



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, can you believe it? We have been here in Terre Haute for six months now. We have been through our first Advent season. We have experienced our first Terre Haute snowfall. We have gotten to know some of you better and are still working on names and who belongs with whom. We have begun a Sunday School class for college age adults, and experienced our first Sycamore Social.

Let me just say, it is good to be in Terre Haute. Lea Ann and I have enjoyed being in this great community again. And thank you to Centenary United Methodist Church, you have welcomed us and made us feel like we belong. You have taken us in and made us one of you.

Who knows what God has in store for us. We hope this is the beginning of a long relationship. May God be with us and may we listen as He leads us to new and exciting adventures. May He help us to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

For the only cause that Matters,

Mel

ADULT FRIENDSHIP CLASS

Feb. 7	Don Dodson
Lesson:	Passover
Scripture:	Exodus 12:1-14
Feb. 14	Bill Dando
Lesson:	Feast of Weeks
Scripture:	Leviticus 23:15-22
Feb. 21	Tom Barnett
Lesson:	Day of Atonement
Scripture:	Leviticus 16:11-19
Feb. 28	Brian Royer
Lesson:	The Feast of Booth
Scripture:	Leviticus 23:33-43

OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2016 Offering Envelopes are on the table in the back of the Sanctuary arranged alphabetically. If your 2015 number was greater than 60, you have been issued a new number.

CHILI FEST

Silent Auction & Bake Shop

Plus Veggie Options, Hot Dogs & Potatoes



Where: St. Mark United Church of Christ
When: March 6, 2016
(Snow Day is March 13)
Time: 4:00 - 7:00 PM
Donation: Adults \$10, Children 10 and Under \$5

**TO BENEFIT UNITED
CAMPUS MINISTRIES**



BREAD FOR THE WORLD

The next meeting will be on February 8 at 6:00 at United Campus Ministries. The topic will be Homelessness in Terre Haute. By that time a census of the homeless in our community will have taken place, and we will learn of the findings. The speaker will be Kelli Fuller, who is employed by Hamilton Center to facilitate a program called PATH (Projects for Assistance for Transition from Homelessness).

The focus of the Terre Haute chapter of Bread for the World has shifted. Our meetings now have a local focus, as we learn about aspects of hunger in our city. Recent programs have dealt with WIC (Women and Infant Children), both state-wide and in the Wabash Valley, with problems of the Working Poor, and with the very successful West Terre Haute food pantry. If you have ideas for further programs, as we continue to explore hunger issues in our community, please contact:

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BOOKS WE LOVE EVENT

During February we invite you to share the names of your favorite books that you have found in the church library. A clip board will be on the Library table starting the first Sunday in February. We hope that this will encourage church members to use our library more - it really is an asset to our church.



BAKING FOR THE CHILI FEST

If you like to bake, you might want to consider making something for the dessert table at the Chili Fest on March 6, to benefit United Campus Ministries. If you received a gift at Christmas that you don't know what to do with, the Silent Auction to be held at the Chili Fest is a wonderful solution!

CONDOLENCES

On January 4, Elizabeth Parks, a long time member of Centenary passed away. On January 8, Tony Pesevanto's stepfather, Antone Rubinacci, passed away. Our sincere thoughts and prayers go out to their families.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS FROM CONNOR

On January 30, our youth helped out at the Humane Society by cleaning out cages and other housekeeping duties that need to be done before they move into their new building. Our February schedule includes setting up and decorating Fellowship Hall at Central for the Souper Bowl of Caring lunch on February 7 and beginning a Lenten Series on February 14.

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.

Dear Centenary Family:

Thank you for your prayers, concerns, and cards at the passing of Tony's father. We appreciate your kind and caring hearts. We are blessed to be part of this special congregation.

Love,

Tony, Sarah, Lily and Max Pesavento

PRAYERS

Bill Cain, our Church Organist, will be having foot surgery on February 3 and will be recuperating for a few weeks. Please remember him in prayer.

FOUR UMW MEMBERS ATTEND SPIRITUAL RETREAT

On January 22 and 23, four of our UMW unit members were blessed to attend the Winter Spiritual Growth Retreat, a UMW of Indiana event. B.J. Carlson, Karen Heefner, Donna VanSandt and Susan Brattain of Centenary, and Lila Waugh from Memorial, joined approximately 110 other Indiana women at McCormick Creek State Park. The theme was "Playing at the Feet of Jesus: The Spiritual Practice of Play".

The leader, Anne Bunch, a Terre Haute Temple member, provided us with inspiration and insights. The fellowship, as always, was fun and heartwarming. This retreat was one of several UMW state-wide events scheduled for 2016.

FROM OUR EDUCATION DIRECTOR, DORIS PELL

ANNOUNCING A NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS!

Please join us at 10 :45 AM, Sunday, in the Thirza Bunce room for a discussion of the Sunday sermon. We'll consider insights we gain from the sermon, as well as the lectionary readings. This informal class requires no preparation and no homework. It is just an opportunity for lively discussion and fellowship. See you there!

LENTEN STUDY FOR KIDS

On Sunday, February 14, the children will start a six-week Lent series that shows them more about the life of Jesus through the eyes of John. Throughout this study we will learn so much about Jesus that we will want to follow him even more. Volunteers are invited to teach the class on any given Sunday during Lent. You would be welcome by smiles and innocent looking faces who absorb the Word like little sponges. You would enjoy it.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL TIME IS COMING and we are privileged to be the host church. The dates are June 12 through 16. It is quite an undertaking and it is hoped that adults of Centenary will come forward with offers to help. More later!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CURRICULUM MEETING will be held at Centenary on Friday, February 8, 10:00 AM in the fellowship room. The children's leaders from Centenary, Trinity Lutheran, Central Presbyterian, and the Episcopal church will review and select a curriculum. Then on March 10, 7:00 PM, there will be a meeting for helpers of each congregation to attend and see where they will be comfortable working during VBS.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY, February 7, young people of the church will resume the custom of collecting monies for the SOUPER BOWL OF CARING, which is a national organization whose mission is to remind the local church to provide for the hungry in their community. No money is sent to the national organization and our collection will be given to the 14th and Chestnut Grumbling Tummies program.


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.





FEBRUARY 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice	4 11:00 AM Prayer Group	5	6
7 Pulpit Exchange Mel at Memorial Chiyona Bourne Here	8 10:00 AM VBS Curriculum Meeting	9	10 ASH WEDNESDAY Noon: Memorial 7:00 Maple Ave.	11 11:00 AM Prayer Group	12	12
14 	15	16	17 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice	18 11:00 AM Prayer Group	19	20
21	22	23	24 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice	25 11:00 AM Prayer Group	26	27
28	29					

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



2 Emma Crossen	19 Kimberly Booth
4 Mary Tislow	22 Michael Wollowski
8 Marsha Jackson	Joan Youngen
9 Steve Hardin	23 Steve Ornduff
Matthew Patterson	Mara Zinin
11 Liam Kearns	26 Madonna Nally
13 Frances Overton	Gail Hayes
16 Allen Varner	28 Janice Lane
Jason Swarens	29 Keith Youngen

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



14 Bill & Linda McKee
Leon & Annette Trosper

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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