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# *The Centenarian*



Dear Centenary UMC and Newlyn Street UMC,

**Isaiah 43:19** "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."

My how things can change over the summer. I am the pastor of both Centenary and Newlyn Street.

I want to begin by thanking Newlyn Street for their gracious hospitality and the welcoming which they gave our family. The first Sunday as your minister, celebrating the church's 103 Birthday was so exciting. The worship and choir were inspiring, the altar flowers were beautiful, the people so nice, and the covered dish meal after church was delicious. We especially enjoyed the huge chocolate cake which you had for us. We immediately gathered for meetings of the SPRC and the Ad Council. I am learning how the church operates under a Church Council model. Please give me grace as I am learning. I visited the Blessed Table which is a food pantry on Summit Avenue which was started over 20 years ago by the efforts of 7 United Methodist Churches. It is in operation weekly from Tuesday through Friday from 10-1 by referral of Social Services. It is truly inspirational. They need food items. **I am hoping that Centenary and Newlyn Street can combine their generosity to help gift cans of Black Eye Peas, Pinto Beans, Great Northern Beans, Pork & Beans, and Green Peas.** I will make sure that the items are get to **The Blessed Table.**

Centenary UMC has been going strong with the monthly summer Bible Studies, the outreach through the breakfast and Clothing Closet. Thank you for donations. In talking with the women which work the clothing closet, the greatest need is for men's pants and shoes. If you are cleaning out your closet and could donate any items, but especially these, please do.

## **Centenary Leaders Announce Redevelopment Plans**

On Tuesday, July 11, 2023, the Revisioning Committee, the Northern Piedmont District staff, and a team from Wesley Community Development gathered in the Fellowship Hall for continuing conversation and discernment. Our church leaders have been in consultation with Wesley Community Development over the past 5 months to discuss how to move forward with vitality here at [2300 West Friendly Avenue](#). We have studied attendance figures, financial trends, demographics of our surrounding community, and we have sought the wisdom of the Holy Spirit.

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As you are aware from the letter you received from our Finance Chair, Robb Stowe, the church building, and grounds are a tremendous financial challenge relative to our membership size and average attendance. We have discovered that our ability to be self-sustaining is now measured in months.

Wesley Community Development suggested we consider six options. The consensus of your Visioning Team is that it is best for our mission if we remain in ministry at [2300 West Friendly Avenue](#). Your church leadership believes that redevelopment of our property is the most faithful path forward.

Your input is needed as we consider what we will need in terms of future space. We are envisioning a smaller, accessible, more energy-efficient space that will be designed for our current ministry needs with an eye to the future generations. In the coming weeks, Wesley CDC will set up small groups to listen to ministry priorities.

This redevelopment project ensures that Centenary UMC has a ministry presence at [2300 West Friendly Avenue](#) for many years to come, to make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Please watch for information that continues to flow your way. Your Visioning Team feels the deep presence of Christ in this opportunity, and we trust that you will, too. We are grateful to our Visioning Team members who have been working hard on this project on behalf of the future of Centenary UMC: Betty Durham, Rev. Kelley Groce, Coak May, Abbie Samuel, Debra Scheuer, David Sillmon, Mary Ann Smith, Diane Stanley, Robb Stowe, Reid Townsend, Margaret Turnage, and Jim Wilson.

The Holy Spirit is working for His mission and ministry in Greensboro through the Centenary United Methodist Church.

**The Wesley Community Development will be at Centenary UMC on Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. They will meet with small groups to take you through the process which they have led the revisioning group, and then ask for your opinions and input. You may call the church office at 336-299-9643 in order to sign up for a time. There will be 15 to a group. We want as many of the church members to participate as possible. Your voice is needed. The times are 11am, 1:30pm, 3pm and 5:30pm. There will be a group which will meet at Friend's home Guilford as well. Please put this date on your calendar, it is of great importance.**

It is exciting to see the Holy Spirit at work in both congregations. I appreciate each congregation for being the hands and feet of Christ in our community of Greensboro, and indeed the world.

Please know that I pray daily for each of you and love you,

God's Grace and Peace Kelley

*Gifts in Memory and in Honor  
From May 31 to July, 23, 2023*

*In Honor of Reid & Carolyn Townsend 50th Wedding  
Anniversary*

*Paul & Sara Jones*

*Mark & Debra Schlueter*

*Jimmy & Diane Stanley*

*Jim & Brenda Wilson*

*In Honor of All The June Birthdays and  
Anniversaries*

*Phoebe Swing*

*In Honor of Hazel Perritt July 9th Birthday*

*Martha Proffitt*

*In Honor of Jack Cole*

*Joseph Cox*

*In Memory of Anne Murr*

*Samuel Childers*

*David & Trudy Sillmon*

*Mark & Debra Schlueter*

*Jim & Brenda Wilson*

*In Memory of Fred Wampler*

*Jack Cole*

*In Memory of Jane Robbs (Mary von Glahn's sister)*

*Dawn Long*

## **Prayer Concerns**

As you engage your 'Prayer Life' please remember these prayer concerns:

Lori Johnson. Gretchen Crabtree. Betty Pleasants. Dave 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). Jean Clapp (Patricia Shoffner's sister). Judy Holland (Suzy Swindell's sister) Richard Roark (Frank Hinshaw's friend). Barbara John (Jim John's mother).

**We extend our sympathy to the family of Fred Wampler who passed away on June 6th in Deering NH. Cards can be sent to:**

**Mark Wampler  
22 Dudley Brooke Rd.  
Deering, NH 03244**



## *August Centenary*

5th Becky Ensign & Trey Stowe

8th Bonnie Travis

11th Nancy May

16h Abbie Samuel

17h Meredith Groce

19h Jackie Thompson & Nancy Pruitt

26h Blanche Morgan

27h Bob Jones

## *Newlyn Street*

6th Tommy Murray

8th Mary Moore

11th Hal Cavinees

13th Kenneth Eller

16th Allie Eller

17th Meredith Groce

20th Connie Heffner & Marie Murray

23rd Liam Eller & Nancy Meadows

**Please remember our members who are home bound as well as those who are in retirement homes and rehabilitation centers. We have members at:**

Blumenthal Nursing & Rehabilitation  
Friends Home West and Guilford  
Harmony at Greensboro  
River Landing at Sandy Ridge  
Heritage Greens Senior Living  
Twin Lakes Retirement Community

Our members are never far away from our hearts and minds. If you have the opportunity please send them a card and always have them in your prayers.

# Mission Opportunities



## The Clothes Closet

### 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. Suitcases on wheels. Travel size shampoo, toothpaste, and body wash.

If you have any questions, please contact Caryn Hull or Dona Pickett.



## Community Breakfast

August 19th

8am to 10am

Community Breakfast and Clothing Closet. Please come help cook, serve, join in the conversation, and pray with our guests.

Red Cross Blood Drive  
Wednesday, August 23  
2pm -6:30pm



If you can not give please consider volunteering and tell everyone you know. The Gift of Life is so very important.



## AUGUST HAPPENINGS

2nd-10am to 12pm, **Newlyn St. UMC** Cottage

Visits with Rev. Kelley Groce

3rd- 11am, 1:30, 3 and 5:30, **Centenary UMC** small group meetings with Wesley CDC

7th - 5:30pm, **Centenary UMC** Mission/Worship Committee Meeting in Conference Room

8th- 2pm , **Newlyn St. UMC** Worship Committee Meeting in Conference Room

10th- 5:30 to 7pm, **Newlyn St. UMC** Cottage Visits with Rev. Kelley Groce

15th-5:30pm to 7pm, **Newlyn St. UMC** Cottage Visits with Rev. Kelley Groce

16th- 3pm, Rev. Kelley will be at **Friend's Home Guilford** for Devotion & Communion

19th- 8am to 10am, **Centenary UMC** Community Breakfast and Clothes Closet

21st- **Newlyn St. UMC** Cottage Visits with Rev. Kelley Groce

23rd-2:30 to 6pm, **Centenary UMC** American Red Cross Blood Drive

24th- 6:30pm, **Centenary UMC** Starlight Book Club at Lucky 32. Book, Someone Else's Shoes, JoJo Moyes

27th- Immediately after 11am worship, **Centenary UMC** Covered Dish Lunch with special guest **Newlyn St. UMC**

27th- 1:30pm, **Centenary UMC** Ad Council

30th- 6pm, **Newlyn St. UMC** Ad Council

### *The Blessed Table Food Pantry*

Collecting this month: Can Black Eyed Peas, Pinto Beans, Great Northern Beans, Pork & Beans and Green Beans



*Fall Bible Study at Centenary UMC  
and Newlyn Street UMC*

Beginning Tuesday, September 12 at 6:30 at  
**Centenary UMC** and Wednesday, Sept 13 at 6 at  
**Newlyn Street UMC**— each church will begin their study  
of  
**Jesus Revealed: The I Am Statements in the  
Gospel of John by Matt Rawle**

Discover Jesus' character through the  
"I Am" statements in *Jesus Revealed* by pastor and  
author Matt Rawle.

Light. Bread. Shepherd. Life. The Gospel of John uses  
these and other symbols to paint a picture of who Jesus  
is. Through the I Am statements Jesus describes himself  
with rich images, showing us that he is both fully human  
and fully divine and calling us as his followers.

In *Jesus Revealed: The I Am Statements in the Gospel of  
John*, author Matt Rawle explores the "I Am" statements  
in John as works of art that resonate throughout the  
Gospel and all of Scripture. He shows how these words  
point beyond themselves to the deep mystery of Jesus  
Christ. Join Matt on this journey and experience the pro-  
found truth at the heart of the "I Am" statements: that  
Jesus is light and life, and he calls us to himself and of-  
fers us the hope of resurrection.

**Chapter topics include:**

1. I am the bread of life (John 6:48)
2. I am the light of the world (John 8:12)
3. I am the good shepherd (John 10:11)
4. I am the resurrection and the life (John 11:25)
5. I am the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6)
6. I am the true vine (John 15:1)

You may want a book, or you may attend without  
purchasing a book. I ordered the books through  
Centenary UMC, so if anyone from either church  
would like a book, please let me know and make your  
check or cash out for \$15.00 to Centenary UMC.

This Study will run through the beginning of November.  
We will then begin our Advent Study in the last week of  
November.

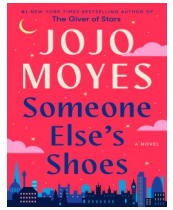
**Financial Update**

**Year-to-Date Giving/Expenses—Ending 7/24/2023**

<b>Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 174,163</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 228,213</b>
<b>Profit or (Loss)</b>	<b>(\$ 54,050)</b>

**Centenary Starlight Book Club**  
**August 24th 6:30pm**  
**at Lucky 32**

**All are Welcome!**



A story of mix-ups, mess-ups and making the most of  
second chances, this is the new novel from #1 *New York  
Times* bestselling author Jojo Moyes, author of *Me Be-  
fore You* and *The Giver of Stars*.

**Who are you when you are forced to walk in someone  
else's shoes?**

Nisha Cantor lives the globetrotting life of the seriously  
wealthy, until her husband announces a divorce and cuts  
her off. Nisha is determined to hang onto her glamorous  
life. But in the meantime, she must scramble to cope--she  
doesn't even have the shoes she was, until a moment ago,  
standing in.

That's because Sam Kemp – in the bleakest point of her  
life – has accidentally taken Nisha's gym bag. But Sam  
hardly has time to worry about a lost gym bag--she's  
struggling to keep herself and her family afloat. When she  
tries on Nisha's six-inch high Christian Louboutin red croc-  
odile shoes, the resulting jolt of confidence that makes her  
realize something must change—and that thing is herself.

Full of JoJo Moyes' signature humor, brilliant storytelling,  
and warmth, *Someone Else's Shoes* is a story about how  
just one little thing can suddenly change everything.



*Rev. Kelley will be at Friends Home-  
Guilford on August 16th 3pm on the 3rd  
Floor of Woolman*

*She will have a Devotion and Communion.  
All are invited!*

*From the family of Anne Murr,*

To the congregation of Centenary United Methodist Church,

Rob and I would like to send a very sincere THANK YOU for the overwhelming love and support we have received from you during mom's battle with cancer and in the days following her passing. Your presence and acts of kindness have provided much comfort to our family during this extremely difficult time. She truly loved Centenary and had a strong faith in God. It was evident that she found much joy in the fellowship of her church community. We are grateful for the lasting bonds she formed and the love she experienced within this Congregation!

Throughout mom's illness, her strong faith, your prayers, words of encouragement, phone calls, meals, visits to her home, donations in her honor, transportation to treatments and the cards (oh she received so many cards and she kept them ALL!) were a source of strength that helped her face each day with courage and determination.

She was always such a strong, independent woman but you reminded her daily that she was never alone in her fight. Rob and I want you to know that we truly appreciated your willingness to help in any way so that we could focus on mom's well-being and enjoy our time with her.

Mom's service was beautiful and the reception so warm and thoughtful. We know it took many to accomplish this.

Thank you once again for being there for us during this trying time. We are very grateful for each and every one of you.

With much love from her very proud son and daughter,  
Rob Murr and Carole Murr Penta



## *Covered Dish Luncheon*



*August 27th after worship at  
Centenary with special guests  
Newlyn St. UMC  
Bring your favorite covered dish.  
Chicken will be supplied.  
All are welcome!!*

**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. You may give send a check to: United Methodist Foundation of Western North Carolina, Inc. 13816 Professional Center Drive, Huntersville, NC 28078 Memo: Franklinville UMC Relief Fund or you may make a check out to Centenary UMC with Relief Fund in the memo line, or put money in an envelope in the offering plate marked for the Relief Fund. You can give directly to the Foundation on their website at: [umfwn.org](http://umfwn.org). No gift is too small or too large.



# August 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 10am to Rev. Kelley will be at <b>NSUMC</b> for Cottage Visits 12am	3 11am, 1:30pm, 3 pm & 5:30 Wesley CDC at <b>CUMC</b>	4	5
6	7 7:30 pm <b>CUMC</b> Mission/ Worship Com- mittee Meeting Conference Room	8 2pm <b>NSUMC</b> Wor- ship Committee Meeting Con- ference Room	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 5:30 to 7pm Rev. Kelley at <b>NSUMC</b> for Cottage Visits	16 3:00pm Rev. Kelley will be at Friends Home Guilford	17	18	19 <b>CUMC</b> 8am to 10am Community Breakfast and clothes closet
20	21 <b>NSUMC</b> Rev. Kelley Cottage Visits	22	23 2pm to 6pm Red Cross Blood Drive at <b>CUMC</b>	24 6:30pm <b>CUMC</b> Star- light Book Club at Lucky 32	25	26
27 <b>CUMC</b> Churchwide Covered Dish after worship 1:30pm Ad Council Meeting	28	29	30 6pm <b>NSUMC</b> Ad Council	31	<b>NSUMC</b> Newlyn Street UMC	<b>CUMC</b> Centenary UMC

# THE CENTENARIAN

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website at**



<https://www.CentenaryUMCGreensboro.org/>

### 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.

## 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.

### 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

Periodical Postage

Paid at

Greensboro, NC

## Sunday Morning Worship

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service—Sanctuary

## 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

## Can't make it to church?

Watch us on FaceBook Live, YouTube or on our website at:

[www.centenaryumcgreensboro.org](http://www.centenaryumcgreensboro.org). On our website you will find our Worship Bulletin, Announcements , Prayer Requests, Joys , Concerns and updates on the life of the church. Like and subscribe.

Join us anytime!

