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# THE CENTENARIAN

## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Centenary UMC Family and Friends,

During the month of September I was able to take some time away to participate in two differing Silent retreats. One was for a Day at the Surrette Farm in Statesville. It was a day of Centering Prayer. Roughly 20 lay and clergy gathered to spend from 10-4 in silence and centering prayer. We would have an opening liturgy, then 30 minutes of silence as we stayed together in the room, reflecting and praying the Scripture which was read. After the 30 minutes, a bell would ring, we would all stand up, walk slowly in a circle around the room, returning to our chair. When all participants were back, someone would read a passage from the Psalms, we would then listen and pray. When we broke for lunch, likewise it had to be in silence. The afternoon finished as we did 5 rounds of centering prayer. No introductions one to the other, only the bond of silence and prayer to unite our hearts.

This day retreat was the prelude to the 3 days away for me at the Well of Mercy in Hickory. "Well of Mercy is a ministry of hospitality and healing sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas. It provides quiet sanctuary for adults seeking right relationship with self, others, God and creation. By offering spiritual companionship, emotional support, respectful acceptance and sacred space, it contributes to the rest and renewal of its guests." It was there that I spend 3 days in silence – away from the phone, e-mail, computer, television, and focused on prayer and discernment with God. My guided silent retreat focused on Finding the Blessing, and it was a blessing.

I know that we feel as if we have a lot of alone time. However, finding differing ways to live into your relationship with Jesus for restoration and renewal is important. I feel as if I have limited my time in community during the pandemic, but those intentional times away were different.

I had several people asked me, the person who loves conversation, if it was hard not to talk, especially during meals. It was very calming. You were to remember that Jesus is with you continually and your constant friend and partner.

This month, I would like to challenge you to spend a differing time in prayer. Try a silence as part of your day. Lean on Jesus, be in conversation with him, allowing his love to flow into the deepest part of your soul. You are his beloved and he dwells in you constantly.

*"We need to find God, and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature — trees, flowers, grass — grows in silence; see the stars, the moon, and the sun, how they move in silence... we need silence to be able to touch souls." —Mother Theresa*

*"He who has learned to pray has learned the greatest secret of a holy and happy life." —William Law*

*"Prayer is the movement of trust, of gratitude, of adoration, or of sorrow, that places us before God, seeing both Him and ourselves in the light of His infinite truth and moves us to ask Him for the mercy, the spiritual strength, the material help that we all need... It is therefore a deep and vital contact with Him..." —Thomas Merton*



# Blessing of the Animals

October 3, 2021 4:00pm

On the front lawn



Centenary UMC Blood Drive

Wednesday, October 27th 2-6:30pm

Fellowship Hall

Volunteers needed! Contact the office 336-299-9643 if you wish to help.

Sorry!  
No Pumpkin Patch  
this year



Missions Blessing Bags for the  
Community Resource Center  
A warm thank you to everyone for the  
donations and all the hard work putting the  
blessing bags together!



Haylene Swanson  
Shelissa Jacey  
Kristi Jester  
Amy Deetman  
Michelle Pat  
Brenna Byrce  
Natalie  
Rhonda Ann Webb  
Jennifer Thompson  
Jenny Parash  
Lyne Hodgein  
Laurie Anderson  
Down Campbell  
Liliana G  
Amy Nasser  
Sammie Jo McCluskey  
Christy Kukeman  
Jane Parry  
Doree Selph  
Esther Redland

## Thank You!

We are so grateful for Centenary UMC! Thank you for loving on our staff and students. You are such a blessing to us!

-The Covenant School

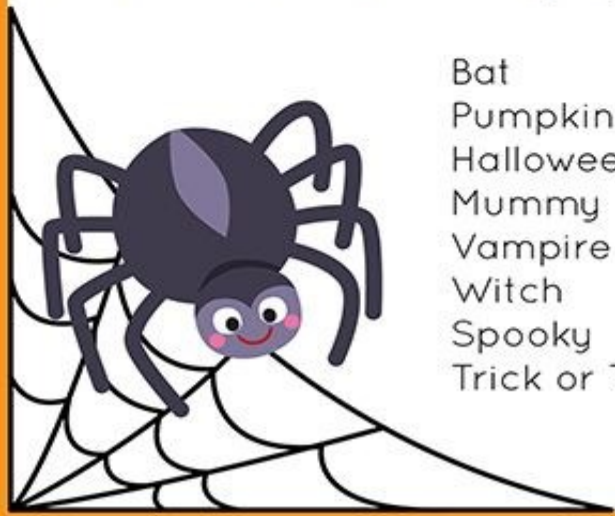
Paula Sharp Thank you!!  
Drew  
Sarah Ponce Thanks!  
Cheryl Hannan Thank You!





# HALLOWEEN WORD SEARCH

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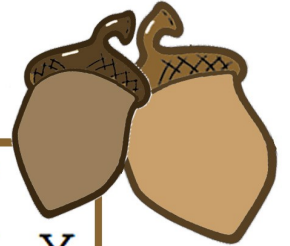
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 Haunted House



# Autumn



## WORD SEARCH



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SCARF  
TREE  
ACORN  
HAY

APPLE  
FALL  
PUMPKIN  
SWEATER

BOOTS  
RAKE  
PIE  
LEAF

Autumn

Leaves changing green to orange  
Cold wind against the earth  
Rain scatters down  
Trees bare with no leaves  
Grey clouds take over the sky  
Frost covers windows  
Rather than ice

*To know even one life  
has breathed easier  
because you have lived*

*this  
is to have*

**SUCCEEDED**

Ralph Waldo Emerson





**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. Let us know if the concern may be shared with the congregation.

**Keith Eller** facing extreme challenges. **Diane Stanley** fractured bone in ankle and toe. **Kristy Carpenter (cousin of Betty Durham and Chris Pugh)** cancer. **Chuck Ferebee**, had hip surgery. **Cynthia Michael**, 4 broken ribs. **Anne Murr**, prayers for her treatments. **Susan Shuping** surgery on her thumb. **Margaret Miller** health issues. **Louise Woods**, Carolina Pines is now allowing visitors, Louise is in room 225 and would love to have visits. **Lori Johnson**, recovering from surgery. **Sheridian Wacker**, health issues **Trudy Sillmon**. **David Blackman**. **Don & Clara Ellis**. **Aly Saunders**. **Judy Milligan**. **Abbie Samuel**.

**New address for Lori Johnson-** If you would like to send cards or a note Lori, 5435 Walkertown Landing Circle, Apt. 103, Walkertown NC 27051.

**Our Sympathy to the family of Charlie Frye** who passed away on Thursday, September 23rd of heart complications at Cone Hospital. Arrangement are incomplete.

**Our Sympathy to Pat Gunn** in the death of her brother who died on Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. His funeral was on Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> in Georgia.

**Our Sympathy to the family of Boyd Holliday** who passed away on September 4<sup>th</sup>. (He was associate pastor here in the 1980s). If you would like to send a card to his wife Jean, the address: 29

### October Birthdays

- 1st Sheridan (Shimer) Wacker
- 3rd Adele Singletary
- 4th Edna Johnson
- 8th Hazel Raper
- 11th Cecil Overbey
- 12th Richard Liles
- 13th Pat Rothrock
- 22nd Ann Hennings
- 23rd Margaret Miller



### Financial Update

Year-to-Date Giving/Expenses—Ending 9/27/2021	
Revenues	\$ 196,906
Expenses	\$ 265,838
Profit or (Loss) ( \$	68,932)

## Halloween Word Search

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CIDER  
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GHOST  
HALLOWEEN

HAYRIDE  
OCTOBER  
PUMPKIN  
SCREAM

SKELETON  
SPIDER  
SPOOKY  
TREATS



**A BIG thank you to everyone that made a donation for the ongoing mission and relief work in Canton, Clyde and Cruso areas of Haywood County. We raised \$300.00 for the WNC Conference. Please continue to pray for those who lost loved ones to death in the flood, and we continue to stand alongside hundreds of families whose lives have been upended by damage to their homes.**

### Prayer & Offering Support

Thank you for continuing to support the church with your pledges, tithes, and offerings! Mail your donation to: CUMC, 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, SubSplash. 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.

I have learned that  
to be with those  
i like  
is enough.  
- Walt Whitman

God has a reason for  
allowing things to happen.  
We may never understand  
His wisdom, but we simply  
have to trust His will.  
Psalm 37:5

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

**Sunday Morning Worship**  
9:45 am Sunday School Fellowship Hall and by Zoom  
11:00 am Worship Service



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1. Office Closed	2.
3. 2:30pm Crop Walk at Centenary UMC 4:00pm Blessing of the Animals, front lawn.	4. 11:00am UMW Fellowship Hall	5. 6:30pm Bible Study	6.	7.	8. Office Closed	9. No Community Breakfast due to the covid issues 9:00am Packing Blessing food-bags and cut blankets for Pathway.
10.	11.	12. 6:30pm Bible Study No Friendship Club (due to the Covid issues)	13.	14.	15. Office Closed	16.
17.	18. 6:30pm Book Club The Rose Code by Kate Quinn in the Narthex	19. 6:30pm Bible Study	20. NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 3:00pm Kelley at Friends Home at Guilford	21.	22. Office Closed	23.
24. Stewardship box lunch after worship service	25.	26. 6:30pm Bible Study	27. 2-6:30pm Blood Drive Fellowship Hall	28.	29. Office Closed	30.
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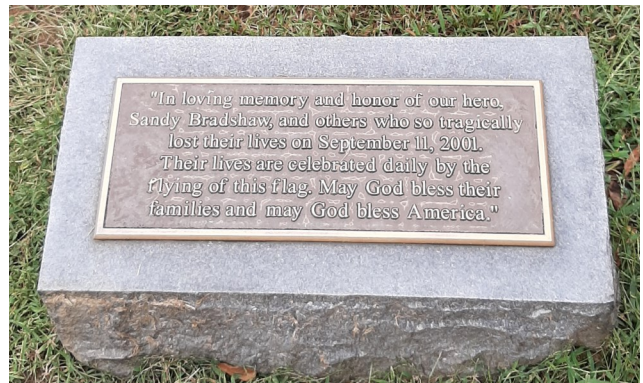




**September 11**

On this day, my heart  
crumbled, On this day,  
I really trembled.

Has the  
world changed in  
so many ways? You know we have  
God to praise! Ask Him for peace in  
your heart and mind, you'll have  
comfort all the time!





*Celebration of Life for  
Dorothy "Dot" S. Frye  
May 19, 1938 - August 31, 2021*

Dorothy S. "Dot" Frye passed away peacefully on Tuesday August 31, 2021 at Moses Cone Hospital surrounded by her family and a caring nursing staff.

Dot was born on May 19, 1938 in Greensboro, N. C. and lived her entire life in Greensboro. She loved her church, baking in the sun at Myrtle Beach, flowers, putt putt with grand kids and sweets.

As a child she enjoyed sliding on her pajamas and attending a drive-in movie with her family along with a meal from the Boar and Castle (onion rings were a favorite).

During her high school years (Greensboro High School) Dot worked retail to afford nice clothes. Her younger sister, Linda, would sneak into her closet and wear her outfits. Dot caught her when a large mustard stain appeared. Linda was named Best Dressed in her class.

In her adult life she was employed as an Administrative Assistant for Pilot Life, Burlington Industries and Syngenta.

A celebration of life will be held at Centenary UMC on Wednesday October 13th at 2:00pm.



*What  
a  
beautiful  
difference  
one  
single  
life  
made.*



**Celia Phelps Memorial United Methodist Church**  
3709 Groometown Road  
Greensboro, NC 27407

Rev. Ellis K. Carson, Pastor

Telephone (336)855-8348

September 10, 2021

Centenary United Methodist Church  
2300 W. Friendly Avenue  
Greensboro, NC 27403-1108

Dear Congregation:

Kind people like you are greatly appreciated and never forgotten. God will truly bless you. On behalf of our Pastor Rev. Ellis Carson and the congregation of Celia Phelps Memorial United Methodist Church, we would like to thank you for your donation of \$500.00.

Our church has been devastated by a serious fire. It is truly a blessing to receive financial support during this time of loss.

We ask that you continue praying with us and for us during our grieving process. It is also our prayers that we can transfer to our planning and dreaming process in order to meet the needs of our community soon.

Thank you so much for your generous prayers and giving.

May this letter serve as a receipt document of your donation for which you did not receive anything in return.  
(Please keep for your records.)

Sincerely,

*JoAnn Carter*

JoAnn Carter

Finance Chairperson

*I've learned that people  
will forget what you said,  
people will forget what  
you did but people will  
never forget how you  
made them feel...*

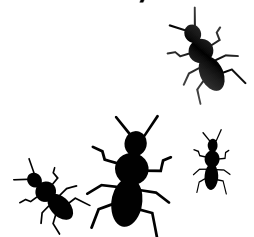
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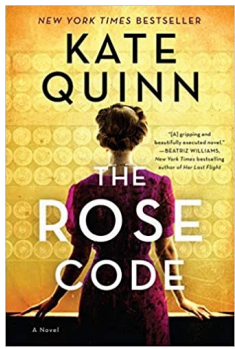
# October Happenings



- **CROP Hunger Walk Mark Your Calendar!** - 2021 marks the 41st Anniversary of the Greater Greensboro CROP Hunger Walk and **CUMC will be participating again this year with a socially distant walk around the church on Sunday, October 3 at 2:00 PM.** Please mark your calendar to walk with us, walk in your neighborhood. **Can't walk, but want to help?** Sponsor the Centenary UMC Team or individual walker by making a donation! .You may also make a financial donation. Checks should be made payable to CUMC and note "CROP" on the memo line. **If you need a T-Shirts the cost is \$6.00 (sizes S-3X) for Centenary UMC Team Members just check with Betty Durham at 336-542-8077 or [Betty.Durham50@yahoo.com](mailto:Betty.Durham50@yahoo.com).**
- **Blessing of the Animals-October 3rd at 4:00pm.**
- **Bible Study-Every Tuesday in October (5,11,19,26) at 6:30pm in the conference room. Only evening sessions available currently.**
- **UMW Ladies-The UMW ladies will meet Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am in the conference room. ALL LADIES of the church are invited and encouraged to attend. We will be re-organizing and planning for the upcoming year. If you have any questions, please contact Debra Schlueter 336-707-4213.**
- **Supper Club-All ladies of the church are invited to join for dinner together on Thursday, October 7th at 6:30pm at the Longhorn Restaurant on Wendover Ave. I'm trying to see what interest generates to see if this can be an ongoing thing. Please let Emily Lawing know you are attending so I know what to reserve. Contact Emily at 336-906-9996 if you would like to attend.**
- **Saturday, October 9th prepare Missions Blessing Bags for the Community Resource Center in the Fellowship Hall and cut blankets for Pathways.**
- **No Friendship Club meeting on October 12th.**
- **Book Club for October has been changed to Monday October 18th at 6:30pm in the narthex**
- **On Wednesday October 20th Pastor Kelley will be at Friend's Home Guilford at 3:00pm on the 3rd floor of Woolman for Devotion and Communion.**
- **Newsletter Deadline on October 20th by noon.**
- **Commitment Sunday and Box Lunch picnic on Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. We will be offering a box lunch of Turkey Sandwich, chips, and cookie from Jason's Deli for \$5 dollars. Please plan to stay after church and eat with your church friends outside at picnic tables, or inside if raining. Need your reservation by Thursday, October 21st at 2:00pm. You can pay for your lunch at that time.**
- **Blood Drive on October 27th from 2-6:30pm. Volunteers needed.**
- **October 31st Halloween.....**







## Centenary Starlight Book Club

October 18, 2016 – The Rose Code by Kate Quinn

We will meet at 6:30pm on Monday, October 18th, 2021 in the Narthex

1940. As England prepares to fight the Nazis, three very different women answer the call to mysterious country estate Bletchley Park, where the best minds in Britain train to break German military codes. Vivacious debutante Osla is the girl who has everything—beauty, wealth, and the dashing Prince Philip of Greece sending her roses—but she burns to prove herself as more than a society girl, and puts her fluent German to use as a translator of decoded enemy secrets. Imperious self-made Mab, product of east-end London poverty, works the legendary codebreaking machines as she conceals old wounds and looks for a socially advantageous husband. Both Osla and Mab are quick to see the potential in local village spinster Beth, whose shyness conceals a brilliant facility with puzzles, and soon Beth spreads her wings as one of the Park's few female cryptanalysts. But war, loss, and the impossible pressure of secrecy will tear the three apart.

1947. As the royal wedding of Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip whips post-war Britain into a fever, three friends-turned-enemies are reunited by a mysterious encrypted letter--the key to which lies buried in the long-ago betrayal that destroyed their friendship and left one of them confined to an asylum. A mysterious traitor has emerged from the shadows of their Bletchley Park past, and now Osla, Mab, and Beth must resurrect their old alliance and crack one last code together. But each petal they remove from the rose code brings danger--and their true enemy--closer.



Call 1-336-270-2202  
to hear our latest sermons



### How to receive the Sermon:

To view the sermon on the computer and to print the bulletin please go to our webpage at [www.CentenaryUMCGreensboro.org](http://www.CentenaryUMCGreensboro.org). The page will come up and you will see that it is divided into three categories with the picture of the church in the background. Click on the link which says - Worship. You will then find the link for that week's sermon and bulletin. It may not be on the front page of the webpage; you might have to click on the link for Worship first.

You may also call [1-336-270-2202](tel:1-336-270-2202) to listen to the sermon by phone.

Please call Libby Boggs at the church office 336-299-9643 should you have any questions or concerns.





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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: Aug. 24-Sept. 27, 2021

#### In Honor of Dawn Long

Charles & Patsy Stamey

#### In Honor of Nancy & Coak May

Paul & Judith Verchick

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#### In Memory of Dorothy Frye

Marvin & Mary Jo Baugh

Jack Cole

Jim & Teresa John

Coak & Nancy May

Jim & Brenda Wilson

Martha Holt

#### In Memory of Betty & Fred Wampler & Daughter Linda

Jack Cole

