



The Centenary Sentinel

A Parish Paper published by
Centenary United Methodist Church
301 North Seventh Street
Terre Haute, Indiana 47807
812—232-2319

Sharing God's Love at the Heart of Terre Haute
Mel Camp, Pastor
January 2016 - Published Monthly

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

I used to read the book "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" to our daughter Beth all the time. So I found it very interesting that Bishop Mike Coyner wrote this in his e-pistle this week.

"One of the great things about having young grandchildren is that you get to watch videos and read books with childhood stories – many of which are really adult lessons. I had that experience recently when we were taking care of our granddaughter, Leah, and she wanted to watch the movie "How the Grinch Stole Christmas." That movie, based upon the children's book by Dr. Seuss, has many adult lessons. In case you have not read it or seen the movie – or you have become so "adult" that you have forgotten the story – here is a summary:

The Grinch is jealous of other people enjoying Christmas because he has a heart that is "two sizes too small."

The Grinch decides to steal everyone's Christmas presents, their decorations, and even their Christmas trees so that he can have Christmas all to himself.

The Grinch is surprised to discover that the people (called the "Who's") are still able to celebrate Christmas, even without their gifts and decorations.

The Grinch further discovers that Christmas isn't just about gifts, decorations, and trees, it is about "something more."

The Grinch's heart suddenly grows several sizes, he returns all of the Christmas items to the Who's, and he is invited to join them in celebrating Christmas.

Not a bad list of lessons to learn at this time of year, is it? Not just a book for kids, is it? It might even be something a preacher could preach about, isn't it?

How about you? Is your heart "two sizes too small" and do you need to let your heart grow several sizes this Christmas? Do you know that Christmas is "something more" than just presents, gifts, decorations, church programs, and even worship services?

Merry Christmas to all ... to all the children of all ages ... and to all the Grinches, too!" May we all remember what Christmas is all about.

For the only cause that matters,

Mel

ADULT FRIENDSHIP CLASS

Jan. 3	Don Dodson
Lesson:	A Bride Worth Waiting For
Scripture:	Genesis 29:15-30
Jan. 10	Bill Dando
Lesson:	The Most Beautiful Bride
Scripture:	Song of Songs 6:4-12
Jan. 17	Tom Barnett
Lesson:	An Unfaithful Bride
Scripture:	Hosea 1
Jan. 24	Brian Royer
Lesson:	A Wedding in Cana
Scripture:	John 2:1-12
Jan. 31	Don Dodson (At Westminster)
Lesson:	The Death of a Friend
Scripture:	John 11:38-44

SYCAMORE SOCIAL NOTES

Centenary U. M. Church members hosted a very successful Sycamore Social on Monday, December 7, at the Maple Avenue Armory. Approximately 54 guests and their aides arrived at the Armory to dance, sing Christmas carols, toss the basketball, or just socialize with their friends. They munched on cheese, pretzels, cookies, and fudge, and sipped lemonade. They got really excited when a special visitor in a red suit with white hair and beard came and handed out candy canes and cards to them. A big thank you to the special visitor and Centenary members who hosted our guests: Susan Brattain, Pastor Mel Camp, Beth Camp, Bill and Caroline Dando, Don Dodson, Deb Moore and Steve Hardin, Jack Johnston, Cindy Miller, and Judy St. Clair. Please mark your calendars for the next Sycamore Social on March 7, 2016.

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.

UMC FOOD DRIVE

The Crossroads Cluster (Centenary, Maple Ave., Memorial and Seelyville) Churches are hosting a Canned Food Drive for United Campus Ministries from January 15-31, 2016. Why? Although many college students have meal plans, some are going hungry! Not just in Terre Haute, but around the USA. So, help us feed college students by bringing in and donating MICROWAVABLE items (cup of soup, dry meals, popcorn, etc.) that the students can heat and eat. Thanks you for all you do in helping be the hands and feet of Christ in the community.

Have a wonderful Christmas,
Rev. Chiyona Bourne, Deacon
Assoc. Pastor, Memorial United Methodist Church

THANK YOU!

The Centenary staff; Mel, Ken, Pam, Doris, Connor, A.J., Scott, Bill and Jane, would like to thank you for your generous donations to go towards our Christmas gifts. It was very much appreciated. And also, another thank you to the United Methodist Women for their lovely fruit baskets and cards.

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:

Dorothy Drummond
Chairman, Bread for the World Chapter Terre Haute
dorothydrummond1@gmail.com

NOTES FROM OUR YOUTH DIRECTOR, CONNOR SCANLON

On the December 4 overnighter, we had 3 boys stay the night at Centenary and 2 girls that stay at Central. The girls at Central did a lot of arts and crafts and the boys went to Miracle on 7th Street and played video games.

The Christmas party at the Whitaker's house had a huge turnout! There were about 15 students there. We went to Meadows Manor to sing Christmas carols, played games, and hung out at their house.

Merry Christmas!
Connor
812-569-6266
connor@thepc.org

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PICTURES

Be sure to look at the Bulletin Board in the Eagle Street hallway of the Children's Christmas Program. Thanks to Gerri Varner for the wonderful photography and arranging the display.

UMW ELECTS 2016 OFFICERS

The United Methodist Women elected its officers for 2016 at the December 4th meeting. Susan Brattain was re-elected as President, Caroline Dando as Vice President and Ann Bloxdorf, Treasurer. Mary Halstead was elected to serve as Secretary. Installations followed the election.



A reminder: all Centenary women are invited and welcome to join UMW. Our next meeting is Wednesday, April 6, 2016. Our unit will be hosting the West District Spring Meeting on Saturday, April 30.

CHANCEL CHOIR

Our Chancel Choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, January 6.

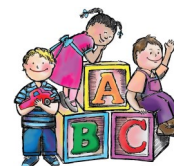


FROM OUR EDUCATION DIRECTOR, DORIS PELL

Would you like to be a Sunday School Teacher? In this New Year, please think about sharing your faith with our children by spending time with them in Worship and Sunday School Class. Lesson suggestions, other activities, and help are available for each week. Our children are receptive and they can teach us as much as we teach them. Please consider volunteering to spend some time with them. You will be glad you did.

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.



CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. It will be open on New Year's Eve.

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.



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED NEW YEAR FROM YOUR STAFF!

Mel Pam Ken Doris Jane Connor Bill Scott A.J.





2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Church Office Closed	2
3 Deb Moore-Hardin Preaching	4 Mel on vacation all week	5	6 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice	7 11:00 AM Prayer Group	8	9
10 Mel is back 1:00 Cluster Meeting Here	11	12	13 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice	14 11:00 AM Prayer Group	15	16
17	18	19 Mel at District Clergy Meeting	20 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice	21 11:00 AM Prayer Group 5:30 PM Church Council	22	23
24 31 Friendship Class at Westminster	25	26	27 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice	28 11:00 AM Prayer Group	29	30

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



- | | |
|------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Angela Frisz | 19 Crimson Tennis |
| 5 William Pease | Tristan Wollowski |
| 6 Pat Wheeler | 21 Jade Tennis |
| 10 Louise Farrar | 24 Andrea Nicoson |
| Ann Bloxdorf | 29 Marjorie Scheik |
| 15 Doris Pell | Mary Ann Carroll |
| 17 Terry Tevlin | 31 Carson Brown |
| 18 Julie McBride | |
| Mark Siefert | |

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