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# THE CENTENARIAN

Dear Centenary UMC Family and Friends,

Philippians 1:6 states: “ being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”

September is the month of the summer being over and all the activities of the autumn beginning, especially the big investment of School. My nephew Ethan is beginning pre-kindergarten this year. You can imagine on his first day of Pre-K and my surprise at seeing this picture. It was so sweet, and yet hard, for me to already think of sweet Ethan as a High School Graduate.

I began to think about how many things he will experience between now and then; the things he will learn, the people he will meet, and the places he will go.

I also thought about how much love, support, and encouragement he will be gifted not only our family, but his friends, teachers, and others as well. It also gives me a peace to know that God who gifted him his first breath, will gift him hope, courage, and joy for the years to come.

Centenary UMC has that hope for the future as well. We have the knowledge that the church is gifted with differing seasons of service, missions, and ministry. It changes from era to era, year to year, month by month, and day by day. There are differing people who compose the congregation, differing tasks to which God calls us, and differing ways of learning, worshiping, and nurturing our faith.

However, the constant factor is God’s love as known through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

There is not a better gift to be given, experienced, or treasured.

This autumn the Church will have many exciting opportunities for service, study, worship, and mission. Please read within the body of the Centenarian for specific dates and times.

Please pray for Centenary UMC and the ways in which God has worked in the past, is working in the present, and will continue working in the future.

Please know that my door is always open.

I pray for you daily and ask God’s blessing upon you.

Know that I love you, and God loves us all.

Grace and Peace –

Kelley



## Stewardship Devotion by Rev. Tom Donnley of the firmly Rooted Church

**“Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Cor. 9:7 NIV84)**

Stewardship is a tough thing for us Christians to grow into. It challenges us at the very line between faith and reason. God has created us to be logical creatures who can do math, and He has created us as spiritual beings who trust in His ability to do things beyond what our mind can comprehend. At this line between reason and faith, we need to know that God in His word always tells us that His word rules/wins. We are called to be obedient to His word even if that obedience doesn't make sense to our reason and logic. But, when it comes to my stewardship, I can't help but do the math. If I give a percentage of my time, talents, and treasures to the Lord, then the net result will be that I have less time, talents, and treasures to be used as I see fit. Whether I give an hour a week or \$100 a week, my mind tells me that I will have less time or money that week.

The problem with this train of thought is that it is a train of human thought. God works in a different scope of economy. God is never a one-for-one transactor. He is always quantumly transacting. He can sow 100 seeds and harvest from 150 plants. He can touch one life, and through that life touch millions. Our God can take our hour or our \$100 and bless us in such a way that we never miss it. Somehow He makes it all work out because that is what He promised to do.

So what's the secret to proper stewardship? Start with your heart, not your head. Paul says in our verse today, “Give what you decided in your heart to give.” True stewardship is a faith thing, not a reason and logic thing. God calls us to move as our heart tells us to move and not as our logical minds might move. Second, he tells us “not to give reluctantly or under compulsion.” We need to freely give in such a way that left hand doesn't want to pull out of the offering plate what the right hand just put in. We need to give as the Lord is moving us to give. It ought to be as freely given and God's grace is freely given to us. Last, Paul tells us to be “cheerful” givers. Stewardship should be an opportunity, not an obstacle. We ought to be giving God back some of the time, talents and treasures He has given us in a spirit of joy. We ought to be thankful that the Lord provides us the opportunity to thank Him in this awesome way.

May the secrets of stewardship move us to be cheerful givers!

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## Prayer Concerns

**As you engage your 'Prayer Life' this week, please remember these prayer concerns:** If you have a prayer concern or praise, please contact the church office at 336-299-9643, or call Kelley at the parsonage 336-285-5081. Let us know if the concern may be shared with the congregation.

**Diane, Jim & Scott Stanley. Peggy Harris. Cecil Overbey. Ann Hennings. Gretchen Crabtree. Sheridan Wacker. Susan Carrick. Dave Blackman. Anne Murr. Margaret Miller. Lori Johnson. Trudy Sillmon. Don & Clara Ellis. Aly Saunders. Sue Rosser (friend of Debbie Robinson). Lynn Gentry (Anita's friend). Lisa Goller, cancer, (Kelley Groce's friend). Sid Campbell, fall (Anne Murr's friend). Sarah Jenkins, health issues( Our UMAR friend).**

**Our Sympathy to Teresa John in the death of her mother, Benita McFarland in the death of her father, Emily Wagoner in the death of her grandmother, Madonna & Steve Stamey (Sally Goin's daughter & son-in-law) in the death of their infant son. Dean Saunders in the death of his father.**

Autumn Bible Study  
"The Lord's Prayer" by Adam Hamilton

Tuesday, October 11 at 6:30pm  
October 18 thru November 15 at 6pm



**The power and significance of the prayer Jesus taught.** Most Christians know the Lord's Prayer by heart. We pray it often, at different times and in different settings. We remember it as the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples. But do we really understand and appreciate the meaning and power of its words, what we ask of God each time we pray it? When the disciples asked Jesus how to pray, Jesus gave them this prayer. He likely taught it to his followers often, not just one time. He never intended the Lord's Prayer to be a museum piece, framed and placed on a mantel or in a display case. It was Jesus teaching God's people, through his disciples, how to pray. In this large print version of *The Lord's Prayer: The Meaning and Power of the Prayer Jesus Taught*, pastor and bestselling author Adam Hamilton guides us to really know—and really pray—the Lord's Prayer. He explores each of its rich lines and their meaning in the Bible, illuminating what we ask of God and what we ask of ourselves through its words. And he teaches us how to use it as a pattern for our own prayer life.

**If you would like to order a book, please let Pastor Kelley know by Sunday, Sept 25<sup>th</sup>.**

**I can get large Print Editions for \$15.00**

**Pastor, Picnic and Passages**

**September 8th, Thursday at 6pm in  
the Conference Room**

**September 20th at noon in the  
Conference Room**



## Mission Opportunities

**Urban Ministry** is in desperate need of food.

Please continue to bring your food items, (September can meats) place them in the baskets marked "Urban Ministry" and we will get it to the Urban Ministries. Please donate – these are desperate times for the food insecure!



**End Hunger one Step at a Time!**

**42nd Annual Greater Greensboro**

**CROP Hunger Walk**

The walk this year is scheduled for:

**Sunday, October 2, 2022**

**Greensboro Coliseum Complex Registration and Entertainment: 1:30pm. Walk 2:30pm**

**This year we will walk at the Greensboro Coliseum Complex Parking Lot. We request participants to follow Guilford County's COVID guidelines and to practice social distancing.**

## Fundraiser Luncheon for the Dominican Republic Ministry

**On Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**, the team of the Dominican Republic will host a pinto bean, rice, cole slaw, and cornbread luncheon immediately following the Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall in order to raise funds for the important medical, food, and orphanage needs of our partners in the Dominican Republic. Please plan to stay and enjoy fellowship while helping our brothers and sisters in the Dominican Republic!



## The Clothes Closet

In order to be good stewards of our limited space, in the Fellowship Hall. We will only be able to accept "gently used" current season clothes for men and women.

**UNDIE SUNDAY** is the first Sunday of each month. Please bring black or white socks for men and women. New packaged underwear for men or women, all sizes.

## Clothes Closet Wish List

### For Men

Short Sleeve Shirts– all sizes and 3 & 4x  
Pants and shorts– every size except 36  
Sturdy work lace up shoes

### FOR WOMEN

Shirts and top– xs, s, m, l, xl, xxl  
Pants and shorts of all sizes  
Women athlete shoes- all sizes  
Toiletries small size body wash, soap, deodorant toothbrushes and toothpaste. We have had requests for bedding and sleeping bags. Please bring items to the church before the Community Breakfast.

**Call Caryn Hull if you have any questions, 336-402-2633.**

**September 17, 8am to 10am**

**Join us for Breakfast!**



# Community Breakfast

## September Sunday School and Worship Themes

Sunday School will continue to meet in the Fellowship Hall beginning at **9:45am**. We will have a time of gathering, prayer and hymns, then continue the lessons of the Wisdom Literature with Dr. Mickey Efrid.

The Sermon Series for September will be "Epic Tales: A New Look at the Old Testaments Stories. We will reflect upon Daniel and the Lion's Den, David and Goliath, Ruth and Esther.

## Sunday School Day of Service

The Missions Committee agreed that it would be good to have a Sunday set aside for Mission Projects. **September 25 10am**.

We will gather in the Fellowship Hall, have a short devotion then put together Blessing Bags. There will be more of these scheduled later in the year.

## United Methodist Women September 28 (Wednesday) at 10am

Refreshments, Fellowship and Study!  
Carolyn Townsend will share stories of women of the Bible.

## September 13th at noon The Friendship Club is Back!

**The entertainment for the day will be our very own James Esterline, pianist. We will have a meal, a program of music, devotion, jokes and door prizes. Invite your friends!**

**At present we have 2 other churches that join us but we would love more!**



- 1st Susan Carrick
- 2nd Chris Bagwell, Martha Proffitt
- 3rd David Groce, Robert Hemphill, Fred Phillips
- 5th Polly Bowman
- 9th Dawn Long
- 12th Sarah Horn, Mary Ann Smith
- 16th Lee Norman
- 21st Shari Saunders
- 23rd Martha Nell Rives
- 24th Lori Eaton
- 25th Joshua Pace, Caroline Robinson
- 27th Brenda Wilson
- 29th Bill Deuterman

### *Ladies Supper Club*

*September 28 at 6pm! We will be eating at Gianni's Italian Restaurant in High Point. If you would like a night of fun and fellowship you're invited to join the "Ladies Supper Club". If you would like to join or would like more information please email Emily Wagoner at:*

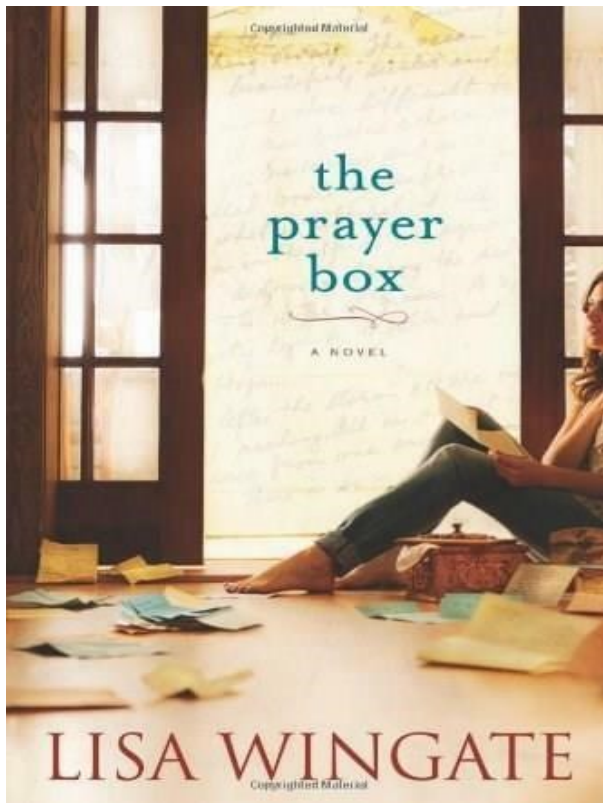
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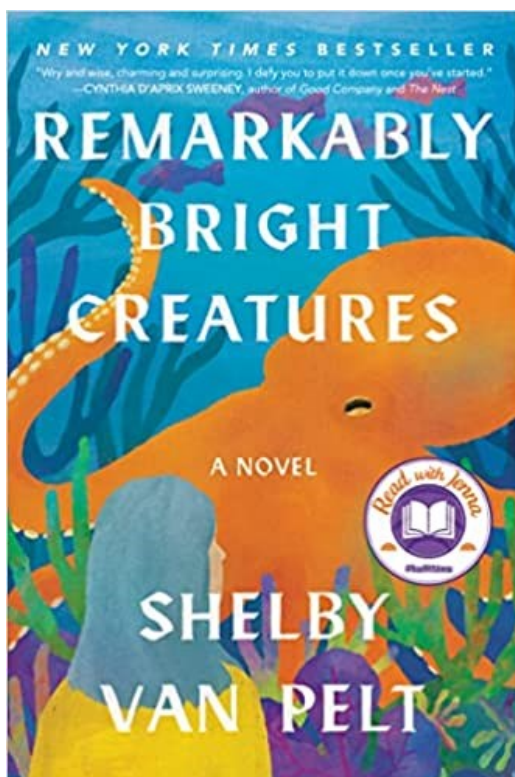
**Centenary Choir** invites any and all Centenary members and visitors to come sing with us! There's always room for more singers, and you are all welcome. The choir will return to holding choir practice on Wednesday evenings, from 6:30pm to about 7:30pm, beginning Wednesday, August 24, 2022. We will learn and prepare some new anthems.

Please come join us! If you have questions, please call Anita Trumpler-Rich at 336-316-0363

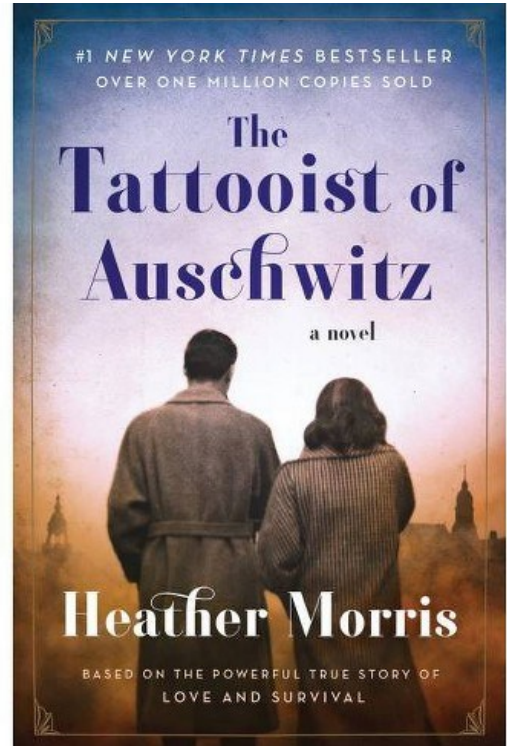
Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>  
The Prayer Box by Lisa Wingate  
At Lucky 32 at 6:30pm



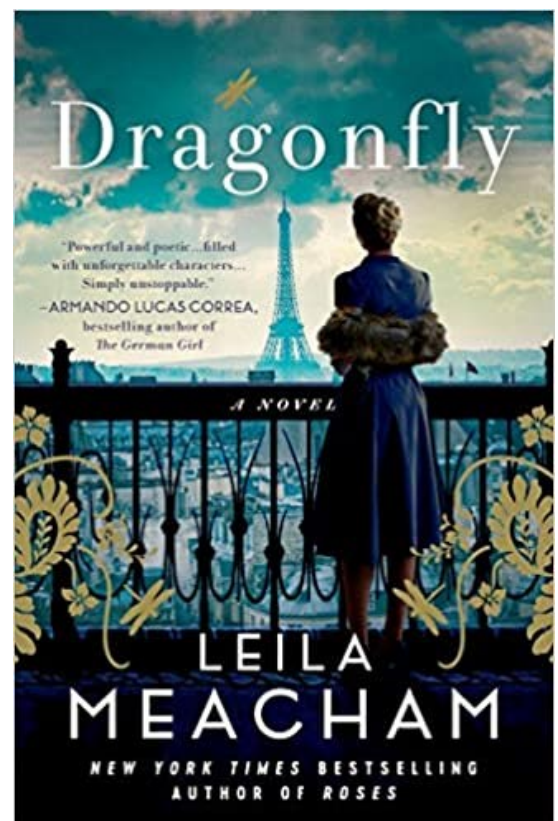
Thursday, November 17th  
Remarkably Bright Creatures by  
Shelby Van Pelt



Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>  
The Tattooist of Auschwitz by Heather Morris



Thursday, January 19th  
Dragonfly by Leila Meacham



N/A Wednesday 8pm & Sunday 1pm, Al-Anon Friday night  
 Choir Practice Wednesday at 6:30pm  
 Covent School Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

# September 2022

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			1	2	3	
4	5 <i>Holiday</i> <i>Office closed</i>	6	7	8 <i>Pastor, Picnic &amp; Passage 6pm</i>	9	10
11 <i>Pinto Bean Meal</i>	12	13 <i>Friendship Club</i>	14 <i>UMW</i> <i>General Meeting</i>	15 <i>Staff Meet</i> <i>Book Club</i>	16	17 <i>Communi-ty Breakfast</i>
18 <i>State of the Church Meeting 10am</i>	19	20 <i>Pastor, Picnic &amp; Passage at noon.</i>	21 <i>Kelley will be at Friend's Home 3pm</i>	22	23 <i>Ms. Senior Guilford Pageant</i>	24 <i>Ms. Senior Guilford Pageant</i>
25 <i>Service</i> <i>Sunday School 10am</i>	26	27	28 <i>UMW Meeting 10am</i> <i>Ladies Night Out</i>	29	30	

## Offering Support

Thank you for your continued support of the church with your pledges, tithes, and offerings! **Ways you can give.**

Put your offering in the offering plate.

- Mail your donation to:  
 Centenary UMC  
 2300 W. Friendly Ave.  
 Greensboro, NC 27403
- Use your bank's bill pay feature and set-up payments through your account.
- Or, you may use our online giving platform, Sub-Splash. Directions for online giving can be found on our website [www.CentenaryUMCGreensboro.org](http://www.CentenaryUMCGreensboro.org). Use your credit card to make a one time donation, or set-up weekly or monthly giving.



## Financial Update

### Year-to-Date Giving/Expenses—Ending 8/31

Revenues	\$ 160,868.00
Expenses	\$ 259,618.00
Profit or (Loss) for 8 months	(\$98,750.00)

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**Our Mission:**

To experience God's life changing love and take God's love into the world.

**Our Vision:**

To be a church where everyone is involved in ministry.

## Gifts for the Budget: August

*In Memory of Barbara Grey*

*Jack Cole*

*Jim and Teresa John*

*Coak and Nancy May*

*David and Trudy Sillmon*

*In Memory of Paul Brady*

*Jack Cole*

*David and Trudy Sillmon*

*In Memory of Brent Mabe*

*Madeline Hodge*

### **Sunday Morning Worship**

**9:45 am Sunday School - Fellowship Hall**

**11:00 am Worship Service—Sanctuary**

