



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

Wow! Can you believe it is almost May? It seems like this year is just flying by. But as we begin to think summer, there are several things happening within our congregation. We hosted two district events, the Lay Servant Academy was on April 23 and the District United Methodist Women on was on April 30. Youth Sunday will be May 1. We have a Sycamore Social scheduled for May 2. The Habitat for Humanity bike riders will be here on May 9. Vacation Bible School is on June 17 and 18. We are looking at putting a mission trip together sometime in July.

We are also looking at starting a Faith Community Nurse program at Centenary. Our newest member, Felicia Stewart, is a commissioned and board certified faith community nurse. Lea Ann and I have also been through the training for this program, though it has been a while. You will be hearing more about what this is and how it works in the near future. We are currently putting together a needs assessment to help us get an idea of what people really want or need. There are also a few other things in the works, so stay tuned.

As you can see, there are several things happening at Centenary UMC. I hope you will consider getting involved in one or some of these programs. There are many ways to be involved, from prayer, to monetary support, to actually being a participant.

So, as we think about summer, ask yourself, what is God calling me to be involved in and how is He wanting me to be involved.

For the only cause that matters,

Mel

ADULT FRIENDSHIP CLASS

May 1	Don Dodson
Lesson:	Increased Faith
Scripture:	Luke 17:1-10
May 8	Bill Dando
Lesson:	Grateful Faith
Scripture:	Luke 17:11-19
May 15	Tom Barnett
Lesson:	Humble Faith
Scripture:	Luke 18:9-14
May 22	Brian Royer
Lesson:	Childlike Faith
Scripture:	Mark 10:16, Luke 18:15-17
May 29	Tom Barnett (At Westminster)
Lesson:	Joyous Faith
Scripture:	Luke 19:1-19

PRAYER SHAWL & FIBER MINISTRY

There will be a work session to knit, crochet, quilt, weave, etc. on May 19 from 5:30 - 7:30 PM in the Thirza Bunce Room. Bring your supplies and be ready to work! For more information, talk to Donna VanSandt or Lea Ann Camp. We will be meeting the 3rd Thursday of each month.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BIKE RIDE

We will be hosting Habitat for Humanity Bike Riders on Monday, May 9. This is an annual hospitality mission function in our church. The riders will arrive in the afternoon and spend the night in the church. We expect 50 riders this year plus an additional 15 support staff. We provide dinner for them and Habitat brings in breakfast Tuesday morning. We need volunteers to be here when they start arriving early afternoon and also need desserts to go with their evening meal. Please contact Judy St. Clair at 812-870-7475 or the church office.



WESTMINSTER LUNCH AND PROGRAM

Centenary United Methodist Women invite all women of Centenary to join us at Westminster Village on Wednesday, May 4 at 11:30. Pastor Mel Camp will have a short program and we will have lunch with Centenary members who live at Westminster.

FRIENDSHIP BOUQUET In Memory of Friendships

Pink roses for my Mother
Red roses for my Dad
They were the most precious people
That I have ever had.

Purple flowers for my sisters
Daisies for my neighbor and friend
Blue is the color for brothers
The bouquet has colors that blend.

The colors show all of my friendships
That somehow will never end.
The most beautiful flower is friendship
The most precious flower is a friend.

Barbara Keller



UMW MEETING

There will be a Circle meeting of United Methodist Women on Wednesday, May 18 at 10:00 at Karen Heefner's, 135 Deming Lane, Terre Haute.



SYCAMORE SOCIAL

Please join us as we entertain the physically and mentally challenged men and women of Terre Haute on Monday, May 2, at the Maple Avenue Armory at 7 p.m. We assist them in throwing the basketball, dancing, tossing the beanbags, or just chat with them. If you would like to contribute food for the party, pretzels, crackers, or cookies will be welcome. Bring the food to the church on Sunday morning or to the Armory on Monday night.



**YOUTH GROUP NEWS
FROM CONNOR**

The Youth group has been practicing for Youth Sunday, which is on May 1 at Centenary and on May 8 at Central Presbyterian. They are planning a lock-in on May 20.

YOUTH SUNDAY

Our Youth Group will be conducting the Worship service this Sunday, May 1. Please plan to support their hard work preparing for this by your attendance. We hope to see you there!

GRADUATION SUNDAY

The Centenary family would like celebrate with those in the congregation who have completed college and high school degrees. There are two opportunities to be present at Worship to be recognized if you are one of those who are graduating. We ask that you be present at either the **May 1 or June 5 Worship Service**. Please notify the office (812-232-2319) if you are receiving a degree or diploma, and tell us which day you choose to be recognized and presented a little gift.

**FIFTH SUNDAY BLESSINGS
May 2016**

Every month that has five Sundays we will honor 14th & Chestnut Community Center by giving from our abundance. Bring in items each Sunday or all at once. Collection bins will be located in the back of the Sanctuary. All the items below are identified as high needed items:

- May 1 Childs Toothpaste & Brush
- May 8 Deodorant
- May 15 New Socks
- May 22 Box of Mac & Cheese
- May 29 Can of Tuna or Spam



**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS
FROM DORIS**



VBS

Planning has begun for the 2016 Four Churches' Vacation Bible School. At this time, those who have met have suggested that the 2016 VBS be presented in a different way and in a different mode. It is tentatively planned for Friday evening, June 17, at Wadsworth Farm and all day on Saturday, June 18, at Centenary U. M. Church. The theme is "Camp Friendship," and the lessons, activities, music, and crafts will be based on selected parables.

Parents of children who plan to attend the 2016 VBS are urged to attend the planning sessions and contribute to the design of this new two-day format. Please contact Pastor Mel or Doris Pell if you have any questions.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Remember that we offer 3 Adult Sunday School classes on Sunday mornings after the Worship Service. The Fellowship Class meets downstairs and follows a weekly lesson plan that is listed in the Sunday morning bulletin. A more informal class meets in the Thirza Bunce Room for a discussion of the Sunday sermon, no preparation needed. The College Age/Young Adult Class meets downstairs in the Discipleship Room. We hope you will join us at one of these classes for some lively discussion and fellowship!

BLESSING OF BREAD FOR THE WORLD LETTERS

We will bless our Centenary letters this Sunday, May 1, and then deliver them to the Bread meeting on May 2, where they will be blessed again before being hand delivered to the Congressmen. Thank you for doing your part in urging our policy makers to create pathways out of hunger and poverty.

To all our Centenary Mothers



MAY 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 YOUTH SUNDAY RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES	2 7:00 SYCAMORE SOCIAL at Armory on Maple Ave.	3	4 11:30 Mel at Westminster 7:00 Chancel Choir	5 11:00 AM Prayer Group	6	7
8  Mothers Day	9 Habitat for Humanity Bike Riders Here	10	11 10:00 Staff Meeting 7:00 Chancel Choir	12 11:00 AM Prayer Group	13	14
15	16 Mel leaves on Vacation (until 5/30)	17	18 10:00 UMW Circle Meeting <u>Karen Heefner's</u> 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	19 11:00 AM Prayer Group 5:30 Prayer Shawl Group	20 Youth Lock-In Here	21
22	23	24	25 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice	26 11:00 AM Prayer Group	27	28
29	30 Mel back from vacation	31				

MAY BIRTHDAYS



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



2 Gerri Varner	17 Autumn Kelly
7 John Hutchison	18 Charles McCrory
9 Jana Kearns	20 Jim Long
10 Lauren Smith	23 Peggy Cobb
11 Sarah Frisz	26 Will Hayes
Delaney Brown	27 Lindsey McBride
George Shagley	Gunner McClain
Nicholas Tennis	28 Vanita Gibbs
12 David Hutchison	Lou Harmening
15 B.J. Carlson	31 Seibert Thomas
16 Jo Ellen Ornduff	
Kaci McBride	

14 Michael & Andrea Nicoson
20 Jerry & Denise Smith
Jack & Joy Johnston
24 Tom & Martha Barnett
26 Christopher & Julia Brown

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