



The Centenary Sentinel

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Sharing God's Love at the Heart of Terre Haute
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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

The United Methodist Church web site (UMC.org) defines Lent as follows:

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word lencten, which means "spring." The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry.

Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of themselves for others.

Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter" and the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection.

As we approach this Lenten Season, which begins February 14, let us ask ourselves what will we do to prepare for Easter. One way is to study the Bible for a better understanding of who we are and who's we are.

Our Lenten study this year will begin on February 8. Originally we were going to do "Easter Earthquake" but that book is not available. So, we will be doing "The God We Can Know" by Rob Fuquay.

Whatever it is you choose to do, may God bless you as you seek to know him better.

For The Only Cause That Matters,

Mel



YOUTH GROUP NEWS WITH CONNOR

PAST EVENTS:

We had a Christmas Party lock-in at Centenary with a who done it murder mystery and played “Just Dance” most of the night. We have been working on our relationship theme and identities.

COMING UP:

We will continue our relationship discussions and will talk about relationships with other people, including that we need friends. Not just hang-out friends, but good friends who love, encourage, and challenge us.

January 27: We will be packing bags for the back-pack program at Meadows School from 2 to 4.

February 4: Souper Bowl of Caring Lunch at Central Presbyterian. We will be collecting cans and monetary donations at both churches to benefit the Meadows Elementary School back pack program.

February 11: We will meet at Central at noon and then go play Lazer Tag, returning at 5:00. Please bring money for lunch.

55:1 FREE LUNCH

On Monday, January 22, our 55:1 crew was back at work. Our menu was chili and sandwiches, including hot dogs. We served 48 guests, of which 28 were students. There were 15 helpers, which also shared in the meal. Thank you to all who helped in any way.

LENTEN STUDY

We will once again be having a Lenten Study. The book, “The God We Can Know”, by Rob Fuquay will be our study material. This study explores the “I am” sayings of Jesus found in the Gospel of John to help you answer the most essential question in the Christian faith: “Who do you say I am?” We will begin on February 8 and conclude on March 15. This is due to a scheduling conflict on March 22. If you are interested in participating, please let Pastor Mel know so he can order the correct number of books. The cost of the book is \$8.00, if you wish to make a donation for your book.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Bill Dando, Tom Barnett, Pastor Camp and Lea Ann Camp for the time they donated in fixing the signs outside the church and the spotlights that shine on our beautiful stained glass windows.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday, February 14. There will be a Noon service at Memorial United Methodist Church and a 7:00 PM service at Maple Avenue Methodist Church.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

There are still some offering envelopes in the back of the Sanctuary to be picked up.

FAMILY NIGHT

Sunday evening, January 21 about 30 Centenary members gathered for family night. Everyone snacked on appetizers and “game day” snacks and enjoyed good fellowship. Thanks to all who helped with this event.

ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP TIME

It’s time to sign up to donate altar flowers in 2018. The sign-up sheet is posted in the Eagle Street hallway. Altar flowers are typically given in honor, memory or celebration of an individual or occasion. Diana’s Flower Shop will once again provide the beautiful bouquets for \$36. Please make your check payable to **Centenary United Methodist Church** and please **do not** put the check in the offering plate. Instead, please mail or give it to Susan Brattain, 15 Bogart Drive, Terre Haute IN 47803. Thank you in advance to all who provide this tangible beauty to our Sunday morning worship service.



ADULT FRIENDSHIP CLASS

February 4	Don Dodson
Lesson:	Faith Without Works Is Dead
Scripture:	James 2:14-26
February 11	Bill Dando
Lesson:	A Disciplined Faith
Scripture:	James 3:1-12
February 18	Tom Barnett
Lesson:	Faithful Disciples
Scripture:	Acts 9:36-43
February 25	Brian Royer
Lesson:	The Good Fight of Faith
Scripture:	1 Timothy 6:11-21

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LOUISE!

Louise Farrar celebrated her 109th birthday on Jan. 10, with a party involving a dozen or more residents and staff of Westminster Village, including fellow Centenary member Carol McCrory.



Louise recounted growing up on Walnut Street, between 11th and 12th streets, in Terre Haute and attending Thompson School and Wiley High School. At that time, she said, Walnut Street dead-ended at the railroad tracks, so to walk downtown to Wiley, she had to go to Poplar or Ohio streets to cross the tracks. After high school, she went to work at Columbian Enamel on Terre Haute's north side. She was a member of First United Methodist in Terre Haute before that church merged with Centenary. Louise says hello to all her dear friends at Centenary and, as always, she welcomes visitors.

Louise is at least the fifth member of Centenary to attain the age of 100. Other centenarians from our congregation have included: Victoria Evinger, who lived to 112; Melba Ingram, who lived to 105, and Helen Milholland, who lived to 104. Peggy Cobb, who now lives in Georgia, is 102 and still going strong! If you know of others from Centenary who have lived to 100 and beyond, please contact the church office or Don Dodson (dodson@advancenet.net), who is trying to keep accurate records of that.

IN APPRECIATION

Joan Swift sent the following note to the members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry:

“Thank you so much for the comforting warm hugs on a bad day. The fact that it was crocheted in the Holy Land makes it even more special. I really appreciate all your love and support.”

DARRELL SWARENS VISITATION

More than 60 members of the Sacred Harp singing group turned out for an exuberant hour long song service honoring Centenary member Darrell Swarens at his visitation Jan. 14 in Brazil. Darrell, who died Jan. 3, had been very active in the multi-state “shape note” singing in recent years, traveling long distances to take part in the acapella performances. We remember Darrell, especially, for his longtime participation in Centenary's Chancel Choir and are grateful for him gracing our lives with music. He had served in the Peace Corps, an experience that remained meaningful to him for many years afterward. For those who would like to know more about the Sacred Harp style of singing, there is a lengthy and informative online entry about “Sacred Harp” in Wikipedia.

PULPIT EXCHANGE

Sunday, February 11, there will be a pulpit exchange and our Pastor that day will be Scott Johnson from Memorial United Methodist Church. Pastor Mel will be at Seelyville United Methodist. Please be sure to attend and welcome Pastor Johnson.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD MEETING JAN. 29

From Dorothy Drummond:

It has been almost two months since we last met. We have some catching up to do. So our next meeting, on Monday, January 29, will have two objectives. In the first part of our meeting we'll hear from our liaison at Bread headquarters, to update us on how we can continue to make a difference with our letters and emails.

The speaker for our January meeting will be Susie Thompson, coordinator of Reach Services in Terre Haute. Susie, who is also a Terre Haute Bread member, will introduce us to an agency that is a blessing to many people in Terre Haute. Her agency provides services to veterans, to the homeless, to families in need of housing, and offers counseling and other services as well.

Come on the 29th, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., at the United Campus Ministries building, 321 North 7th Street. Bring a friend. And bring your enthusiasm for being part of Bread's mission: to make sure that there is food for the hungry in our country and the world.

In the event of snow or ice, we'll cancel the 29th and move it up to February 5. But let's assume the roads will be clear. See you, hopefully, on the 29th.



FEBRUARY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 11:00 Prayer Group	2	3
4 1:30 Confirmation Class at Centenary	5	6	7 5:30 Trustees 7:00 Choir Practice	8 11:00 Prayer Group 5:30 Lenten Study	9	10
11 Pastor Johnson here from Memorial 1:00 Confirmation Class at Memorial	12	13	14 Ash Wednesday 5:00 Endowment <u>Meeting</u> 7:00 Choir Valentines Day	15 11:00 Prayer Group 5:30 Lenten Study	16 7:30 - 10 AM Habitat Breakfast Downstairs	17
18	19 Presidents Day	20	21 6:15 Youth Design Team	22 11:00 Prayer Group 5:30 Lenten Study	23	24
25 1:00 Confirmation Class at Centenary	26 11 - 1:30 55:1 Community Lunch	27	28 7:00 Choir Practice			

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

4	Mary Tislow
9	Steve Hardin
16	Allen Varner
22	Joan Youngen
23	Steve Ornduff Mara Zinin
26	Gail Hayes
28	Janice Lane
29	Keith Youngen



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



14	Bill & Linda McKee Leon & Annette Trosper
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