



**Centenary United Methodist Church
2300 W. Friendly Ave.
Greensboro, NC 27403
January 15, 2023**

Reverend Kelley Groce, Pastor

Anita Trumpler-Rich, Music Director

Guest Speaker: Betty Durham

*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 Star of the East L. Smith

Announcements for Mission and Ministry

Choral call to worship We Would See Jesus Choir

Call to Worship:

LEADER: O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

PEOPLE: The Magi who study the heavens follow a guiding star!

LEADER: O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

PEOPLE: The peoples who live in the shadows see a glorious light!

LEADER: O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

PEOPLE: The Christ who embodies the Word unveils the hidden plan,

LEADER: Making us joint heirs of the promise of salvation through the gospel!

PEOPLE: O come, let us worship the Lord, for God has done wondrous things!

Opening Prayer:

Father God, the star that led the Magi to the stable announced to the world that its Savior was born. Today we live in a world that is still covered by darkness, and still needing to make that journey to the stable door. May our lives reflect your light day by day, as we seek to serve where you have placed us. That we might be the means through which others can encounter Jesus Christ. **Amen**

†Hymn Infant Holy, Infant Lowly UMH 229

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Anthem There's a Wideness in God's Mercy G. Martin Choir

Scripture Matthew 2:1-23 From the Message

Message Where did the Wise Men go? Betty Durham

†Hymn Joy to the World UMH 246

†Affirmation of Faith	The Apostle's Creed	UMH 881
†Gloria Patri		
We worship with God's Tithes and our Offerings		
Offertory	In the Bleak Midwinter	Choir
†Doxology		
†Hymn	Here I Am, Lord	UMH 593
†Blessing and Benediction		
†Postlude	A Testimony of Faith	F. Ritter

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



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 Requests:

Susan Carrick. Sheridian Wacker. Lori Johnson. Lori Eaton. Peggy Harris. Diane, Jim & Scott Stanley. Anne Murr. Trudy Sillmon. Don & Clara Ellis. Aly Saunders. Al Barnes). Sharry Hastings. Rachel Dykes, Sue Rosser (Debbie Robinson's friends). Hilda (Debbie Robinson's Aunt). Till West (David Groce's aunt)



January Birthdays - Jane Norman (16). Aly Saunders (16). Jim Stanley (17). Andrea Wiskal (19). Don Stowe (22). Hannah Stout (24). Bill Eller, Don Ellis (29).

Announcements and Calendar of events

On January 21, 2023, there will be a celebration of Life for Ed Hennings at Centenary UMC Church at 2pm.

January 21- 8am to 10am, Community Breakfast

A celebration of life for Dr. Paul Long will be held on **January 28, 2023, at 2 p.m.** at Well-Spring Retirement Community's Virginia Summerville Sutton Theater, located at 4100 Well-Spring Drive, Greensboro, NC 27410, with a reception to follow.

January 21st- 8am to 10am – Community Breakfast

Wednesdays at 6:45pm. All are welcome to join. See Anita if you have any questions.

Sunday School at 9:45am – in the Fellowship Hall. Study: Season 3 of “The Chosen”.

Light Up the Sanctuary Campaign continues. If you would like to contribute to the cause- please gift to **Light Up the Sanctuary Campaign and designate as such.** To date we have received \$4,313.00. Thanks for your generous contributions.

Undie Sunday. The first Sunday of each month.

The Altar Flower Calendar is poster. There are dates still available. The cost is \$65.00/Sunday if we order from the florist. If you are interested in a less expensive option, please call the church office (336-299-9643).