



# The Centenary Sentinel

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*Sharing God's Love at the Heart of Terre Haute*  
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## **FROM THE PASTOR**

*Jimmy*

When Roy Oswalt was six years old, living in Saskatchewan, he and his brother were allowed to walk home from school. They rarely wore shoes to school in the late spring. At a certain point on the trip home, they could take a shortcut. The shortcut would allow them to get home much quicker to the afternoon snack their mother provided, but it involved moving through a patch of prickly thistles. Typically, to get through the patch, they would run as fast as they could, and on the other side of the twenty foot wide patch, they would stop to pick the sharp thistles from their feet. Obviously, this strategy for getting through the thistles has a serious downside.

Oswalt said that that this experience reminds him of the ways many pastors and congregations move through the stages of pastoral transitions. They busy themselves with many things, and try to get through it as quickly as they can. In the process, they acquire injury and baggage that keep the transition from being as productive as it might be. My prayer is that we find a better way.

So in the coming months, my suggestion is that we find good ways of saying good bye to each other. And I have told people who are saying their various goodbyes...in grief, in graduation and other developmental life changes, in relational and vocational shifting...that saying goodbye can make it much easier to say hello to the new way of living that God is bringing into being.

So what does 'goodbye' mean? In the most literal sense, the word means, "God be with you." And that is certainly our prayer for each other. But a 'good goodbye' involves saying "Thank you", "I regret that this did (or did not) happen", "Can you forgive me?" and "This is what I am looking forward to." Those things can happen in the handshake at church, a hand written note, in an email or Facebook message, a phone call...or it can happen in a longer face to face conversation. I will promise to make myself available to you for those conversations, and will look forward to sharing them with you.

And during the transition, I look forward especially to conversations in our committees and ministry groups about the future of CUMC. We worked hard to ensure that our mission and vision statements were not the outlook of one person, but the hopes of our congregation. Our vision implementation team is going to be working to bring those hopes and dreams to life.

I look forward to sharing in rich conversation and ministry with you in the months to come.

Take good care.

Jimmy

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### ADULT FRIENDSHIP CLASS

|                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| <b>February 1</b>  | <b>Don Dodson</b>                            |
| Lesson:            | Feasting and Fasting                         |
| Scripture:         | Daniel 1:5, 8-17;<br>Matthew 6:16-18; 9:9-17 |
| <b>February 8</b>  | <b>Bill Dando</b>                            |
| Lesson:            | Serving Neighbors, Serving God               |
| Scripture:         | Luke 10:25—34                                |
| <b>February 15</b> | <b>Tom Barnett</b>                           |
| Lesson:            | Serving the Least                            |
| Scripture:         | Matthew 25:31—46                             |
| <b>February 22</b> | <b>Brian Royer</b>                           |
| Lesson:            | Clothed and Ready                            |
| Scripture:         | Ephesians 6:10-20                            |

### UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRIES

March 1, the United Campus Ministries Chili Fest with Silent Auction and Bake Shop will be held at St. Mark United Church of Christ at 475 S. Fruitridge, from 4-7 PM. The price of \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and under includes, "Build Your Own Chili", hot dog, baked potato, and a beverage. Dessert is extra. We are hoping that Centenary members will provide pies for the dessert table as they generously did last year. Carry-out is available.

### LENTEN MEN'S BREAKFAST SERIES

There will be a Men's Lenten Breakfast for the Methodist churches of Vigo County. You are most cordially invited to participate. The breakfasts will begin at 8:00 AM in each location.

|          |                |
|----------|----------------|
| Feb 21   | Memorial       |
| Feb 28   | Barbour Avenue |
| March 7  | Temple         |
| March 14 | Mt. Pleasant   |
| March 21 | Maple Avenue   |

### SANCTUARY PROJECT

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 project, and for all you do to serve God in this place.

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### 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.

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### CENTENARY RINGERS

There will be no more handbell rehearsals on Tuesdays in February. Rehearsals will resume on March 3. Feel free to call me anytime.

Doris Pell  
email: [edu.dir.centenary@hotmail.com](mailto:edu.dir.centenary@hotmail.com)  
phone: 812-236-1224.

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### KIDS WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

All children through 5th grade are invited to go upstairs for the children's Worship and Sunday School program. The the, Worship time and Sunday School is the same each Sunday. During the Sunday School time is when we do the related craft/game activity. Children are encouraged to attend both sessions.

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### CENTENARY BABY SHOWER

Following worship and Sunday School on Sunday, February 15, there will be a shower for Hannah Grossman (Ryan and Tiffany) and Max Nicoson (Mike and AJ). AJ and Tiffany are both on the staff of our church, as well as members of our congregation. We look forward to celebrating these little ones, and sharing a time of congregational connection. Refreshments will be provided.

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### SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, March 15 at 5:00 PM. Mid Lenten Service for UMC churches in the Crossroad Cluster at Centenary UMC.



"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"

## SEVENTH CENTS YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, February 1 was Souper Bowl Sunday. We celebrated this event with a skit during worship service and collected money and food donations for a charity. Central celebrated with giving the Children's Moments during Central worship and also collected money and food donations for a charity. They hosted a soup lunch following worship and all Central and Centenary youth and families were invited to attend.

We will have our Lenten Series February 22—March 29 at Central from 5-7 PM for all youth. The youth will also be responsible for preparing dinner on February 22, so if you are able, I ask that youth arrive at 4 PM to help cook and set up. I'm also open to meal ideas, but I'm leaning toward a repeat of our yummy taco bar.

I look forward to seeing you this Sunday!

### **Upcoming Youth Events**

- February 8:** Youth group normal schedule at Centenary.
- February 15:** Youth group normal schedule at Centenary.
- February 22:** Youth prepare dinner at Central, 4:00 to kick off Lenten Series.
- February 22 –March 29:**  
Lenten Series at Central 5-7 PM

## SANCTUARY PROJECT NEARING COMPLETION

At this writing, the painting in the sanctuary is completed and the organ pipes will be installed the week of Monday, February 9. We are grateful for the good work of the company of Evan and Ryan, who took painstaking care with the work they undertook in our sanctuary. And the organ company of Goulding and Wood has been very flexible in insuring that the pipes would be protected during the painting and carefully reinstalled. Special thanks to the CUMC Trustees, and especially to the chair, Jerry Smith. The sanctuary looks wonderfully bright and trimmed. We hope to see you there soon.

**NEW SECRETARY AT CUMC** We are pleased to welcome Pam Virgilio to our staff to serve as secretary. Pam will be working 20 hours a week and will staff the office on Tues and Thur 9-4 and on Wed from 9-3. Please drop by to see her, call her, or drop her a note. She may also be reached at centenary301@hotmail.com. Welcome Pam!

**CHURCH SOCIAL HOUR** We still need volunteers to place the refreshments in the library and set up the area prior to the service. This only takes about 15 minutes or less. Volunteers are also needed to provide refreshments for the social time. We ask that refreshments be provided for about 45-50 people. Suggestions for refreshments include cookies, or donuts and/or perhaps a fruit. Coffee and juice are provided by the church. You may volunteer by calling the church office, 232-2319, or contacting Cindy Miller, or Mary Ellen Long. Thank you for your help!

## SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Your generous contributions to Souper Bowl Sunday on February 1, allowed our youth to send \$644.36 to our friends at the 14th and Chestnut Community Center. Thank you for opening hearts and wallets for them.

## EDUCATION NEWS

The children seem to enjoy Children's Worship and Sunday School. Right now they are learning to find places in the Bible where their stories originate. Since we have a multi-age class, the older children enjoy helping the younger ones finding pages.

We would welcome children who are visitors to come upstairs after the children's time in worship to join us. If anyone in the congregation is sitting near new families with children, I would appreciate it if you would invite them to come upstairs with the other children. Maybe you could do this at greeting time or before the service begins.. Our ages in the class can be from age four through fifth grade. There are age-appropriate crafts for everybody.

## **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:**

Visit the church website at [www.centenaryth.org](http://www.centenaryth.org)

Click on the **ONLINE GIVING** button,

Click on the **CREATE PROFILE** button, then

Follow the onscreen instructions

to create an online profile

and to schedule your recurring contributions.



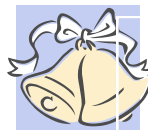
# FEBRUARY 2015

| Sun                                     | Mon | Tue | Wed  | Thu   | Fri | Sat  |
|---|-----|-----|--|---|-----|--|
| 1                                       | 2   | 3   | 4  | 5<br>11AM Prayer Group  | 6   | 7<br>8:00 AM Staff Parish Meeting                |
| 8<br>Pulpit Exchange                    | 9   | 10  | 11<br>11AM Jimmy at Westminster                                  | 12<br>Library Mtg 10 AM<br>11AM Prayer Group<br>Jesus in Gospels 2:30 at Memorial | 13  | 14<br>Happy Valentines Day!                      |
| 15                                      | 16  | 17  | 18 ASH WEDNESDAY<br>Noon: Memorial UMC<br>7:00PM: Seelyville UMC | 19<br>11AM Prayer Group<br>Jesus in Gospels 2:30 at Memorial                      | 20  | 21 8:00 AM Men's Lenten Breakfast at Memorial    |
| 22 Youth Lenten Series at Central 5-7PM | 23  | 24  | 25 Youth Design Team 5:30  | 26<br>11AM Prayer Group<br>Jesus in Gospels 2:30 at Memorial                      | 27  | 28 8:00 AM Men's Lenten Breakfast at BarbourAve. |
|   |     |     |  |   |     |  |

## February Birthdays

|                      |                  |
|----------------------|------------------|
| 2 Emma Crossen       | 19 Greg Pelkie   |
| 3 Mary Tislow        | Kimberly Booth   |
| 5 Debbie Pelkie      | 22 Joan Youngen  |
| 8 Marsha Jackson     | Mike Wollowski   |
| 9 Steve Hardin       | 23 Mara Zinin    |
| Matthew Patterson    | Aiden Kramb      |
| 11 Liam Kearns       | Steven Ornduff   |
| 13 Frances Overton   | 26 Madonna Nally |
| 15 Zachary Valentine | Gail Hayes       |
| 16 Allen Varner      | 28 Janice Lane   |
| Jason Swarens        | 29 Keith Youngen |

## Wedding Anniversaries



February 14  
Bill & Linda McKee  
Leon & Annette Trospen

### Weekly Schedule

|                                |                       |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Sunday</b>                  |                       |
| 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      |                       |
|                                | <b>Thursday</b>       |
|                                | 11:00 AM Prayer Group |