



# 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**

We have been studying the Apostles Creed in our Lenten study. This creed is one of the oldest creeds in Christianity and gives us in site into what we, as Christians believe. The first two lessons were on God and Jesus, and we have had some good conversations around those topics.

We study these beliefs so that we can have a better understanding of who we believe God and Jesus are. If we do not understand who they are then we cannot begin to share with others who they are.

I was just working on the message for March 19, about the Samaritan woman who encountered Jesus at the well. That story is a conversion story. She comes to believe and thus share who Jesus is with others. The story says that others believed because of her testimony. Isn't that what it's all about? Sharing Christ with others so that can come to believe as well.

So, who have you shared with lately? How are you making disciples of Jesus for the transformation of the world?

For The Only Cause That Matters,

***Mel***

### ADULT FRIENDSHIP CLASS

<b>April 2</b>	<b>Don Dodson</b>
Lesson:	God As Our Shepherd
Scripture:	Psalm 23
<b>April 9</b>	<b>Bill Dando</b>
Lesson:	God's Saving Love In Christ
Scripture:	John 3:1-21
<b>April 16</b>	<b>Tom Barnett</b>
Lesson:	God's Love As Victory Over Death
Scripture:	John 20:1-10; 1 Peter 1:3-9
<b>April 23</b>	<b>Brian Royer</b>
Lesson:	God's Reconciling Love
Scripture:	Romans 5:1-11; 8:31-39
<b>April 30</b>	<b>Don Dodson</b>
Lesson:	God's Preserving Love
Scripture:	John 10:1-15

### CENTENARY'S MARCH SYCAMORE SOCIAL

More than 65 physically and mentally challenged guests and their aids had a fun time at Centenary's Irish-themed Sycamore Social on March 6 at the Maple Avenue Armory. They enjoyed tossing basketballs into the hoop and hurling a special football, dancing the Hokey-Pokey and the Limbo, and playing the "Corn Toss" game. Our guests devoured the Snickerdoodle and sugar cookies, pretzels, Cheez-Its, and cheese chunks and drank lemonade.

Special thanks to Julie and Chris Brown, Susan Brattain, Don Dodson, Pastor Mel Camp, Steve and Deb Hardin, Ken and Janice Lane, Cindy Miller, and Bill and Caroline Dando for their work, contributions, and Christian love and extra thanks to Pam Virgilio for her work in getting the flyers out to the Group homes and then calling them to remind them of the event.

Please mark your calendars for the next Sycamore Social on Monday, May 1, 7 - 9 p.m., at the Maple Avenue Armory. Join us in an inspiring, uplifting, and fun-filled evening.

### LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Mel is leading a Lenten Bible Study titled "Creed, What Christians Believe and Why". There are 2 more sessions on April 4 and 11 from 5:00 - 6:00. Please come- all are welcome.

### ADDRESS FOR DORIS PELL

Doris Pell's address has changed. For those of you who don't have it, it is: 1101 S. 27th, Terre Haute 47803.

### ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP TIME

There are still a few Sundays left to sign-up to donate altar flowers. 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 provides 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.



### LENTEN MEN'S BREAKFAST

The remaining Lenten Men's Breakfasts are listed below. Please join us - all are welcome!

Sat. April 1	8:00 AM	Centenary UMC
Sat. April 8	8:00 AM	Breden UMC 2228 S. 7th, TH

### KIDS EASTER EGG HUNT

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for children after church on Palm Sunday, April 9. If you would like to donate filled plastic eggs, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Michel Starkey, 812-230-2522 with questions.



### VBS VOLUNTEERS

Vacation Bible School will be on June 19 - 22 and will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church. There are sign-up sheets in the Library if you would like to help.

### PRAYER SHAWL & FIBER MINISTRY

There will be a work session to knit, crochet, quilt, weave, etc. on April 20 from 5:30 - 7:30 PM. Bring your supplies and be ready to fellowship. For more information, talk to Donna VanSandt or Lea Ann Camp. We meet the 3rd Thursday of each month.

### 14TH & CHESTNUT

April at 14th & Chestnut finds the children learning about Easter. To celebrate the resurrection, an Easter Egg Hunt is planned and there is a need for a variety of small toys and Easter candy to fill baskets for the children. Also, there is always a need for new underwear for the children—size 6 to large for boys and girls. Any donations will be appreciated.



**YOUTH GROUP NEWS  
FROM CONNOR**

We finished up a 4 week video series called Amazing Grace that talked about how and why God loves us. Last Sunday we took 10 students to see “The Shack” and had a discussion about it. The Youth Sunday date has been set to May 14 at Centenary.

**7TH CENTS YOUTH GROUP INVITES YOU TO :  
BURRITO BAR FUNDRAISER**

To raise money for a summer mission trip to Cincinnati, Ohio

Date: April 8, 2017

Place: Centenary United Methodist Church

Time: 5 - 7 PM, Dessert Auction at 6 PM

Cost: \$15/person includes Qudoba burrito bar and a drink

Children 5 & under eat free, to go boxes available

Buy tickets at Central Presbyterian or Centenary UMC.

A limited amount of tickets will be available at the door.

**BREAD FOR THE WORLD 2017 “OFFERING OF LETTERS”**

1 out of 5 children in the US live in households that struggle to get enough to eat!! Only 1 out of every 20 grocery bags that feed hungry people come from church food pantries and other private charities. The federal programs provide the rest!! Once a year BREAD FOR THE WORLD (an organization that writes letters, e-mails & phones our Congress people asking for help with food funding for women and children) hosts an “Offering of Letters.”

As members of Centenary we will be writing individual letters to our Congress people during the month of April. These letters will be blessed in our Sanctuary on April 23, again on April 24 at United Campus Ministries and then hand delivered to Congressional Offices in Indianapolis in May. We have been told that the assistants in the Congress people’s offices do read the letters and then send any with a personal statement on to their congress persons that are then read by them.

**\*\*PLEASE JOIN OUR CONGREGATION IN THIS EFFORT. NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF LEGISLATORS ARE IN THE LIBRARY WITH SAMPLE LETTERS.**

**UMW**

Centenary United Methodist Women will have their first meeting of the year on Wednesday, April 5 at 10:00 AM in the Friendship Classroom. All women are invited to participate.

**FATIMA**

*The sanctuary at Fatima  
Was a lovely sight to see  
Someone was approaching it  
Upon each bended knee.*

*A place for meditation  
Was outside to sit or pray  
The time we went to be there  
Was a perfect day.*

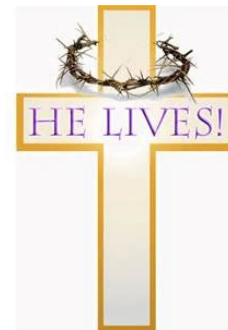
*We climbed and climbed the stairway  
And found a church up high  
A chant in foreign language  
Arose to meet the sky.*

*We then proceeded downward  
And saw candles burning bright  
They would have shown up very clear  
If it had been at night.*

*Each candle was a blessing  
Or a simple healing prayer  
Or maybe a remembrance  
Of those no longer here.*

*I know not of the vision  
Seen by children long ago  
But I’d like to burn a candle  
And feel it’s healing glow.*

**Barbara Keller**



**HAVE A BLESSED AND  
JOYOUS EASTER!**

**FROM YOUR CENTENARY STAFF**



# 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 8:00 AM Men's Lenten Breakfast Here
2 10:45 AM Music & Worship Committee	3	4 Lenten Study 5:00 PM	5 10:00 AM United Methodist Women Meeting  7:00 PM Choir	6 11:00 AM Prayer Group	7	8 9 - 3:00 PM "Vocal Chords" <u>Rehearsal</u> Youth Group Fundraiser 5 - 7:00 PM
9 <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> (Children's Easter Egg Hunt after Worship)	10	11 Lenten Study 5:00 PM	12 11:00 AM Mel at Westminster  7:00 PM Choir	13 <b>HOLY THURSDAY</b>  11:00 AM Prayer Group	14 <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	15
16 <b>EASTER</b> 	17	18	19 7:00 PM Choir	20 11:00 AM Prayer Group  5:30 PM Prayer Shawl	21	22
23 30	24 551 Community Lunch Program at Centenary 11:00 - 1:30	25	26 7:00 PM Choir	27 11:00 AM Prayer Group	28 7:30 PM ISU African Student Dinner	29

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS



## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



2 Tom Barnett	21 Ken Lane
4 Tim Hayes	22 Mary Ofsansky
Jerry Mitchell	23 Don McBride
6 Barbara Keller	24 Phil DiLavore
7 Lynda Smith	Jerry Smith
8 Jimmy Moore	25 Carol McCrory
10 Michelle Starkey	26 Michael Ofsansky
11 Bob Cowden	27 Jane Tennis
14 Michael Nicoson	28 Mike King
15 Nancy Rogers	30 Lucille Cummings
16 Samantha Hayes	Morgan Brown
18 Eleanor Shagley	

21	Keith & Joan Youngen
30	Ken & Janice Lane

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<b>Sunday</b>		<b>Wednesday</b>	
9:30 AM	Worship	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
10:45 AM	Sunday School	<b>Thursday</b>	
5 - 7 PM	Youth Group	11:00 AM	Prayer Group