

## WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS

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 at Lakeland Rehab and Health.

Please pray for **Vi Kirchhoff**, (friend of Ruth Shadwell), who will be going to a nursing home for rehabilitation after surgery.

## 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.

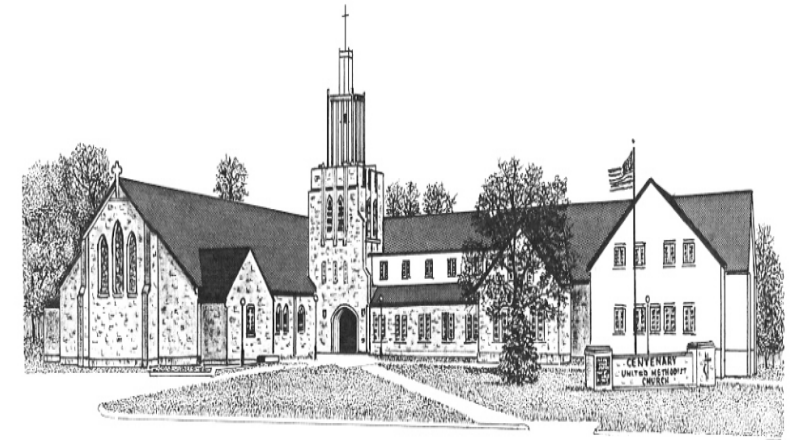
**Transportation** is available for our Sunday worship service. Call the office at 342-2030 before noon on Friday.

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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**April 1, 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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**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

+Hymn "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" Hymnal no. 302

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 Maeve Rennier Bilyeu McCall  
The Baptismal Covenant II page 39

Children's Sermon Pastor Jessica  
"Jesus Loves Me" Hymnal no. 191 (vs. 1)

Offering

Offertory Music

+Doxology Hymnal no. 95

+Prayer of Dedication

**Glorious God, we rejoice in Jesus' victory over death! You raised him up to live forever. He left behind his linen wrappings-- the shroud, his grave clothes. Robed in white, Christ leads us from darkness to light. Help us to follow him, leaving behind the things of our past that obscure our horizons. We dedicate these offerings as tokens of the breaking dawn of Christ. May our gratitude shine forth by joyfully giving of our earthly goods. Amen.**

Prayer Song  
"In the Garden" Hymnal no. 314 (vs. 2)

+Congregational Prayer (by Thom Shuman)

**God of resurrection power, this is the day we rejoice for tears are wiped away; shattered hearts are mended; and fears are replaced with joy. We shout that this is the day the Lord rolls away the stone of fear; throws off death's clothes; and goes ahead of us into God's future. We lift our hands in thanksgiving that this is the day the Lord has made and death no longer holds fear for us; sin has lost its power over us; you open the tombs of our hearts to fill us with life. This is the day - Easter Day! Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!**

+Hymn "Up from the Grave He Arose" Hymnal no. 322 (vs. 3)

+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 "Proclaim the Glorious Truth" Alleluia Choir

Scripture *Matthew 27:62-66; Matthew 28:1-15* Drake Katt  
Pew Bible pg. 811 and Deep Blue pg. 1107

Message Pastor Christine and Pastor Jessica

+Hymn "He Lives" Hymnal no. 310

+Prayer Requests and Opportunities and Announcements

+Benediction and Response  
"He Lives" Hymnal no. 310 (chorus)

## 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 April 2-8

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

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 & FH)

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

12:30 p.m. Youth Group roller skates in Mattoon

5:45 p.m. Worship Service

Sunday, 8

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 and Connection Team (Conf.)

### Abbreviations

FH = Fellowship Hall

MR = Meeting Room

S = Sanctuary

Conf. = Conference Room

YR = Youth Room

K = Kitchen

## 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  
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to attend this workshop.

For those who wish to do so, we will carpool.

**Sign Up Deadline – TODAY!**