



Then the same day at evening,
being the first day of the week,
when the doors were shut where the
disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews,
came Jesus and stood in the middle,
and said to them, Peace be to you.

John 20:19

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Centenary United Methodist Church

2300 W. Friendly Avenue.
Greensboro, NC 27403
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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

Announcements for Missions and Ministries

Choral Call to Worship

Call to Worship

L: We gather together

in the name of the One who bids us come.

P: **We gather together**

to hear the words of the One who is Love.

L: We gather together

to sing praises of the One who teaches peace.

P: **Come, let us worship!**

L: Let us Pray:

Lord,

Lead us from death to life,

From falsehood to truth.

Lead us from despair to hope,

from fear to trust.

Let peace fill our hearts, our world and our universe.

Let us dream together, pray together and work together,

To build one world of peace and justice for all.

In the name of Jesus, Amen.

(The United Church of Canada/L'Église Unie du Canada Worship Service—Peace in Community, prepared by Miriam Spies.)

†Hymn:

Joys and Concerns of Congregation

Prayer and Pastoral 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

Scripture: James 3: 2-12, 17-18, John 20: 19-31

Sermon: "Making a Pledge for Peace"

Rev. Kelley Groce

Affirmation of Faith: A Statement of Faith of the Korean Methodist Church

UMH 884

†Gloria Patri

We Worship with God's Tithes and our Offerings

Offertory

†Doxology

†Hymn

†Benediction

†Postlude

†Please stand as you are able in body or in spirit and silence your cell phones†

We are very pleased to have Ceola Ross Babar, PHD, with us today. **Ceola** is a member of Newlyn Street UMC in Greensboro, NC. She is the proud mother of three adult children and joyous grandmother of two precious grandsons. She retired in 2018 after 45 years as a professional educator and administrator at the K-12 and university levels in California, Indiana, and North Carolina. She enjoys reading, the theater, and eating out with friends.

Ceola joined the United Methodist Church in 1980. She has served, and currently serves, in several leadership positions at the local church level: Administrative/Church Council chair, Staff/Pastor Parrish Relations Committee chair, Higher Education Committee chair, financial secretary, United Methodist Women unit treasurer, lay member to Annual Conference, and lay servant, Purdue University Wesley Foundation Board president, and UNCG Wesley-Lutheran Foundation Board member. She also serves on the WNCC Board of Ordained Ministry (lay representative on Executive Committee), WNCC Racial Justice Community of Practice, and WNCC Healing Centered Church Initiative. Her faith guides her commitment to servant leadership, community outreach, and social justice.

Announcements for Mission and Ministry

October Birthdays: 1st Sheridan Shimer, 12th Richard Liles, 13th Pat Rothrock

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:

Kristy Stout. Win and Lin Johnson. Doris Pruitt. Andy McFarland-health issues (Milton McFarland's brother). Andrew Gibbons. Michael Santowaso-cancer (Becky's husband, David Sillmon's son-in-law). Dave Hull. Pray for our church during this time of transition. Joann Martin. Carol & Bobby Burklin. Margaret & Patrick Miller. Martha Nell Rives. Gretchen Crabtree. Dave & Barbara Blackman. Susan Carrick. Sheridan. Lee & Jane Norman. Scott Stanley. Al & Lori Eaton. Peggy Harris. Diane & Jim Stanley. Aly Saunders. Hazel Perritt, Pat Glover. Joy Ellison, Janet-rare form of blood cancer (Suzy Swindell's Friends). Jennie Roesly shoulder surgery (Suzy Swindell's niece). Debra Kirkman (Jean Green, Kelley's Mom, friend). Carolyn Crabtree (Mike Crabtree's aunt). Joe (Susan Shuping's brother). Continue to be in prayer for the victims of Hurricane Helene and all the First Responders. Cheyenne Thomas (Betty Durham's granddaughter).

You can continue to make donations to UMCOR. Make your checks out to Centenary UMC with **UMCOR on the memo line** or you can make your donation online at the link below:
<https://wnc-reg.brtaapp.com/br/HurricaneReliefDonations2018>.

If you would like to make a much-needed **Hygiene Kit for UMCOR**. Please see Betty for instructions and directions for Hygiene or any other kind of kits. There are drop off points in Greensboro for kits and flood buckets. We will get the kits to one of these drop off points. There is an ongoing need for all kits in the Western North Carolina area. If you would prefer, you can donate money, Betty will purchase everything and then we can get together to assemble the kits.

Anyone that would like to help with the **Pumpkin Patch at Irving Park UMC** can sign up for times on the signup genius or see Betty. This is a great way to meet members of Irving Park UMC and members of the community. The patch runs Oct. 12th – 31st, M-S 11-7, Sun. 2-6. (Set up begins at 9:00 am Oct. 12th and pumpkins delivered at 10:00 am, sales begin at 11am. Here is the link to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4CADAB2DABF9C61-50816809-pumpkin>