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# THE CENTENARIAN

Dear Centenary UMC Family and Friends,

**Isaiah 41:10:** "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

The month of June I attended WNC Annual Conference at Lake Junaluska, along with Betty Durham who was our church delegate and Edna Johnson, a district delegate. It was good to be in person once again for worship, fellowship, and the business of the Annual Conference. Please look in the body of this Newsletter for Betty Durham's report.

David, Meredith, and I took some time to visit the city of Boston for the first time. We had a wonderful time visiting all the historic sites, eating good Italian or seafood, and exploring the diversity of Boston and Cambridge. We found the city so clean, people so nice, and the public transportation so easy to manage. We visited several historic churches, and in each church, I offered a prayer for our local church congregation.

While visiting the cemetery where Paul Revere is buried, we noticed an elderly woman cradling a gentleman. We stopped to see if they needed any help. Meredith asked if she needed to call 911. The man was feeling faint, and it was his daughter who was trying to take care of him. At that time, another visitor to the cemetery came along to offer her help. She was a doctor. We left the couple in her care.

This incident, along with other incidents, reminded me daily, that wherever we are or what ever we are doing, God is with us. God promises never to leave us in challenge, sorry, joy, grief, or ordinary. God is always present.

As Christians this is such a reassurance. I pray that as we go about our time, we all will lift a prayer of gratitude for the love, forgiveness, and faith of our ever-present God.

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I want to leave you with a blessing when you realize everyone is struggling by Kate Bowler, author, and professor at Duke University Divinity School. The blessing reinforces the truth of our eternal God.

“a blessing when you realize everyone is struggling

blessed are you who have realized that life is hard. and it’s hard for everyone. your awareness came at a cost. you lost something you can’t get back. you were diagnosed with chronic pain or a degenerative disease. your family fell apart and things have never been the same.

blessed are you who gave up the myth that the good life is one of happiness, success, perfection. the life that looks beautiful on Facebook but isn’t real. you who realize it is okay to not be okay. To not have a shiny life, because no one does.

blessed are you who see things clearly, where struggle is everyone’s normal. you walk among the fellowship of the afflicted, a club no one wants to join.

and while this life isn’t shiny, it does come with superpowers. superpowers of ever-widening empathy and existential courage that get you back up after another fall

and a deepened awe at the beauty and love that can be found amid life’s rubble. like flowers that grow from the cracks in the sidewalk. these virtues blossom in you. and thank God for you.

blessed are all of us who struggle, for we are in good company, and we’ll never walk alone.

\*\* This blessing can be found in [\*Good Enough: 40ish Devotionals for a Life of Imperfection.\*](#)

Please keep the church in your life through your prayer, presence, gifts, service, and witness. God needs you in service in both the church and the world.

In love and gratitude to Christ for each of you,

Kelley

Connect...Image...Engage  
The Report from WNCB Annual Conference  
June 15-19, 2022

First of let me say that it was my honor to serve you as your delegate to Annual Conference. It was nice to once again to meet at the "Lake". To be in the room with the clergy and other delegates, to hear the beautiful music, to see old friends and to have a voice in the voting process. There were fewer people meeting in person this year, but live stream was available.

I recommend that you go on the conference website at [www.wncbumc.org](http://www.wncbumc.org), look under AC2022. There you will find the budgets and petitions we voted on. The conference always uses the "Roberts Rules of Order" for the voting process. I would think to give you just a few of the highlights.

Six churches made the hard decision of resolutions of closure, one in the Northern Piedmont District (Rockingham County, Hodgin Memorial UMC). Eighteen churches similarly made the hard decision to disaffiliate, one in the Northern Piedmont District. (Greensboro, Burnett's Chapel UMC)

Petition 17 – Process for Congregation Disaffiliating in the Western North Carolina Conference was ruled out of order. Not by Bishop Carter but it did not follow "Roberts Rules of Order" which the body had voted as the bar. Bishop was very gracious and allowed the maker of the petition 3 minutes to present their reason for submitting the petition. An amendment for approved, because it followed the "Roberts Rules of Order", that if a church chose to disaffiliate but the pastor did not chose to leave the UMC the church would pay the pastors salary and benefits until the pastor was reassigned.

Petition 18 – Request for a Special Conference was voted against.

It was a grace-filled business meeting and Conference. Bishop Carter listening to all sides respectively and John Wesley's "agree to disagree" was very much observed.

There was a beautiful "The Celebration of Life" for pastors and spouses we had lost in 2022 with 4 pastors that either received the call or served Centenary. Rev Dr. Steve Martin, Rev. Boyd Holliday, Rev. Jim Raines and Rev. Louis Gibbs.

There were 56 pastors retired and 57 persons were commissioned local pastors, provisional, deacons or ordained elders.

Bishop Carter closed the Conference on Sunday challenging us to take time to connect with on another, those we know and those we don't by sharing how he became a Methodist as a teen, image what the church could be and engage with our neighbors by serving others.

I attended all business sessions and worship services. I also attended the Juneteenth Celebration after the conference was adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,  
Betty Durham

# 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.

**Barbara Wolfe. Barbara Grey (Teresa John's mother) . Margaret Turnage's sister-in-law, Gloria. Sue Rosser (friend of Debbie Robinson) . Gretchen Crabtree. Sheridian Wacker .Susan Carrick,.Dave Blackman. Jane Norman. Scott Stanley. Anne Murr. Margaret Miller. Lori Johnson. Trudy Sillmon. Don & Clara Ellis. Aly Saunders. James Esterline.**

**Please prayer for Anne Murr and her family in the death of her sister Mary Gray**



## Save the dates: Meal and Bible study

The nights of Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, we will have a simple church wide meal at 6, then we will watch an episode of either the Lucy Show, the Andy Griffith Show, or the Beverly Hill Billy's. We will then have a brief discussion on a Christian moral which was witnessed in the episode and reflect upon how we can then take that moral and apply it to our lives.

We pray that you will come and enjoy this differing experience of Christian Fellowship and Education.

### **Steward ship Thought by Rev. Jan Brittain, What others say to me about Tithing, Giving, and Generosity (pages40-41)**

What the Bible Says: Luke12: 16-21

<sup>16</sup> Then he told them a parable: "A certain rich man's land produced a bountiful crop. <sup>17</sup> He said to himself, What will I do? I have no place to store my harvest! <sup>18</sup> Then he thought, Here's what I'll do. I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. That's where I'll store all my grain and goods. <sup>19</sup> I'll say to myself, You have stored up plenty of goods, enough for several years. Take it easy! Eat, drink, and enjoy yourself. <sup>20</sup> But God said to him, 'Fool, tonight you will die. Now who will get the things you have prepared for yourself?' <sup>21</sup> This is the way it will be for those who hoard things for themselves and aren't rich toward God."

What Others Say: Suzy Kassem

"How will people remember you when you are gone? And for how long until they forget? Were you selfish or selfless? A gossip or a patient listener? Did you add value to the world, or did you simply take from it? Did you add value to the lives of others, or did you take the value out of someone's life? Were you a plus or a negative? Meaningful or meaningless? Do you live to take or live to give?"

### **Rise Up and Salute the Sun: The Writings of Suzy Kassem**

What do you say? \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer: **Giver of life, I know that I am not promised another single day on this earth. Help me to live with that truth shaping my actions, my choices, my values and the way I treat others. Amen.**

**Sunday School lessons during the summer will be videos of Dr. Mickey Efird's Bible Studies**

Series. There will be several facilitators during the summer—Nina Stowe, David Grose, Suziy Swindell, Harold Billing and Carolyn Townsend.

**July 3 and 10—Ecclesiastes**

**July 17 and 24—Jonah and Ruth**

**July 31 and August 7—Esther**

**August 14, 21 and 28—Rest of the Wisdom Literature**

**Reminder:** July/August Camp Meeting Sundays— Casual Dress, lots of hymns, no liturgy, Word Preached.

**Reminder:** July 17 is Christmas in July



**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.

**July 10—Grasshoppers Game at 2:00 pm at the Grasshoppers ball park.**

The Church has a sky box and tickets will be first come first serve. See Kelly or the church office. Food may be purchased at the concession stand.

Come on out, bring your family and have some fun with your fellow Church members. If you can and would like to make a donation to help cover the cost of the tickets and sky box, place it in the collection plate and mark it for Grasshoppers Game or send a payment to the church and mark it Grasshoppers Game.



**We're updating the Centenary Directory and we need your help!**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Birthday:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**How would you like to get your Phone Tree Messages? Please circle.**

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**How would you like to get your Centenarian? Please circle.**

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## The Clothes Closet



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.

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.

### See list of clothes needed:

#### Men

at least a dozen extra-large short sleeve small, short sleeve shirts so we could we can use a dozen.

at least a dozen medium short sleeve shirts

at least a dozen large, short sleeve shirts

at least a dozen 2x short sleeve shirts

at least dozen 3x short sleeve shirts pants

we need men’s shorts in all sizes

pants: several 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 40, 42, 52

men’s underwear and socks

We need shoes

#### FOR WOMEN

underwear and socks

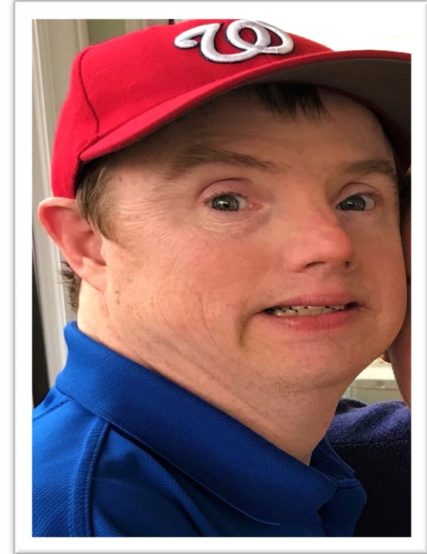
women athlete shoes. We need 1,2,3,4 X.

We need body wash, soap, toothbrushes and tooth-paste.

We could use sheets and there has been a request for sleeping bags

Please bring to church before the day of breakfast

## Change to Change July and August collection will go to UMAR of the WNCC



### Knitting for a Cause: Crochet or Knit a Hat Not Hate

We ask knitter, crocheters, and loomers to make handmade blue hats and donate them to Hate Not Hate Anti-Bulling Campaign. In October, National Bullying Prevention Month, the hats will be distributed to schools across the country for students to wear, empowering them to stand up to bullying. You may knit a child or youth size of hat; the only requirement is that it be in some shade of blue. Please have them to the church office by **July 25<sup>th</sup>** in order for us to send them to North Carolina Drop off in Hickory.

## Centenary Starlight Book Club

Centenary UMC Starlight Book Club Selections:

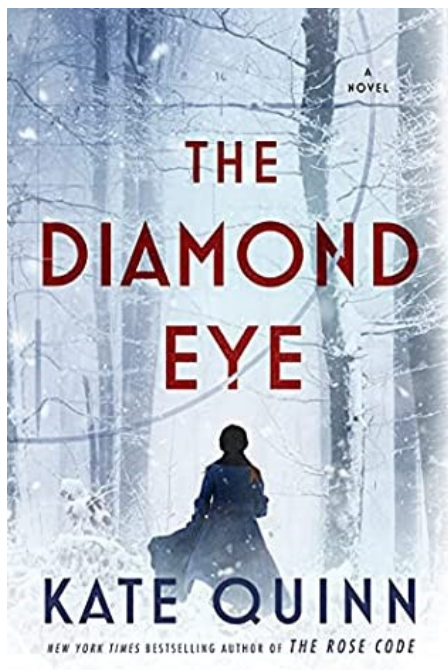
Meet at Lucky 32 at 6:30

Thursday, August 18, 2022

### The Diamond Eye by Kate Quinn

In 1937 in the snowbound city of Kiev (now known as Kyiv), wry and bookish history student Mila Pavlichenko organizes her life around her library job and her young son—but Hitler's invasion of Ukraine and Russia sends her on a different path. Given a rifle and sent to join the fight, Mila must forge herself from studious girl to deadly sniper—a lethal hunter of Nazis known as Lady Death. When news of her three hundredth kill makes her a national heroine, Mila finds herself torn from the bloody battlefields of the eastern front and sent to America on a goodwill tour. Still reeling from war wounds and devastated by loss, Mila finds herself isolated and lonely in the glittering world of Washington, DC—until an unexpected friendship with First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt and an even more unexpected connection with a silent fellow sniper offer the possibility of happiness. But when an old enemy from Mila's past joins forces with a deadly new foe lurking in the shadows, Lady Death finds herself battling her own demons and enemy bullets in the deadliest duel of her life.

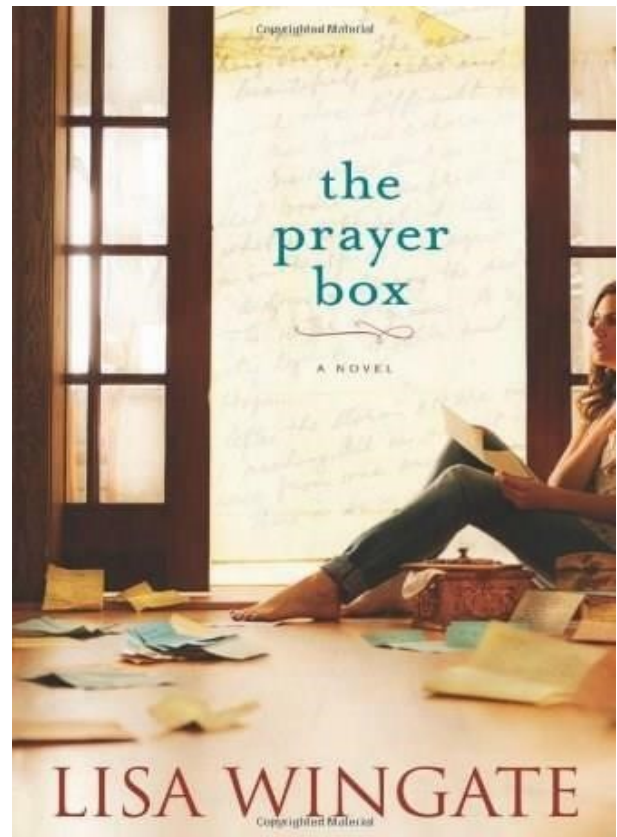
Based on a true story, *The Diamond Eye* is a haunting novel of heroism born of desperation, of a mother who became a soldier, of a woman who found her place in the world and changed the course of history forever



Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>,  
The Prayer Box by Lisa Wingate

When Lola Anne Poole, an old-timer on Hatteras Island, passes away in her bed at ninety-one, the struggling young mother in her rental cottage, Tandi Jo Reese, finds herself charged with the task of cleaning out Lola's rambling Victorian house

Running from a messy, dangerous past, Tandi never expects to find more than a temporary hiding place within Lola's walls, but everything changes with the discovery of eighty-one carefully decorated prayer boxes, one for each year, spanning from Lola's youth to her last days. Hidden in the boxes is the story of a lifetime, written on random bits of paper—the hopes and wishes, fears and thoughts of an unassuming but complex woman passing through the seasons of an extraordinary, unsung life filled with journeys of faith, observations on love, and one final lesson that could change everything.



## ~ Meetings, Announcements & Clubs ~

### Upcoming in July and August

- July and August Worship Services will be Camp Meeting style, casual dress. White Christmas in July on the 17th.
- July 3 Undie-Sunday
- July 10t—Centenary goes to a Grasshoppers ball game at 2pm. Call the church office for tickets.
- July 15 Clothing Closet Setup
- July 16 Community Breakfast
- July 20—Kelley will be at the Friend's Home Guilford 3pm
- July 22-29 –Kelley will be on vacation. Call Betty Durham at 336-542-8077 for any pastoral emergency.



### *Ladies Supper Club*

If you would like a night of fun and fellowship you're invited to the "Ladies Supper Club". If you would like to join or would like more information please email Emily Wagoner at: [hopelovefaith710@gmail.com](mailto:hopedlovefaith710@gmail.com)



### Picnic ,Passages with the Pastor

During the Summer schedules get busy, but our study of God's word and attention to our Spiritual life must not be neglected. Kelley is offering 2 times in July. **July 13<sup>th</sup> at noon, and July 21<sup>st</sup> at 6** to host a time for this. You are asked to bring your lunch/dinner. If it is not too hot, we will gather in the picnic area. If the weather is not cooperating, we will meet in the Conference room or Fellowship Hall. We will have the meal together, we will pray, and we will have a short time of looking at passages of the Bible which addresses a concern in our world. We will limit our gatherings to an hour. We hope to see you then.



### July

- 1st Paul Jones
- 2nd Caroline Phillips
- 3rd Bruce Harkins, Todd Iddings
- 4th Steve Hennings, Noel van Glahn
- 9th David Blackman, Hazel Perritt
- 10th Sara Jones, Emily Wagoner
- 11th Rives Dueterman
- 13th Mona Sartin
- 14th Jim John
- 15th Joann Martin
- 16th Leith Singletary
- 19th Herman Daiber
- 23rd Barbara Albright
- 24th Fran Williams
- 28th Bonnie Bradham
- 31st Thomas Liles



# July 2022

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3 <i>Undie Sunday</i>	4 <i>Fellowship hall Closed Office Closed</i>	5 <i>Fellowship hall Closed</i>	6 <i>Fellowship hall Closed</i>	7 <i>Fellowship hall Closed</i>	8 <i>Fellowship hall Closed</i>	9
10 <i>Grasshoppers Ball game 2pm</i>	11	12	13 <i>Pastor, Picnic and Passages at noon</i>	14	15 <i>Clothes closet setup</i>	16 <i>Community Breakfast and Clothes Closet</i>
17 <i>Christmas in July</i>	18	19	20 <i>Kelley will be at Friend's Home Guilford 3pm</i>	21 <i>Pastor, Picnic and Passages at 6pm</i>	22	23
24	25 <i>Knitting for a Cause delivery date</i>	26	27	28	29	30
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Dear Centenarians,

Once again, we are asking you to help the Dominican people, with finances, our thoughts and prayers. The congregation of Centenary UMC has been so very gracious and generous in the past. You may recall we raised money several months ago even though we were unable as a medical team to set foot in the Dominican Republic due to the Covid -19 pandemic. With the money which we raised; we were able to do numerous things for the beautiful people of the Dominican.

One outstanding project was to set up and build a Barber shop at the orphanage, and employ two barbers. The profit of their work goes back into the funding of the orphanage. There are many other This year we are hopefully but not yet assured we can return to the DR in January of 2023. Regardless of whether, we are a physical presence, the monetary support of this congregation will go directly to the people of the Dominican, and once again help with their various needs.

If you wish to make a financial contribution to this project, please make the check payable to Centenary UMC with the words, the Dominican Project in the memo line.

Sunday, September the 11<sup>th</sup>, we plan to have a simple meal of pinto beans, slaw, cornbread, and sweets following the 11 o'clock worship service to fund this project.

Hope you will keep the Dominican project in your prayers.

Sincerely, The DR Committee

David Sillmon, Rev. Kelley Groce, Abbie Samuel, Terri Green (Pharmacist at Wesley Long), and Sandy Cook

**Many thanks to George and Estelle Cranford for their donation to the Dominic Mission Team.**


### Financial Update

#### Year-to-Date Giving/Expenses—Ending 6/30/2022

Revenues	\$ 132,088.00
Expenses	\$ 200,182.00
Profit or (Loss) for 6 months	(\$68,094.00)

#### 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



**Total collected for May and  
June Community Breakfast**

**\$1031.09**

# 4th Of July Word Search



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## AT THE BEACH WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

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HIGH TIDE  
 JELLY FISH  
 LIFEGUARD  
 LIGHTHOUSE  
 PALM TREES

PELICAN  
 SAND CASTLE  
 SAND DUNES  
 SEA SHELL  
 STARFISH

SUNBATHERS  
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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: June 1—June 28 2022

### In Memory of Lewis Gibbs

Duilla Harkins

### In Memory of Jim Raines

Duilla Harkins

### In Memory of Lois Schlueter

R. David & Barbara Blackman

Duilla Harkins

### In Honor of Paul and Dawn Long's June 20th

### Wedding Anniversary

Duilla Harkins

### Father's Day Community Meals

In memory of Edgar Murrow & Pryor Siillmon

Given by; Gertrude and David Sillmon

In memory of Albert C. Esterline, Sr

Given by: Albert C. Esterline, Jr.

## Sunday Morning Worship

10:00 am Sunday School Fellowship Hall

11:00 am Worship Service

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