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# *The Centenarian*



If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14

He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. Psalms 25:9

Dear Church Family,

**We are entering November.** We have experienced some beautiful weather **and then I can't help but** adore the changing of the leaves on the trees. There is always such a vibrancy – with red, orange, and yellow. However, the beauty of these days also reminds me that not too long from now, the leaves will begin to fall and those branches which host the beautiful fall foliage will be bare.

The first Sunday in November is the day in which the church remembers the Saints of the Church Triumphant. As I remember those special people of the faith who encouraged me, who exemplified to me the ways and means of keeping the faith, they also had a humbleness about their spirit.

Some of the saints had very hard lives. They were challenged with physical sickness, they faced financial difficulties, they had emotional relationships which were volatile, or they allowed perfection to degrade their confidence and self-esteem. But the saints which kept the faith, always tried to make a negative into a positive from their life situations also approached life as a gift from God, and through a relationship with Jesus Christ, humbled themselves to place Christ as their priority and to be a devoted disciples who were taking every opportunity to build bridges of inspiration and hope where they were planted.

We all have seasons in our lives where our branches of life are filled with rich foliage – full of promise, transformation, and hope, and it is recognized in the vibrant spirit which we profess.

There are other seasons of our lives where our branches are barren, and it seems as if all is lost. Humility is learned.

Philippians 2 is one of my favorite Scriptures:

- 1 Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion,
- 2 then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.
- 3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves,
- 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.
- 5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus.
- 6 Who, being in very nature[a] God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;
- 7 rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.
- 8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!
- 9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,
- 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
- 11 and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father

As we remember with gratitude the saints of these years and generations long ago. Let us remember their example of humility – as they humbled themselves before the Lord.

We all experience the seasons of our lives. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. He is unchanging and because of that assurance, and his being stripped of his dignity on a wooden Cross at Calvary – we can forever face each other tomorrow, not in perfection, but with grace, hope, peace, and love.

Remember the saints, remember Who you are and Whose you are.

Please know that my door is always open.

Shalom,  
Kelley

*Gifts in Memory*  
*From September 29—October 26 2023*

*In Memory of Hermann Daiber*

*Duilla Harkins*  
*Coak & Nancy May*  
*David & Trudy Sillmon*

*In Memory Of Terry Pickett*

*Marvin & Mary Jo Baugh*  
*Jimmy, Diane & Scott Stanley*  
*David & Trudy Sillmon*

*In Memory Of Lori Johnson*

*Betty Belue*  
*Jack Cole*  
*Duilla Harkins*  
*Coak & Nancy May*  
*David & Trudy Sillmon*  
*Jimmy, Diane & Scott Stanley*  
*Suzy Swindell*  
*Phoebe Swing*  
*Jim & Brenda Wilson*  
*Barbara Wolfe*

*In Memory Of Betty Pleasants*

*Duilla Harkins*  
*Coak & Nancy May*  
*Jim & Brenda Wilson*  
*Barbara Wolfe*

*In Memory Of George Cranford*

*Duilla Harkins*  
*Coak & Nancy May*  
*Jim & Brenda Wilson*  
*Barbara Wolfe*

*In Memory Of Jean Farabee*

*Martha Proffitt*

*In Honor of Cecil Overbey*

*Martha Proffitt*

**Prayer Concerns**



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

We extend our sympathy to Faye Elliott in the passing of her sister, Patricia Wurst.

We extend our sympathy to Gretchen Crabtree in the passing of her sister, Joyce

Lee & Jane Norman  
Gretchen Crabtree  
Dave and Barbara Blackman  
Susan Carrick. Sheridian Wacker  
Scott, Diane & Jim Stanley  
Al & Lori Eaton  
Peggy Harris  
Trudy Sillmon  
Don & Clara Ellis  
Judy Holland (Suzy Swindell's sister)  
Cynthia Michael  
Bruce Gillespie (Debbie Robinson's friend)  
Hazel Perritt, Pat Glover  
Judy Holland (Suzy Swindell's sister)  
Anne Trumpler (Anita's sister-in-law)  
Richard Fischer (Anita Trumpler-Rich's brother-in-law)  
Ben Green (Scott Stanley's Cousin)  
Margey Sienkiewicz (Suzy Swindell's aunt)  
Peace in the Middle East  
Barbara (Barbara Albright's friend)  
Billie Olsen (Phoebe Swing's Friend)

Dear Newlyn Street and Centenary UMC,  
Words cannot express my sincere appreciation for the gifts which you gave to me and my family regarding Pastor's Appreciation in October.

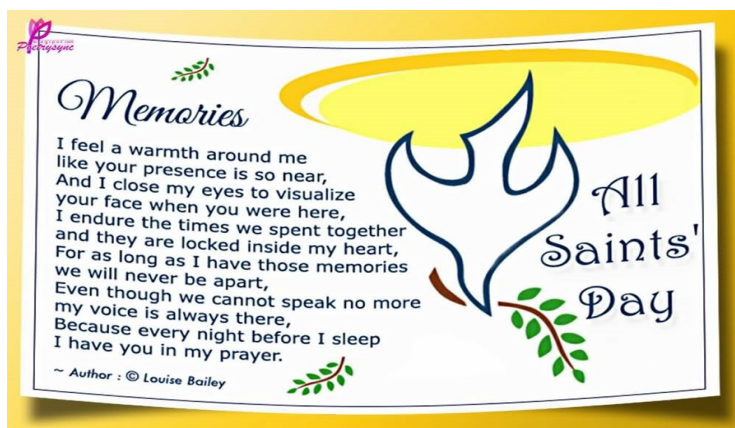
Newlyn Street, I thank you for the signed pillow from the congregation, the gift certificate, and the pug socks.

Centenary, thank you for the monetary gift and the gift cards. I truly am humbled by each congregation.

I am very grateful for each of you and feel blessed to be in ministry for Jesus Christ with each of you. It is an honor to be your Pastor. Let us pray for continued guidance from Christ as we journey in life, mission, and ministry together.

Thank you ever so much from the bottom of my heart.

Sincerely,  
Kelley



November 5, 2023 is All Saints Sunday. A day to remember those who went before us. Not just our church members but also those we hold dear to our heart.

We will Worship with Word and Communion with Rev. C.M Worthy.



- 1st Dean Saunders
- 4<sup>th</sup> Jack Cole, Margaret Turnage
- 8<sup>th</sup> Nancy Gordan
- 15<sup>th</sup> Gary Bowman, James Esterline
- 20<sup>th</sup> Kristy Stout
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Mike Crabtree
- 25<sup>th</sup> Albert Esterline
- 26<sup>th</sup> Teresa John
- 27<sup>th</sup> Dave Hull, Carolyn Townsend



You're invited to a Birthday Party for Jack Cole November 4<sup>th</sup> 1pm to 3pm Come & Go

River Landing Retirement Home Living Room

Let's help Jack Celebrate the big go!!



# 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

**November 18th**

**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.

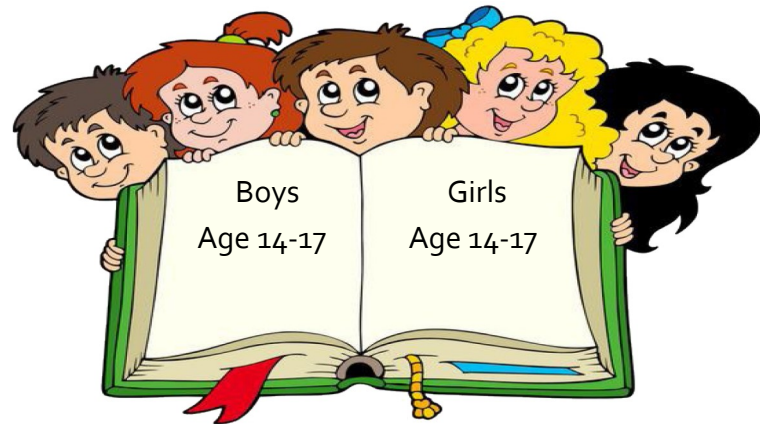


**Red Cross Blood Drive**

**November 29, 2023**

**2pm to 6pm**

**Centenary UMC  
Fellowship Hall**



**Summerfield-Peace Christmas Store book  
Donations**

Centenary UMC and Newlyn Street UMC are participating with other churches to help families from Social Services to gift their family a nice Christmas. This is a combined effort of UMC Churches, and other denominations. The church sets up a store where the families have a designated time to shop. One item they receive is a book. Between Centenary and Newlyn Street we are responsible for 60 books. We have the tags labeled for a girl or a boy, and the age of the youth. Please prayerfully consider taking a tag to buy a book and enhance the Christmas of a youth in need. The books need to be returned unwrapped with their specific tag in them to our respective churches by

Sunday, November 12.

Thank you.

**Salvation Army  
Bell Ringers!**

Calling all Elves! Calling all Elves! Centenary and Newlyn Street will have 4 hours to stand and ring the salvation army bell at Friendly

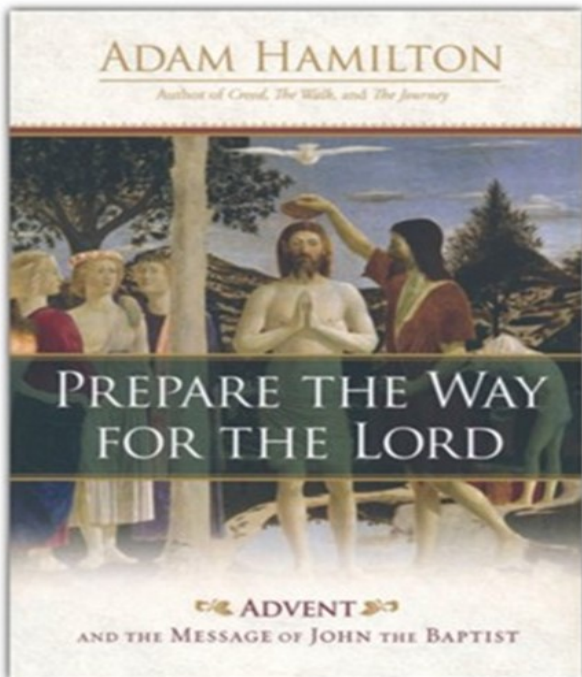


center facing Macy's from 12-4 on Monday, Dec 4. There can be two to 3 people and you can ring for one hour shifts, or if we get enough volunteers from the two churches, it would be 8-30 minute shifts. Kelley will have a sign up sheets for the churches. Let us ring the bell for those In need!

*Fall Bible Study at Centenary*  
**Jesus Revealed: The I Am Statements in the Gospel of John by Matt Rawle**

Last session is November 7th in the conference room.

*Advent Bible Study*

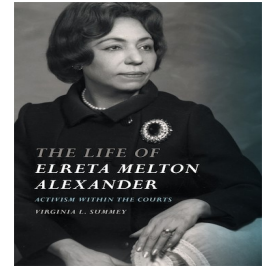


Advent Bible Study for both Newlyn Street and Centenary will be held at Newlyn Street in the gathering area. You may enter from the front door on the patio.

It will be on Wednesdays at 6, beginning Nov 29 – December 20.

Centenary Starlight Book Club

November 16th  
6:30pm  
at Lucky 32

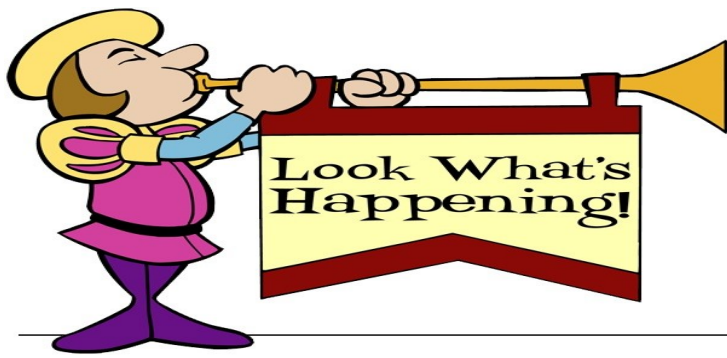


This book explores the life and contributions of groundbreaking attorney, Elreta Melton Alexander Ralston (1919–98). In 1945 Alexander became the first African American woman to graduate from Columbia Law School. In 1947 she was the first African American woman to practice law in the state of North Carolina, 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.

While Alexander did not actively participate in civil rights marches and demonstrations, she used her professional achievements and middle-class status to advocate for individuals who lacked a voice in the southern legal system. Virginia L. Summey argues that Alexander was integral to the civil rights movement in North Carolina as she, and women like her, worked to change discriminatory laws while opening professional doors for other minority women. Using her professional status, Alexander combatted segregation by demonstrating that Black women were worthy and capable of achieving careers alongside white men, thereby creating environments in which other African Americans could succeed. Her legal expertise and ability to reach across racial boundaries made her an important figure in Greensboro history.

Centenary UMC members of the Charge Conference. Please stay after church on **November 12th**. We will meet in the Chapel since we have a short WNC Conference video to watch.

<b>Financial Update</b>	
<b>Year-to-Date Giving/Expenses—Ending 9/26/2023</b>	
<b>Revenues</b>	<b>\$275,028</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$317,021</b>
<b>Profit or (Loss)</b>	<b>(\$41,993)</b>



*Rev. Kelley will be at Friends Home—Guilford at 3pm. She will be meeting everyone in the lounge in Whitter Center near the main entrance. She will share a Devotion and Communion*

*All are Welcome!*



**Newlyn St. UMC  
Hot Dogs  
Fried Apple Pies  
November 11th  
10am to 1pm**

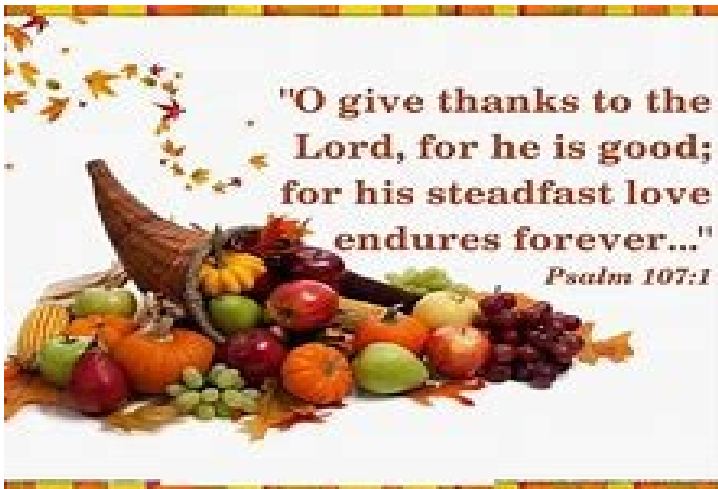


**November 14th  
12pm**

This month we will gather together to share in a meal, a short devotion, a few jokes and we will play bingo.

The Meal will be \$7.00.

Please R.S.V.P. to let us know you are coming by Monday 13th at noon. Call the church office at 336-294-9643



Come celebrate Thanksgiving early with your combined church family!  
November 19th at Newlyn St. UMC beginning 5pm

We will first gather in the Sanctuary for a short service and communion then end with fellowship around the table by covered dish.





# 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 CUMC All Saint's Sunday	6	7 CUMC Bible Study 6:30pm	8	9	10	11 NSUMC 10am to 1pm Hot Dog & Fried Pies Sale
12 CUMC Charge Con- ference Af- ter Worship	13	14 CUMC 12pm Friendship Club	15	16 CUMC Starlight Book Club 6:30pm Lucky 32	17	18 CUMC 8am to 10am Community Breakfast & Clothes Closet
19 NSUMC 5pm Combined Thanksgiving service & Covered Dish	20	21	22 CUMC Church Office Closed	23 Thanksgiving CUMC Church Office Closed	24	25
26	27 CUMC 9:30am Decorate for the Advent Season	28	29 NSUMC 6pm Bible Study for CUMC/ NSUMC  CUMC Blood Drive 2pm to 6pm	30	CUMC Centenary UMC	NSUMC Newlyn St.

# THE CENTENARIAN

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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](http://www.CentenaryUMCGreensboro.org). Use your credit card to make a one time donation, or set

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## 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