us; save us from hiding in denials or taunts that deepen the hurt; give us grace to share one another's burdens in humble service. (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)

*"In the Name of the Lord"*

Alleluia Choir

Scripture

*Mark 1:1-11, Mark 15:1-39*

Pew Bible pg. 812 and Deep Blue pg. 1110

Message

Pastor Jessica

+Hymn

*"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"* Hymnal no. 297 (vss. 1 & 2)

+Prayer Requests and Opportunities and Announcements

+Benediction and Response

*"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"* Hymnal no. 297 (vs. 3)

## Sunday Community Prayer Walk

Sunday, April 15, 2018 9:00 a.m.

*Our Worship will take the shape of a Prayer Walk on this date.*

9:00-9:15

Devotional Time & Walk Instructions - Sanctuary

9:15-9:45

Time Walking in our Neighborhood - Square Mile Around Centenary UMC

9:45-10:15

Sharing Conversation about our Experience & Refreshments - Fellowship Hall

**Dress:** Casual & Comfortable, appropriate footwear for walking.

**Expectations:** To walk through the area, praying silently for our neighbors & listening for one or two words God might be conveying to each of us about the area we are walking in. We won't be knocking on doors, etc. Families with small children are encouraged to bring strollers for the walk. If you have difficulty walking, you can take your vehicle through the area.

## This Week at Centenary March 26-April 1

**Monday, 26**

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

7:00 p.m. Church Council (MR)

**Tuesday, 27**

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, 28**

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

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

10:30 a.m. Dulcimers (B3)

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

7:00 p.m. Easter Cantata Rehearsal

**NO Adult Bible Study and NO Youth Group**



**Thursday, 29**

**Holy Thursday**

6:00 p.m. Worship Service

**Friday, 30**

**Good Friday**

Office closes at 11:00 a.m.

4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Prayer Stations Experience (FH)

**Saturday, 31**

**Holy Saturday**

5:45 p.m. Worship Service

**Sunday, 1**

**Easter Sunday**

**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. 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**