



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

There are many references to helping and taking care of the poor in the Bible. It seems to me that it was one of Jesus' main objectives. I think that is what we are doing when we fill Operation Christmas Child boxes. That is what we are doing when we help a family or families at 14th and Chestnut. That is what we are doing when we serve our free meal every month. In October we served 84 guests. These folks come from different back grounds and are at different stages in their lives, but everyone needs and enjoys a good meal.

Our November lunch will again be on the fourth Monday. The menu is soup and sandwiches. That date is November 27, 2017. In December, we are doing something different. We will be serving a meal, but instead of it being on the fourth Monday, which is Christmas Day, we will be serving it on Monday December 11. We are going to be doing a full turkey dinner. The menu is turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls and probably a few other things.

Here is your invitation to come and help. We will need some extra people that day. If you would like to help on either or both of these dates, just come and join us. We have a good time and we are doing something that Jesus thought was very important. May God continue to bless us as we do what He has called us to do

For The Only Cause That Matters,

Mel

BREAD FOR THE WORLD

FROM DAVE MINER FROM INDIANAPOLIS:

When I found out that the budget proposal currently under consideration in Congress would take away 1 BILLION meals from hungry Hoosiers, and saw that it was getting no attention in the press, I thought a new level of action was needed. I decided to fast 1 meal for every million that would be taken away from kids, veterans and seniors each year for 10 years. It was a 50 meal or 16 day fast.

It was a spiritual journey for sure, and without "fuel" I was quite tired. I was struck by several things: first gratitude for all the people that supported me with prayers and with calls and letters to Congress. Secondly, while my fast was voluntary, if the budget gets enacted a million Hoosiers will fast through no choice of their own. Finally I thought of how hard it would have been if I was not only not eating but also was fleeing war or natural disaster and had to walk 50 miles to get to help.

I'm fine now and I got some good media attention, but the proposals are still alive. I would strongly encourage you to call or email your Representative and our Senators Donnelly and Young and urge them to oppose any cuts to SNAP. You can read more at millionmealfast.com or Bread for the World - Indiana on Facebook.

FROM DOROTHY DRUMMOND:

A fine group of Bread members, including several guests, met last evening to hear Myra Wilkey of Mental Health America of Vigo County (formerly the Mental Health Association) tell us how a housing program for homeless in Terre Haute is making a difference in the lives of those who are now comfortably under roof. If you ever have a chance to hear Myra, take it. She was insightful and full of information. Once formerly homeless clients are housed and registered for SNAP (if they qualify, and not all do) their food needs are at least partially met. Other than that, they rely on local food pantries, sometimes with transportation or other help from MHA staff members. It was clear to us that they care.

Meanwhile, keep writing or calling . Between now and the first of the year, Appropriations Committees in Congress will be dealing with budget recommendations and the spending adjustments resulting from whatever tax changes are enacted. Keep aware, and write to our legislators. Tell them not to enact tax benefits for the wealthy and the middle class by cutting food programs for the hungry. Congress should not make cuts to SNAP, WIC, or to other programs that help the hungry in our country and the world.

Please circle November 20, a Monday evening, for our next Bread meeting. Dave and Jenny Piker have volunteered to arrange the program. The topic will be announced soon.

SYCAMORE SOCIAL HALLOWEEN

What a BOO-tiful time we had with our approximately 70 guests and their aides at the Halloween Sycamore Social on Monday evening, October 2, at the Maple Avenue Armory. There were pirates and princesses and dudes and even a King of Hearts--oh my! Our guests shot baskets, tossed a Nerf football, played the corn toss game, danced the hokey-pokey and did the limbo. They munched pretzels and cheese, cookies and doughnuts, and sipped cider and lemonade. Our special photographer Gerri Varner took pictures of them in their costumes and some she brought. A big thank you to our workers: Pastor Mel and Lea Ann Camp, Rev. Deb Moore Hardin, Steve Hardin, Jack Johnston, Angie Boyd, Keith Frederick, Don Dodson, and Bill and Caroline Dando, and to our photographer Gerri Varner. A grateful thanks to our secretary Pam Virgilio for calling the residence homes to remind them of the event and to those who contributed food for our guests.



Our next Sycamore Social will be the special Christmas Sycamore Social on Monday, December 4. We usually have a great number who come to this event so we will need workers who can help serve cake, ice cream and punch to our guests and perhaps guide them in shooting hoops and tossing the bean bags, dance with them, or just talk with them. It is always a fun and exciting time for Centenary members. Come and join us!



YOUTH GROUP NEWS FROM CONNOR

PAST EVENTS

Our overarching theme for the year is relationships. We have been looking at our relationship with God in a series called I am getting to know God. We will be finishing up that series October 22nd. We then will be starting a new series called Identity, looking at ourselves and how we define who we are and how we should be defining who we are.

October 1st we had a cookout and scavenger hunt at Fairbanks Park. Students were split into teams and had to find items or act out a task off of a list that I gave them.

Upcoming Schedule

October 29	Bible Study at Central from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
November 3	Desert Youth Auction at Central
November 5	Rake and Run from 12:30 to 6:00 p.m.
November 12	Bible Study at Centenary from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
November 19	Game Night at Central from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
November 26	No Youth Group

RAKE AND RUN

Do you need your yard raked? As mentioned in the Youth Group News above, the Youth Group will be having a “Rake and Run” as a service project on Sunday, November 5 from 12 - 6:00 PM. If you are interested in having your yard raked or know of someone who needs theirs done, please contact Connor at 812-593-6266 or connorscanlon81@gmail.com.



SONG PUBLISHED

Congratulations to Bill Cain for having a song published in the Nov. 2017, The Organists Companion, Vol. 40, No. 1. The song is called, “Lullaby of the Birds to the Christ Child”. He will play it at a worship service in December.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS

Upcoming Meetings:

On Wednesday, November 1 at 10:00 AM, Centenary UMW will meet in the Friendship Classroom. The program will be “World Thank Offering Service”. The hostesses are Evelyn DiLamore and Caroline Dando. All women of the church are invited to participate.

On Saturday, November 4, there will be a meeting for Leadership Training for District Officers at Christ United Methodist Church in Westfield, IN.

There will be no Circle meeting in November.

October Field Trip:

As a facet of Centenary UMW's continuous education program, on Wednesday, October 4, they met for lunch and discussion at the Saratoga Restaurant and then toured the C.A.N.D.L.E.S. Holocaust Museum and Education Center. They were fortunate to hear and ask questions of Docent Walter Sommer, a 95 year old man who lived in pre- and Nazi Germany. The horror of Nazi atrocities and the number of deaths of non-combatants strengthened the resolve of those in attendance to strive harder for world peace and acceptance of all cultural groups in God's world.

Service Project:

On Wednesday, October 11, Centenary UMW served dinner at United Campus Ministries Table Talks as a service project. The students enjoyed the delicious lasagna dinner, especially the Brownie Sundaes. Thank you to Susan Brattain, Evelyn DiLamore, Mary Ellen Long, and Caroline Dando who contributed food and served the dinner and to those who provided food for the dinner, including Gerri Varner, Joan Youngen, Janice Lane, Donna Van Sandt, B. J. Carlson, Martha Barnett, and Mary Halsted.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

It is that time again; we will be sending Operation Christmas Child boxes to children overseas. You can pick up your box beginning October 22 and begin filling it with Christmas cheer. You can bring your box back anytime before November 12, but we need it no later than that date.



CONDOLENCES

Dorothy Jean Thomas passed away on Friday, October 20, and her services were on Monday, October 25. Please remember Seibert and the rest of her family in your prayers.

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTENARY-STYLE

Approximately 100 people were served at Centenary's Tenth Free Lunch on Monday, October 23. They included students, ISU staff, community members, a number of homeless people, and Centenary workers. They dined on cheesy spaghetti casserole, specially grilled hot dogs, chili from the previous nights Chili Cook-Off, baked beans, desserts, and beverages. Guest response to this event exceeded all expectations, and they commented on the warm welcome they received as they entered, the excellent quality of the food, and the feeling of love and acceptance they received. All said that they would return next month, and most said that they would bring a friend. Special thanks to the workers: Ann Bloxdorf, Vicky and Mark Boyd, Chris Brown, Pastor Mel and Lea Ann Camp, B.J. Carlson, Bill and Caroline Dando, Evelyn DiLavore, Mary Halsted, Janice and Ken Lane, Mary Ellen and Jim Long, and Donna VanSandt and to those who contributed food for this meal. Our next Community Free Lunch will be on Monday, November 27. Come and join us if you can.

CENTENARY'S FIRST CHILI COOK-OFF

There was venison chili, vegetarian chili, mild chili, black bean-lamb chili, and white chicken chili, chili with spaghetti, and fiery four-alarm chili to sample from Centenary's first Chili Cook-Off sponsored by the Evening United Methodist Women's Group. The Fellowship Hall was colorfully decorated with orange and black Halloween items like spiders and roaches and beetles on the tables. Serving as judges for the chili tasting were members of the 7th Cents Youth Group and Centenary Youth Director, Connor Scanlon. They took their job seriously and meticulously sampled each of the 8 chili entries. After some deliberation, they chose as the following winners: the mildest chili entry by Lea Ann and Pastor Mel Camp and the fieriest/spiciest chili by Jim and Mary Ellen Long. Everyone present enjoyed sampling the variety of chili dishes. Thank you to the Youth Group, Connor, those who entered the competition, and the Evening UMW Group for a fun evening.

ADULT FRIENDSHIP CLASS

November 5	Don Dodson
Lesson:	God's Conditional Covenant
Scripture:	Numbers 25:10-18
November 12	Bill Dando
Lesson:	Promise of a New Covenant
Scripture:	Jeremiah 31:27-84
November 19	Tom Barnett
Lesson:	High Priest of the New Covenant
Scripture:	Hebrews 12:18-29
November 26	Brian Royer
Lesson:	God's Covenant with David
Scripture:	2 Samuel 7:1-16

ANNUAL SPIRITUALITY & HEALTH CONFERENCE

The staff of the Chaplain's Office at Union Hospital invites you to attend their annual Spirituality and Health Workshop:

WHEN: Wednesday & Thursday, Nov. 8 & 9

SCHEDULE:

Nov. 8 6:00 - 7:30 PM Landsbaum Center
1433 N. 6 1/2 St. Terre Haute

Self-Care and Core Values: Finding a Balance Among Work, Play and Relaxation; Open to the General Public

Nov. 9 8:00 - 9:00 AM Union Hospital Atrium

Medicine & Mindfulness: Tips and Practices to Improve Professional Quality of Life; Open to all Medical Staff, Nurses, Allied Health, Hospice Staff

9:30 - 11:00 AM Landsbaum Center
1433 N. 6 1/2 St. Terre Haute

Mindfulness in the Workplace: Improving Professional Well-Being Through Self-Care; Open to Nursing, Allied Health, Social Workers, Chaplains/Clergy, Hospice Staff

14 & CHESTNUT HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS

Offering food baskets to 70 families this Thanksgiving and 70 this Christmas. Items needed to fill one food basket:

2 cans corn	1 cake mix
2 cans green beans	1 can frosting
2 boxes mac & cheese	1 can pumpkin
1 box stuffing	1 can pie filling
1 can sweet potatoes	1 can evaporated milk
1 can/jar gravy	1 can cranberry sauce
1 package dinner rolls	2 pie crusts
1 box instant mashed potatoes	1 foil roasting pan

Due to limited freezer space, please bring:

8 - 10 lb turkeys only on day of distribution: Thurs, Nov 16
6 - 10 lb hams only on day of distribution: Thurs, Dec 14
Cooked turkeys to serve at the dinner: Thurs, Nov. 16
Cooked ham to serve at the dinner: Thurs, Dec 14

Bring non-meat items to 14th & Chestnut Center by Friday, Nov. 10 and Friday, Dec. 8.

Collect items to fill one basket OR collect 1-2 items in bulk.

Contact Heather Slee with donation commitments; 812-232-3126 or email 14th.chestnut@gmail.com

NOVEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10:00 UMW 7:00 Choir Practice	2 11:00 Prayer Group	3	4 Sigma Chi 8 - 1:00 PM Turn your clocks back an hour before bed!
5 Daylight Savings Time Ends 	6	7	8 7:00 Choir Practice	9 11:00 Prayer Group	10	11
12	13 6:00 UMW	14	15 10:00 Staff Meeting 7:00 Choir Practice	16 11:00 Prayer Group	17 5:00 Boyer/Johnson Wedding Rehearsal	18 4:30 Boyer/Johnson Wedding
19	20	21	22 NO CHOIR REHEARSAL	23 HAPPY THANKSGIVING! 	24	25 Downstairs Reserved All Day
26	27 55:1 Free Community Lunch 11:00 - 1:30	28	29 7:00 Choir Practice	30		

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Erin Frisz
- 2 Julia Brown
- 3 Angela Boyd
- 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
- 25 Scott & Brenda Buchanan