

WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS

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 had emergency surgery on her good eye.

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

Please pray for **Calvin Mitchell** who has started chemotherapy.

Please pray for **Wayne Hilts** (Cynthia Wise's step-father) who is having health issues.

Please pray for **Kristi Smith** who had knee replacement surgery.

Please pray for **Zack** (friend of Bev & Bill Elving's family) who is in the hospital with severe pancreatitis.

Events

Angel Star tree: 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.**

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

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.**

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.

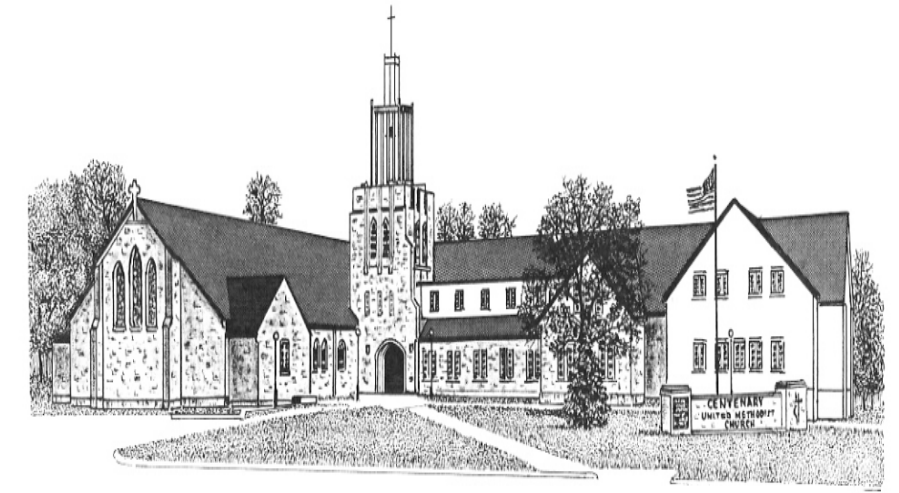
Electronic Giving Options are available. A reminder to everyone that you can give to Centenary UMC online. On our website, the page called GIVE ONLINE will step you through making one time or repeating online donations. Also, Chris in the office can help you set up Automatic Withdrawals directly from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

Thank you to everyone who brought in items for the Mitten collection! Because of your generosity we collected:

Scarves: 16	Slippers: 2	Headbands: 11
Earmuffs: 1	Hats: 67	Gloves/Mittens: 71



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November 25 & 26, 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!

Sunday Worship Leader: Casey Deters

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

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

Hymnal no. 203

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 the Little Children"

Jim Borrelli

SB 31

Offering

Offertory Music

+Doxology

Hymnal no. 95

+Prayer of Dedication

Glorious God, you are the Lord of resurrection power! You raised your Son Jesus from death to live and rule at the right hand of your heavenly throne. We rejoice that you uphold the universe, and yet you treasure every person's life. Send your Spirit to shine your light so we will recognize your great hope for the world. Empower our church to work together to help make your reign visible in people's lives. Accept our gifts and offerings for the church of Jesus Christ, our Savior. We pray in his name. 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 (based on Psalm 100)

O Lord our God, it is you have made us, and we are yours. We are your people, the sheep of your pasture. We come this day to make a joyful noise to you! We come to serve you with gladness! We come into your presence with singing! We enter your gates with thanksgiving, and into your courts with praise! For you are good, your steadfast love endures forever. Thanks be to you, O God. (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)

"Every Valley"

Alleluia Choir

Scripture

Genesis 1:1-4, John 1:1-5, 9-14

Pew Bible pg. 1, 860 and Deep Blue pg. 3, 1178

Message

Pastor Christine

+Hymn

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Hymnal no. 196

+Prayer Requests and Opportunities and Announcements

+Benediction and Response

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Hymnal no. 196 (vs. 1)

For Your Consideration: Year-End Giving

Some retirement plans require that you annually withdraw a minimum amount of money. Often, year-end planning is the ideal time to consider how to use this money. This year, remember to keep in mind that you can gift some of these funds directly to the church. In many cases such a gift would help reduce your tax-liability. Please prayerfully give consideration to using this financial tool.

2018 PLEDGES

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

2018 Pledges (so far)

86 Pledges Made

General Fund: \$242,151

Capital Improvement: \$13,104

Building Fund: 30,320

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 27-December 3

Monday, 27

9:00 a.m.

Quilters (Room 19, first floor)

7:00 p.m.

Church Council (MR)

Tuesday, 28

9:00 a.m.

Brookstone Estates Bible Study

10:00 a.m.

The Women of Christmas Bible Study (MR)

10:30 a.m.

The Glenwood Bible Study

Wednesday, 29

Childcare provided 6:00-8:00 p.m. (Rm. 14)

9:00 a.m.

Staff Meeting (Conf.)

10:30 a.m.

Dulcimers (B3)

11:00 a.m.

Lakeland Rehab & Health

5:00 p.m.

Children's Christmas Rehearsal (S) (5pm-8pm)

6:00 p.m.

Adult Bible Study (MR)

6:00 p.m.

Handbell Choir (Room 27, second floor)

6:00 p.m.

Youth Group (YR) (FH) (6:00-8:00 p.m.)

7:00 p.m.

Christmas Cantata Rehearsal

December 2 & 3: Children's Christmas Program: *Special Delivery* Saturday and Sunday services

Saturday, 2

10:00 a.m.

Hanging of the Greens

5:45 p.m.

Worship Service

Sunday, 3

Childcare provided 8:00-11:15 a.m. (Rm. 14)

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

Young Readers go to the movies

TBA

Abbreviations

FH = Fellowship Hall

Conf. = Conference Room

MR = Meeting Room

YR = Youth Room

S = Sanctuary

K = Kitchen

Children's Christmas Program

This year's Children's Christmas Play is December 2nd and 3rd.

We will have a one and done rehearsal Wednesday, November 29th.

We need little children as angels, shepherds, and wise men. Please drop in for 15-20 minutes that evening, anytime from 5-8pm so your child may try on a costume.