



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

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Wow! It seems like 2016 just flew by. And now here it is, 2017. We look forward to new things and new adventures. We look forward to the beginning of our food ministry. We are still trying to come up with a "catchy" name. We are basing it on Isaiah 55:1. That verse reads, "Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price." It will be a free meal served to anyone who comes, every fourth Monday of the month.

What other exciting ministries and events does God have in store for us? We don't have the answer to that of course, but we do need to keep our minds and hearts open as God leads us in His direction.

May we each be blessed more this year than we were the last, and may each of us walk in the glory of God.

For the only cause that matters,

Mel

ADULT FRIENDSHIP CLASS

January 1	Don Dodson
Lesson:	Praising God the Creator
Scripture:	Psalm 33:1-9
January 8	Bill Dando
Lesson:	All Creation Overflows with Praise
Scripture:	Psalm 96
January 15	Tom Barnett
Lesson:	Praise God the Provider
Scripture:	Psalms 64; 67:6-7
January 22	Brian Royer
Lesson:	Praise God the Creator
Scripture:	Psalm 104
January 29	Bill Dando
Lesson:	All Creation Praises God
Scripture:	Psalm 148

The Centenary Staff would like you to know how much we appreciate your generosity for our Christmas gifts. You are such a caring and thoughtful church.

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and have a blessed New Year.

SYCAMORE SOCIAL HOLIDAY PARTY

A SUCCESS

Centenary's Holiday Sycamore Social for the mentally and physically challenged men and women of Terre Haute took place on Monday night at the Maple Avenue Armory. Approximately 97 people (guests, aides and Centenary members) attended. Our guests enjoyed the cookies, pretzels, cheese and crackers, and tropical fruit punch contributed by Centenary members. They especially liked the Happy Birthday to Jesus cake and ice cream served them. Entertainment included the corn hole game, basketball toss, and dancing the limbo. The highlight of their evening was a visit by a white-bearded man in a red suit (Charlie) who gave them candy canes. Centenary members in attendance hosting this gala include: Pastor Mel, Deb and Steve Hardin, Bob Hawtin, Janice and Ken Lane, Chris and Julie Brown, Jack Johnston, Angie Boyd, and Bill and Caroline Dando. Special thanks to them for making this event so special. Please mark your calendars for the next Sycamore Social on March 6.

PRAYER SHAWL & FIBER MINISTRY

There will be a work session to knit, crochet, quilt, weave, etc. on January 19 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.

CHURCH COUNCIL

The Church Council meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each odd-numbered month, at 5:30 PM. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 11th, 2017 at 5:30.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Centenary UMW met on December 7 for their annual Christmas Potluck. A joyous time was had by all those attending. Mary Lynn Siefert played Christmas music on the piano as members arrived. Jan Harmening, Mary Halsted and Mary Lynn Siefert were gracious hostesses for this event.



Centenary UMW is on hiatus until the first Wednesday in March. Also, UMW Circle will not meet until March.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The 2015 Altar Flower Calendar will be posted soon 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 be providing the beautiful bouquets for \$36. Thank you in advance to all who generously provide this tangible beauty to our Sunday morning worship service.



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YOUTH GROUP NEWS FROM CONNOR

Our Christmas party on December 16 was a great time for all. We went caroling at Meadows Manor and had a white elephant gift exchange.

Our theme for 2017 will be, "How Are You All In For Christ?"

COMMUNITY LUNCH PROGRAM

We are looking forward to the start of Centenary's new outreach ministry. Monday, January 23 will be the first time we will be offering a community meal. It will be a free meal, open to anyone who wants to come. It will be from 11:00 to 1:00 on the fourth Monday of each month.. If you would like to help with this exciting new ministry, please contact Pastor Mel at (812-232-2319) or Martha Crossen at (812-243-3646).

CHOIR REHEARSALS

The choir will start their rehearsals again on Wednesday, January 18 at 7:00.

MANAGE YOUR GIVING ONLINE

Did you know that you can now manage your giving online! Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet.

Simply follow these easy steps:

- ◆ Visit the church website at www.centenaryth.org
- ◆ Click on the **ONLINE GIVING** button,
- ◆ Click on the **CREATE PROFILE** button
- ◆ Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

Forest Whispers

***The forest trees whisper
"We know it is true
We were put here
For something to do."***

***We provide shelter
For each creature, each bird
That wants to live here
Haven't you heard?***

***Our hungry long roots
Keep water at bay
When flood waters threaten
We drive them away.***

***We nurture the soil
Hold it firmly in place
So that erosion
Can not leave its trace.***

***Our products we give
So generously
But we know that our upkeep
Is not really free.***

***We ask that you thin us
But not cut us all down
Forest fires make us cry
And turn black and brown.***

***We ask that you help us
So we can help you
We hope you appreciate
All the things that we do.***

Barbara Keller

A special thank you to Barbara for allowing us to share your wonderful and thoughtful poetry.

January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2	3	4	5 11:00 AM Prayer Group	6	7
8 Mel back from vacation	9	10	11 11:00 Mel at Westminster 5:30 Church Council	12 11:00 AM Prayer Group	13	14
15	16	17 9:00 District Clergy Meeting	18 10:00 Staff Meeting 7:00 Choir	19 11:00 AM Prayer Group 5:30 PM Prayer Shawl	20	21
22	23 11: - 1:30 Community Lunch Program	24	25 7:00 Choir	26 11:00 AM Prayer Group	27	28
29	30	31				

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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