



The Centenarian

Dear Centenary UMC Family and Friends,

Happy New Year to All! God is a God who is continually recreating, and each day brings something new. As Centenary UMC enters the new year we are continuing to vision and plan for our future as a faith community. We are partnering with Wesley Community Development to analyze our building use and financial patterns. They will then offer suggestions as to how to maintain Centenary UMC as a vital place of ministry within the Greensboro community. The process with the WCDC began in December and will continue in the month of January with an on-site visit, then they will give us their analysis with suggestions and hope for the future. I ask that each of you be in prayer for the way in which God will lead and direct our path for the future.

Romans 12: 12 asks us to ""Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer." Though the numbers of the people in our pews have decreased, the people who are there are very dedicated and faithful to Christ and His ministry through Centenary UMC. Our online presence of worship through Facebook Live has increased with an average of 60 people connecting with us on a weekly basis.

The church stands strong regarding reaching out in mission to the community and will continue to strive to be in mission and ministry in Jesus' name in meaningful ways.

I truly believe that Christ has good things instore for Centenary UMC of Greensboro. May we covet together in prayer for those things to come to fruition and that we may be unified as a congregation with Christ in the greater good of love for our community and world.

Please know that my door is always open. May God bless us in extraordinary ways in 2023.

In Jesus Unconditional Love,

Kelley



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.

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 . Shar-ry Hastings (Caryn Hull's sister) Rachel Dykes, Sue Rosser (Debbie Robinson's friends). Hilda (Debbie Robinson's Aunt). Rob Barnard (Larry & Suzy Swindell's nephew).

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Dr. Noel von Glahn** who passed away on December 29, 2022. Arrangements are incomplete at this time.

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

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.

Thanks to all

A special thanks to all those who helped with the luminaires for Christmas Eve. To date we have been gifted \$4,313.00 for the Light Up the Sanctuary Campaign . You can still make a gift to this Project.

Thanks to you we collected \$1,300.00 for Urban Ministry Food Bags.

For those of you that may not know on Christmas Eve we had pipe that burst in the Educational Building hall and Rev. Kelley's office. Many thanks to all those who helped with the clean up and setting out the Luminaries that day.

The 2023 Flower Calendar has been posted and in the hall with many dates available.

*Gift to the Budget in November
(not listed in the December Centenarian)*

In Memory of Irmgard Daiber

*E. Jean Brincefield
Patrick and Margaret Miller
Mark & Debra Schlueter*

*Chuck & Susan Carrick
Duilla Hawkins
Phoebe Swing*

Coak and Nancy May

In Memory of Jean Farabee

*Mark & Debra Schlueter
Paul & Dawn Long
Marvin & Mary Jo Baugh
Mark Chapman
Jack Cole
Duilla Harkins
Mary Hummel*

Paul & Dawn Long

Joann Martin

Cecil Overbey

Phoebe Swing

Coak and Nancy May

In Memory of Jerry Cochran

Barbara Wolfe

Gifts to the Budget from November 28-Dec. 31, 2022

In Memory of Dr. Paul Long

*Kate Barrett
Marvin & Mary Jo Baugh
E. Jean Brincefield
Jack Cole
Andreas Daiber
Joann Martin
Anne Murr*

David & Trudy Sillmon

Charles & Patsy Stamey

Jim & Diane Stanley

Hazel Raper

In Memory Of Nelda King

Jack Cole

Alice Smith

Hazel Raper

In Memory of Jean F. Farabee

Peggy Harris

In Memory of Sally Goin

Gregory Goin

In Memory of Noel von Glahn

Hazel Raper



January

3rd Brian Deuterman
7th Barbara Singleton
8th Teresa Snider
12th Reid Townsend
14th Debbie Clark
16th Jane Norman
16th Alyson Saunders
17th Jim Stanley
19th Andrea Wisekal
22nd Don Stowe
29th Bill Eller, Don Ellis

February

1st Milton McFarland
3rd Austin John
8th Lori Johnson
11th Allison Skenes
13th David Baugh, David
Sillmon, Jr., Barbara Wolfe
15th Bob Smith
16th Ann Atchison
21st Charles Wisekal
23rd Peggy Harris
25th Jim Turnage
27th John Pugh
28th Susan Lee, Cynthia Michael

Mission Opportunities

Urban Ministry is in desperate need of food.

Please continue to bring your food items, place them in the baskets marked "Urban Ministry" and we will get it to the Urban Ministries. Please donate – these are desperate times for the food insecure!



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. Special needs; Jackets for men and women all sizes. Men's pants size 32 and belts. Bedding and hygiene products.

Call Caryn Hull if you have any questions, 336-402-2633.

UNDIE SUNDAY is the first Sunday of each month. Needed black or white socks for men and women. New packaged underwear for men or women, all sizes.

January 21 and February 18 8am to 10am

Please come serve and share the love of Christ at this mission to our community!



Community Breakfast

January Happenings

Sunday School meets each Sunday in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45am. Starting January 8th we will watch and study *The Chosen*.

Sermon Series: How to Handle Suffering

January 22 – by Faith 1 Peter 1: 3-8

January 29 – by Believing 1 Peter 1: 13-21

February 5 – by Enduring 1 Peter 2: 19-25

February 12 – by Belonging 1 Peter 2: 2-10

February 19 – by Humbly Doing Good 1 Peter 5: 6-11

Committee Meetings

January 9th 4pm Worship Committee Meeting

January 9th 5:30 Missions/Nurture Committee Meeting

January 22 2pm Finance Committee Meeting

Rev. Kelley will be at Friends Home Guilford on January 18 at 3pm for Devotion and Communion

Centenary Starlight Book Club

January 19th, 6:30pm at Lucky 32

Book: *Dragonfly* by Leila Mecham

Pastor, Passages and Picnic

Tuesday, January 24th at 6pm in the Conference Room.

Topic: **E1: The Effects of Prolonged Stress: Taking Care of Yourself** Mental Health and Care | Webinar Sessions. More adults are reporting anxiety and depression than ever before. Our panelists of pastors and healthcare professionals will discuss the different mental concerns this year has caused and ways we can build resiliency to help ourselves and to help others as we face a continued unknown future.

Looking to head to February

*Pastor, Passages and Picnic
Tuesday, February 7th at 6pm in the
Conference Room..*

**Blood Drive at Centenary UMC in the Fellowship Hall
from February 8, 2023 2pm -6:30 pm . Please spread
the word so that we can have as many donors as possi-
ble. There will be a volunteer sign up sheet in the nar-
thex. Thanks for supporting this life giving ministry**

*Friendship Club on February 14. Please
come and be apart of the fun and fellow-
ship. There will be a short devotion, fun
and fellowship. All are welcome! Don't*

**As the Lent Season starts we will again
February 12 - Chili Contest Lunch Valen-
tine Program and Souper Bowl of Caring !
It's a Contest, make your favorite pot of chili.
We'll see who gets the bragging rights.**

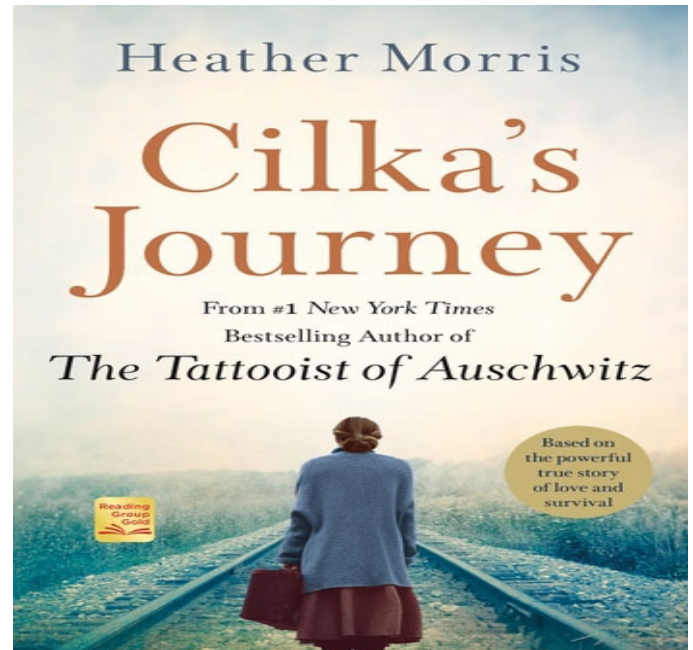
**As the Lent Season begins we will again
this year make Drive Thru Ashes available to
our church members and the community.
Times will be 8 to 9:30am, 12pm to 1pm and
5pm to 6pm. This is a very important outreach
of our church. Volunteers are needed. There
will be a signup sheet in the Narthex.**

*Rev. Kelley will be at Friends Home
Guilford at 3pm on February 22 at
3pm Devotion and Communion.*

**Our Lenten Study for 2023 "The Passion
Play" by Rob Fuquay will begin Tuesday, Feb-
ruary 28-April 4, 2023 at 6:30pm in the Con-
ference Room. Books will be available in the
church office for \$15.00**

Centenary Starlight Book Club

**February 18, 6:30 at Lucky 32
Cilka's Journey by Heather Morris**



From the author of the multi-million copy bestsell-
er *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* comes a new novel
based on a riveting true story of love and resilience.
Her beauty saved her — and condemned her.

Cilka is just sixteen years old when she is taken to Ausch-
witz-Birkenau Concentration Camp in 1942, where the
commandant immediately notices how beautiful she is.
Forcibly separated from the other women prisoners, Cil-
ka learns quickly that power, even unwillingly taken,
equals survival.

When the war is over and the camp is liberated, freedom
is not granted to Cilka: She is charged as a collaborator
for sleeping with the enemy and sent to a Siberian prison
camp. But did she really have a choice? And where do
the lines of morality lie for Cilka, who was sent to Ausch-
witz when she was still a child?

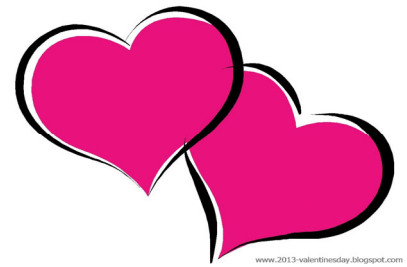
In Siberia, Cilka faces challenges both new and horribly
familiar, including the unwanted attention of the guards.
But when she meets a kind female doctor, Cilka is taken
under her wing and begins to tend to the ill in the camp,
struggling to care for them under brutal conditions.
Confronting death and terror daily, Cilka discovers a
strength she never knew she had. And when she begins
to tentatively form bonds and relationships in this harsh,
new reality, Cilka finds that despite everything that has
happened to her, there is room in her heart for love.
From child to woman, from woman to healer, Cilka's
journey illuminates the resilience of the human spir-
it—and the will we have to survive.

January 2023



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 4pm Worship Committee Meeting 5:30pm Missions/ Nurture Meeting	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 3pm Rev. Kelley will be at Friends Home Guilford	19 11:30am CUMC Staff Meeting	20	21 8am to 10am Community Break- fast 2pm Ed Heenings Celebration of Life
22 2pm Finance Committee Meeting	23	24 6pm Picnic with the Pastor in Confer- ence Room	25	26	27	28 2pm Dr. Paul D. Long Celebration of Life
29	30	31				

February 2023



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 6pm Picnic, Pastor and Passage	8 2pm to 6:30pm Blood Drive	9	10	11
12 Chili Contest Valentine program Souper Bowl of Caring	13	14 12pm Friendship Club	15 11:30am CUMC Staff Meet- ing	16 6:30 pm Starlight Book Club @ Lucky 32	17	18 8am to 10am Com- munity Breakfast
19	20	21	22 Drive Thru Ashes 8 to 9:30 am 12pm to 1pm 5pm to 6pm 3pm Rev. Kelley will be at Friends Home Guilford	23	24	25
26	27	28 6:30pm Lenten Bible Study				

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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.

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. Directions for online giving can be found on our website www.CentenaryUMCGreensboro.org. Use your credit card to make a one time donation, or set-up weekly or monthly giving.

Financial Update

Year-to-Date Giving/Expenses-Ending 12/31

Revenues \$ 348,949.00

Expenses \$ 390,596.00

Profit or (Loss) (\$41,647.00)

30 Pledges to date for a total of \$97,852.00

Periodical Postage

Paid at

Greensboro, NC

Sunday Morning Worship

9:45 am Sunday School - Fellowship Hall

11:00 am Worship Service—Sanctuary

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

Can't make it to church?

Watch us on FaceBook Live, YouTube or on our website at

www.centenaryumcgreensboro.org. On our website you will find our Worship Bulletin, Announcements , Prayer Requests, Joys , Concerns and updates on the life of the church.

Join us anytime!

