Centenary United Methodist Church

The Messenger

We are believers in Christ who gather to PRAISE God, GROW and SERVE.

September 2018

Pastor's Corner

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4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

- 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (N.I.V.)

How many times have we heard this passage read at a wedding? Seems like Paul's words have been reduced to the one time in our lives that we need to be reminded that life is not all about us. Life is all about how we love others. I have read these words at a wedding. It is the least of days that a bride and groom need to hear these words. It's years later when the giddiness of the marriage day is long past. It's when a couple gets into the trenches and are knee deep in the muck and mire that those words should be invoked.

The same is true for a church family. There is much excitement when a new church is started. New members remind us of the newly weds, so much in love. Years later however, when a church needs to find it's direction, the exuberance that brought the people together seems like a distant memory. Now there are decisions to be made about the future and how much money should be spent, what color should the new carpet or should the service times be changed. These are the times when Paul's words are required.

It was Paul's hope that these words would be the building blocks of our relationships. Not to be forgotten or put under glass in case of emergency. They were to be the fundamental elements to a life of sharing love. Our enemy works overtime trying to get us to use love as a weapon of divisiveness instead of a tool for creating unity.

How can this be? How can something as beautiful as love be used to destroy? It happens when we buy into the deception that love is all about us; our needs, our wants, our desires, our agendas, etc. When we turn from loving our God first and loving our neighbors as ourselves to merely loving ourselves we make a mockery of the Lord's teaching. When we turn from selflessness to selfishness we can start hurting with love.

In a family the size of Centenary and with the church's many missions, ministries and opportunities to serve there will be ample room for disagreements. It's a wonderful blessing to be able to come to a table and hear another's point of view. Yet love is not self-seeking nor should it be used to dishonor others. I have recently witnessed this first hand at Centenary and I applaud you for your Christian efforts.

I have witnessed people who disagree over an issue come together in Christian love and honor each other's point of view. Praise God! We need to remember this as we go forward together working on a variety of other projects. This congregation should take pride in knowing that the leadership of Centenary works diligently and is passionate about what's best for the whole.

It takes a lot of caring, dedicated people to accomplish the work of a church this size. As we draw

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Centenary UMC

Church Staff

Pastor.....Mel Nielsen
Coordinator of Outreach and Growth.....Kevin Hinkle
Office Administrator.....Karen Dirksmeyer
Office Manager.....Destiny Slater
Music Director.....Terri Benz
Parish Visitor.....Jarice Crenshaw
Custodian.....Patty Adcock

Centenary's Missionaries

Vae Rose Fultz - Retired Deaconess
Mark & Rebecca Smallwood - Teachers at Red Bird Mission School in Kentucky

Church Information

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Illinois Great Rivers Conference Website: www.igrc.org

Sunday Morning Schedule

Traditional Worship Service.....8:15 a.m.
Sunday School (all ages).....9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Hour.....between services
Contemporary Worship Service.....10:45 a.m.

Special Worship Services

Holy Communion.....Sept. 2

Special Offerings

Our Conference, Our Kids.....Sept. 16
Pennies against Hunger.....Sept. 23

Fellowship Opportunities

Fine Arts Weekend ……. Fri. & Sat,. Sept. 7 & 8, 6-8 pm, sanctuary
Tuesday Morning Fellowship at SafeCo. Bakery.....6-9 a.m.
Fellowship Hour.....Every Sunday between services

Mission Opportunities

Donate Blood.....Mon. Sept. . 10 at Passavant Hospital, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
MMDC Workday.....Mon., Sept. 17 Meet at the church at 8 a.m. to carpool.
Doorbell Dinners.....Oct. 1 - 5
AlAnon Meeting.....Wed., 7:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Leadership Opportunities

SPRC.....Tue., Sept. 4, 5 p.m., Parlor
Education.....Wed., Sept. 5, 6 p.m., Adult SS Room
Stewardship.....Wed., Sept. 12, 4 p.m., Adult SS Room
Finance.....Wed., Sept. 12, 5 p.m., Parlor
Jacksonville Area Council of Churches ……. Wed. Sept. 12, 5:00 p.m.
Missions.....Wed., Sept. 12, 6:30 p.m., Parlor
Worship.....Mon., Sept. 17, 6 p.m., Narthex
Trustees.....Tues., Sept. 18, 6:30 p.m., Parlor
Ad Council.....Wed., Sept. 26, 6 p.m.

Bible Study

Lectionary Bible Study.....Every Tues., 9:30 a.m. & Thurs., 7 p.m. @ Barbara Wooldridge's home.
Monday Night Bible Study.....Every Mon., 6:30 p.m. In the Parlor, contact Diana Phillips for more info.

Music Practices

Chancel Choir.....Mondays beginning on Sept. 10, 7:00 p.m., sanctuary

United Methodist Women

For Heaven's Sake.....Thurs., Sept. 13, 6 p.m. Weiner Roast @ Becky Fish's
Ruth Circle.....Wed., Sept. 19, 1:30
Hope Circle.....Wed., Sept. 19, 6 p.m.
Spirit Circle.....Thurs., Sept 20, 6:30
LaMoine Dist Annual Mtg….Sat., Sept 22, Pittsfield UMC
IGRC UMW Celebration.....Sat., Oct. 6, Normal First
Fall Fellowship Luncheon Thurs., Oct 25, 11:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall
LaMoine Dist. Spiritual/Personal Retreat.Tues., Oct. 23 Arenzville UMC, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Jacksonville Area Men

Mtg...Tues., Sept. 11, 6 p.m. Centenary Fellowship Hall

Children's Ministries

Sunday School.....Every Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

FUSION -Youth Ministries

**Please note Fusion time change to 2-4pm!
FUSION @ Brooklyn.....Sun., Sept. 9th, 2-4 p.m.
FUSION @ Brooklyn.....Sun., Sept. 23rd, 2-4 p.m.
FYI for all area youth: Salsa Night @ The Church of Jesus Christ LDS Sun., ...Sept. 30th, 4-6 p.m.

Deaf Ministry

Sunday School.....Every Sunday, 9:30 a.m., Chapel

Communications

Mini-Messenger Deadline.....Wednesdays at Noon
Messenger Deadline.....Sun. Sept.23
Messenger Folding Party.....Fri., Sept.28

Pastor Mel's Schedule

Office Hours
Tue. & Thurs. Mornings 10 a.m. - Noon
Mon., & Wed. Afternoons 2-4 p.m.
<u>All office hours are subject to Pastoral emergencies.</u>
Day Off - Friday Sabbath - Saturday
Pastor will be out of the office Sept. 19-23 for vacation

Church Office closed Labor Day, Mon. Sept. 3

Sunday Morning Helpers

Liturgists

8:15	10:45
Sept. 2 - Pat Manker	Sept. 2 - Marilyn Kimmons
Sept. 9 - Barbara Wooldridge	Sept. 9 - Diana Phillips
Sept. 16 - Barb Ginder	Sept. 16 - Bob Stidham
Sept. 23 - Bev Rhine	Sept. 23 - Mary Tomlin
Sept. 30 - TBD	Sept. 30 - TBD

Greeters

8:15
Sept. 2 - Helen Baldwin
Sept. 9 - Dale and Jean Shafer
Sept. 16 - Shelby Pennell
Sept. 23 – Donna Tolbert
Sept. 30 - TBD

10:45
All - Diana Phillips

Communion Stewards

8:15 - Sept. 2
Helen Baldwin
Bill & Johanna Betters
Dean & Shirley Gish
Donna Tolbert
Cyndi & Jesse Claussen

10:45 - Sept. 2
Tom & Peggy Jordan
Marilyn Kimmons
Pastor Mel

Small Talk

8:15 & 10:45 - Pastor Mel

Fellowship Hour Host/Hostess

Sept. 2 - Kristine Clancy
Sept. 9 - Catherine Pritchett
Sept. 16 - Amy Stidham
Sept. 23 - Cynthia Claussen
Sept. 30 - Rachel Borgman

Produce Sharing

If you have extra garden produce, bring it to share on Sunday mornings. Recently, we have had tomatoes, squash, and cucumbers. Cash donations and extra produce will be given to the Jacksonville Area Food Center.

Upcoming Worship Schedule

The following is a tentative schedule for September 2018 worship.
(Readings & message may change without notice.)

Sept. 2
15th Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion
Sermon - "Canoeing the Mountains"
Altar Color - White
OT: None
NT: James 1:17-27
Gospel: Mark 7:1-8

Sept. 9
16th Sunday after Pentecost
"Mercy Triumphs over Judgement"
Altar Color - Green
OT: None
NT: James 2:1-7
Gospel: Mark 7:24-37

Sept. 16
17th Sunday after Pentecost
"Taming the Tongue"
Altar Color - Green
OT: Proverbs 1:20-33
NT: None
Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

Sept. 23
18th Sunday after Pentecost
"Before We Welcome the Child"
Altar Color - Green
OT: None
NT: James 3:13-18
Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Sept. 30
19th Sunday after Pentecost
"Prayer"
Altar Color - White
OT: None
NT: James 5:13-20
Gospel: Matthew 5:43-48

FUSION Mission Report

The Summer Mission Trip was a success! Aside from the air conditioning in the van not working well, most everything went as planned. It was a joy to bless others and as you may suspect, we were sure blessed as well. Our crew measured, cut, and hung drywall in 3+ rooms all week including walls and ceilings in the Clendenin Advent Christian Church basement.

The church was ravished by a flood in 2016. We experienced God in many ways all week and encourage you to ask the youth about their experiences! We THANK YOU for your support in all ways, including financial, prayer, and goodies for our trip. These experiences can be life-changing and we are so glad to give these opportunities to our youth. Thanks to you and to our Lord and Savior for making it possible.

FUSION to begin new year

We are getting back into the swing of things this Fall with Fusion meetings every other Sunday at Brooklyn Youth Center. Please note the time change from last year. Also different from last year, we will have snacks, but no meal for the students due to the time change. If you would be willing to help out with FUSION by providing snacks, being an adult chaperone, or otherwise, please contact Rachel or Kevin Hinkle, Youth Directors. FUSION is open to all youth 6th-12th grade and visitors and guests are welcome and encouraged!

Follow FUSION activities on FACEBOOK: Go to facebook.com/groups/ JaxCentenaryFusion/

Photo by Pastor Mel

The Jacksonville Centenary UMC members of FUSION presented a mission report to the congregation on Aug. 19 at the early and late services. They talked about the work project and fun aspects of their trip to West Virginia.

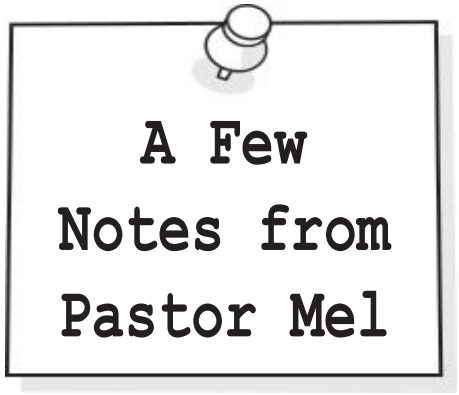
Thank you

We appreciate Pastor Mel & his wife Debbie coming to our house to bring us a plate of delicious cookies made by Centenary Church Women. Also to visit with us.

We are Blessed,
Glenn & Norma

Deliver Doorbell Dinners and Your Cup Will Overflow

Centenary UMC is scheduled to deliver Doorbell Dinners the week of October 1-5. The Doorbell Dinner Program assists persons that are homebound and/or have special dietary needs. We need your help! We are in search of drivers and delivery persons. If you can help, please contact Pat Baptist or Barbara Wooldridge



New members

Pastor Mel is planning to hold his first new members classes. These classes would run for 5 weeks and be held in between the first and second services on Sundays. Child care will be available. There is no cost and obligation to join Centenary once the course is complete.

These five classes cover Methodism, history, polity, practices, beliefs and why we do the things we do. This is a great time to bring all your questions concerning the United Methodist Church.

This course is open to anyone, even if you are already a member and want to participate, come join us. No dates have been set because Pastor Mel wants to see how many are interested and what days and times work best. Please see Pastor Mel if you want to know more.

Confirmation classes

Pastor Mel would like to know how many families have youth between 6th - 8th grade who have not yet been confirmed. He would like to meet with you to discuss the process of becoming a professing member of Centenary through confirmation.

There is a mandatory participation of 18 individual 90-minute classes. The course has not yet been placed on the church calendar. Pastor would like to know how many if any are eligible this year. Classes begin in the fall and are completed around Easter if possible.

Heard a calling?

A call from God is not necessarily a call to be a pastor. God calls every person to some mission or ministry. A call can sometimes be described as a voice you hear, or a nudge you feel, or a sensation that you are being pulled towards something. God is persistent.

If you have a feeling that God is calling you but you do not understand to what and where, Pastor Mel would like to speak with you. A call was once described like God asking you to get ready for a trip and you respond by going to the train station only to discover there are trains leaving every few minutes and going in all directions.

Not every call is clearly defined, God wants us to be in discernment over our calls. That may require we take a few different trains to see where they lead. We will soon discover if the train we boarded was the right one. Discovering our call may take time, it is a process.

Pastor Mel is seeking people who feel they have received a call to serve, to assist them with their discernment.

Vacation and days off

Pastor Mel and Debbie will be taking a brief 4-day vacation before she begins working full time at Passavant Hospital. Pastor will be out of the area on Sept. 19-22.

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closer to the Charge Conference season, I am asking for more dedicated, passionate people to step up. Charge Conference is a time when the church nominates and appoints members to positions within the church. I am asking that if you have never been called to serve on any committee to come see me. If you have served in the past and want to reconnect with a certain committee, come see me. If you want to be part of what is happening in the future of Centenary, come see me. If you have no idea what I am talking about and want more information, come see me.

I am not saying the leadership of Centenary is perfect. I am saying they work hard for all of you and for many others in our community. I am looking for more imperfect people who love their church and want to help. Sometimes we get more caught in the idea of being married and the rituals surrounding the service that we lose focus of what marriage is all about.

The marriage begins to suffer because the love Paul describes is exchanged for another selfish love. The union suffers and sometimes ends as a result. Let's not let that happen at Centenary, let's continue working hard together. Let us focus on loving each other, serving alongside and protecting, trusting and having hope in our brothers and sisters in Christ. If you are interested in working on a church team with these spiritual gifts a model, come see me.

– Pastor Mel

September Birthdays

02.....Todd Spangenberg
Millie Laugharn
04.....Carissa Grider
Kristine Earp
05.....Jared Plunk
Maley Kindred
Tristan Lashmett
Dan Scholfield
06.....Crue Stiltz
08.....Ryan Benz
09.....Rusti Cummings
Mike Fiedler
10.....Roy Robinson
11.....Stephen Mosley
12.....Jan Shelburn
Drew Conklin
13.....Kristy Dirden
Mike Spradlin
Janet Chamberlain
14.....Clinton Northrop
16.....Alaina Sparrow
19.....George Allen
20.....Phyllis Woods
21.....Alexandra McBride
23.....Daphne Spradlin
Debbie Pond
Donna Tolbert
Rev. Doug Rorex
24.....Douglas Birdsell
Jeannette Hills
25.....Britni Harper
Jacey Plunk
Victoria Selby
Glen Carls
27.....Janet Kroush
Bill Hopper
28.....Ron McAllister
29.....Tyson Manker
Kaitlin Pond
30.....Tiffany Warmowski
Jane Lair

Dear Centenary

Thank you for all the donations to the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Your generosity helped us gain $984.25.

– Kay Fairfield

September Anniversaries

01.....Walter & Margery Meyer
10.....Ken & Ann DeFrates
12.....Rebecca Muzzarelli & David Pitz
15.....Steve & Tiffany Warmowski
18.....Jerry & Mary Ruth McArtor
19..... Jerry & Rhoda Walker
20.....Heather & Justin Gifford
21.....Everett & Patricia O'Neal
22.....Timm & Susan Pennell
25.....Dean & Shirley Gish
26.....Jared & Patty Cook
27.....Bill & Beth Conklin

Salvation Army's HOPS Sale

The Jacksonville Salvation Army's HOPS Sale will be on Fri., Sept. 14 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sat., Sept. 15 from 8 am to noon at the at the Morgan County Fair Grounds. HOPS stands for Holidays on Parade Sale. Items suitable for all holidays will be sold. If you have holiday items to donate, bring them to the fairgrounds on Sept. 10, 11, or 11 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Volunteers are also needed to help with the sale.

World Communion Sunday

World Communion Sunday will be celebrated on October 7. It was begun by several U.S. Protestant denominations in the 1940s as a way of celebrating Communion with Christians of many theologies and denominations all over the world. It is one of six special Sundays of the United Methodist Church. Your gift to this special offering equips United States racial and ethnic students and international students to transform the church and communities.
"They had first given themselves unreservedly to God and to us. The other giving simply flowed out of the purposes of God working in their lives." 2 Corinthians 8:5b

SEPTEMBER 2018

						Sat., Sept. 1
Abbreviations (F) Fellowship Hall (P) Parlor (S) Adult Sunday School Room						
Sun., Sept. 2	**Mon., Sept. 3**	**Tues., Sept. 4**	**Wed., Sept. 5**	**Thurs., Sept. 6**	**Fri., Sept. 7**	**Sat., Sept. 8**
Holy Communion	Labor Day - Office Closed	6-9 am - SafeCo Fellowship 5 pm SPRC 7 pm - Bible Study @ Barb Wooldridge's	6 pm - Education (S) 6 pm -Dist. Com on Lay Speaking 6:30 pm - Missions (P) 7:30 pm - Al-Anon (F)	7 pm - Bible Study @ Barb Wooldridge's Pastor's Prayer Study 1 & 6 p.m. **Office Closed 1-2:30**	6-8 pm - Fine Arts Fair Trey Everett and His 'Holy Doodles'	6-8 pm - Fine Arts Fair Trey Everett and His 'Holy Doodles' 7 pm - Spero Chamber Chorale
Sun., Sept. 9	**Mon., Sept. 10**	**Tues., Sept. 11**	**Wed., Sept. 12**	**Thurs., Sept. 13**	**Fri., Sept. 14**	**Sat., Sept. 15**
2-4 p.m. FUSION @ Brooklyn	10 am - Staff Mtg 6:30 - Monday Night Bible Study 7 pm - Choir Practice	6-9 am - SafeCo Fellowship 6 p.m. Area Men's Meeting @ Centenary 7 pm - Bible Study @ Barb Wooldridge's	4:00 - Stewardship (S) 5:00 pm - Finance (P) 6:30 - Missions (P) 6:30 For Heaven's Sake 7:30 - Al-Anon (F)	7 pm - Bible Study @ Barb Wooldridge's Pastor's Prayer Study 1 & 6 p.m. **Office Closed 1-2:30**		
Sun., Sept. 16	**Mon., Sept. 17**	**Tues., Sept. 18**	**Wed., Sept. 19**	**Thurs., Sept. 20**	**Fri., Sept. 21**	**Sat., Sept. 22**
	8 am MMDC Workday 10 am - Staff Mtg 6:30 - Monday Night Bible Study 7 pm - Choir Practice	6-9 am - SafeCo Fellowship 6:30 pm - Trustees (P) 7 pm - Bible Study @ Barb Wooldridge's	1:30 - Ruth Circle 6:00 - Hope Circle 7:30 - Al-Anon (F) **Pastor Gone on Vacation**	7 pm - Bible Study @ Barb Wooldridge's Pastor's Prayer NO Meeting Today 6:30 - Spirit Circle **Pastor Gone on Vacation**	**Pastor Gone on Vacation**	10 am - LaMoine UMW Fall Meeting, Pittsfield UMC **Pastor Gone on Vacation**
Sun., Sept. 23/30	**Mon., Sept. 24**	**Tues., Sept. 25**	**Wed., Sept. 26**	**Thurs., Sept. 27**	**Fri., Sept. 28**	**Sat., Sept. 29**
(23) Messenger Deadline (23) Pennies for Hunger **(23)** 2-4 p.m. FUSION @ Brooklyn **(30)** FYI @ The Church of Jesus Christ LDS 4-6 p.m.	10 am - Staff Mtg 6:30 - Monday Night Bible Study 7 pm - Choir Practice **Pastor Gone on Vacation**	6-9 am - SafeCo Fellowship 7 pm - Bible Study @ Barb Wooldridge's	6:00 - Ad Council (F) 7:30 - Al-Anon (F)	7 pm - Bible Study @ Barb Wooldridge's Pastor's Prayer Study 1 & 6 p.m. **Office Closed 1-2:30**	9 am - Messenger Party	

Upcoming UMW Events

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON - The Annual United Methodist Women Fellowship Luncheon has been scheduled for Thurs., Oct. 25. The event will be held at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Please watch the Messenger and church bulletins for more information as it becomes available.

IGRC UMW CELEBRATION - The Annual Illinois Great Rivers Conference United Methodist Women Celebration has been scheduled for Sat. Oct. 6, Normal First UMC. Please contact Martha Vaché for tickets.

LaMOINE DIST. UMW SPIRITUAL/PERSONAL GROWTH RETREAT - The United Methodist Women will hold their annual Spiritual/Personal Retreat on Tues. Oct. 23, a t the Arenzville UMC. It will be held from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm, All attendees are expected to bring a sack lunch.

COOK-OUT PLANNED - Hope Circle will have a cook-out at Martha Vaché's home on Wed.,, Sept. 19 at 6 p.m.

UMW Sept. Challenge

Share your passion for nature with kids. Take them with you to nature centers or museums; read to them about preserving the environment; or take bird-watching or leaf-identifying walks.

Terri Benz, Education & Interpretation

Sept. Food Center news

We have a lot to be happy about--- many gardeners have been bringing in a big variety of produce, We also continue to get produce and bakery items from our local food stores. We benefit from the Feeding America organization,too. I have delivered bags and canned vegetables and peanut butter from the donation basket at church. Your support and volunteer hours at the center are greatly appreciated.

– Diane Webster

Church directory update

The church is planning to update the church-wide directory with LifeTouch in the fall 2018. If you would be interested in updating your photo or being added the directory, please watch for more information. Photos are scheduled for Tue., Dec. 4 from 2- 9 p.m..

Fall District UMW Meeting

All UMW members are invited to the LaMoine District UMW Fall Annual Meeting at Pittsfield UMC on Sat., Sept. 22 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. There will be workshops on a variety of topics, officer training, worship, music, and fellowship.

The day starts with registration, fellowship and breakfast treats at 9 am. Your ticket provides breakfast treats and lunch. Reservations are due by September 17. If you can attend, Contact Diana or Martha.

UMW collecting items

Please bring the following donations to the Narthex for us to take to the district meeting.

Cunningham Children's Home: men's body wash and gift cards to Amazon, Dollar Tree, McDonald's, Target or Walmart ($25 or larger amounts preferred.)

Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House: t-shirts for men and boys

MMDC Workday

The next Midwest Mission Distribution Center workday for the Jacksonville area UM churches will be on Mon., Sept. 17. Meet in the church parking lot promptly at 8 a.m. to go to the center which is near Chatham. Contact Kevin Hinkle or Martha Vaché for more information.

A great way to support MMDC is to purchase supplies online at the Dollar Days Wholesale Store at greatly reduced prices. They have a list of the items that the MMDC needs. Just go to the following website and select what you would like to donate and the items will be shipped to the MMDC. https://www.dollardays.com/midwestmission/wishlist.html

Dear Methodist Women

Our special thanks for the delicious cookies you shared with us. It isn't possible to make such goodies here. All supplies are hard to get here, but that makes them greatly appreciated.

Sincerely, Evelyn Foster

Photos by Debbie Nielsen

Jacksonville Centenary UMC held it's annual "Blessings of the Backpacks" on Sun., Aug. 19. Pictured above are the children who came forward to have their school backpacks blessed. Notice Pastor Mel is wearing a Chicago Cubs Jersey? This was also Cubs-Cardinals day at Centenary - please look for more pictures next month.

Acolyte schedule

Sept. 2 – Andrew Cooley
Sept. 9 – Jack Borgman
Sept. 16 – Matthew Hinkle
Sept. 23 – Noah Borgman
Sept. 30 - Noah Borgman

K.I.CK.S. volunteers needed

Volunteers Are Needed in the Nursery and for K.I.C.K.S. (Children's Sunday School Classes)

To be in compliance with our Safe Sanctuaries policy we need to have two people in the nursery. We have a nursery attendant, but we need a volunteer to be a second person each Sunday morning in the nursery. If you are interested in helping please talk to Kevin Hinkle or Mary Tomlin. Thank you!

Volunteers are also needed for the PreK and Elementary Sunday school classes each week. There is a need for a second adult to be in each class every Sunday. There is no teaching involved with this, you just need to love children. If you are interested in serving with our children, please let Mary Tomlin or Kevin Hinkle know. What a blessing to have so many children in our church family!

K.I.C.K.S. teaching schedule

Preschool/Toddler Classroom

Date	Teacher/Assistant
Sept. 2	Diana Phillips/Wendy DeBolt/Karmen Birdsell
Sept. 9	Diana Phillips/Wendy DeBolt/Kristin Clancy
Sept. 16	Diana Phillips/Wendy DeBolt/Cindy Clausen
Sept. 23	Diana Phillips/Wendy DeBolt/Brenda Lane
Sept. 30	Diana Phillips/Wendy Debolt/Karmen Birdsell

Elementary Classroom

Date	Teacher/Assistant
Sept. 2	Rachael Borgman/LuAnne Woodrum
Sept. 9	Rusti Cummings/TBA
Sept. 16	Catherine Pritchett/Ashley Westenberger
Sept. 23	Angi Freitag/Amy Stidham
Sept. 30	Rachael Borgman/LuAnne Woodrum

K.I.C.K.S. Sunday schedule

All children (toddlers to sixth grade) are invited to K.I.C.K.S. (Kids in Christ Keep Shining) each Sunday morning. We start in Sanctuary.
9:30 am: Songs, offering ,birthdays
9:45 am: Lessons in classrooms
10:20 am: Closing prayers - classroom
10:30 am: The teacher and assistant will take the children back to the Narthex to meet their parents.

Volunteers sought for new welcoming team on Sundays

Pastor Mel and Kevin Hinkle are looking to build a welcoming team. Members of this team will be responsible to seek out new visitors each Sunday and help them fill out information cards. They will also provide basic information about the church. Welcome Team members would volunteer on a rotating basis. Please see Pastor or Kevin about more information for this ministry.

WE EXTEND
OUR SYMPATHY TO . . .
. . . the family and friends
of Gladys Lancaster,
Mother of Patty O'Neal

Fire Chief and local clergy to lead 9/11 service

The 9/11 Remembrance Prayer Service will be held on Sept. 11 at noon on the Square. The Fire Chief will be speaking and several of our pastors will be praying: Todd Sweatman will pray for the police (and follow up with music); Mel Nielsen will pray for first responders; Anthony Applegate will pray for Chaplains; Tim Barbee will pray for our fire department

Lawn Mowers needed

Volunteers are needed to mow the lawn around the church (not the south lot). A mower is available at the church (or you can bring your own). Volunteers usually mow towards the end of the week. The task usually takes 30 to 40 minutes. There is a signup sheet in the narthex. Questions? Contact the office.

Fine Arts Weekend

Friday, September 7, 6-8 pm
and
Saturday, September 8th 6-8 pm

Centenary UMC
331 E. State St., Jacksonville
217-245-8417

Featuring the work of
Trey Everett and his "Holy Doodles"
(gallery open both evenings)
&
Spero Chamber Chorale
(Performing Saturday at 7 pm)

Light refreshments available both evenings.
There is no charge for this event, everyone is welcome.

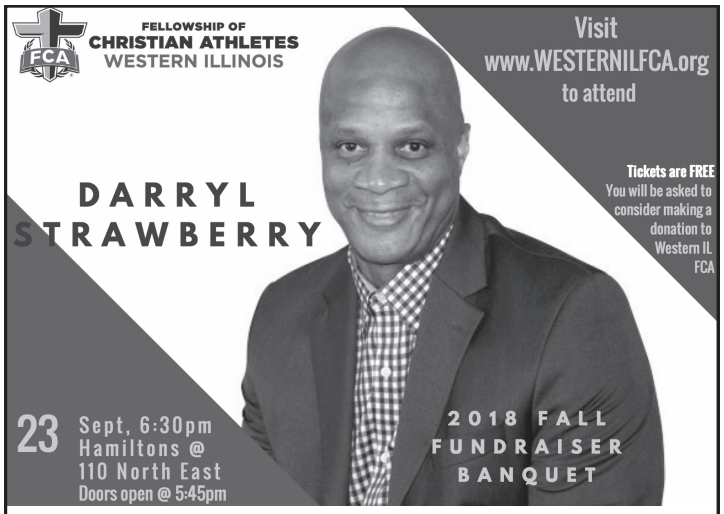
MacMurray Football Night held

Photos by Rachel Hinkle

Jacksonville Centenary hosted 115 players and coaches from the MacMurray Football Team on Tues., Aug. 21. Roast pork was provided by a donor and side dishes, desserts and drinks were provided by the church.

Snacks needed

Washington Elementary School has an after school homework club for students who need more support with homework and academics. Their principal, Mary Camerer, has requested that local churches to provide snacks for these students. Bring donations of cookies, individual bags of chips, etc. to the Narthex. If you have questions, contact Karmen Birdsell who teaches at Washington.



Please Contact Kevin Hinkle if you are interested in attending this event.

There will be tables of 8 set up, so let him know.
He would like to see at least one table filled with Centenary people - if not 2!

Chancel Choir rehearsals

Centenary's Chancel Choir will begin rehearsals on Monday, September 10 at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary under the direction of Terri Benz. New and exciting music is in our lineup this fall. All are welcome - MAKE US YOUR SMALL GROUP INVOLVEMENT! We'd love to have you!

Thank You

Thank you so much for the continued support of the lunch program. The recent checks from the KICKS Sunday School Classes and Centenary are helping to provide food for children. We appreciate all your help with this ministry. Sincerely, Grace UMC

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