



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

As we approach the end of November and the beginning of December, we also approach the Advent season. The word Advent means "coming" or "arrival." The focus of the entire season is preparation to celebrate the birth of Jesus the Christ in his First Advent, and the anticipation of the return of Christ the King in his Second Advent. Thus, Advent is far more than simply marking a 2,000 year old event in history.

For Christians, the season of Advent anticipates the coming of Christ from three different perspectives. Christians have spoken of the three comings of Christ: in the flesh in Bethlehem, in our hearts daily, and in glory at the end of time.

During Advent, we prepare for, and anticipate, the coming of Christ. We remember the longing of Jews for a Messiah and our own longing for, and need of, forgiveness, salvation and a new beginning. Even as we look back and celebrate the birth of Jesus in a humble stable in Bethlehem, we also look forward anticipating the second coming of Christ as the fulfillment of all that was promised by his first coming.

As we journey through this season of anticipation and expectation, let us remember, Jesus is the reason for the season.

For The Only Cause That Matters,

Mel



YOUTH GROUP NEWS FROM CONNOR

PAST EVENTS

Started a new part in our relationship series, we are now looking at our relationship with ourselves. The first part was about our relationship with God. We have already talked about image and how we all have things in our lives from material items to relationships to activities that we try and fill our lives up with but there never enough and we find we keep going back for more because we are never satisfied. With Jesus we will always be filled up because the artist says we are a masterpiece regardless of what we have done.

The coming weeks in that series we will be looking at choices, relationships, and accomplishments.

The youth participated in a desert auction at Central to raise money for the summer mission trip. We raised over 600 dollars. Thank you all who participated in that from youth to members of the church. The youth also did a rake and run on Sunday November 12th. It was a cold and rainy day but the youth were a great help in raking people's yards.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

- 12/3 Bible Study at Centenary from 5-7
- 12/10 No Youth Group
- 12/15 Overnighter at Centenary, drop off at 7 p.m. at church, pick up at church TBD

TWO SERVICES ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

We will be offering two services on Christmas Eve; our regular Worship Service at 9:30 AM and a Christmas Eve Service at 7:00 PM.

ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP TIME

It's time to sign up to donate altar flowers in 2018. 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 will once again provide 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.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS



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Women

UMW CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

All women are invited to participate in the United Methodist Women Christmas Potluck on Wednesday, Dec. 6, at 11:30 a.m., in the Friendship Classroom. Karen Heefner will be the Presenter. Pastor Deb Moore Hardin will collect layettes for the Union Hospital Maternal Health Center and Evelyn DiLamore will gather monies for Christmas Fruit Trays for staff and shut-ins. The hostesses will be Ann Bloxdorf, Susan Brattain, and Gerri Varner. Christmas music will be provided by Mary Lynn Siefert. Please join us!

EVENING CIRCLE

The Evening Circle will meet on Monday, December 11 at 6:00 PM. They will continue a Covenant study and discussion. All women are welcome!

SYCAMORE SOCIAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Monday, December 4 from 7:00 - 9:00 PM, Centenary will be hosting a special Sycamore Social Christmas Party at the Maple Avenue Armory. The event is very special to our mentally and physically challenged guests, and we have a great time with them. Our guests enjoy dancing, playing basketball, a bean bag toss, and fellowship with guests from other homes. This year we will be giving an Elf Hat to our first 30 guests and there will be a special visitor in a red suit! Please join us if you can and help us to help them feel welcome and as special as they really are.

*All of the Centenary Staff wish you
a heartfelt and joyous Christmas
and a New Year filled with
blessings.*

**Mel Camp
Ken Grissen
Connor Scanlon
Paul Ellison**

**Pam Virgilio
Jane Berg
Josh Mans
Bill Cain**

A.J. Nicoson



ADULT FRIENDSHIP CLASS

December 3	Don Dodson
Lesson:	Faith in Jesus
Scripture:	Acts 3:11-21
December 10	Bill Dando
Lesson:	Faith to Discern
Scripture:	Acts 13:1-12
December 17	Tom Barnett
Lesson:	Faith to Persevere
Scripture:	Acts 14:8-11, 19-23
December 24	Brian Royer
Lesson:	Faithful Seekers of the King
Scripture:	Matthew 2:1-12
December 31	Don Dodson
Lesson:	Faith to Unite
Scripture:	Ephesians 4:1-16

14 & CHESTNUT HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS

Offering food baskets to 70 families this Thanksgiving and 70 this Christmas. Items needed to fill one food basket:

2 cans corn	1 cake mix
2 cans green beans	1 can frosting
2 boxes mac & cheese	1 can pumpkin
1 box stuffing	1 can pie filling
1 can sweet potatoes	1 can evaporated milk
1 can/jar gravy	1 can cranberry sauce
1 package dinner rolls	2 pie crusts
1 box instant mashed potatoes	1 foil roasting pan

Due to limited freezer space, please bring:

6 - 10 lb hams only on day of distribution: Thur, Dec 14
Cooked ham to serve at the dinner: Thur, Dec 14

Bring non-meat items to 14th & Chestnut Center by Friday, Dec. 8.

Collect items to fill one basket OR collect 1-2 items in bulk.

Contact Heather Slee with donation commitments; 812-232-3126 or email 14th.chestnut@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Please be sure to attend our Christmas Cantata during the Worship Service on Sunday, December 10.



STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Please join us in thanking our staff for all their dedication to the Centenary Community by making a contribution to Staff Christmas Gifts. You may do so by putting a check or cash in an envelope marked Staff Christmas Gift and place it in the offering plate or send it to the church office. These gifts should be made by Friday, December 15.

PLUMBING HELP WANTED

If there are any handymen that know how to fix the inside workings of a toilet, please see Jane. The toilet in the bathroom by the first floor kitchen needs some help!

CENTENARY COMMUNITY LUNCH

On Monday, November 27 we served 82 people at our monthly free lunch. Thanks to all that came out to help. Our next lunch will be a turkey dinner with all the trimmings on Monday, December 11 from 11:00 - 1:30.



UCM FALL ECONOMICS & ETHICS DISCUSSION-

WHEN: Thursday, December 7

TIME: 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

PLACE: Centenary United Methodist Church


RSVP by Mon., Dec. 4 to Adam.Burkett@indstate.edu

United Campus Ministries & ISU Center for Economic Education are offering an Economics and Ethics Panel Discussion regarding Healthcare Reform: industry implications, insurance complications, and the economics of it all. Lunch will be provided. For more information, please see the flier posted on the bulletin board in the Eagle Street hallway.



December

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			7:00 Choir Practice	11:00 Prayer Group	1	2 10 - 4:00 Delta Gamma Downstairs
3	4 Sycamore Social Christmas Party 7:00 - 9:00	5	6 11:30 UMW Christmas Potluck No Choir Rehearsal	7 11 - 12:30 UCM Economic Workshop Here 11:00 Prayer Group	8	9 10:00 Choir Rehearsal
10 Christmas Cantata at 9:30 Worship Service	11 11 - 1:30 Free Lunch Turkey Dinner 6:00 UMW	12	13 7:00 Choir Practice	14 11:00 Prayer Group	15	16
17	18	19	20 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	21 11:00 Prayer Group	22	23
24 Regular Worship Svc & Xmas Eve Service at 7:00	25 	26	27	28 11:00 Prayer Group	29	30
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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3 Mel Camp	23 Mark Frisz
5 Beth Tevlin	25 Louann Kern
7 Leon Trospen	26 Tyler King
9 Donna VanSandt Bob Dodson	27 Gabriella Tanoos Gift Yaw Dadzie
11 Annette Trospen Sandy McClain	28 Daniel Dadzie
13 Ben Pottratz	31 Steve Kostyo Caroline Dando
14 Mary Ellen Long William Shagley	
19 Tony Pesavento	



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



29	Mike & Nicole King
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