

This Week at Centenary April 1-8

Sunday, 1	Easter 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
Monday, 2	
9:00 a.m.	Quilters (Room 19)
Tuesday, 3	
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, 4	Childcare provided 6:00-8:00 p.m. (Rm. 15)
9:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting (Conf.)
10:30 a.m.	Dulcimers (B3)
1:00 p.m.	Esther Unit of UMW (MR)
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, 5	
10:00 a.m.	Member Care Meeting (MR)
6:00 p.m.	Book Club for Young Readers (meet upstairs)
Saturday, 7	Easter Cantata
12:30 p.m.	Youth Group roller skates in Mattoon
5:45 p.m.	Worship Service
Sunday, 8	Easter Cantata 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
1:00 p.m.	Step UP Welcome & Connection Team (Conf.)

	Abbreviations		
FH = Fellowship Hall	MR = Meeting Room	S = Sanctuary	
Conf. = Conference Room	YR = Youth Room	K = Kitchen	



The mission of Centenary United Methodist Church is Knowing Christ...Growing in Christ...Showing Christ...and Becoming the Difference.

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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.



March 31, 2018

+Gathering

+Greeting and Introduction

+Opening Prayer

+Lighting of the Christ Candle

+Procession into the Church

Hymn "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"
(tune to "For the Beauty of the Earth")

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shades of night;
Day-spring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return, 'til thy mercy's beams I see;
'til thy inward light impart, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, Radiance divine, scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.



The Creation *Genesis 1*
Hymn "Morning Has Broken" #145
Prayer: **Almighty God, you wonderfully created, yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature. Grant that we may share the divine life of the One who shared our humanity, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Covenant Between God and the Earth *Genesis 7:1–5, 11–18; 8:6–18; 9:8–13*
Hymn "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" #110
Prayer: **Almighty God of heaven and earth, you set in the clouds a rainbow to be a sign of your covenant with every living creature. Grant that we may be faithful stewards of the dominion you have entrusted to us on earth, according to your grace given to us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Abraham's Trust in God *Genesis 22:1–18*
Hymn "Trust and Obey" #467
Prayer: **Gracious God of all believers, through Abraham's trust in your promise you made known your faithful love to countless numbers. By the grace of Christ's sacrifice fulfill in your Church and in all creation the joy of your promise and new covenant. Amen.**

Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea *Exodus 14:10–31*
Hymn "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain" #315 (vs. 1)
Prayer: **God our Savior, as once you delivered by the power of your mighty arm your chosen Israel through the waters of the sea, so now deliver your Church and all the peoples of the earth from bondage and oppression, to rejoice and serve you in freedom, through Jesus Christ our Deliverer. Amen.**

Salvation Offered Freely to All *Isaiah 55:1–11*
Hymn "Fill My Cup, Lord" #641
Prayer: **Creator of all things, you freely offer water to the thirsty and food to the hungry. Refresh us by the water of baptism and feed us with the bread and wine of your table, that your Word may bear fruit in our lives, and bring us all to your heavenly banquet; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

A New Heart and a New Spirit *Ezekiel 36:24–28*
Hymn "Spirit of the Living God" #393
Prayer: **God of holiness and light, in the mystery of dying and rising with Christ you have established a new covenant of reconciliation. Cleanse our hearts and give a new spirit to all your people, that your saving grace may be made known to the whole world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

New Life For God's People *Ezekiel 37:1–14*
Hymn "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" #420
Prayer: **Eternal God, you raised from the dead our Lord Jesus and by your Holy Spirit brought to life your Church. Breathe upon us again with your spirit and give new life to your people, through the same Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

Buried and Raised With Christ in Baptism *Romans 6:3–11*
Hymn "Alleluia" #186

+Gospel Lesson *Mark 16:1–8*
+Hymn "Because He Lives" #364

Offering

Congregational Prayer
God of our salvation, in this moment we are caught in the tension of light and shadow, death and resurrection.

In the beginning you spoke the world into being, you illuminated the universe by your very speech, then filled the void with life. Indeed, you fill the persistent void of darkness and death, the empty promises of the abyss, with new life and new creation.

In this night filled with the universe's most profound mystery of resurrection from death unto life, we look to you in the space between this world and your Kingdom. We go forth with the longing for the fulfillment of your word and your promise of resurrection and life. Amen

+Hymn "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross" #298 (vss. 1, 2, & 4)

+Benediction

Postlude

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.

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BUILDING AN INVITATIONAL CULTURE FINAL Step UP LAY/CLERGY WORKSHOP

Saturday, April 14, 2018 – 1:00-4:00 p.m.
West Salem Trinity United Methodist Church
Mt. Vernon, IL

Please contact Pastor Christine
(618-251-4879 or christine@effinghamcumc.com)
to attend this workshop.
For those who wish to do so, we will carpool.

Sign Up Deadline – April 1, 2018