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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Centenary United Methodist Church Family and Friends,

⁶He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ⁷'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'⁸ Then they remembered his words."

Luke 24: 6-8

April is the month in which we celebrate the holiest of day for the Christian faith, the day of Easter, the day of Jesus resurrection, the day of victory over death, sin is conquered, and new life is offered for eternity. Easter is the pinnacle of our faith journey, our greatest hurrah, our faith summit, our top assurance, our firm foundation. Easter is the ultimate celebration. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

As I read the Gospel of Luke's account of Easter morning, I am struck by how many times the word remember or remembered is used. In what is considered to be the pilot of our faith days, we are encouraged to remember. The disciples and women who went to the tomb that faithful morning were encouraged to remember the words of Jesus which he spoke when he was living among them that he would rise on the third day, and then after they physically were witnesses to the fact, the scriptures state that they did remember.

How easily do we forget the details, even of the most wonderful moments of our lives? It is hard for me to imagine that if I had heard Jesus preach, teach, and say that he was going to rise on the third day, and then gather at his tomb, and his body is not there, I would recall his assurances and promises to the people; and yet, those present at the resurrection were encouraged to remember.

I believe that we all must remember daily the focuses of God – life, death, new life. Love, Repentance, Forgiveness. Faith, Hope, Love. We know these beliefs and try to live them, and yet the distractions of the world get in the way, and we lose focus, so we are called to remember, even the big ideals of faith, which we never believe we would forget at any moment, we must go to the mustard seed of faith buried deep within our soul and remember. We must remember that Jesus lived, Jesus died, and Jesus was resurrected. We are gifted strength, renewal, and new life because of Christ. The way in which we live our days is based on that event, and the teachings from which it steams. The teachings from Matthew 26: 36-38 ³⁶ "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

³⁷ Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.

It is important as we enjoy the season of Spring, the pastel colors, and the celebrations of Easter bunnies, chicks, and hiding eggs, that our greatest memory must be of the Christ who is our Salvation for Eternity.

Here is a poem by Sera Elle which touched my heart and I pray it touches yours.

Remember

Remember

The sky as it turned dark
And the earth began to move.

Remember

The curtain as it ripped apart,
All signs to give us proof.

Remember

The wails of the crowd that day
As the tears began to fall.

Remember

The jeers that they threw His way
In call after taunting call.

Remember

The cross as it rose on high,
As He hung for all to see.

Remember

The sinners who He hung by
and that each one could be me.

Remember

The whip and the horrific way
They flayed Him to the bone.

Remember

The Words He chose not to say,
The power, He chose not to own.

Remember

The crown pressed upon His head,
The blood dripping over His face.

Remember

The words as He hung, He said,
Forgiveness, the ultimate grace.

Remember

His love and His grief and His pain,
The sacrifice He freely gave.

Remember

It now and remember again –

My God is the One Who saves.

I pray that you will read through the newsletter regarding our Holy Week Opportunities and Easter Morning Celebration.

Please remember that my door is always open.

Easter Tidings, Kelley

Easter Humor:

1. It was Palm Sunday but because of a sore throat, 5-year-old Bobby stayed home from church with a baby-sitter. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm fronds. Bobby asked them what they were for.

'People held them over Jesus' head as he walked by,' his father told him.

'Wouldn't you know it,' Bobby fumed, 'the one Sunday I don't go and he shows up.'

2. A friend was in front of me coming out of church one day, and the preacher was standing at the door as he always is to shake hands. He grabbed my friend by the hand and pulled him aside. The Pastor said to him, "You need to join the Army of the Lord!" My friend replied, "I'm already in the Army of the Lord, Pastor." Pastor questioned, "How come I don't see you except at Christmas and Easter?" He whispered back, "I'm in the secret service."



Centenary United Methodist Church would like to recognize and celebrate our High School and College Graduates TBA. We will be recognizing all our Graduates in the 11:00 AM Service.

If you have a graduate you would like to recognize, please fill out the information below regarding their graduation and future plans. Please turn this form and photo into the church office by Thursday May 12, 2022. (Photo is optional)

Graduate Name: _____

School: _____

Graduation Date: _____ Degree: _____

Future Plans: _____

Proud parents, grandparents, guardians: _____

"I can do all things through him who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

Holy Week Services & Events

We will have some wonderful guest musicians as we approach Easter Sunday!

- April 3rd-We'll have flutist Melody Rose with us for the church service and she'll play several beautiful solos.
- April 10th-Palm Sunday, Sunday School at 10:00am, Worship at 11:00am, our own Centenary Ringers will play two beloved Palm Sunday/Easter selections. In addition, clarinetist Brian Blauch will join us to share his beautiful music and help us begin Holy Week.
- April 10th- Palm Sunday, Stations of the Cross begins at 3:00-5:00pm enter at the portico and walk the stations. We ask that you social distance.
- April 14th- Maundy Thursday and Tenebrae Service at 6:00pm will include cellist Thomas Graham, whose music will help set the mood for this somber occasion.
- April 17th- Easter Sunday, 10-10:30am Flower Cross decoration outside– please bring flowers to adorn our cross. 10:30-11:00 Fellowship with Sweets and Coffee. 11:00am Easter Celebration with special music-Leah Bergner will share her trumpet music with us as we joyfully celebrate Christ's resurrection!



Clothes Closet Needs

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.

The first Sunday of each month is going to be **UNDIE SUNDAY**. Please bring black or white socks to be used by men or women and new packaged underwear for men or women, all sizes.

In April we could use women's clothes in sizes 1X, 2X & 3X and men's pants in sizes 35, 38, 40 & 42.

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

Pleasant Garden Fire Department

We would like to Congratulate Carolyn Townsend on receiving the Volunteer of the Year Award for 2021 from the town of Pleasant Garden.





Dear Centenary UMC Family and Friends,

Thank you so very much for your cards, prayers, and words of encouragement during my recent surgery. One member kidded with me that I really gave up a lot for Lent by getting rid of my gall bladder. I am very thankful for the staff and laity of the church who kept the church in working order, and for Rev. Charles Penley as the preacher in my absence. I am glad that all things have gone smoothly, and that I am on the road to recovery. I am ever indebted to my church family.

Thank you for everything.

In the Gratitude of God, Kelley

Dear Centenary Friends,

Thanks for the lovely cards and calls. You made my day very special!

You are a wonderful group, and I really miss all of you.

Thanks again, Estelle Cranford

Dear Centenary Friends,

I want to thank all of you for your kind expressions of sympathy at the time of Betsy's death. The calls and cards have meant a lot to me, and my family is grateful for your love and support.

Betsy and I enjoyed our years at Centenary, and though I am now many miles away I look forward to keeping in touch with our friends there.

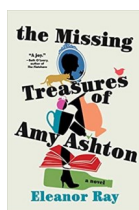
Blessings to you all. Fred

Centenary Starlight Book Club

Centenary Starlight Book Club will meet at the church, Thursday, April 28th at 6:30 pm in the narthex

The Missing Treasures of Amy Ashton Hardcover by [Eleanor Ray](#) (Author)

For fans of *The Keeper of Lost Things* and *Evvie Drake Starts Over* comes a "heartwarming and tender...good-humored and uplifting" (*BookPage*) debut about a reclusive artist whose collection has gotten out of control—but whose unexpected friendship with her new neighbors might be just what she needs to start over.



Amy Ashton once dreamed of becoming an artist and creating beautiful objects. But now she simply collects them. Aquamarine bottles, bright yellow crockery, deep Tuscan red pots (and the odd slow-cooker) take up every available inch of space in her house. Having suffered a terrible tragedy—one she staunchly refuses to let herself think about, thank you very much—she's decided that it's easier to love things instead of people.

But when a new family moves in next door with two young boys, one of whom has a collection of his own, Amy's carefully managed life starts to unravel, prompting her to question why she began to close herself off in the first place. As Amy embarks on a journey back into her past, she has to contend with nosy neighbors, a meddlesome government worker, the inept police, and a little boy whose love of bulldozers might just let Amy open up her heart—and her home—again.

Quirky and charming, big-hearted and moving, *The Missing Treasures of Amy Ashton* proves that it's never too late to let go of the things that don't matter...and welcome the people who do.



**We want your loose change!
Every Sunday we are collecting
loose change for UMCOR for
the Ukraine people. Please
drop your coins in the bucket
located in the narthex.**

~ Meetings & Clubs ~

April 3rd - Spring Church Wide Luncheon after worship service the menu is spaghetti, salad, and dessert. Beverages will be provided. The cost is \$8.00 dollars each. You can call the office or email Libby at libby@centenaryumcgreensboro.org with your reservations.

April 3rd - Ad Council meeting at 12:45pm..

April 11th the final Bible Study in the conference room at 6:30pm of the Witnesses at the Cross.

Friendship Club, Tuesday, April 12 @ Noon in the Fellowship Hall. We will enjoy a delicious meal . Speaker Dr. Robert Brewer from Greensboro College.

Saturday, April 16, 2022 from 8:00-10:00 am is our Free Community Breakfast and Clothing Closet. We need you to come cook, serve, host, pray, and smile.

On Sunday April 24th there will be a Staff/Parrish Relations committee meeting at 2:00pm.

Please Kelley will be at Friends Home Guilford on Wednesday, April 27th at 3:00pm for devotion and communion.

Women's Supper Club will be meeting on Wednesday, April 27 at 6:00pm. Location TBD. Please contact Emily Lawing 336-257-9654 if you are planning on attending.

Note: Mark your calendar- The office will be closed for Easter Holiday on Thursday, April 14 and Monday, April 18.

Congratulations! This was a touchdown!!! We collected for Greensboro Urban Ministry 126 pounds of food on Super Bowl Sunday.

The work of Greensboro Urban Ministry is only possible through the support of so many throughout the community and your support is making a difference in our community every day. It is only through the generosity and help from people like you that we are able to continue our mission to serve those in need. With so many worthy causes in our midst, we truly appreciate your support.

Mary O'Neill
Food Pantry Director
Greensboro Urban Ministry



- 3rd Patrick Miller
- 4th Chuck Carrick
- 7th Benita McFarland
- 8th Marvin Baugh, and Josh Kinard
- 16th Howard Fulcher
- 17th Anne Murr
- 23rd Barbara Blackman
- 24th George Cranford & John Liles
- 26th Linda Billings & Nathan John
- 30th Debra Schlueter

If you, or a loved one, have been left off the birthday list, please contact Libby Boggs at 336-299-9643 or email the office—libby@centenaryumcgreensboro.org

On March 19th our first Community Breakfast and Clothes Closet since the Covid Pandemic.... BIG THANKS TO EVERYONE!





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.

Lucille Massey, (Libby's Mother) may have had a stroke, awaiting results. **James Esterline,** injured hand. **Rev. Mark Norman Vickers,** in the hospital. **Lenora Reece,** back pain. **Cindy Friedburg (friend of Betty Durham's)** cancer. **Irmgard Dairber,** for cancer treatment. **Darryl,** (cousin of Mary Ann Smith) died March 21. **Gretchen Crabtree,** pacemaker. **Sheridian Wacker,** stage 2 breast cancer. **Susan Carrick,** AFib symptoms. **Dave Blackman. Jane Norman,** is at home now recovering. **Scott Stanley. Anne Murr,** prayers for her treatments. **Margaret Miller** health issues. **Lori Johnson. Trudy Sillmon. Don & Clara Ellis. Aly Saunders.**

Financial Update

Year-to-Date Giving/Expenses—Ending 3/28/2022

Revenues \$ 88,479
 Expenses \$ 102,423
 Profit or (Loss) for 3 months (13,944)

Meetings-

NA-Narcotic Anonymous every Wednesday at 8:00pm and every Sunday at 1:00pm Fellowship Hall
 AI-Anon-every Friday at 8:00pm in the Conference Room
 Compassionate Friends First Monday of each month at 7:00pm room 110

Sunday Morning Worship

10:00 am Sunday School Fellowship Hall
 11:00 am Worship Service



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1. AI-Anon 8:00pm	2.
3. After worship service Church wide Luncheon 2:00pm Ad Council Meeting 1:00pm NA Meeting	4. 6:30pm Bible Study 7:00pm Compassionate Friends room 110	5.	6. 8:00pm NA Meeting FH	7. 11:30am Staff Meeting 1:30pm Bell Practice	8. AI-Anon 8:00pm	9.
10. 1:00pm NA Meeting Sanctuary 3-5:00pm Stations of the Cross	11. 6:30pm Last Bible Study	12. 12:00pm Friendship Club	13. 8:00pm NA Meeting FH	14. Holiday Office Closed 6:00pm Maundy Thursday	15. AI-Anon 8:00pm	16. 8-10:00am Community Breakfast & Clothes Closet
17. Easter Sunday Service with Communion Special Music 1:00pm NA Meeting FH	18. Holiday Office Closed	19.	20. 8:00pm NA Meeting FH	21.	22. AI-Anon 8:00pm	23.
24. 1:00pm NA Meeting FH 2:00pm SPRC Meeting	25.	26.	27. 3:00pm Friends Home at Guilford 8:00pm NA Meeting FH	28. 6:30 pm Book Club	29. AI-Anon 8:00pm	30.



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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.



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In Honor of Rev. Kelley Groce
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