

WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayers for **Jim Hampton** (Richard Hampton's brother) who has had a set back and is hospitalized in Augusta, CA.

Please pray for **Ellen Kingery** (friend of Linda White) who is scheduled for heart surgery on November 15.

Please pray for **John Miller** who had knee replacement surgery and is now recuperating at home.

Prayer praises for the birth of **Amelia Mae Wiedman** (daughter of Talitha and Nathan Weidman) who was born Wednesday, November 8, 2017.

Please pray for **Kathy Tensen**. She is having emergency surgery on her good eye.

Please pray for Janet Hargis' friend, **Sondra**. She is facing surgery in the near future.

Events

Angel Star tree: Beginning the weekend of **November 18/19**, select a star from the tree at the back of the sanctuary, bring a \$15-\$20 wrapped gift for the child named on the star, and place it under the tree by **December 10**. **Be sure to attach the star to the outside of the package so that your gift gets to the right child.**

Wonderland in Lights: Please sign up (in the connection area) to be at the Wonderland in lights station to hand out candy canes and receive donations. Opportunities are: **Sunday, November 26 from 7pm-9pm; and Friday, December 8 from 7:30pm-10pm.**

The Women of Christmas: Experience the Season Afresh with Elizabeth, Mary & Anna: Libby Moeller will lead a four week study on Tuesday mornings, **November 28-December 19 at 10:00 a.m.** in the meeting room. RSVP to Libby by calling or texting her at 217-663-6709.

Hanging of the Greens: Will be Saturday, **December 2 at 10:00 a.m.** We are looking for 12 adults to help. We will serve cinnamon rolls, coffee, and juice. For more information, contact Libby Moeller at 217-663-6709.

Quilters Christmas Sale: Our Quilters will be selling items with the proceeds going to the Church Building Fund on **December 2-3 and December 9-10**. Hand made items include: clutch purses, dish rags, scarves, toys, quilts and baby quilts. The quilters will gratefully accept an order for quilts at any time.

UMW December Meeting: Esther Unit of UMW will meet Wednesday, **December 6, 1:00 p.m.** for lunch at Niemerg's. There will be no business meeting or program.

Salvation Army Bell Ringers needed: In front of K-Mart for **December 8 and December 9 from 10:00am-6:00pm** (in 2 hour increments). The sign up sheet is in the back of the sanctuary. Contact Bev Phelps at 342-2235 for more information.

Blue Christmas: Blue Christmas is the name of a worship service designed for observing the Christmas season and recognizing that for some of us the holidays are far from happy due to grief and loss of varying kinds. We will be holding such a service in the connection area on Thursday, **December 14 at 6:00 p.m.** All are invited to this time of prayer and reflection.



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 14.

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.

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.

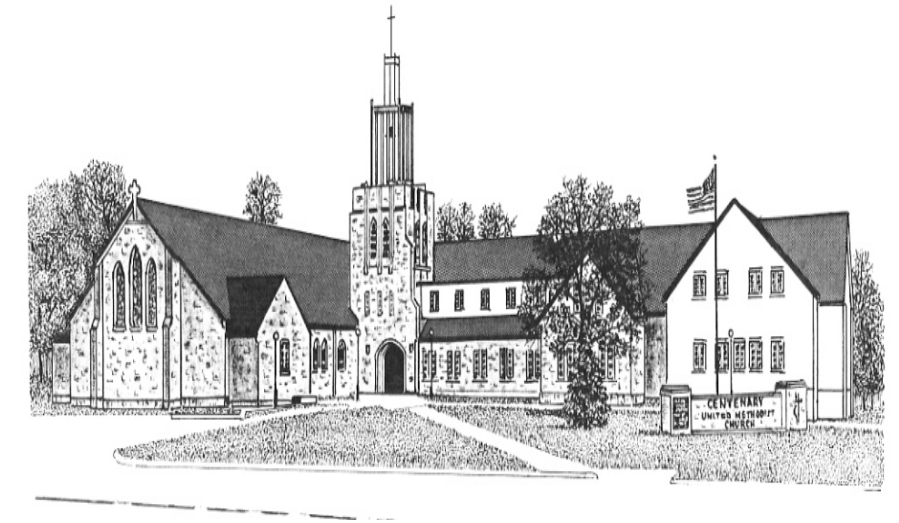
Electronic Giving Options are available. A reminder to everyone that you can give to Centenary UMC online. On our website, the page called GIVE ONLINE will step you through making one time or repeating online donations. Also, Chris in the office can help you set up Automatic Withdrawals directly from 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.

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.



Flowers are given by
Jim and Sharon Scaggs
in honor of their
50th wedding anniversary



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November 18 & 19, 2017

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 (Saturday) "Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above"
Prelude (Sunday) "Come Thankful People" Handbell Choir

+Hymn (Saturday) "For the Beauty of the Earth" Hymnal no. 92

+Hymn (Sunday) "My Life Is in You, Lord" SB 59

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) Lucas Quast
"Jesus Loves the Little Children" SB 31

Offering

Offertory Music (Saturday)
Offertory Music (Sunday) "He Has Made Me Glad (I Will Enter His Gates)" SB 20

+Doxology Hymnal no. 95

+Prayer of Dedication

God, our provider, your Word creates our life and strength. Everything we have is a gift from your open hand. Guide us by your Spirit to be diligent and faithful stewards of all that you entrust to our care. May we not bury our gifts or fearfully hoard resources. Fill our hearts with trust, so that we can experience your joy in giving. May our congregation show your generosity through our mission in the world. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer Song (Saturday)
"Open My Eyes, That I May See" Hymnal no. 454 (vs. 1)
Prayer Song (Sunday)
"Come As You Are" SB 51

Congregational Prayer (By Nancy Townley)

Lord of Love and Light, shine through our darkness, bringing us hope. Open our hearts for the journey, our eyes for the light, our spirits for the peace which you bring. Fill our mouths with laughter and speech with shouts of joy that we shall reveal the love with which you surround us. We offer this prayer in the name of the One who is coming into the world bringing your hope, love, peace, and joy, Jesus Christ. (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 *Psalm 126*
Pew Bible pg. 501 and Deep Blue pg. 700

Message Pastor Jessica

+Hymn "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" Hymnal no. 206

+Prayer Requests and Opportunities and Announcements

+Benediction and Response
"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"
Hymnal no. 206 (chorus)

2018 PLEDGES

Please remember to turn in your 2018 Pledges to the Office, or put them in the offering plate.

2018 Pledges (so far)

83 Pledges Made
General Fund: \$231,551
Capital Improvement: \$11,904
Building Fund: 29,820
Recycling: \$7,231

2017 Pledges

101 Pledges Made
General Fund: \$241,346
Capital Improvement: \$16,768
Building Fund: \$38,222
Recycling: \$8,322

THIS WEEK AT CENTENARY November 20-26

Monday, 20

9:00 a.m. Quilters (Room 19, first floor)
7:00 p.m. Finance Team (MR)

Tuesday, 21

9:00 a.m. Brookstone Estates Bible Study
10:30 a.m. The Glenwood Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Step Up Self-Study Group (MR)

Wednesday, 22

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (Conf.)
10:30 a.m. Dulcimers (B3)

Office is closed Thursday & Friday November 23 & 34



Saturday, 25

5:45 p.m. Worship Service

Sunday, 26

Childcare provided 8:00-11:15 a.m. (Rm. 14)
8:00 a.m. Alleluia Choir Rehearsal
8:30 a.m. Centenary prayer walk
9:00 a.m. Worship Service
10:00 a.m. Connection Time
10:15 a.m. Sunday School
Faith Basics Class with Pastor Christine in the Chapel during Sunday School hour
6:00 p.m. Book Club (MR)

FH = Fellowship Hall
Conf. = Conference Room

Abbreviations

MR = Meeting Room
YR = Youth Room

S = Sanctuary
K = Kitchen

Coloring at Advent

You're invited to join us for a special three week Bible study, Coloring at Advent led by Pastor Jessica.

We will meet for three weeks from 11am-12pm on Wednesdays, December 6, 13, and 20.

We will be using the same coloring book as last year's Advent coloring study used, but if you don't have a copy, you can order one from Cokesbury or Amazon. We will be using *The Advent Coloring Calendar* (ISBN: 978-1612617657).

We hope you will join us!