



# The Centenary Sentinel

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*Sharing God's Love at the Heart of Terre Haute*  
*Mel Camp, Pastor*  
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## **FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN**

By the time you read this, Thanksgiving will be here. That means that Christmas is just around the corner. Black Friday and Cyber-Monday are here and the Christmas shopping season has officially begun, although some stores (most Stores) have had their Christmas stuff out since before Halloween. The Christmas parties have begun, and our lives take on a new busyness.

As we begin this very busy time of the year, let us be ever mindful of what the season is really all about. It is a time for us to reflect and remember that event that happened so many years ago in the town of Bethlehem. An event that would change the world forever. As we remember the birth of the baby Jesus in that stable, let us remember that Jesus loves us no matter where we lay our head. As we remember that Jesus was wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in the manger, let us remember that Jesus loves us no matter what we wear. As we remember the celebration of the shepherds, let us remember that Jesus is the reason for the season.

May you and yours have a very Merry Christmas. May you take time in the midst of our busyness to remember why we do what we do. Above all, may you remember that God loves you so much, he sent his son to show us.

For the only cause that matters,

Mel

### ADULT FRIENDSHIP CLASS

<b>Dec. 6</b>	<b>Don Dodson</b>
Lesson:	The Lord's Day
Scripture:	Exodus 20:8-11; 31:12-16
<b>Dec. 13</b>	<b>No Class</b>
<b>Dec. 20</b>	<b>Tom Barnett</b>
Lesson:	Dedication of Firstborn
Scripture:	Exodus 13:13-15; Luke 2:22-32
<b>Dec. 27</b>	<b>Brian Royer</b>
Lesson:	A Generous Gift
Scripture:	Matthew 23:2-12; Mark 12:38-44

### SYCAMORE SOCIAL

Please mark your calendar for the Sycamore Social to be held at the Maple Avenue Armory on Monday, December 7, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. **Our set up begins at 7:00.** This event was begun more than 30 years ago by the late ISU Professor of Special Education, Dr. William Kern, and his graduate students to provide a social outlet for the mentally and physically challenged of Terre Haute. Please come and help us host this important event!



We also need refreshments for the evening. If you would like to contribute, please bring them to the church on Sunday, December 6. Thank you!

### CHRISTMAS FUN AT THE WOODS

The Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, are inviting all to join them for Christmas Fun at the Woods, from 1 to 4 p.m., on Saturday, December 12, at Providence Spirituality and Conference Center. Children and adults may take part in many activities with the sisters, including cookie decorating, sing-a-longs, sleigh rides, hayrides, visiting with Santa and more. Cost is \$5 per person, and no pre-registration is required. For more information, call 812-535-2946 or email [ProvCtr@spsmw.org](mailto:ProvCtr@spsmw.org).

### CHRISTMAS GIFTS

As we celebrate Christmas, we want to include a thank you to our Centenary staff who are such an important part of our Centenary community. Your Staff Parish committee is collecting monetary contributions for staff Christmas presents. If you are able to contribute, send your gift to the church office, put in the offering plate or give to Martha Crossen. Please make sure your gift is clearly marked as Staff gift. Please make your gift by Friday, December 18.



*Merry Christmas  
from  
Your Church Staff*

Pastor:	Mel Camp
Finance Secretary:	Ken Grissen
Church Secretary:	Pam Virgilio
Christian Ed. Dir.	Doris Pell
Youth Director:	Connor Scanlon
Director of Music:	Scott Buchanan
Organist:	Bill Cain
Nursery Attendant:	A.J. Nicoson
Custodian:	Jane Berg



### CENTENARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

#### CHANCEL CHOIR

#### PRESENTS

### *BY HEAVEN'S LIGHT* (A CANTATA FOR CHRISTMAS)

Words: Tom Long                      Music: Allen Pote

**Dr. Scott R. Buchanan, Conductor**

**Bill Cain, Accompanist**

**Featuring:**

**Mike King & Steve Hardin, Narrators**

**Katelyn Kendall & Christiana Wittenmyer, Soloists**

**Sunday, December 6, 2015**

**9: 30 AM Worship Service**

**NOTES FROM OUR YOUTH  
DIRECTOR, CONNOR SCANLON**

Friday, December 4 will be a fun night for our 3 year olds through 5th graders. The girls will have a Princess Party and overnight at Central and the boys will have an overnight here at Centenary. Drop off time is at 6 PM and pick up is Saturday at 8 AM. There will be dinner for the kids. The Middle School and High School Youth Group is helping along with 2 -3 adults at each church. The main event for the night will be going to Miracle on 7th Street.

There will a Christmas Party on December 13 - more information to come. December 6, 20 and 27 there will be no meeting.

If there are any questions, please contact Connor at 812-569-6266 or email to [connor@thcpc.org](mailto:connor@thcpc.org).

**NURSERY**

Reminder: Centenary has a staffed and safe Nursery and pre-school upstairs for children, infant through 4 years old. We know the difficulty in managing one's child or children while one is trying to worship. You are welcome to try out the pre-school and nursery.



**HAND BELL CHOIR NOTES FROM DORIS**

Hand Bells will play the last time on December 6. If there is enough interest we may get together sometime next year. Centenary owns 4 octaves of hand bells and we are presently using only half of them. Playing hand bells is a beautiful way to Worship, but there have to be enough willing to sacrifice the time to prepare and play. (The word "priority" comes to mind.) We have some very busy players right now who have had to juggle schedules to make rehearsals work for them. Thanks to them for their sacrifice of time. During the months of January and February I will be offering to work with individuals to learn hand bell techniques. Learning to play bells involves much more than reading the music. I will meet with anyone who wants to learn to play correctly, on an individual basis. Please let me know and we can work out times. We will see if Centenary has enough interest in keeping the hand bell choir going.

**THANK YOU FROM DORIS**

THANKS TO ALL who have helped so much in 2015 by teaching the children, doing the job of moving hand bell equipment, assisting with the children's Christmas program, and helping at our summer outings. Everything is better when we all work together.

**ITEMS NEEDED FOR KIDS' WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL**

If anyone has any LEGOS at your house that you no longer use, please consider donating the to be used in Kids' Worship and Sunday School.

POLYESTER FIBER-FIL is needed for the Christmas program. If you have any that is not needed, please consider donating to the church.

**2016 ALTAR FLOWERS SIGN-UP TIME**

It's time to sign up for 2016 Altar Flowers. The sign up sheet is posted in the Eagle Street hallway. Altar flowers are given in memory or celebration of an individual or Occasion. Diana's Flowers will once again be providing the bouquets for \$36. Thank you in advance to all who generously provide tangible beauty to our Sunday morning Worship Service. If you have any questions, call Susan Brattain, altar flower coordinator at 812-234-2277. A huge thank you to everyone who provided flowers for Worship during 2015.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

**Where:** Downstairs on the Stage

**When:** Sunday, December 13

**Time:** During Sunday School, after Worship

**PLEASE COME AND BE BLESSED!**

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM  
REHEARSAL SCHEDULE**

Rehearsals are being held during Children's time on Sunday mornings. Additional rehearsals are:

Sun. 12/6	4:00 - 5:30 PM
Sun. 12/12	10:30 AM

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN MEETING**

The UMW will have a Pot Luck Luncheon at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, December 2 in the Friendship Room. The presenter will be Karen Heefner and there will be a business meeting. Please remember to bring items for the layettes for Union Hospital Maternal Health Center.



# DECEMBER 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 5:30 Missions Meeting	2 11:00 AM Mel at Westminster 5:45 Bell Choir	3 11:00 AM Prayer Group	4 Children age 3-5th grade overnights: Boys here, girls at Central 6 PM - 8 AM	5 10 - Noon <u>Choir Practice</u> 7:30 PM Banks of the Wabash Xmas Show
6 Christmas Cantata/Hand Bell Choir at <u>Worship</u> 4-5:30 PM Children's Xmas Program Practice	7 7:30 PM Sycamore Social at Maple Ave. Armory	8 6:30 PM Youth Design Team Meeting at Central	9 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice	10 11:00 AM Prayer Group	11	12 10:30 AM Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal
13 Children's Christmas Program downstairs during Sunday School	14	15	16	17 11:00 AM Prayer Group	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Service  OFFICE CLOSED	25 <b>HAVE A VERY BLESSED AND MERRY CHRISTMAS!!</b>	26
27	28	29	30	31 11:00 AM Prayer Group		

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



3	Mel Camp	19	Anthony Pesavento
5	Beth Tevlin	23	Mark Frisz
7	Leon Trosper	25	Louann Kern Ann Miles Templeton
9	Donna VanSandt	26	Tyler King
	Robert Dodson	27	Gabrielle Tanoos
11	Annette Trosper		Gift Yaw Dadzie
	Sandy McClain	28	Daniel Dadzie
13	Benjamin Pottratz	31	Steve Kostyo
14	Mary Ellen Long		Caroline Dando
	William Shagley		
15	Paul Strahla		
	Ryan Grossman		

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



26	Jim & Doris Pell
29	Mike & Nicole King

## 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