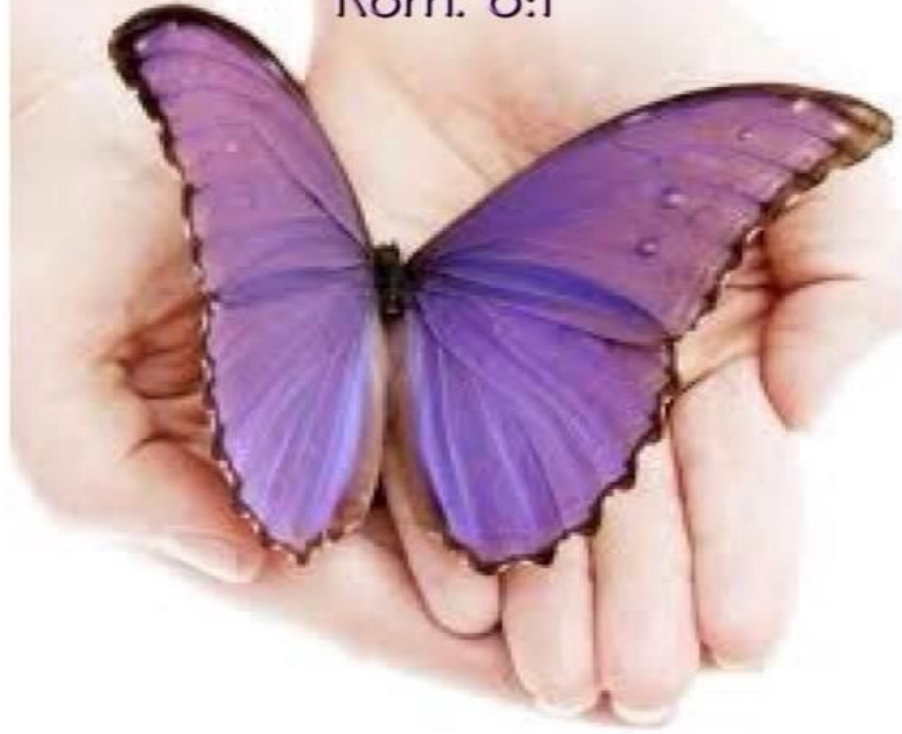


Beloved,  
Because of Jesus,  
You are free from all condemnation.  
Rom. 8:1



**Centenary United Methodist Church**  
**2300 W. Friendly Ave.**  
**Greensboro, NC 27403**  
**August 27, 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                                  Medley of Hymns                          arr. Various                          Barbara Wolfe

Announcements for Missions and Ministry

Choral Call to Worship                          O Spirit of the Living God                          Choir

Call to Worship:

Leader: Not by the faithfulness of our efforts, but by the faithfulness of God's promises, we approach the holy God to worship.

**People: Not by our goodness, but by the goodness of God, we are assured of a welcome.**

Leader: Not by the perfection of our liturgy, but by the perfection of God's love is our worship acceptable in God's sight.

**People: Trusting then in God's grace, we will celebrate together.**

Opening Prayer:

**In the world's eyes, we waste a summer's day by assembling here, but we choose to gather in community knowing that you take this seemingly wasted hour and make it rich with your presence. You take our flawed lives and make them new, redeeming them and reaping for yourself a harvest of devoted people who desire to do your will. We praise and worship you for this and for all blessings poured out upon us and all creation: for the gift of each day, each season, each relationship, especially the relationship that is ours with and through Jesus the Christ in whose life we find our lives. In Jesus name, Amen.**

†Hymn:                                  My Jesus, I Love Thee                                  UMH 172

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

Pastoral prayer and the 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                                  Since Jesus Came Into My Heart                                  Choir

Scripture:                                  Romans 8: 1-11

Sermon:                                  Keeping a Clear Focus                                  Rev. Kelley Groce

†Affirmation of Faith                                  Apostle's Creed                                  UMH 881

†Gloria Patri

†Hymn                                  Breathe on Me, Breath of God                                  UMH 420

We Worship with God's Tithes and our Offerings

Offertory                                  Open My Eyes That I May See                                  Choir

†Doxology

†Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

UMH 451

†Benediction

†Postlude

Victory in Jesus

Eugene Bartlett

Barbara Wolfe

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

The altar flowers today are given in honor of Martha Proffitt as a huge “Thank You” for all you do. Happy Birthday!! Love, Andreas and Hermann Daiber.

Many thanks to Barbara Wolfe for sharing her musical talents with us today.



**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 and Estelle Cranford. 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. Judy Holland (Suzy Swindell’s sister). Barbara John (Jim John’s mother). Anne Trumpler (Anita sister-in-law). Richard Fischer (Anita Trumpler’s father-in-law). Gorgan Gummere (Jennifer Slaine’s brother).

### **August Birthdays— Bob Jones (27).**



### **September Birthdays— Susan Carrick (1<sup>st</sup>). Martha Proffitt, Chris Bagwell (2<sup>nd</sup>).**

Robert Hemphill, David Groce (3<sup>rd</sup>). Waynette Goodson (4<sup>th</sup>). Polly Bowman (5<sup>th</sup>)  
Dawn Long (9<sup>th</sup>). Mary Ann Smith, Sarah Horn (12<sup>th</sup>). Lee Norman (16<sup>th</sup>). Shari Saunders (21<sup>st</sup>).  
Martha Nell Rives (23<sup>st</sup>). Lori Eaton (24<sup>th</sup>). Carolina Robinson Gillespie, Josh Pace (25<sup>th</sup>).  
Brenda Wilson (27<sup>th</sup>). Bill Deuterman (29<sup>th</sup>).

## Announcements and Calendar of events

**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 Churchwide Meeting**

**September 12<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 6:30pm Fall Bible Study starts. “Jesus Revealed: The I Am Statements in the Gospel of John by Matt Rawle. Books are available in the church office at a cost of \$15.00. You do not have to have a book to be a part of the study.**

**September 21<sup>st</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday) 6:30pm- Centenary UMC Starlight Book Club @ Lucky 32. Book: The Maid by Nita Prose.**

**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.** They can always use money, there is a basket on the bottom shelf of the grocery cart for your donation. Kelley will make sure that the items get to **The Blessed Table.**

### Wildfires in Hawaii

*(Updated as of Aug. 14, 2023)* Wind-driven wildfires on Maui have prompted evacuations and caused significant loss of life and widespread damage. UMCOR is coordinating with the California-Pacific Annual Conference to process an initial grant for emergency supplies such as shelf-stable food, water, hygiene items and tools to help survivors recover belongings. As first responders continue to provide initial aid in the area, please join UMCOR in prayer for those affected. Gifts can be made in the following ways:

- Online at <https://umcmission.org/advance-project/901670>
- By toll-free telephone call: 1-888-252-6174
- By check made out to Global Ministries/UMCOR with “Advance #901670-Hawaii” written on the memo line and mailed to Global Ministries/UMCOR, GPO, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY, 10087-9068
- By check made out to Global Ministries/UMCOR with “Advance #901670-Hawaii” written on the memo line and given to any United Methodist church.

### *Special Thanks from The Pathways Center...*

*Dear Centenary UMC,*

*I wanted to thank you for the very generous donation of Blessing Bags and Backpacks for our children here at Pathways. Our children always love the Blessing Bags, and the Backpacks were a big hit! Your generosity means so much to our residents and you are a blessing to all.*

*With Appreciation,*

*Mary O’Neill*

### **Attendance – August 20, 2023**

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