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The Centenarian



Dear Centenary and Newlyn Street UMC,

In September the clergy of the Northern Piedmont District met for our annual meeting. Bev Copley read the following verses from the book of Lamentations 3: 22-24:

“²² The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,^[a]
his mercies never come to an end;
²³ they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.”

These are words of great hope which each of us must recognize each morning when we awaken. God gifts us the day to be builders of God’s Kingdom through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. How wonderful!

The church is in a season of renewal as well. Just as spring produces new life, the autumn does in differing ways. The green may wither away, but the leaves then transform into beautiful reds, yellows, and oranges. The vibrant colors emerge just before the cold of winter. In the church we have new Scriptures to Study and use for worship, we have new ways of serving in missions, and we gather for fellowship and witness in the world.

We have so much to be grateful for and to give thanks to God for daily.

Rev. James Moore tells the story:

“Early one morning some years ago, Robert Raines got into his car and started driving through the mountains. There was no one on the road (at that time) as the mountains were quietly beginning a new day. The beautiful colors of **autumn** were splashed all over the trees. It was a magnificent and glorious sight as the early morning sun glistened upon the wonders of the mountains and the valleys below.

And then it happened... Robert Raines saw one of the most beautiful things he had ever witnessed in his life.

Right there at the very edge of that great mountain peak and facing the gorgeous valley below... was a young man in his early twenties with a trumpet pressed to his lips. And, do you know what he was playing? With his lungs expanded fully and releasing all of the energy in his soul, he was playing the Doxology on his trumpet!

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise, Father, Son and Holy Ghost!

(over)

The point is clear: With all the stresses and problems in this life, still the truth is:

- We have so many doxologies to sing,
- So much to be grateful for,
- So many blessings to count.

The point is: Life is more than a grueling endurance test. Life is more than a survival game. Life is more than a coping competition.

So, you see... it's not enough to just escape the stress. It's not enough to just endure the stress. Thank God... there is another option...

This October and every month may we praise God from whom all blessings flow and await the transformations and blessings which we will see in ourselves, our families, our friends, our places of work, our communities, our churches, our nation, and our world.

Blessings, Kelley

River Currents

Special Edition

Contributed by Jack Cole

It was the last day of our vacation in the western United States. Anza, my late wife, and I had enjoyed this tour alone. We normally traveled with friends. We had flown to Las Vegas ten days before. Leaving there, we visited Lake Mead, the Grand Canyon, Lake Powell, Glen Canyon, and the Canyonlands National Park. We had spent the past three days at a working ranch in Moab, Utah. (Sidebar: The furniture in our bedroom at the ranch was designed by none other than Bob Timberlake in our home state!)

On Tuesday, September 11th, we had packed up, had breakfast early, and our group boarded a bus to visit Arches National Park in Moab. Arriving there, we were free to hike or wander as we wished. Anza and I decided not to venture off too far from the Lookout. It wasn't long before I noticed the bus driver and our tour guide in a serious-looking whispered conversation.

Boarding the bus once again, we learned of the hijacked plane crashes in New York, D.C., and Pennsylvania. Our plans were to go to Grand Junction, CO, where we had reservations to stay overnight. Since the North American airspace had been closed an hour after the attacks, there were no flights.

Because our hotel in Grand Junction was booked the next night, we made reservations in a nearby hotel for the next night while flights were still cancelled. Many in our group had rented cars, driving to Denver or Salt Lake City. Anza and I decided to go to the airport and WAIT until flights resumed. We arrived at the Grand Junction airport on the morning of September 13th, went through security, got to the gate, and, would you believe it—a plane was sitting there! We asked where that plane was headed. It was going to Salt Lake City. Perfect. We had tickets to fly out of Salt Lake City.

When we arrived in Salt Lake City, we went to the gate and—would you believe it? There was a plane sitting there. We asked where that plane was going. Atlanta. Great! We want to be on that plane. We boarded, flew to Atlanta, landed, and went to the gate. Would you believe it—a plane was sitting there! We asked where it was going. Greensboro! Fantastic! We want to be on that plane. We boarded and flew. Our neighbor was picking us up at the airport and met us in the baggage claim area. We had no idea where our luggage might be since checking it at Grand Junction. But, would you believe it? There came our luggage down the chute! Home again, safe and sound.

We later learned that a flight attendant named Sandy Waugh Bradshaw, 38, was among those killed on United Airlines Flight 93. She and her husband lived in Greensboro. They had three children: one teenage girl and two toddlers, who attended the Weekday School at Centenary Methodist Church, where Anza and I were members. The Weekday School and the church raised money and erected a lighted flag pole with flowers planted at its base as a memorial to the young mother.

Prayer Concerns

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

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Lori Johnson on September 28, 2023, with her family and friends surrounding her. We express our sympathy to her family and her extended family.

George & Estelle Cranford.
 Jean Batten
 Lee & Jane Norman
 Lori Johnson
 Gretchen Crabtree
 Betty Pleasants
 Dave and Barbara Blackman
 Susan Carrick. Sheridian Wacker
 Scott, Diane & Jim Stanley
 Al & Lori Eaton
 Peggy Harris
 Trudy Sillmon
 Don & Clara Ellis
 Bruce Gillespie (Debbie Robinson's friend)
 Terry Pickett (Dona & Tom Pickett's son)
 Hazel Perritt, Pat Glover
 Judy Holland (Suzy Swindell's sister)
 Barbara John (Jim John's mother)
 Gordan Gummere (Jennifer Slaine's brother)
 Anne Trumpler (Anita's sister-in-law)



1st Sheridian Wacker
 4th Kathy Mullins
 8th Enda Johnson, Hazel Raper
 11th Cecil Overby
 12th Richard Liles
 13th Pat Rothrock
 23rd Ann Hennings,
 Margaret Miller, Christopher Mullins

Gifts in Memory

From August 28- September 28, 2023

In Memory of Hermann Daiber

Jack Cole

Jimmy, Diane & Scott Stanley

Susie Swindell

Phoebe Swing

Jim & Brenda Wilson

Barbara Wolfe

In Memory of Irmgard & Hermann

Daiber

Martha Proffitt



United
 Methodist
 Women
 FAITH · HOPE · LOVE IN ACTION

2023 UMW Pecan Sale Fundraiser

	Number of Bags	Total
16 oz. bag of Large Pecan Halves	\$15 each X _____	= _____
16 oz. bag of Pecan Pieces	\$15 each X _____	= _____
12 oz. bag of Chocolate Covered Pecans	\$12 each X _____	= _____
10 oz. bag of Cinnamon Glazed Pecans	\$12 each X _____	= _____
8 oz. bag of Pecan Caramel Clusters	\$12 each X _____	= _____
TOTAL DUE:	_____	_____

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

October 21st

8am to 10am

Community Breakfast
Clothing Closet

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



The Blessed Table Food Pantry

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



Its from our church... we've been called up for active duty."

Crop Walk October 8, 2023

Centenary UMC this year we have made some changes. We are asking that you walk on your own, around your neighborhood, at a park, wherever you enjoy walking. But, we're also asking that as a congregation you support those that are walking. You can do that by making a donation to Crop Walk .Write your check to the church and write Crop Walk on the memo line. . See Betty Durham for more information.



Fall Bible Study at Centenary UMC and Newlyn Street UMC

Centenary UMC Tuesday, October 3rd, 17th and 24th at 6:30pm

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 profound truth at the heart of the "I Am" statements: that Jesus is light and life, and he calls us to himself and offers 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. Make your check out for \$15.00 to Centenary UMC.

This study will end on November 14th.

Financial Update

Year-to-Date Giving/Expenses—Ending 8/27/2023

Revenues	\$266,908
Expenses	\$305,045
Profit or (Loss)	(\$38,137)

Centenary Book Club

October 19th
6:30pm Luck 32



An instant *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, and *USA TODAY* bestseller—based on the true story of the heroic librarians at the American Library in Paris during World War II—*The Paris Library* is a moving and unforgettable “ode to the importance of libraries, books, and the human connections we find within both” (Kristin Harmel, *New York Times* bestselling author).

Paris, 1939: Young and ambitious Odile Souchet seems to have the perfect life with her handsome police officer beau and a dream job at the American Library in Paris. When the Nazis march into the city, Odile stands to lose everything she holds dear, including her beloved library. Together with her fellow librarians, Odile joins the Resistance with the best weapons she has: books. But when the war finally ends, instead of freedom, Odile tastes the bitter sting of unspeakable betrayal.

Montana, 1983: Lily is a lonely teenager looking for adventure in small-town Montana. Her interest is piqued by her solitary, elderly neighbor. As Lily uncovers more about her neighbor's mysterious past, she finds that they share a love of language, the same longings, and the same intense jealousy, never suspecting that a dark secret from the past connects them.

November 16th
(3rd Thursday) 6:30pm at



This book explores the life and contributions of groundbreaking attorney, Elreta Melton Alexander Ralston (1919–98). In 1945 Alexander became the first African American woman to graduate from Columbia Law School. In 1947 she was the first African American woman to practice law in the state of North Carolina, and in 1968 she became the first African American woman to become an elected district court judge. Despite her accomplishments, Alexander is little known to scholars outside of her hometown of Greensboro, North Carolina. Her life and career deserve recognition, however, not just because of her impressive lists of “firsts,” but also owing to her accomplishments during the civil rights movement in the U.S. South.

October Happening



**Newlyn St. UMC
Hot Dogs & Fried
Apple Pies Sale
October 14th
10am to 1pm**

**OCTOBER 1, 2023
BLESSING OF
THE ANIMALS
NEWLYN STREET
PARKING LOT**



2 O'CLOCK

**ALL ANIMALS AND THEIR
HUMANS ARE WELCOME.
PLEASE HAVE DOGS ON LEASH
AND CATS IN CRATE.
ACCEPTING DONATIONS OF
ANY SORT FOR THE GUILFORD
COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER.
CENTENARY'S WILL BE IN
DECEMBER**



**NEWLYN St. UMC
October 17th
11am to 2pm**

Family style Pinto
Bean Lunch. Dine in or
take out. Cost \$8.00
Includes pinto beans,
slaw, cornbread ,

Rev. Kelley will be out of the office
October 16th and 17th at Duke
Divinity Pastor's School.

October 18th at 3pm

Rev. Kelley will be at
Friends Home—Guilford.

She will be meeting everyone in the
lounge in Whitter Center near the mail
entrance. Everyone is welcome!



October 10th
12pm

This is a time of joining with others from differing
churches for fun and fellowship. We meet in the
Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be from Jason's Deli.
\$7.00 a person. There will be jokes, devotion, and a
program featuring Granny EDITH .

Starts at 12pm and ends between 1:30 or 2pm.
Please call Centenary UMC office, 336-299-9643
by noon on October 8th to RSVP.

*Special Thanks to my Church family,
Covid is real. It hits when you're not
watching. It decided to visit me and it was
not a good visitor. Covid brain is also a re-
al thing. You forget things. But, the one
thing it taught me and I won't forget is the
love of all my family and friends. I truly
don't know who did what! There was food
on my porch some with notes, some not.
Cards and phone calls. I could feel the
prayers all around. I know that Mandy
sat there when I didn't know I was even
there. I know that I have great co-workers
who are still taking care of me. So thank
you, thank you for the calls, the cards, the
porch food but must of all "thanks" for all
the prayers. Please don't stop praying. God
blessed me when he sent me "back home"
and I'm grateful for all of you. Your sister
in Christ, Betty*



2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 NSUMC 2pm Blessing of the Animals	2	3 CUMC Bible Study 6:30pm	4 NSUMC Bible Study 6pm	5	6	7
8 Crop Walk	9	10 CUMC Friendship Club 12pm Bible Study 6:30pm	11 NSUMC Bible Study 6pm	12	13	14 NSUMC Hot Dog Sale 10am to 1pm
15	16	17 NSUMC Pinto Bean Lunch 11 to 2 CUMC Bible Study 6:30pm	18 3pm Kelley will be at Friends Home- Guilford NSUMC Bible Study 6pm	19 CUMC Starlight Book Club 6:30pm Lucky 32	20	21 CUMC Community Breakfast 8am to 10am
22	23	24 CUMC Bible Study 6:30 pm	25 NSUMC Bible Study 6pm	26	27	28
29	30	31			Centenary UMC CUMC	Newlyn St. UMC NSUMC

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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.

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Greensboro, NC

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, SubSplash.

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Join us anytime!



Sunday Morning Worship

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service—Sanctuary

NEW OFFICE HOURS

Church office—Monday -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

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