



Pastor's Corner

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22 At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth. 23 Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!" 24 The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is[e] to enter the kingdom of God! 25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

- Mark 10:22-25 (N.I.V.)

If the passage above sounds familiar, it may be that you heard me preach from it on October 14. I did not preach on giving or tithing that Sunday. The theme for that day was looking at distractions as God led moments in our daily lives. I also mentioned on that Sunday morning that I have preached this passage many times, mostly with the intent of helping us focus on our giving and generosity. That is where I am going with this article. Giving.

On the first three months in November I will be preaching on giving and tithing. These messages will lead us up to the Harvest Dinner on November 18. That is the day we make our pledges to the church. These messages are part of the heritage at Centenary and are guided with the help of the Stewardship Committee. I never want to encourage giving by applying guilt. I never want to encourage giving by snooping around in your personal affairs to how much you can afford to give. I offer Christ.

In the passage above Jesus speaks one of his most iconic messages about money when he talks about a camel going through the eye of a needle. Pretty clear imagery that most can readily understand, if he was truly talking only about money. I tend to believe there is always a little more in Jesus words than what we hear at first listen. What did Jesus mean by rich. We might think financially rich at first thought. Maybe there is more to rich than a bank account.

An individual can be financially poor yet be rich in health, popularity or talent. In C.S. Lewis' book, "Vice and Virtue, A Dictionary of the Good Life," he writes, "Now quite plainly, natural gifts carry with them a similar danger. (Compared to the dangers of money) If you have sound nerves and intelligence and popularity and a good upbringing, you are likely to be quite satisfied with your character as it is. 'Why drag God into it?' you may ask."

Lewis' point is that when we have abundance we tend to look less towards God and treasure only the wonderful gifts we have, whether it's money or something else. In this particular passage Jesus is referring to financial wealth, but I believe Jesus is also saying to all of us in this passage – lay your riches down and follow me.

If we think that this passage is only about money it may lead us to believe we can buy our way into Heaven which would negate everything the Bible teaches us about God's saving grace.

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Centenary UMC

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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.
 Recognition of Veterans.....Sun., Nov. 11, both
 Holy Communion.....Sun., Nov. 4

Special Offerings

Pennies against Hunger.....Sun., Nov. 25
 UM Student Day.....Sun., Nov. 25

Fellowship Opportunities

Holy Spokes Got Talent.....Sun. Nov. 4, 6:30 p.m.
 at Jacksonville Centenary
 New Members Classes. Oct. 21 - Nov. 18, 9:30 a.m., Parlor
 Pathway Festival of Trees.....Nov. 16-17-18
 at Pathway
 Harvest Dinner.....Sun., Nov. 18, Noon
 Fellowship Hour.....Every Sunday between services
 Tuesday Morning Fellowship.....Every Tue., 6-9 a.m.
 at SafeCo. Bakery

Mission Opportunities

Donate Blood.....Mon. Nov. 5 & 12
 at Passavant Hospital, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
 MMDC Workday.....Mon., Nov. 19, 8 a.m.
 Meet at the church at 8 a.m. to carpool.
 Ringing Bells @ ShopKo.....Nov. 29, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
 AlAnon Meeting....every Wed., 7:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Leadership Opportunities

Education.....Wed., Nov. 7, 6 p.m., Adult SS Room
 Evangelism.....Tues., Nov. 13, 6 p.m., Parlor
 Stewardship.....Wed., Nov. 14, 4 p.m., Adult SS Room
 Finance.....Wed. Nov. 14, 5 p.m., Parlor
 Missions.....Wed., Nov. 14, 6:30 p.m., Parlor
 Charge Conference. Wed., Nov. 14, 7 p.m., Grace UMC
 Worship.....Mon., Nov. 19, 6 p.m., Narthex
 Trustees.....Tues., Nov. 20, 6:30 p.m., Parlor

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 7 p.m., sanctuary

Children's Ministries

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

United Methodist Women

For Heaven's Sake.....Wed., Nov. 14, 6:30 pm
 @ Pat Manker's house
 Hope Circle.....Wed., Nov 14, 5 pm
 Group will tour Jacksonville Area Food Center
 Followed by Dinner at Norma's
 Ruth Circle.....Wed., Nov. 21, 1:30 p.m.
 Hostess, Donna Tolbert
 FHS Annual Cookie Walk.....Sat., Nov. 17, 8-Noon

FUSION -Youth Ministries

Fusion.....Sun., Nov. 11, 2-4 pm, Brooklyn
 @ Brooklyn Youth Center
 Fusion.....Sun., Nov. 25, 2-4 pm, Brooklyn
 @ Brooklyn Youth Center
 Fusion.....Community Mission Project, TBD

Deaf Ministry

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

Communications

Mini-Messenger Deadline.....Wednesdays at Noon
 Messenger Deadline.....Sun. Nov. 18
 Messenger Folding Party.....Tues., Nov. 27



**Daylight Savings ends Sun,
 Nov. 4, 2 a.m.
 So, make a note now to
 turn your clocks back when
 the "time" is right!**



Save BOXTOPS for Red Bird Mission and
 Cunningham Children's Home Big Box
 Tops for Education
 Put in "cereal" box in the parlor.

Sunday Morning Helpers

Liturgists

8:15

Nov. 4 - Pat Manker
 Nov. 11 - Barbara Wooldridge
 Nov. 18 - Barb Ginder
 Nov. 25 - Bev Rhine

10:45

Nov. 4 - Marilyn Kimmons
 Nov. 11 - Diana Phillips
 Nov. 18 - Diana Phillips
 Nov. 25 - Mary Tomlin

Greeters

8:15

Nov. 4 - Helen Baldwin
 Nov. 11 - Dale and Jean Shafer
 Nov. 18 - Shelby Pennell
 Nov. 25 - Donna Tolbert

10:45

All dates - Diana Phillips

Communion Stewards

8:15 - Nov. 4

Helen Baldwin and Cyndi Claussen
 Shelby Pennell and Gary Hayes
 Erick and Wendy DeBolt
 Tom and Pat Baptist

10:45 - Nov. 4

Chuck and Kay Fairfield
 Marilyn Kimmons and Pastor Mel

Small Talk

8:15 & 10:45 - Pastor Mel

Fellowship Hour Host/Hostess

Nov. 4 - Shelby Pennell
 Nov. 11 - TBD
 Nov. 18 - Marilyn Kimmons
 Nov. 25 - Martha Vaché

Nursery Volunteers

8:15

Nov. 4 - TBD
 Nov. 11 - TBD
 Nov. 18 - TBD
 Nov. 25 - TBD

10:45

Nov. 4 - Amy Stidham
 Nov. 11 - Kristen Clancy
 Nov. 18 - Monica Schriber
 Nov. 25 - Rachel Borgman

Upcoming Worship Schedule

*The following is a tentative schedule for
 November 2018 worship.*

(Readings & message may change without notice.)

Nov. 4

24th Sunday after Pentecost
 “We Move Forward”
 Altar Color - White
 OT: Joshua 7:6-12
 NT:
 Gospel: Luke 8:22-25

Nov. 11

25th Sunday after Pentecost
 “The Widow’s Offering”
 Altar Color - Green
 NT: 2 Corinthians 8:1-9
 Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

Nov. 18

26th Sunday after Pentecost
 “Let’s Test God!”
 Altar Color - Green
 OT: Malachi 3:6-12
 Gospel: John 6:25-33

Nov. 25

Christ the King Sunday
 “Esther’s Story”
 Altar Color - White
 OT: Esther 1:1-8
 NT: None
 Gospel: John 18:33-37

Dec. 2

1st Sunday in Advent
 “To Be Announced”
 Altar Color - Purple
 OT: TBA
 NT: TBA
 Gospel: TBA

FUSION activities set

Sun, Nov. 11

Meeting at Brooklyn Youth Center, 2-4 p.m.

Sun, Nov. 25

Meeting at Brooklyn Youth Center, 2-4 p.m.

Date in November TBD:
Community Mission Project

Fusion is a collaboration of area United Methodist Churches. For more information, contact Rachel or Kevin Hinkle @ 217-370- 3329 or 217-245-8417.

**Follow FUSION activities
on FACEBOOK:
Go to [facebook.com/groups/
JaxCentenaryFusion/](https://facebook.com/groups/JaxCentenaryFusion/)**



The FUSION Youth Group were some of the volunteers who stayed up all night to stir the Burgoo. The Jacksonville Area Men organized the fundraiser which will go to help area causes. More than 60 gallons of the famous soup was prepared and sold.

Photos by Kevin Hinkle and Destiny Slater



Stewardship Stumpers

This month the stewardship committee is continuing 'Stewardship Stumpers.'
The answers can be found elsewhere in this issue.

#1

It is not a good idea for the pastor to be involved in raising money for the church.

#2

*We cannot buy our salvation or earn it in any way.
(p. 78, Offering Plate)*



Photo by Pastor Mel

Fields of Faith

The Illinois College football field was the sight of the annual Fields of Faith on Tues., Oct. 2. This event featured many students and coaches who shared their stories of faith. After the speakers had completed sharing, everyone was invited onto the field to join hands and share in a prayer. Pictured above is the Jacksonville Centenary praise Band leading the music portion of the evening.



Festival of Trees

The Holy Spokes Cluster will sponsor a bake sale at the Festival of Trees from November 16 to 18. This year's festival will be held at Pathway Services, Inc., 1905 W. Morton Ave. More information is available on their website: pathwayservices.org/festival-of-trees/

Centenary has been asked to provide 100 small plates of cookies and/or small loaves of bread. Please put the cookies on a small paper plate. The number of cookies on a plate depends on the size of the cookies. No candy, please. Another group does that.

Please deliver the cookies to Pathway on Friday afternoon or early evening or leave them in the parlor at Centenary before 3:00 p.m. on Friday. Please identify that they are for the Festival of Trees. (So we don't confuse them with the cookies donated for our cookie walk.)

Anyone willing to design a tree or wreath should contact Pathway. A new feature this year is the chance to enter a "gingerbread structure".

Holy Spokes Got Talent

On Sunday, November 4, 6:30 p.m. Centenary United Methodist Church will host "Holy Spokes Got Talent" in the church Sanctuary.

Come and enjoy a wonderful evening of Christian fellowship and entertainment. Members from each church in our cluster will showcase their exceptional talents.

The free will offering will be received for "Our Conference – Our Kids".

PASTOR

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Have you ever seen one of those big cardboard cutouts of thermometers revealing how much money has been donated to a charity? Is that what we envision in Heaven? A big cardboard cutout of a thermometer with our name on it. Do you picture God standing by with a red Sharpie counting the cost of our Discipleship?

The cost of our Discipleship has been paid, at least the entry fee. We can never raise a sufficient amount of funds to make God think we are worthy. Our worth has been revealed through the laying down of the most precious riches God had, His own life.

God did not make this sacrifice to 'guilt' us in to believing, serving and following but to let us know that no other idol will ever suffice. All other riches in this world will eventually let us down, break our hearts and leave us feeling empty.

Jesus did use strong hyperbole when addressing the concerns He has for us. We were never expected to give out of guilt, but out of the same love that God has for us. Just because God is who God is and we are who we are, God loves. The Lord want us to give in response to the love that was shown to us in the cross: genuine, deep, true, never-ending love.

I invite you to be part of this sermon series on giving, tithing and believing in something greater than our own imagination. Shortly after Jesus has this encounter with the rich man on the side of the road, the Lord offers these reassuring words, "With people this is impossible, but with God nothing is impossible." Praise God!

Pastor Mel

November Birthdays

- 2.....Peggy Jordan
Pastor Mel Nielsen
- 3.....Drew Cooley
Chub Patterson
- 5.....Roberta Randorf
- 7.....Ruth Ann Donovan
Joe Buchanan
- 9.....Mark Grounds
- 11.....Bill Conklin
Weldon Earp
Bob Stidham
- 12.....Ann Large
Stephany Dirksmeyer
- 13.....Barbara Fernandes
- 15.....Marilyn Kimmons
Taylor Lashmett
John Isaacs
- 16.....John Gotschall
- 17.....Hayden Shull
- 18.....Norma Neff
Cara Heller
Eriana Hope Refuerzo
- 19.....Mark Sorrill
- 20.....Joshua Sorrill
- 21.....Amelia Pennell
- 22.....Bridget McDade
- 23.....Ethan Pennell
- 24.....Sally Stock
- 25.....Brenda Adkins
- 26.....Joyce Ginder
Bev Rhine
- 27.....Patricia Meyer
Cathy Meado
- 28.....Rev. Jean Hembrough
- 29.....Alice Spradlin
Hannah Tomlin
- 30.....Roger Houston
Nicholaus Warmowski

November Anniversaries

- 6.....Tom and Peggy Jordon
- 11.....Tom and Tamara Newby
- 14.....George and Phyllis Allen
- 15.....Mike and Rosalie Fiedler
- 23.....Louis and Martha Vache

Evangelism News

Jacksonville Centenary’s long awaited new logo is approved and we are now ready to use it! You can view it on the front page of this month’s messenger.

Order forms will soon be available for t - shirts, yard signs and window clings.

Pictures for our new directory will be taken on December 4 from 2-9 pm. Registration for appointments is online. The office can give you assistance. If you missed having a picture taken last time, are new to Centenary, have a change in family (all our cute, new babies!) or would just like an updated picture - please let the office know. You are not required to purchase any pictures from Life Touch, but will receive a free 8X10.

Charge Conference planned

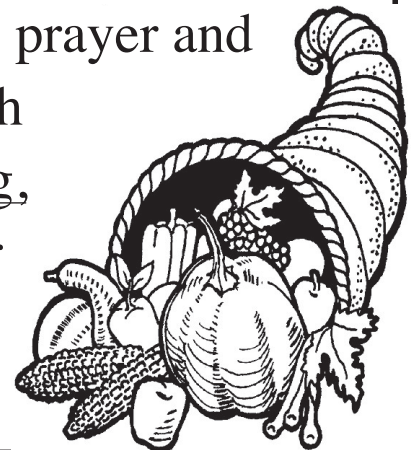
The annual Charge Conference has been planned for Wednesday, November 14, 7 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church. This will be a time to share fellowship with other churches in Centenary’s Cluster.

The evening will include final voting on the church budget and leadership for 2019 as well as a worship service led by LaMoine District Superintendent, Nic Showalter. All are welcome to attend, no registration is required.


Happy Thanksgiving

Philippians 4:6
New International Version (NIV)

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.



N O V E M B E R 2 0 1 8

					Thurs., Nov. 1	Fri., Nov. 2	Sat., Nov. 3
<p><u>Abbreviations</u> (F) Fellowship Hall (P) Parlor (S) Adult Sunday School Room (N) Narthex</p>					7 pm - Bible Study @ Barb Wooldridge's		
Sun., Nov. 4	Mon., Nov. 5	Tues., Nov. 6	Wed., Nov. 7	Thurs., Nov. 8	Fri., Nov. 9	Sat., Nov. 10	
Holy Communion 9:30 am - New Members Class (P) 6:30 pm - Holy Spokes Got Talent	10 am - Staff Mtg 6:30 - Monday Night Bible Study 7 pm - Choir Practice	6-9 am - SafeCo Fellowship 9:30 am - Bible Study @ Barb Wooldridge's 6:30 pm - UMW Business Mtg. (P)	7:30 pm - Al-Anon (F) 6 pm - Education (S)	7 pm - Bible Study @ Barb Wooldridge's			
Sun., Nov. 11	Mon., Nov. 12	Tues., Nov. 13	Wed., Nov. 14	Thurs., Nov. 15	Fri., Nov. 16	Sat., Nov. 17	
9:30 a.m. - New Members Class (P) Recognition of Veterans at both services	10 am - Staff Mtg 4-6 pm Bishop Beard @ Grace UMC 6:30 - Monday Night Bible Study 7 pm - Choir Practice	6-9 am - SafeCo Fellowship 6 pm Evangelism (P) 9:30am - Bible Study @ Barb Wooldridge's	4 pm - Stewardship (S) 5 pm - Finance (P) 5:30 pm - Hope Circle (P) 7 pm - Charge Conf. @ Grace UMC 7:30 - Al-Anon (F)	7 pm - Bible Study @ Barb Wooldridge's	Festival of Trees @ Pathway	Festival of Trees @ Pathway FHS Cookie Walk in Narthex 8-Noon	
Sun., Nov. 18	Mon., Nov. 19	Tues., Nov. 20	Wed., Nov. 21	Thurs., Nov. 22	Fri., Nov. 23	Sat., Nov. 24	
9:30 a.m. - New Members Class (P) Festival of Trees @ Pathway Messenger Deadline Noon - Harvest Dinner	8 am - MMDC Workday 10 am - Staff Mtg 6 p.m. - Worship (N) 6:30 - Monday Night Bible Study 7 pm - Choir Practice	6-9 am - SafeCo Fellowship 9:30 am - Bible Study @ Barb Wooldridge's 6:30 pm - Trustees (P)	1:30 pm - Ruth Circle (P) 7:30 - Al-Anon (F)		Office closed		
Sun., Nov. 25	Mon., Nov. 26	Tues., Nov. 27	Wed., Nov. 28	Thurs., Nov. 29	Fri., Nov. 30		
Pennies for Hunger UM Student Day	10 am - Staff Mtg 6:30 - Monday Night Bible Study 7 pm - Choir Practice	6-9 am - SafeCo Fellowship 9:30 am - Bible Study @ Barb Wooldridge's TBD - Messenger Party	7:30 - Al-Anon (F)	10 am - 7 pm - Ringing Bells at ShopKo 7 pm - Bible Study @ Barb Wooldridge's			

Cookie Walk planned

The annual For Heaven's Sake Circle Cookie Walk is scheduled for Sat., Nov., 17, 8 am - noon. The circle depends on all of Centenary's family for their support in this fundraiser. Pull out your favorite recipes and prepare to bake or show up to purchase your favorite goodies.

All donated cookies and candies are to be left in the church parlor or kitchen on Thurs., Nov. 15 or Fri., Nov. 16. Please mark them for the Cookie Walk. FHS thanks you for your support.

UMW November Challenge

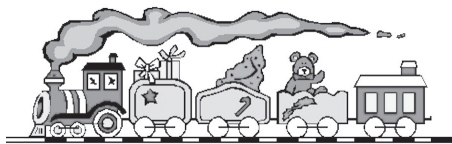
Don't waste food. Plan meals ahead of time and make a list before you go to the grocery store. Ask for smaller portions at restaurants or for a to-go box so you can eat the leftovers later. Compost food that doesn't get eaten. Donate to a food shelter before food goes bad.

Terri Benz, Education & Interpretation

Hats, gloves & scarves are still being collected

Centenary's United Methodist Women will be collecting donations of new socks, hats, gloves and scarves until November 18. These items will be distributed to local children who attend Lincoln and Washington Elementary Schools. Donation baskets will be provided in the Parlor and the Narthex.

Bonita Day, UMW Social Action



Chaddock's Santa Express

Each year, this church helps provide new Christmas gifts for Chaddock boys and girls. Needed this year are gifts of new clothing, school supplies and crafts, hair products, personal care products, and gift items. A complete list of items is available in the narthex or church office.

Unwrapped gifts should be brought to Centenary by Sunday, December 2. Put them in or beside the Santa Express Train in the Narthex.

UMW Christmas Brunch

"On Wings of Prayer" will be the theme of the annual UMW Christmas Brunch to be held on Saturday morning, December 1 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This year's hostesses, the For Heaven Sake Circle members, invite all women and girls to attend. Guests are welcome. Reservations will be helpful. Please sign the sheet in the Narthex or call the church office by Monday, November 26.

Saladless Luncheon

It's not too late to make a donation to the Centenary UMW "Saladless Salad Luncheon". We hope that UMW members and other members of our Centenary family will donate a portion of the amount that they would have spent on making salads and baked goodies at a Fall Salad Luncheon to our United Methodist Women. Checks should be made out to "Centenary UMW". Donations can be given at circle meetings, put in the offering plate or sent to the church office. Thanks to those who have already donated.

UMW Business Meeting

The November UMW business meeting will be on Tuesday, November 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the parlor. They will be planning for 2019. All UMW members are welcome to attend.

November UMW Circle meetings

FHS Circle: Wed. Nov. 14, 6:30 pm
Hostess: Pat Manker

Ruth Circle: Wed. Nov. 21, 1:30 pm
Hostess: Donna Tolbert

Hope Circle: Wed. Nov. 14, 5:00 pm
Tour Jacksonville Area Food Center
Followed by dinner at Norma's.

It will be a short meeting
due to charge conference



Photo by Pastor Mel

Rocks say, "We love you!"

The United Methodist Women's Hope Circle recently distributed beautiful hand painted rocks to shut ins. The rocks were painted by Shelby Pennell.

MWMDC work day

The next workday at the Midwest Mission Distribution Center will be on Monday, November 19. In October we sorted donated school supplies. Contact Kevin Hinkle or Martha Vaché if you want to attend so enough transportation can be planned for.

A great way to support MMDC is to purchase supplies online (including flood bucket supplies) at the Dollar Days Wholesale Store at greatly reduced prices. Go to the following website and select from the items that MMDC needs and the items will be shipped to the MMDC.

<https://www.dollardays.com/midwestmission/wishlist.html>

Thank You

A big thank you to all who attended the Bill Cummings Benefit Breakfast. Approximately 140 were served including 30 or so from the South Jacksonville Fire Department. Bill has served on the fire department for more than 30 years. Donations totaled more than \$1,900.00 which should help them with expenses as Bill prepares for surgery on October 30.

Please continue to keep the Cummings family in your prayers.

For Heaven's Sake and Spirit Circles

K.I.C.K.S. Updates

Acolyte schedule

Nov. 4 - Andrew Cooley
Nov. 11 - Jack Borgman
Nov. 18 - Matthew Hinkle
Nov. 25 - Noah Borgman

Teaching schedule

Preschool/Toddler Classroom

Date	Teacher/Assistant
Nov. 4	Diana Phillips/Wendy DeBolt/ Bob Stidham
Nov. 11	Diana Phillips/Wendy DeBolt/ Help Needed
Nov. 18	Diana Phillips/Wendy DeBolt/ Cindy Clausen
Nov. 25	Diana Phillips/Wendy DeBolt/ Debbie Nielsen

Elementary Classroom

Date	Teacher/Assistant
Nov. 4	Rachael Borgman/LuAnne Woodrum
Nov. 11	Rusti Cummings/Brenda Lane
Nov. 18	Catherine Pritchett/ Ashley Westenberger
Nov. 25	Angi Freitag/Amy Stidham

Nursery volunteers

Nov. 4	Amy Stidham
Nov. 11	Kristin Clancy
Nov. 18	Monica Schriber
Nov. 25	Rachel Borgman
Dec. 2	Mary Tomlin
Dec. 9	Jesse Calussen
Dec. 16	Cindy Claussen
Dec. 23	Rachel Borgman
Dec. 30	LuAnne Woodrum

Everybody loves a parade . . . or two



Top Photo by Tom Phillips, bottom photo by Rachel Hinkle
Pictured above are some of the volunteers who took part in the South Jacksonville Parade on Sat. Oct. 6. Centenary members tossed our candy and invitations to the upcoming Trunk or Treat. Pictured below are some of the wonderful smiles that a parade can bring. Thanks to all who bought candy for either or both parades.



Top and bottom photos by Pastor Mel
Downtown Jacksonville was the sight of the MacMurray Homecoming Parade on Saturday, October 20. Centenary was again provided a float with 33 volunteers handing out candy and Trunk or Treat informational cards. Beautiful weather and happy kids made the day very special for all involved.



Christmastime Schedule

Hanging of the Greens
Sun. Nov. 25, 2 p.m.

All are welcome to come decorate the Sanctuary

UMW Brunch
Sat. Dec. 1, 9:30 am, FH

Santa Express Gifts Due - Sun. Dec. 2

Salvation Army Bell Ringing
Thurs. Nov. 29, Shopko, 10 am - 7 pm
Sat. Dec. 8, Midland, 10 am - 7 pm

All Church Christmas Program
Sun. Dec. 16, 6:00 pm, Sanctuary

Ruth Circle Christmas Luncheon
Wed. Dec. 12, 11:30 am, Place TBA

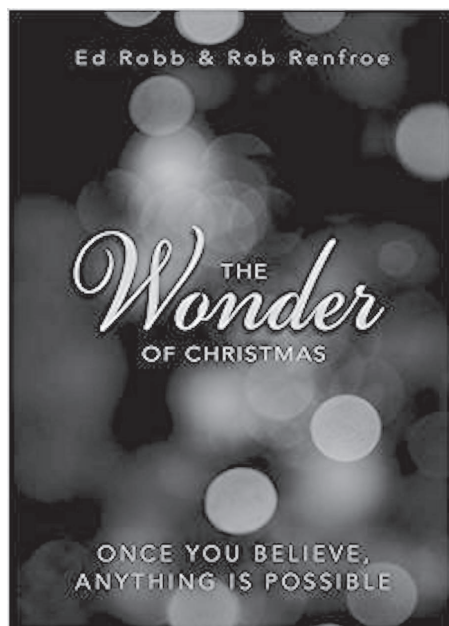
Salvation Army Angel Tree Gifts
Due - Mon. Dec. 11

Hope Circle Caroling
Wed. Dec. 19

Blue Christmas
Service
Thurs., Dec. 20, 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Service:
Mon. Dec. 24, Sanctuary, 7:00 pm

Advent Bible Study



If Jesus requires that I let go of habits and patterns that have brought me comfort and peace of mind, will his grace be sufficient? – Rob Renfroe, from the book, "The Wonder of Christmas.

A 4-week Advent Bible Study

Thurs. Nov. 29 through Dec. 20
1 p.m. or 6:30 p.m.

Participant books are \$11.00 each.
Deadline to order is Friday November 16. Drop this form off to the church office before then.

Name(s) _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Number of books needed ____ 1P.M. ____ 6 P.M. ____



Salvation Army Angel Tree

Tags containing the child's name, age, and gift suggestions will be available on Sunday, November 11 on a small Christmas tree in the narthex. Attach your Angel Tree tag to a large sack with your unwrapped gifts and placed under the small Christmas trees next to the entrance to the sanctuary by Monday, December 10. Please return your gifts to the church after the Hanging of the Greens.

Church pictorial directory updates announced

The church is planning to update the church-wide directory with LifeTouch. If you would be interested in updating your photo or being added the directory, please contact the office. Photos are scheduled for Tuesday, December 4 from 2- 9 p.m..

Chancel Choir rehearsals

Centenary's Chancel Choir rehearses every Monday 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!

October Food Center News

The September report showed 132 families for food orders, a total of 279 people at a cost of \$13,062.37. They served 496 families for extra bakery, a total of 1,308 people at a cost of \$8,520.26. The churches contributed \$476.95 in cash and \$640.22 in food donations. A young girl asked for food items in lieu of birthday gifts. Thanks to the child and her family.

Cheryl TerHark
Food Center Representative



Bell ringers needed

Centenary is scheduled to ring bells for the Jacksonville Salvation Army on these dates. Your help is needed.

Thursday, November 29 – Shopko from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 8 – Midland Farm and Home from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Sign up in the narthex



Christmas baskets

Our Centenary family will once again prepare Christmas food baskets for local families. These will be delivered on Saturday morning, December 22. If you know someone who would benefit from receiving a basket contact the church office. Let Martha Vaché or the church office know if you can help deliver the food.

Fox Trust deadline

Deadline to submit requests for Fox Trust donations is December 3. Applications are available in the church office.

STEWARDSHIP STUMPERS
ANSWERS: from page 4
 #1. False. From the book, Not Your Parents' Offering Plate, in the chapter, "The Pastor Must Be a Fundraiser," on p. 41: More and more donors are expecting pastors of churches to represent their organizations to them, such as a college or hospital president.
 #2. True. This statement is true; however, salvation requires accountability and complete commitment to the body of Christ.

Chaddock 2018 Wish List for Santa Express

As you shop for Chaddock children, please keep in mind who you are helping:

As of today, they serve several hundred children in Chaddock's Residential, Foster and Adoption, Educational and Counseling programs:

Here's how your concern and help for these children can be most effective:

- Listed below are some sample items requested by our children or staff:
- Please send only new items.
- Gift cards to large chain department stores like Walmart, Kohl's, Subway, McDonald's, Taco Bell, Pizza Hut, Steak and Shake. Visa cards can be used anywhere and are helpful and appreciated, too.
- Please send all gifts unwrapped (but wrapping supplies are useful).
- Please write Centenary UMC, Jacksonville on each package.

Infants to age 5:

Preschool toys
Coloring supplies
Interactive books
Balls
Baby bedding
Stuffed animals

Children age 6-12

Dolls, action figures
Children's movies DVDs
Board games
Legos
Cars/trucks
Sports Equipment
Science kits
Craft Kits
I pods and CDs

Youth age 13-19

Radio alarm clocks
Bed and throw pillows
Twin blanket/bedding
Board/card games
Legos
Wallets – Purses – belts
Books
I Tunes gift cards
Digital cameras

New Clothing

Coats and jackets
Gloves & ear muffs
Blue jeans
Sock and underwear
White T-shirts
Sweatshirts
PJ's and House Slippers
Athletic team clothing
Sweat pants

Art Supplies

Paint brushes
Sketch pads – markers
Construction paper
Water color paints
Stencils – stampers
Markers/colored pencils

Therapy Supplies

Finger Paint and Fabric Paint
Play Dough and clay
Sidewalk chalk
Ping Pong balls
Aromatherapy Fans/oils
Cotton balls, straws
Soft or squishy balls
"Flarp" & "Floam"
Journals

Independent Living Items

Pots and Pans/Baking Dishes
Cooking utensils
Dishes – Set for 4
Drinking glasses & flatware
Storage Containers
Bath mats

Hair Products

Hair ties/clips
Brushes/combs
Curling Irons
Hair dryers
Spray/Gel/Moose (non-aerosol)
Shampoo – conditioner
Afro Pride Hair Care
Afro Sheen- Ultra Sheen

Personal Items

After Shave – Shave Gel
Body Wash & Lotion
Bath Towels/Washcloths
Chapstick and Deodorant
Hand Sanitizer
Kleenex
Nail Polish & remover
Shaving Cream
Toothbrush/toothpaste
Twin size sheet set

Trunk or Treat brings crowd

On Sunday, October 21 a crowd of approximately 550 people came out to enjoy the beautiful weather, hot dogs, BBQ, chips, games, bounce house and of course - tons of candy. Centenary United Methodist Church provided 13 vehicles decorated with very creative trunks. Candy and other treats were handed out to hundreds of area kids. Free meals were also provided. Thanks to all who helped make this possible including the MacMurray football team for providing 10 helpers to run the games. Pictured are scenes from the fun day.



Photo by Pastor Mel



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Administrative Council approves Pavilion Project

NOTE: The following is a reprint of the announcement made in church on Nov. 18, 2018

Good morning,

I am Catherine Pritchett. I will be Centenary's new Lay Leader beginning in January 2019. I have been asked to present a report on the pavilion project this morning.

This project has been in process since Feb. 2017. There have been many changes made since the original idea was brought forth.

I want you to know that both the Trustee Committees and Finance Committees have spent hours working towards a proposal that was in the best interest of the past, present and future of Jacksonville Centenary. Not all members in either committee are in complete agreement. After many discussions the matter was sent to your Administrative Council for a final judgment. I wish to join all of you in giving all three committees our gratitude for their time, perseverance and passion in helping to make this decision.

Harvest Dinner planned

The annual Harvest Dinner has been announced for Sunday, November 18 at Noon. The Harvest Dinner concludes the annual pledge drive for Centenary. In conjunction with the dinner will be the 'Turkey of the Year' contest. The 'Turkey' will be announced after the meal. Pastor Mel will be preaching on tithing Nov. 4, 11 and 18. Look for pledge card and invitation in the mail.

Fox Trust Deadline

The deadline to submit requests for Fox Trust donations is December 3. Applications are available in the church office.

On Sept. 26 your Administrative Council approved the construction of the pavilion for Spring 2019. Ground breaking will occur as soon as the paperwork can be finalized.

As you may have heard, this congregation has pledged nearly 50% of the project's cost. Not included in the price was electric and landscaping. The Administrative Council made this unanimous decision with faith that you who pledged will honor your pledges, and if possible, they ask that you adjust your gift timetable to help reduce the amount the church needs to borrow.

All pledges are requested as soon as you are able. If you have been debating on whether or not to give to this project and your desire is to help your church, now is also the time to make a donation. I encourage ALL of you to come together as one church family in supporting one another.

On behalf of all who have played a part in this process I want to thank you. Nothing worthwhile is ever easy. Thank you to the congregation for your patience and for your gifts that will make this vision a reality.

God Bless

Holy Spokes Bake Sale

The Holy Spokes Cluster will sponsor a bake sale at Pathway's Festival of Trees from November 16 to 18. Centenary has been asked to provide 100 small plates of cookies and/or small loaves of bread. Please put the cookies on a small paper plate. The number of cookies on a plate depends on the size of the cookies. No candy, please.

Please deliver the cookies to Pathway on Friday afternoon or early evening or leave them in the parlor at Centenary before 3:00 p.m. on Friday. Please identify that they are for the Festival of Trees. (So we don't confuse them with the cookies donated for our cookie walk.)

Anyone willing to design a tree or wreath should contact Pathway. A new feature this year is the chance to enter a "gingerbread structure". More information is available on their website: <http://pathwayservices.org/festival-of-trees/>

Recipe for November

Sweet & Spicy Grilled Salmon

INGREDIENTS

2 tablespoons hot sauce, such as Frank's
 1 tablespoon packed dark brown sugar
 1 teaspoon smoked paprika
 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
 2 tablespoons light mayonnaise
 1 tablespoon snipped chives
 8 stalks celery, very thinly sliced
 1/2 small red onion, very thinly sliced
 Four 5-ounce center-cut skin-on salmon fillets, about 1 inch thick
 Salt and freshly ground black pepper
 Vegetable oil, for oiling the grill

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat an outdoor grill or grill pan on medium.

Mix together the hot sauce, brown sugar, paprika and cayenne in a small bowl. Transfer 1 tablespoon of the mixture to a large bowl and whisk in the mayonnaise; set aside the rest of the sauce. Add the chives, celery and onions to the bowl with the mayonnaise and toss well.

Sprinkle the salmon with salt and pepper. Brush the grill grate lightly with oil. Lay the salmon on the grill, skin-side up, and cook until distinct grill marks appear and the salmon releases easily from the grate, 2 to 3 minutes. Turn and brush the fish with some of the reserved sauce. Continue to cook the fish, brushing the pieces periodically with the sauce, until the salmon fillets are glazed and just cooked through, 13 to 15 minutes more.

Transfer the fillets to individual plates and serve with the celery slaw.

Share your favorite recipes with everyone!

Send them to . . .
 meln@jaxcentenary.org

United Methodist Fall Luncheon held



Photo by Kevin Hinkle

The United Methodist Women held it's annual Fall Luncheon on October 25 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Three kinds of soup were featured on the menu along with deli meats, breads, cheeses and desserts. A good time was held by all as Halloween stories were shared. The ladies thank all who attended.

“Let God’s promises shine on your problems.” –Corrie ten Boom

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Memorial/Honorarium Gift Form**

In Memory of _____
In Honor of _____

For the following special occasion:
 ___ *Birthday* ___ *Mother's Day*
 ___ *Anniversary* ___ *Father's Day*
 ___ *Wedding* ___ *Veteran's Day*
 ___ *Christmas* ___ *Other* _____

Please use this gift of \$ _____ for:
 ___ Centenary - General Fund
 ___ Centenary - Building and Grounds Upkeep
 ___ Centenary - Missions
 ___ Designated Projects (*See back side.*)

Make checks payable to: Centenary UMC

Date of donation: _____ Check # _____
 Donated by: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Please send a gift card to the following honoree:
 Name: _____
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Bell Tower/Steeple Fund	
Children's Activities	
Elevator Upkeep Fund	
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Music Fund	
Pavilion Fund	
Organ Reservoirs Fund	
JACKSONVILLE	
A Cup of Cold Water (Local Emergency needs)	
H.E.L.P.S. Ministry Outreach	
JACIL	
Jacksonville Area Food Center	
Jacksonville Salvation Army	
Jubilee Habitat for Humanity	
New Directions Warming/Cooling Center	
MIDWEST	
Baby Fold, The (Normal)	
Chaddock (Quincy)	
Cunningham Children's Home (Urbana)	
Lessie Bates Neighborhood House (E.St. Louis)	
Midwest Mission Distribution Center (Chatham)	
Red Bird Mission (Kentucky)	
Volunteers in Mission	

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Fellowship Hall

Noon on Sunday, November 18

Suggested donation \$10 - Youth \$6 - under 5 are free

*Centenary Harvest
Dinner*