



**Centenary United Methodist Church
2300 W. Friendly Ave.
Greensboro, NC 27403
August 13, 2023**

Reverend Kelley Groce, Pastor

Anita Trumpler-Rich, Music Director

*Welcome friends, family, and visitors. May your hearts be touched by the Holy Spirit as we join in worship with devotion, songs, and prayer.
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.*

Gathering Music

Arioso

George Handel

Announcements for Missions and Ministry

Choral Call to Worship O Lord, May Church and Home Combine

Choir

Call to Worship:

Leader: It is the beginning of a new season, and God is a God of new beginnings and new creations. In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth, new life, blessed it and called it good.

People: We give thanks for new beginnings. We give thanks that you call us good.

Leader: In the beginning, the heavens shone forth a star when our Savior was born. In the beginning of his ministry, the heavens opened up and called him God's beloved.

People: We give thanks that you know our pathways and what it means to be human. We give thanks that you call us your beloved children.

O God of new beginnings, new life, and new journeys, you sent Abraham and Sarah into a new land; you led Moses, Aaron and Miriam out of Egypt and into liberation; you led your Son our Savior to earth, to the cross, and into resurrection. Walk with us, we pray, as we enter into a new year, a new path, new opportunities. Amen.

†Hymn

Wonderful Words of Life

UMH 600

Recognition of Graduates

Blessing of Backpacks, Teachers, Students, and School Staff

Joys and Concerns of Congregation

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation and deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Anthem

Pass It On

Kurt Kaiser

Choir

Scripture:

Luke 2: 29-46

Sermon:

The Teaching Ministry of Jesus

Rev. Kelley Groce

†Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle's Creed

UMH 881

†Gloria Patri

†Hymn

We Would See Jesus

UMH 256 (v. 3,4,5)

We worship with God's Tithes and our Offerings.

Offertory Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word... Choir

†Doxology

†Hymn Lord, Speak to Me UMH 46 v.1,2,3)

Choral benediction Shalom to You Choir

†Benediction

†Postlude The Glory of the Lord Handel, arr. Lani Smith

†Please stand as you are able and silence your cell phones.

The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God in Celebration of Marvin and Mary Jo Baugh's 66th Wedding Anniversary by Marvin Baugh.



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.

Prayer Concerns

George (back pain) and Estelle Cranford (Estelle had a fall). Jack Cole. Lori Johnson. Gretchen Crabtree. Betty Pleasants. Dave and Barbara Blackman. Susan Carrick. Sheridian Wacker. Scott Stanley. Al & Lori Eaton. Peggy Harris. Diane & Jim Stanley. Trudy Sillmon. Don & Clara Ellis. Aly Saunders. Bruce Gillespie (Debbie Robinson's friend). Rowan James (daughter of David Groce's co-worker). Terry Pickett (Tom & Dona Pickett's son). Hazel Perritt. Pat Glover. Linda Southard (Rachel Sheppard's cousin). Judy Holland (Suzy Swindell's sister). Richard Roark (Frank Hinshaw's friend). Barbara John (Jim John's mother). Cathy Teer Matamoros (Jean Brincefield's niece-stroke). Trisha Wurst (Faye Elliott's sister).



August Birthdays—Becky Ensign (5). Trey Stowe (5). Bonnie Travis (8). Nancy May (11). Abbie Samuel (16). Meredith Groce (17). Jackie Thompson (19). Nancy Pruitt (19). August Marvin (24). Blanche Morgan (26). Bob Jones (27).

The **United Methodist Foundation of Western NC** has set up the Franklinville UMC Relief Fund where you and/or your congregation can donate to help rebuild their sanctuary. If you would like to donate, you can make your check out to Centenary UMC with Relief Fund on the memo line.

Announcements and Calendar of events

August 16- 3:00pm – Kelley will be at Friends Home, Guilford

August 19- 8am to 10am – Community Breakfast and Clothes Closet. Volunteers are needed to cook, serve, listen, and pray with our guests.

August 23 – 2pm to 6pm – Red Cross Blood Drive. Volunteers are needed to check clients in and to give blood. If you cannot give blood, please contact someone you think might be able too. The gift of life is the best gift you can give.

August 24- 6:30pm - Starlight Book Club at Lucky 32

August 27 – After Worship – Churchwide Covered Dish. Chicken will be provided. Newlyn St. UMC will be our guests. Bring your favorite covered dish or dishes. All are welcome!
2:00pm- Called Church Meeting

Clothes Closet special requests We need Men's pants and shirts ALL sizes, but especially 32, 34 & 36. Men's summer shirts. Men's shoes, especially athletic shoes. Men's belts 34, 36 & 38. Women's Small and Medium summer clothes. Women's Small and Medium underwear. Take-on style suitcases on wheels. Travel size shampoo, toothpaste, and body wash. If you have any questions, please see Caryn Hull or Dona Pickett.

The Blessed Table Food Pantry, the food items needed for this month are: **cans of Black Eye Peas, Pinto Beans, Great Northern Beans, Pork & Beans, and Green Peas.** Kelley will make sure that the items are get to **The Blessed Table**

Attendance – July 30, 2023

Sunday School	12
Worship in-person	36
Worship - FaceBook Live	94
Worship – YouTube	5

Attendance- August 6, 2023

Sunday School	13
Worship in-person	29
Worship – FaceBook Live	
Worship - YouTube	

New Office Hours

Church office—Monday thru Thursday 9am to 2pm

Rev. Kelley's Office Hours

Monday—Centenary UMC

Tuesday—Newlyn St. UMC

Wednesday—Working from her Home Office

Thursday—Alternating Churches

Friday– Closed