



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 here we are in the middle of Lent. Lent is a time of preparation, of drawing closer to God. Some people do this by giving something up. Others do this by adding or being more deliberate in their daily disciplines of prayer, scripture reading, Bible study, or devotions. However you choose to accomplish it, Lent is a time to grow closer to God.

One way you might think about growing closer to God is by looking at what we give to God, both time and money. As I think about our church finances, there is room for growth. I make it a point to not know how much families or individuals give, that is between you and God. But I also know that most people in the United Methodist church do not tithe. In the book of Malachi we find these words,

“Will anyone rob God? Yet you are robbing me! But you say, “How are we robbing you?” In your tithes and offerings! You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me—the whole nation of you! Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing.”

Are you Robbing God by not giving what you are suppose to give? Our membership vows say we will faithfully participate in the ministries of this congregation by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our services. How are you doing?

For the only cause that Matters,

Mel

ADULT FRIENDSHIP CLASS

March 6	Don Dodson
Lesson:	Powerful Faith
Scripture:	Mark 9:14-21
March 13	Bill Dando
Lesson:	Simple Faith
Scripture:	Mark 10:17-31
March 20	Tom Barnett
Lesson:	Struggling Faith
Scripture:	Mark 14:26-31
March 27	Brian Royer
Lesson:	Resurrection Faith
Scripture:	Mark 16:1-8

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**



CHILI FEST HELP

If you like to bake, you might want to consider making something for the dessert table at the Chili Fest on March 6, or donate an item to the Silent Auction. Most importantly, buy tickets! This is one of United Campus Ministries major fundraisers, and the monies collected are used for programs for ISU, Rose-Hulman, St. Mary of the Woods, and Ivy Tech students.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Don Dodson is Centenary's new representative to United Campus Ministries Board of Directors. Thank you, Don for donating your time to such a worthwhile organization.

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

Mary Ellen Long would like you to know that her email address has changed to: longmaryellen1234@gmail.com

BREAD FOR THE WORLD

The next meeting is on March 7 at 6:00 PM at the United Campus Ministries. What does the Terre Haute Chapter of Bread for the World do? We learn about hunger in the Wabash Valley and how we can help. We see how dollars generated (or not) by legislation are (or are not) making a difference. Most of the members are connected with Bread.org which provides regular updates on issues that need attention, and provides an opportunity to be an advocate to appeal to Congress through your phone, email or letters. You are welcome to join us at our meetings.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Don't forget to turn your clocks AHEAD before you go to bed on Saturday, March 12!



MID-LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICE

There will be a Mid-Lenten Worship Service at 5:00 PM on Sunday, March 14 at the Seelyville United Methodist Church. Rev. Sharon Smith of United Campus Ministries will give the message. A combined choir from our Cluster will perform.



**HAVE A BLESSED EASTER FROM ALL
YOUR CENTENARY STAFF!**

**YOUTH GROUP NEWS
FROM CONNOR**

During the Souper Bowl of Caring of February 7, the youth raised a little over \$200 for the 14th & Chestnut Grumbling Tummies program and also collected canned goods for the Unity Presbyterian Church Food Pantry.

On March 6, we are going to lunch and playing Laser Tag after church. We will meet at 11:45 at Central and return there after Laser Tag for our continuing Lenten Series with a study of John. Youth will need to bring money for lunch.

CROSSROADS CLUSTER NEWS

There will be a Mission Trip March 14 - 16, 2016 to Midwest MDC to process disaster supplies for UMCOR and World Vision. For more information, please contact Dave Voltmer, (812) 877-1626 or Donna VanSandt (812) 870-6605.

**PRAYER SHAWL & FIBER
MINISTRY**

There will be a work session to knit, crochet, quilt, weave, etc. on March 17 from 5:30 - 7:30 PM in the Thirza Bunce Room. We will organize Centenary's ministry for the coming year. Bring your supplies and be ready to work! For more information, talk to Donna VanSandt or Lea Ann Camp. A light supper will be provided. We will be meeting the 3rd Thursday of each month.



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.



CONDOLENCES

Florence Kern, a Centenary member, passed away on February 25. Our prayers go out to her family: daughter Debbie Thompson and her husband Leonard; granddaughter Sandy McClain and her husband Jeff; grandson Chris Thompson, and great-grandchildren Reese and Gunner McClain.

Also, Geraldine Johnson, a former Centenary member passed away on February 23. Our prayers are with her family.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS
FROM DORIS**

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Thanks to the generosity of the congregation of Centenary, we were able to contribute \$475 to help feed the hungry at the 14th & Chestnut Center. We joined thousand of churches on the February 7 "Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday" to ask for donations to be made to help alleviate hunger.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DATES

Our VBS dates for 2016 will include only 4 days instead of 5. The dates are June 13 - 16. Much help is needed. Please tell Doris if you would like to be involved. We will have a meeting for all who can help on **Thursday, March 10 at 7:00 PM.**

PALM SUNDAY

This is the day we celebrate Jesus by waving Palms. Palm-waving is a tradition in many churches and is not reserved for children. If you want to walk down the aisle waving palms during the first hymn on Sunday, March 20, please meet at the back of the Sanctuary at 9:20 - 9:30 AM to get your palm.

EASTER EGG HUNT



Also on Palm Sunday, we will have an Easter Egg Hunt for the children. Weather will dictate if we can search outside or inside the building. We will begin hunting right after Sunday School.



**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!

MARCH 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Sat	
		1	2 Noon Mel at Westminster 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	3 11:00 AM Prayer Group	4	5
6 Youth meet at Central 11:45 <u>Lunch/Laser Tag</u> 4 - 7:00 PM Chili Fest at St. Mark's	7 7:30 - 9:00 PM Sycamore Social	8	9 7:00 Chancel Choir Practice	10 11:00 AM Prayer Group 7:00 PM VBS Input Meeting	11	12
13 5:00 PM Mid Lenten Service at Seelyville	14	15	16 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice	17 11:00 AM Prayer Group 5:30 PM Church Council Mtg. Prayer Shawl Mtg.	18	19
20 First Day Of Spring! 	21	22	23 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice	24 11:00 AM Prayer Group	25 GOOD FRIDAY	26
27 	28	29	30 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice	31		

MARCH BIRTHDAYS



8 Sarah Pesavento	17 Josephine Kelly
9 Eve Kendall	Harriet Shagley
10 George Brattain	19 Tom Siefert
13 Christopher Brown	23 Dorothy Smith
15 Shirley Royer	24 Dorothy Thomas
Doris Patterson	25 Betty Sparks

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



None in March

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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