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*Sharing God's Love at the Heart of Terre Haute*

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## **FROM THE PASTOR**

It is not always easy to say 'good-bye', but it is important to do. So what does that mean when there is a long period of pastoral transition, and after a three year pastorate. When I was appointed to come to Centenary from Greensburg UMC in the summer of 2012, I had a similar lengthy time between the announcement and my actual departure. The head of Children's Sunday School wanted the children to give me a clever sendoff on my last day. They prepared a song for the children to sing to the tune of "Take Me Out to the Ballgame." (They teased me about being an unapologetic Cubs fan.) They changed the lyrics, and instead of concluding "And it's one, two, three strikes you're out..." the children sang, "And it's one, two, three years you're out at the Greensburg Church." Everyone laughed, and it was sweet. But it was also touching and difficult.

Over the years, I have developed a commitment to try to say goodbye well when it is time to do so. We say our daily good-byes when we send our kids off to school, when we leave for a trip, and even when we leave church after worship on Sunday. And there are more challenging farewells, when our children go off to college, when we move to a new town, and of course, when we commend someone to God at the time of their death. It is our way of saying "God be with you", and serves the purpose of a deep hospitality in which we honor the gifts and graces we receive in relationship with each other. And interestingly, in the biblical world, the same words (both in Hebrew and Greek) were used for "Hello" and "Good-bye". The Hebrew word "*shalom*" and the Greek word "*eirene*" are translated 'peace', and convey a prayer for wholeness and blessing both at the time of greeting and the time of departing.

Some of you have seen the musical, "Annie". At one point, Annie, who is an orphan, must say good-bye to Daddy Warbucks, the person she had come to trust and love as a father figure. With a loving childlike wisdom, Annie says, "How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard."

So the difficulty bears witness to the love that we share in Christ. For my part, I am grateful to share life and faith with such a group as CUMC. And I am thankful for the things that we have accomplished together. But I am most appreciative of the ways you have opened your heart to me, allowed me to know something of your stories, and have taken an interest in mine. And as grateful as I am, I do have regrets about some of the things that still remain, and which I had wanted to share with you. I'll look forward to connecting from you in letter, email, phone call or personal visit as we move through these touching days together.

Take good care.

*Jimmy*

### ADULT FRIENDSHIP CLASS

<b>April 5</b>	<b>Don Dodson</b>
Lesson:	Resurrection Guaranteed
Scripture:	1 Corinthians 15:1-22
<b>April 12</b>	<b>Bill Dando</b>
Lesson:	Love One Another
Scripture:	1 John 3:11-24
<b>April 19</b>	<b>Tom Barnett</b>
Lesson:	Believe God's Love
Scripture:	1 John 4:13-5:5
<b>April 26</b>	<b>Brian Royer</b>
Lesson:	Watch Out for Deceivers
Scripture:	1 John 5:6-12,18-20; 2 John

### CALLING ALL CENTENARY WOMEN!

You are cordially invited to participate in Centenary United Methodist Women's first meeting of the year, on Wednesday, April 1 at 10:00 AM in the Friendship Room. If you have questions, contact Susan Brattain, President or Caroline Dando, Vice-President. **Please come!**

### PALM SUNDAY CHILDREN'S INFORMATION

On Palm Sunday, March 29 - the children will have a procession with palms and will remain at the front during the early part of the service for a special children's moment.

We will also be having an Easter Egg hunt for the children during Sunday School on Palm Sunday. This is always a fun time and we look forward to sharing in their excitement!



“The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”



“The vision of the Centenary United Methodist Church is to be a deeply welcoming community that shares God's love and changes lives.”

### BUILDING FUND GIFTS

As you feel led and are able, will you consider a one time gift to the building fund that will be separate from your ongoing gifts to the church's operating budget? We are grateful to God for your prayerful consideration of this fund, and for all you do to serve God in this place.

### ALTAR FLOWERS

The 2015 Altar Flower Calendar is now 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 be providing the beautiful bouquets for \$36. Thank you in advance to all who generously provide this tangible beauty to our Sunday morning worship service.

### FRIENDSHIP CLASS

Please remember that Sunday School Class on Psalm Sunday, March 29, will be held at Westminster as part of the fifth Sunday experience there. Lunch will follow class.

### UMW ALL-CHURCH POTLUCK

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, May 6 at 6:30 PM. There will be an all-church United Methodist Women potluck. All Centenary folks are invited. There will be more information to come soon.

### SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

There is a new Coffee Hour sign-up sheet in the Library with 3 opportunities to volunteer, you can select one, two, or all of the choices for helping. The choices are:

1. Provide the refreshments (something like cookies, pastries and/or fruit) for 45-50 people.
2. Set-up the morning snack time (move the coffee which is already made, and the food and other necessary items to the Library from the little kitchen).
3. Clean-up which involves moving all items back to the kitchen, placing used cups in dishwasher and rinsing the coffee pots.

The set-up and clean-up can be accomplished in about 15 minutes on Sunday morning. Please consider helping with this important part of our outreach ministry. If you have questions, please contact Ann Bloxdorf at 812-249-6255.

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## SEVENTH CENTS YOUTH GROUP

Spring is upon us! I sure am looking forward to warmer weather. This month, the youth studied "The People Who Knew Jesus" in our weekly Lenten series. It was a great way to examine how Jesus interacted with different groups of people.

The Youth Lock-In will be April 10-11 from 5:30 pm through 9 am. We will meet at Central first for a yummy dinner and to help with Central's Parent's Night Out. Around 9 pm, we will move to Centenary for the remainder of the evening. Youth should bring sleeping bags, pillows, a change of clothes, board games, and appropriate movies.

**Please let Tiffany know by April 6** if your youth plans to attend and for a permission form if you do not already have a blanket permission form on file.

On May 10 (at Centenary) and May 17 (at Central), the youth will celebrate Youth Sunday. This is always an exciting service for the entire congregation. We will begin planning these worship services during our lock in.

The youth will travel to Buckhorn, Kentucky from July 16-19 for our mission trip. We will be helping Buckhorn Lake Area Presbyterian Church teach Vacation Bible School. Youth should have received a letter in the mail explaining this trip. Please see Tiffany if you did not receive this letter or if you have any questions.

## Upcoming Youth Events

April 5	Easter Sunday, no Youth Meeting
April 10-11	Lock-In, start at Central, then move to Centenary 5:30 PM -9:00 AM
April 12	No Youth Meeting
April 19	Youth meet at Centenary, normal time
April 26	Youth meet at Centenary, 5-7:30 PM for all



## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL DONATIONS

The students in the Children's Sunday School class are making small miscellaneous items and selling them to the congregation during our fellowship time after Worship. They are planning to donate the proceeds to the 14th & Chestnut Center.



## KIDS CHURCH

All children ages 4 through 5th grade are invited to go upstairs for "Kids Worship" after the children's sermon. There is a nursery provided for children under 4 years old. Guests are encouraged to come and get in on the fun!

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Dale and Joan Swift are the proud great-great grandparents of Killian Wade Husband who was born on March 12, 2015. The parents are Rachel & Shawn Husband of Jasonville, IN. Rachel is their great-granddaughter.

## LIBRARY MEETING

There will be a Library Committee Meeting on Wednesday, April 14 at 10:00 AM.

## BRUNCH FOR COLLEGE AGE ADULTS

All college age young adults are invited to brunch immediately following church on April 26, 2015. The brunch will be served in the classroom located down the back stairs and to the left. The brunch will served at approximately 10:45 a.m.

This event is sponsored by Centenary Ambassadors. Please bring a friend if you would like. If you have questions, call Chris Schellenberg at 812-234-1218.

**NO AGENDA, NO OFFERING, NO PROGRAM**

**JUST FUN, FOOD, AND FRIENDSHIP**

**COME JOIN US!**

### **Manage your giving online**

Centenary UMC is excited to announce that you can now manage your giving online! Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet.

### **Simply follow these easy steps:**

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Click on the **ONLINE GIVING** button,

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Follow the onscreen instructions  
to create an online profile



# APRIL 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 11 AM Prayer Group  Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 PM	3 Good Friday	4
5 Happy Easter! 	6	7	8	9 11 AM <u>Prayer Group</u> Jesus in Gospels 2:30 at Memorial	10 Youth Lock-In 6 PM—9 AM Sat.	11 Youth Lock-In Ends 9 AM
12	13	14 Library Committee Meeting 10:00 AM	15	16 11 AM <u>Prayer Group</u> Jesus in Gospels 2:30 at Memorial	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 11 AM <u>Prayer Group</u> Jesus in Gospels 2:30 at Memorial	24	25
26 Student Brunch After Service	27	28	29	30 11 AM <u>Prayer Group</u> Jesus in Gospels 2:30 at Memorial		

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS



2 Tom Barnett	13 Brian Barger	23 Donald McBride
3 Noah Coley	Jerry Johnson	24 Jerry Smith
4 Tim Hayes	Rachel Bargar	Phil DiLavore
Jerry Mitchell	14 Michael Nicoson	25 Carol McCrory
5 Pam Virgilio	Patricia Brewer	26 Michael Ofsansky
6 Barbara Keller	15 Nancy Rogers	27 Jane Tennis
7 Lynda Smith	16 Samantha Hayes	28 Mike King
8 Jimmy Moore	18 Eleanor Shagley	30 Morgan Brown
10 Michel Starkey	21 Kenneth Lane	Lucille Cummings
11 Don Hansell	James Pell	
Robert Cowden	22 Mary Ofsansky	

## Wedding Anniversaries

- 21 Keith & Joan Youngen  
30 Kenneth & Janice Lane



### Weekly Schedule

#### Sunday

- 8:30 AM Choir Rehearsal  
9:30 AM Worship  
10:45 AM Sunday School  
5:00 PM Middle School Youth  
5:45 PM Supper/Games All Youth  
6:30 PM High School Youth

#### Thursday

- 11:00 AM Prayer Group