



# 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**

Well Easter has come and gone. We have remembered the crucifixion and celebrated the resurrection. But Easter is not over. Easter is actually a liturgical season that lasts for seven Sundays. In reality, Easter is an event that lasts forever and is ongoing. Spring is in the air and we see a resurrection all around us. The grass is turning green, the flowers are in bloom and the trees are in bud. What an awesome display of the resurrection.

If we think about it, every time we have a major event in our lives and make it through that event, we have had an Easter resurrection. For every bad time, there is a good time. Said another way, for every good Friday there is an Easter Sunday.

So how many "Easters" have you had in your lifetime. How do you celebrate them. May Easter be with you always as we seek to do what God has called us to do, make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

For the only cause that matters,

Mel

### ADULT FRIENDSHIP CLASS

<b>April 3</b>	<b>Don Dodson</b>
Lesson:	Renewed Health
Scripture:	Luke 7:1-10
<b>April 10</b>	<b>Bill Dando</b>
Lesson:	A Reversal of Shame
Scripture:	Luke 7:36-50
<b>April 17</b>	<b>Tom Barnett</b>
Lesson:	A Sound Mind
Scripture:	Luke 8:26-36
<b>April 24</b>	<b>Brian Royer</b>
Lesson:	A Family Reunion
Scripture:	Luke 15:11-32

### WEST DISTRICT RE-SHAPED CONFERENCE

The West District Operational team is proud to offer all clergy and laity the opportunity to gather together for a day of learning, re-learning, and re-shaping ideas for effective ministries in the local church. Please plan to participate in a new style of leadership development for the West District.

**When:** Saturday, April 30, 2016  
**Where:** Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church  
**Time:** 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

The fee is \$10 per individual or \$25 for a group (includes lunch).

**Please contact Mel if you are interested in going.**

### PRAYER SHAWL & FIBER MINISTRY

There will be a work session to knit, crochet, quilt, weave, etc. on April 21 from 5:30 - 7:30 PM in the Thirza Bunce Room. Bring your supplies and be ready to work! For more information, talk to Donna VanSandt or Lea Ann Camp. We will be meeting the 3rd Thursday of each month.



### CPR CLASS

An instructor will be teaching a CPR class on Saturday, April 30 at Central Presbyterian from 9:00 to Noon. There is a \$25 fee for participants that want to be tested for certification. Observers that want to learn the techniques but don't require certification, are free. Please contact Cheryl Moles (cheryl@thcpc.org) if you will be attending.

### **FRIENDSHIP BOUQUET In Memory of Friendships**

Pink roses for my Mother  
Red roses for my Dad  
They were the most precious people  
That I have ever had.

Purple flowers for my sisters  
Daisies for my neighbor and friend  
Blue is the color for brothers  
The bouquet has colors that blend.

The colors show all of my friendships  
That somehow will never end.  
The most beautiful flower is friendship  
The most precious flower is a friend.

Barbara Keller



### GOLF OUTING

14th and Chestnut Community Center will be hosting a Golf Tournament at the Country Club of Terre Haute on Friday, April 15, 2016. It costs \$125 for an individual or \$500 for a team of 4. Registration starts at 11:00 a.m., followed by lunch at 11:30 a.m. and tee off at 1:00 p.m. Proceeds will go towards providing daily activities with the students at 14th and Chestnut Community Center as well as backpacks, school supplies, and meals for the students. Participants can pre-register by contacting 14th and Chestnut Community Center (812-232-3126) or Harrah Plumbing and Heating (812-235-2262).

### ATTENTION ALL CENTENARY U. M. WOMEN!

All women are invited to participate in the first UMW meeting of 2016 on Wednesday, April 6, at 10 a.m. in the Friendship Classroom. A light brunch will be served by Janice Lane and Caroline Dando, and Ann Bloxdorf will present the Program. Please join us, if you can.

**YOUTH GROUP NEWS  
FROM CONNOR**

In early March, the Youth group had a fun time playing Lazer Tag after church. We just finished up a 6 week Lenten series and in April we will have game nights, bible studies and begin practicing for Youth Day on May 1.

**LAY SERVANT ACADEMY**

**Sponsored by the UMC West District**

**Saturday, April 23, 2016**

**8:00 AM - 6:00 PM**

**Centenary United Methodist Church**

Registration fee is \$15 per participant. This fee includes lunch, but not class materials. Registrants are responsible for purchasing and preparing materials ahead of time.

Participants will be contacted by class leaders with information on materials needed. Deadline to register is April 14. If you are interested in registering or more information, please contact Pam and she will email you the link. An all-church email was also sent out on March 8 with the link to register.



**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN WEST  
DISTRICT SPRING CELEBRATION**

Date: Saturday, April 30  
Location: Centenary United Methodist Church  
Time: 9:30 AM Registration & coffee, concluding with lunch  
Cost: No cost, freewill offering to cover lunch  
Speaker: Felicia Stewart, "Methodists and Maternal Health"

**\*\*\*RSVP to Barbara Johnson\*\*\*  
barbara71244@yahoo.com or 812-829-0253  
No later than Saturday, April 23  
(Childcare available upon request with RSVP)**



**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS  
FROM DORIS**



**VBS**

Planning has begun for the 2016 Four Churches' Vacation Bible School. At this time, those who have met have suggested that the 2016 VBS be presented in a different way and in a different mode. It is tentatively planned for Friday evening, June 17, at Wadsworth Farm and all day on Saturday, June 18, at Centenary U. M. Church. The theme is "Camp Friendship," and the lessons, activities, music, and crafts will be based on selected parables.

Parents of children who plan to attend the 2016 VBS are urged to attend the planning sessions and contribute to the design of this new two-day format. Please contact Pastor Mel or Doris Pell if you have any questions.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES**

Remember that we offer 3 Adult Sunday School classes on Sunday mornings after the Worship Service. The Fellowship Class meets downstairs and follows a weekly lesson plan that is listed in the Sunday morning bulletin. A more informal class meets in the Thirza Bunce Room for a discussion of the Sunday sermon, no preparation needed. The College Age/Young Adult Class meets downstairs in the Discipleship Room. We hope you will join us at one of these classes for some lively discussion and fellowship!

**BREAD FOR THE WORLD LETTERS**

We need your help!! Bread for the World's offering of letters aims to realize a world to which all of God's children are fed. Our goal is to create political will by writing our policy makers and urging them to create pathways out of hunger and poverty. Join members of Centenary in writing letters to our congressmen on April 10, 17 &/or 24th, or write at home and get the letters to church before May 1. We will bless our Centenary letters on the 1st and then deliver them to the Bread meeting on May 2, where they will be blessed again before being hand delivered to the Congressmen.

The idea is to make a large impact by having letters from as many churches as possible. Let's turn our faith into action and make sure that Centenary is well represented. **There is a sample letter included in this newsletter and there will also be sample letters at the back of the church starting on April 10.**

**SAMPLE LETTER FOR BREAD FOR THE WORLD OFFERING OF LETTERS**  
**(Three letters needed)**

Senator Joe Donnelly  
Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington DC 20510

Senator Dan Coates  
493 Russell Building  
Washington DC 20510

Representative Larry Bucshon  
1005 Longworth HOB  
Washington DC 20510

[Date]

Dear Senator [Donnelly] [Coates]; or [Dear Representative Bucshon],

[Your personal thoughts here about your concern for hunger, as you witness it in our community.]

As a Christian, I am concerned when people go hungry. We must do our part on the local level, but I know too that our government can play an important role in alleviating hunger.

Please make sure that Congress funds programs that allow adequate nutrition for America's children. Specifically, these programs include SNAP, WIC, the school lunch program, school breakfasts, and an extension of the summer lunch program to all children who need it. Hunger and malnourishment translate directly into costly health care needs.

Like our children, the children in developing countries must not only survive but thrive. I ask you to increase funding for the nutrition programs of the global health account in the State Department foreign operations appropriation bill.

Twice as many people could be fed with American aid if two measures were taken: Repeal the rules that require food to travel in American ships, and allow the purchase of food near where it is required.

Thank you for your work in addressing hunger.

Sincerely yours,

[Your name]

[Your Address]

(optional: your email and phone number)

I am a member of \_\_\_\_\_ Church, Terre Haute, Indiana

**Place your letter in an envelope addressed to the intended recipient.**



# 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 4:00 - 11:00 Zeta Tau Alpha Initiation	2
3	4	5	6 10:00 UMW Meeting Noon Mel at <u>Westminster</u> 7:00 Chancel Choir	7 11:00 AM Prayer Group	8	9 9:00 - 1:00 Sigma Chi <u>Initiation</u> 2:00 - 5:00 Scholarship Concert
10 11:30 Education Meeting	11	12	13 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice	14 11:00 AM Prayer Group	15	16 9:00 - 4:00 Melody Makers
17	18	19	20 10:00 UMW Circle Meeting 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice	21 11:00 AM Prayer Group 5:30 PM Prayer Shawl Mtg.	22	23 8:00 - 6:00 UMC District Lay Servant Event
24	25	26	27 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice	28 11:00 AM Prayer Group	29 UMW Set-up For District Meeting	30 9:30 AM UMW <u>District Meeting</u> UMC District Reshaping Conf. Mt. Pleasant 9:30 - 3:00

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS



2	Tom Barnett	21	Jim Pell
4	Jerry Mitchell		Kenneth Lane
	Tim Hayes	22	Mary Ofsansky
6	Barbara Keller	23	Donald McBride
7	Lynda Smith	24	Philip DiLavore
10	Michel Starkey		Jerry Smith
11	Robert Cowden	25	Carol McCrory
14	Michael Nicoson	26	Michael Ofsansky
	Patricia Brewer	27	Jane Tennis
15	Nancy Rogers	28	Mike King
16	Samantha Hayes	30	Lucille Cummings
18	Eleanor Shagley		Morgan Brown

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



21	Keith & Joan Youngen
30	Kenneth & Janice Lane

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
9:30 AM Worship	7:00 PM Choir Practice
10:45 AM Sunday School	<b>Thursday</b>
5:00 - 7:00 PM Middle School & H.S. Youth	11:00 AM Prayer Group