



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

Can you believe it is almost November? It seems like this year is flying by. It was February when we found out that we were coming to Centenary in Terre Haute. That seems like it was just a month or so ago. Then we moved in June, and that feels like it just a week or so ago. Now we have been here for four months. Man is time flying by.

I say that to say, the holiday season is rapidly approaching. Thanksgiving is just around the corner. Then it will be Christmas before we know it. Easter is March 27.

Have you ever stopped to think that everyday should be Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter? We should be thankful every day for what God has given to us. Thankful for family, friends, and all the many blessings we have. We should have the giving spirit of Christmas every day. Reaching out to those around us with the love and mercy that God offers us. In addition, every day we should have the happiness we have in our hearts when we celebrate the resurrection.

Can you imagine what our world would be like if we approached everyday as if it were Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. If we approached every day, without the stress that those holidays cause, but with the thankful, loving and giving and worshipping attitudes that those days bring.

May God continue to bless us and lead us as we seek to make disciples for the transformation of the world.

For the only cause that matters,

Mel

ADULT FRIENDSHIP CLASS

Nov. 1	Don Dodson
Lesson:	God Rescues Peter
Scripture	Acts 12:1-11
Nov. 8	Bill Dando
Lesson:	God Makes No Distinction
Scripture:	Acts 15:1-12
Nov. 15	Tom Barnett
Lesson:	From Derby to Philippi
Scripture:	Acts 16:1-5, 8-15
Nov. 22	Brian Royer
Lesson:	Thessalonica, Berea, and Athens
Scripture:	Acts 17:1-4, 10-12, 22-25, 28
Nov. 29	Tom Barnett (At Westminster)
Lesson:	Teaching God's Word
Scripture:	Acts 18:1-11, 18-21

CHANCEL CHOIR

The Chancel Choir has begun a new season under the direction of Dr. Scott Buchanan. Weekly rehearsals are on Wednesdays, at 7:00 PM in the choir rehearsal room. Please attend if you are interested in singing and using your talents to enhance our worship service. Scott intends to bring updated and more diverse musical offerings throughout the year! Don't miss out! Plan to attend...and bring a friend!

DON'T FORGET TO TURN BACK

YOUR CLOCKS ON SAT., OCT. 31

BEFORE YOU GO TO BED!!



UCM BARBEQUE

On behalf of United Campus Ministries, thank you for hosting their annual fundraiser, UCM Barbecue, on September 27. You all generously helped in so many ways: Many of you brought food for their Student Food Pantry. Some worked to get the kitchen in order while others worked in the flower bed and around the outside of the church before the event. Some of you contributed food to the event, and some helped by shredding the pork roasts. Many of you bought tickets. UCM needs all the help that it can get, financially, spiritually, and literally to provide programs for college age students at ISU, Rose-Hulman, IVY Tech, and St. Mary-of-the-Woods. Blessings on you all for supporting this important fundraiser for United Campus Ministries.

Caroline Dando

UCM Board Member and Co-Chair Events Committee



ART AND HOLIDAY GIFT FAIR

COMING SOON!

NOVEMBER 6 & 7

**11/6 6:30 - 8:30 PM \$5.00 Admission Prepaid
\$7.00 at the door**

11/7 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM Free Admission

DON'T MISS IT!

UMW HONORS LUCILLE CUMMINGS

At the October meeting, UMW honored Lucille Cummings as its 2015 Special Mission recipient. A long time faithful member, Lucille has served as both Unit Treasurer, President, and also District treasurer. She is a strong advocate for the Lucille Raines Residence; an Indiana UMW residential facility in Indianapolis. We congratulate Lucille upon her well deserved recognition!

THANK YOU FROM 14TH & CHESTNUT

Dear Friends at Centenary UMC:

The 14th and Chestnut Community Center would like to extend our sincere thanks you for the love you have shown to the center. All the food and canned goods you so generously donated to our Mother Hubbard Cupboard will truly help us in our ministry. There are so many families that can't afford to keep food on their table; your loving donation helps them to provide necessities they otherwise would not be able to purchase. We are currently serving 1,000 to 1,300 food requests in our food pantry each month. Therefore, you see just how important your continued support is to us.

We both value and appreciate your effort to help others. We believe that together, and always with God's help we **can** make a difference.

With our sincere thanks again,
Bill Felt

THANK YOU

The Connor Center at 1201 S. 13th St. in Terre Haute, has sent a card thanking us for the supplies that have been donated. Our donations have been a big help to the residents.

NOTES FROM OUR YOUTH

DIRECTOR, CONNOR SCANLON

I had a great time with the youth on Oct. 18; going to the church and watching them sing and then going out to Steve Mead's for a cookout. It was really nice of him to have us all to his house. October 25; we went to Fowler Park, had dinner there and played games. On Sunday, November 1, we will meet at Central for a Bible study from 5 - 7:00 PM.

MORE DATES:

11/6 & 11/7 Bazaar & Crafts/Rake and Run
11/15 Meet at Centenary
11/22 Movie night at Central
11/29 No Youth Group

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AND REHEARSAL TIMES

On December 13, during the Sunday School time, the children will perform their Christmas presentation. Rehearsals have begun during the Sunday School time each week. It is not too late to join in, but it is necessary to attend these rehearsals to be included in the program. It is expected that in mid-November we will rehearse longer and will practice well past noon on some Sundays. Hopefully everyone will attend the rehearsals for the full time. There is a lot of work to be done. Our final rehearsal is on Saturday, December 12, 10:30 AM.

HELPERS NEEDED

Assistance is needed for the Christmas presentation. If you are willing to help out, please tell Doris. We need individuals for Sound, Set building. Costumes, Prompter, and backstage "crowd control." Our light person from last year has asked to be invited to come back to Terre Haute to do lights for us again this year.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR KIDS' WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

If anyone has any LEGOS at your house that you no longer use, please consider donating the to be used in Kids' Worship and Sunday School.

POLYESTER FIBER-FIL is needed for the Christmas program. If you have any that is not needed, please consider donating to the church.

SYCAMORE SOCIAL

Please mark your calendar for the Sycamore Social to be held at the Maple Avenue Armory on Monday, December 7, from 7 to 9 p.m. (the date is dependent upon approval by the Armory). This event was begun more than 30 years ago by the late ISU Professor of Special Education, Dr. William Kern, and his graduate students to provide a social outlet for the mentally and physically challenged of Terre Haute.

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.



THOUGHTS FROM CHILDREN'S EDUCATION DIRECTOR, DORIS PELL

There is something about this time of year that reminds me of all there is to appreciate..... things that are really important. I will list some specific events that have happened at Centenary that have inspired me to be more grateful. These are not earth-shaking events and may go un-noticed by some, but they sure have influenced my attitude recently:

Brenda's beautiful song at Worship last Sunday and the message the song gave us.

Lea Ann and Mel and the new young adult Sunday School class.

Lori and Katy Dunham who gave up valuable time from their busy homecoming week-end to come and polish hand bells. Both girls play in the ISU marching band.

The individuals who are there every week to prepare refreshments for our social gathering after Worship.

The faithfulness of those in the hand bell ensemble who take time from their busy lives to play music for the glory of God.

Sunday School teachers who prepare and present lessons for teens and younger ones each Sunday.

Choir members who practice hours to present worshipful music on Sundays.

The many hours spent by those who work to prepare for the art fair.


Many activities that go on during the week by individuals working for the church and we are not aware of their ministries.

Personal encouragement given to me to keep on striving.

I could go on. Perhaps we can make November the month we become more aware of persons sacrificing time and energy for the good of the Kingdom



2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 HOPE YOU TURNED YOUR CLOCKS BACK LAST NIGHT! 5:00 Youth Group at Central	2	3	4 11:00 AM Mel at Westminster 5:45 Bell Choir 7:00 Choir	5 11:00 AM Prayer Group	6 Art & Holiday Fair 6:30 - 8:30 PM	7 Art & Holiday Fair 8:00 - 3:00 PM
8	9	10	11 5:30 PM Endowment Committee 5:45 Bell Choir 7:00 Choir	12 11:00 AM Prayer Group	13	14
15 5:00 Youth Group at Centenary	16	17	18 5:45 Bell Choir 7:00 Chancel Choir	19 11:00 AM Prayer Group 5:30 PM Church Council	20	21
22 3:00 Bill Cain Piano Recital 5:00 Youth Group Movie Night at Central	23	24	25	26 HAPPY THANKSGIVING! 	27 OFFICE CLOSED	28
29	30					

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



1	Erin Frisz
2	Julia Brown
3	Angela Boyd
6	Audrey Brattain
7	Don Mighell
8	Nicholas Ornduff
12	Karen Heefner
21	Martha Barnett
25	Jacob Hayes
26	Eula Webb
28	Leslie Dodson
	Bert Hill
30	Madison King

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



5	Jeff & Sandy McClain
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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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