

# The Messenger

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

April 2020



## Pastor's Corner

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*1 What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? 2 By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? 3 Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.*

*-Romans 6:1-4 (N.I.V.)*

There is something so wonderful about those first few days of Spring-like weather. As I write this, (Tues., Mar. 3 and the temp is close to 60 degrees.) my office window is open. Warm air is blowing in, at least warmer than it has been for a while. It is a day when even a light jacket is not required. One of the benefits of living in this part of the country is the seasonal change. You probably know that I am no fan of winter, except that it helps me appreciate a day like the one I am experiencing right now.

There is something about the cold that makes us appreciate the warmth. The Apostle Paul is relating his theology to us along these same lines. Yes, we find comfort in the darkness, we are even able to navigate through it. Since we know the light will always be there, does it mean we simply remain living in the darkness? Not at all.

The law is good for punishing those who love the dark, yet it fails to help us know the light. Our government tells us the first day of Spring began on March 19; I say it begins the first day I can open my window and not wear my jacket. Even after the first 'official' day of spring there can be winter-like

weather.

New life is much the same way. The law cannot give us an exact day to accept Jesus. We just know it when we know it. A date could be chosen, but our hearts know that the law is insufficient. Our hearts need more than law. Our hearts need a living, breathing God with us to help us appreciate the difference between light and dark.

If we do not know where we are going, it would be good to have an experienced navigator to help show us where to step and where to turn. God knew this so we were given Jesus, and later the Holy Spirit.

I don't know how long this early warm weather will last, I will enjoy it as long as it is here. I will let it serve as a reminder to me that God brought a warm, new life into the world for you and me. How long will it last? If we follow Paul's instruction, then we know that the darkness has been buried, there is no

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## Centenary UMC

### Church Staff

Pastor.....Mel Nielsen  
Coordinator of Outreach  
and Growth.....Kevin Hinkle  
Church Secretary.....Christi Kennedy  
Music Director.....Terri Benz  
Contemporary Worship Leader.....Rachel Hinkle  
Parish Visitor.....Jane Lair  
Custodian.....Patty Adcock  
Nursery Attendant.....Kayleigh Dirden  
Nursery Attendant.....Chloe McDannald

### Centenary's Missionaries

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](http://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.....Sun., Apr. 5

***Special Offerings***

Pennies for Hunger.....Sun., Apr. 26

***Fellowship Opportunities***

Fellowship Hour.....Every Sunday between services  
 Tuesday Morning Fellowship.....Every Tue., 6-9 a.m.  
 at SafeCo. Bakery

***Mission Opportunities***

AlAnon Meeting.....every Wed., 7:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall  
 Donate Blood.....Mon., Apr. 6 & 13  
 at Passavant Hospital, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
 MMDC Work Day.....Mon., Apr. 20, 8 a.m.

***Leadership Opportunities***

Education.....Wed., Apr. 1, 6 p.m.  
 Finance .....Mon., Apr. 6, 6 p.m.  
 Missions.....Wed., Apr. 8, 6:30 p.m.

***Children's Ministries***

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

***Music Practices***

Chancel Choir.....Mondays 7 p.m., Sanctuary

***Bible/Book Studies***

Lectionary Bible Study.....Every Tue., 9:30 a.m.  
 @ Barbara Wooldridge's Home  
 Monday Night Bible Study..... Every Monday 6:00 p.m.  
 Ladies Book Club...Wed., April 15, 6:30 p.m. @ Parlor

***Communications***

Mini-Messenger Deadline.....Wednesdays at Noon  
 Messenger Deadline.....Thurs., Apr. 16, 9 a.m.  
 Messenger Folding Party.....Thurs., Apr. 23, 9 a.m.

***United Methodist Women***

FHS Circle.....Wed., Apr. 8, 6:30 p.m.  
 Hope Circle.....Thurs., Apr. 9, Noon  
 Ruth Circle.....Wed., Apr. 15, 1:30 p.m.  
 Spirit Circle.....Thurs., Apr. 23, 6 p.m.

***Thank You***

A special "Thank You" to those who helped to deliver Doorbell Dinners this past month.

Thanks for giving your time and effort to this much needed community effort especially during this time of the Coronavirus outbreak. We want you to know how very much you are appreciated.

Thanks for a job well done.  
 Pat Baptist & Barbara Wooldridge

***Thank You***

We would like to thank the UMW for the delicious plate of cookies in February. We had a lovely visit from Jane Masters, who delivered them.

Dale and Jean Shafer

***Thank You***

I would like to thank the church for the cookies for the Love Visit, I always enjoy the visit.

Lura Lene Smith

***Budget Overview***

Below is the most up to date budget information.

You are able to see how Centenary's giving is matching up with the projected 2020 budget.

**Needed**

2020 Annual Budget..... \$360,174.00

Needed Monthly..... \$30,014.50

**Monthly**

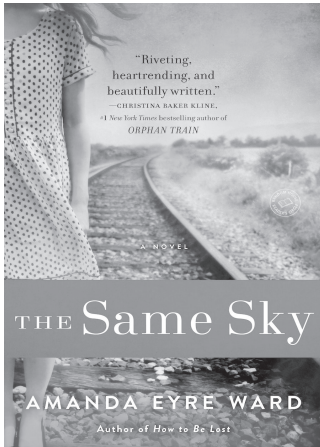
March Offerings..... NOT AVAILABLE

March Totals (+/-)..... NOT AVAILABLE

**Composite**

Total Received thru 2/23/20.. NOT AVAILABLE

Current Annual Track (+/-) NOT AVAILABLE



## Next Book Club details set

Book Club is Wed., Apr. 15  
6:30 pm in the Parlor.  
(Same book due to coronavirus)  
We will be discussing  
**“The Same Sky”**  
By Amanda Eyre Ward  
Contact Debbie Nielsen if you  
would like to join.

## Sunday Morning Helpers

### Liturgists

#### 8:15

April 5 - Pat Manker  
April 12 - Barbara Wooldridge  
April 19 - Barb Ginder  
April 26 - Bev Rhine

### Greeters

#### 8:15

April 5 - Helen Baldwin  
April 12 - Dale and Jean Shafer  
April 19 - Shelby Pennell  
April 26 - Donna Tolbert

#### 10:45

All dates - Diana Phillips

### Communion Stewards

#### 8:15 - April 5

Helen Baldwin/Cyndi Claussen - Sec. 1  
Gary Hayes/Pat Baptist - Sec. 2  
TBA - Sec. 3  
Angi Freitag/Jane Lair - Sec. 4

#### 10:45 - April 5

Catherine Pritchett/Cyndi Claussen  
Karmen Birsell and Pastor Mel

### Fellowship Hour Host/Hostess

April 5 - TBD  
April 12 - TBD  
April 19 - Martha Vaché  
April 26 - Marilyn Kimmons

## Upcoming Worship Schedule

*The following is a tentative schedule for  
April 2020 worship.*

**(Readings & message may change without notice.)**

### April 5

Palm Sunday  
Altar Color - White  
Special: Holy Communion/Palms  
*“I Will Treasure Church Membership as a Gift”*  
NT: 2 Corinthians 5:1-5  
Gospel: Matthew 20:20-28

### April 12

Easter Sunday  
Altar Color - White  
*“We Are Members”*  
NT: Colossians 3:1-4  
Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

### April 19

2nd Sunday of Easter  
Altar Color - Green  
*“Peace in the Wounds”*  
NT: 1 Peter 1:3-9  
Gospel: John 20:19-31

### April 26

3rd Sunday of Easter  
Altar Color - Green  
Special: Native American Ministries Sunday  
*“Philoxenia”*  
NT: 1 Peter 1:17-23  
Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

### May 3

4th Sunday of Easter  
Altar Color - White  
Special: Holy Communion  
*“The Gate”*  
NT: 1 Peter 2:19-25  
Gospel: John 10:1-10

## ***Pastor Mel recaps information shared at Protocol meeting***

Before I share with you the information I received, I need to report that the General Conference that was scheduled for May 5-15, 2020 has been POSTPONED. All dates that were given to me at the briefing at Waverly UMC on Sunday, March 8 may be subject to change with General Conference being postponed. No new dates have been set, I will let you know when dates are confirmed.

As far as what will happen after the General Conference votes, we have been told to be patient. Paul Black, Illinois Great Rivers Conference (IGRC) Director of Communications, gave a very thorough presentation at Waverly UMC. Unfortunately, he could not predict the future of what will happen.

He wanted to make sure that you all know that no vote has been taken nor will any local church have any vote to take until after the General Conference and subsequent Annual Conference decisions are made. No decisions have been made and the Protocol is one of many pieces of legislation to be submitted before the General Conference.

He gave some background information regarding the upcoming conference. There will 862 delegates to the General Conference from all around the world. 56% of those delegates are from the U.S. and the remaining 44% are international delegates. The 862 delegates are split evenly among clergy and lay people. He also said it takes nearly 7,000 volunteers to organize and operate the General Conference. The IGRC will be represented by 10 delegates and 4 non-voting alternates.

The Protocol came out of a meeting of 16 members who came together to discuss a 'Way Forward.' They were helped by professional mediator, Ken Feinberg. The members came from all theologies on the subject of homosexuality. It was from their discussions that the best possible chance of any legislation passing was to separate. The decision made at the Special 2018 General Conference to leave the language in the Book of Discipline 'as is' did not sit well with many Methodists, especially in the United States.

Some voting irregularities were alleged and the general bad feeling left many from the Special 2018 General Conference wanting to continue looking to a more permanent solution. The more traditionalists (Wesley Covenant Association) decided to leave the denomination for the best of all members. Bishops knew some legislation needed to be presented which could possibly bring this debate to a final conclusion. The result was a 16-member committee, which came up with the

Protocol.

The most probable course is that the Protocol passes and the most conservative faction of the UMC leaves to begin forming a new denomination. The official name of the Protocol is *Reconciliation and Grace through Separation and Restructuring*. The Protocol is a 17,000 word proposal that gives explicit directions to guide the separation of the UMC.

If the UMC votes to divide, those groups that wish to leave will be given until Jan., 2021 to form a new denomination. Annual Conferences will then have the option to remain with the post separation UMC by default. The only way an Annual Conference can do anything other than remain with the existing UMC is if more than 20% of the members present at that Annual Conference vote to bring a formal vote to change. If that occurs, then another Annual Conference will be scheduled and 57% of those attending that meeting will need to vote to disaffiliate.

If any Annual Conference, such as the IGRC, does not vote to change status, they will remain with the post separation UMC. At that time, any local congregation (Centenary, for example) will have the option to remain with their Annual Conference, join one of the new denominations or separate entirely to an independent congregation.

All of these options is why Paul Black recommends that we wait to see how all these parts come into play. Centenary will have plenty of time to make a decision, should that time come. Ultimately, there may be more than two choices of denominations to choose from.

Should the General Conference decide to split, the remaining UMC will initially still be under the 2016 Book of Discipline. They envision the post separation UMC will repeal the Traditional plan and remove the restrictive language regarding LGBTQ persons. However, Black shared that no matter what direction the conference(s) takes, every church and pastor is protected by the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. Pastors have authority over whom they will marry and local churches retain authority over the use of their church buildings.

This is a complex path the UMC is undertaking. Centenary has no decisions to make for a while. This whole process has until the end of 2024 to be completely resolved. More changes may be forthcoming from the General Conference (whenever they are able to safely meet.)

For now, please be patient and listen for updates. I ask you to continue to pray for God's wisdom through this journey.



## *New Baptized Member*

Geneva Wren Hamilton was baptized on Sunday, March 1 at the 10:45 service. Pictured above, L-R, are: older sister, Rowan Hamilton; Dad, Paul Hamilton; Mom, Leah Hamilton, Geneva and Pastor Mel. Not pictured is older brother, Felix. Be sure to welcome Geneva when you see the Hamilton's.

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**CHECK US OUT!**

## CONNECT ONLINE

"As long as we are not able to gather together on Sunday mornings, a video of the Sunday message/service will be posted on the Facebook page at 10 am on Sunday mornings as well as a printed transcript on the website.

Please check these pages often for updates and your inbox for email updates as we continue adapting to our new reality.

Centenary Website:

**[www.jaxcentenary.org](http://www.jaxcentenary.org)**

Centenary Facebook:

**[www.facebook.com/Jaxcentenary](https://www.facebook.com/Jaxcentenary)**

Please note: You do NOT need to have a Facebook login to see our church Facebook page! Check it out today!

## PASTOR

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turning back. We have been born again with Jesus to live a new life.

If I could, I would ask for this day to last forever, because this is a good day. Not because of the temperatures, this is a day I am fully aware of the new life I have received because of the message God has sent today through an open window. The warmth and light of Jesus are eternal, this perfect day will last forever, not because of me, but because my Savior is perfect.

It is my responsibility to live this day to it's fullest. Won't you join me?

-Pastor Mel

NOTE - I wrote this back when the coronavirus was still somebody else's problem. How quickly life changes. God does not change however, and I still believe the warmth and light of God are forever and our Lord is still on the throne. Don't lose hope, don't lose faith, don't give up. Nothing in this world can take our lives, at least not our eternal lives. We are still in the hands of a loving God. Grace and love will win the day. Be safe in the days ahead.

## April Birthdays

2.....	Noah Borgman
3.....	Frances Ballard
4.....	Helen Baldwin
5.....	Bonnie Robinson Diana Phillips
6.....	Richard Webster
7.....	Thelma Seymour
9.....	Jesse Claussen
10.....	Angi Freitag John E. Smith
11.....	Kristal Stocker Glenda Eldridge
13.....	Jordy Gotschall Trisha Chapman
15.....	Mary Sorrill Leah Hamilton
16.....	Barbara Ginder Gloria Haley
17.....	Phil Benz Jo Baptist Kristin Clancy
19.....	Linda Tribble
20.....	Gale Waltrip Lynda Nolan Tyler Dirden Debbie Earp
22.....	Timm Pennell Ashley Cummings Sage McDade
23.....	Amy Hrynewych
24.....	Dick Hembrough
26.....	Diane Webster
27.....	Pat Baptist Reggie Jordan
29.....	Bonnie Minor Roena Henna

## April Anniversaries

7.....	Russell and Marilyn Kimmons
10.....	David and Janet Chamberlain
17.....	Gerald and Kathie Alderman
26.....	David and Karen Dirksmeyer

# FUSION Mission Trip

Sign Up for the June 27 - July 4

Colorado Springs, CO

6- 12 Grade, Contact Rachel or  
Kevin Hinkle

## K.I.C.K.S. Updates

### *Acolyte schedule*

- Apr. 5 - Matthew Hinkle
- Apr. 12 - Jackson Six
- Apr. 19 - Delaney Ruyle
- Apr. 26 - Noah Borgman

### *Teaching schedule*

#### Toddler Classroom

##### **Date Teacher/Assistant**

- Apr. 5 Katelin Six/Brian Six/Kayleigh Dirden
- Apr. 12 Katelin Six/Brian Six/Kayleigh Dirden
- Apr. 19 Katelin Six/Brian Six/Kayleigh Dirden
- Apr. 26 Katelin Six/Brian Six/Kayleigh Dirden

#### Preschool Classroom

##### **Date Teacher/Assistant**

- Apr. 5 Diana Phillips/Chloe McDannald
- Apr. 12 Diana Phillips/Chloe McDannald
- Apr. 19 Diana Phillips/Cindy Claussen/Chloe McDannald
- Apr. 26 Diana Phillips/Chloe McDannald

#### Elementary Classroom

##### **Date Teacher/Assistant**

- Apr. 5 Rusti Cummings/LuAnne Woodrum
- Apr. 12 Rachael Borgman/Debbie Belzer
- Apr. 19 Pat Manker
- Apr. 26 Rachael Borgman/Amy Stidham

**This schedule is subject to change.  
Please check the Centenary's online  
resources for the most up to date  
information.**

## MISSION NEWS

### *Midwest Mission Center is closed*

According to Chantel Corrie, Executive Director, “Midwest Mission will be closed to missionaries starting Tuesday, March 17th till April 1st. At that time, we will reevaluate. At this time, we will not be accepting any kind of donations. We have to be careful about protecting the safety of the inventory we already have that is scheduled to leave our building. We also have supplies for US natural disasters that we want to keep safe, as flood season is right around the corner. The center may send supplies in response to COVID-19 in the future, if needed.”

Individuals can continue to help at home. Look on the website <http://www.midwestmission.org/> for patterns to sew, crochet or knit. Don't sew? You can simply cut out flannel for our Feminine Hygiene Pads, Layette Diapers or make Plarn from plastic grocery bags (video on website) or learn to crochet a plastic sleeping mat for a homeless person in a developing country (video on website). Please be in prayer for the MMDC and continue to check their website and Facebook page for updates.

### *Flea-esta canceled*

The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary's annual FLEA-ESTA which was scheduled for April 24 and 25 has been canceled.

### *Lenten offering*

Part of our Lenten Offering will be used to support Mark and Becky Smallwood. They are teachers at Red Bird Christian School in the mountains of Kentucky. Mark was here at Centenary last spring with the Red Bird Choir for a concert.

The rest of the offering will go toward the new “Our Conference – Our Kids Campaign”. This campaign by the IGRC (Illinois Great Rivers Conference) will raise money to endow the spiritual life programs of its five child welfare agencies including: Baby Fold, Chaddock, Cunningham, Lessie Bate Davis Neighborhood House, and Spero Family Services.

An envelope was included with the March Messenger. Make checks to “Centenary UMC” with Lenten Offering in the memo line or make a donation on PayPal. We will continue to accept donation after Easter.

### *Advent offering \$\$*

Centenary's Advent Offering was divided between Red Bird Mission in Kentucky and Jacksonville's Salvation Army. \$500 was sent to each of them. Thanks to everyone for their support.

### *Thanks for food*

Thank you to everyone who donated food or money during our food drive for the Jacksonville Area Community Food Center. It is especially needed right now.

### *Recycling information*

Please check the flyer on the kitchen wall to see the changes on what can and cannot be recycled at Centenary. Centenary is considered a business so different rules apply than for private homes. Put recycled items in the black trash can without a trash liner near the closet door in the kitchen.

Only a new person can sing a new  
song. A person cannot praise God  
unless they understand that there is  
nothing in themselves worthy of  
praise, but that all is of God and  
from God.  
— Martin Luther

## *April Circle meetings*

The status of UMW circle meetings in April is currently unknown. Check with your circle leaders for updates.

## *Mother Daughter Banquet*

The tentative date for our annual UMW Mother/Daughter Banquet is Monday, May 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Hamilton Catering will serve a roasted chicken meal.

Program: Spirit Circle

Food: Hope Circle

Decorations and Set-up: FHS Circle

Advance ticket purchase is required. Tickets will be sold in the Narthex be on Sunday mornings on April 26 and May 3 or in the church office. The deadline to purchase tickets is Tuesday, May 5. Adults - \$10.00; Children (age 6 to 12) - \$5:00; Pre-school children - free. The UMW will provide a meal for the men who are willing to help with serving and clean-up.

**Please note that these are tentative plans considering the coronavirus. Watch for updates.**

## *March Communing with God*

**Activity** – Nature Scavenger Hunt (a planned group activity led by Terri B.)

**Scripture** – Psalm 96:11-12 – Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it. Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.

**Song** – Rocky Mountain High by John Denver  
Terri Benz, Education and Interpretation

## *Salad Luncheon*

Our United Methodist Women's Spring Salad Luncheon, Bazaar, and Bake Sale which was scheduled for April 1, has been canceled since it is not safe to have large gatherings at this time. Hopefully, we can reschedule later.

## *Quilt Show postponed*

Cunningham Children's Home in Urbana has postponed their annual Quilt Show which was scheduled for April 3 and 4. They hope to reschedule it later after restrictions on group gathering have been lifted. They encourage everyone to work on quilts and items for their boutique and gift shop in the meantime.

## *UMW Reading Program book reviews*

“Glory Happening: Finding the Divine in Everyday Places”, by Kaitlin B. Curtice is a 2020 selection in the Nurturing for Community category. The book is composed for stories and prayers that will remind you to take a close look find the magical beauty in everyday experiences, and live deeply in every moment, expecting that something good will find you. Once you experience glory, you have words to speak, a prayer to pray, and a story to tell. And so glory grows from a prayer to pray, and a story to tell. And so glory grows from person to person and community is created in the reality that God is in our midst.

Anne Dublin wrote “A cage Without Bars” that was chosen as a 2020 selection in the category of Social Action. It is 1492 and Queen Isabella and King Ferdinand of Spain have signed the Edict of Expulsion, giving Jews three months to leave the country. After escaping to Portugal with their parents, 12-year-old Joseph and his sister Gracia, along with hundreds of other Jewish children, are kidnapped and enslaved on an island off the coast of West Africa, where they are forcibly baptized and made to work on a sugar plantation. Joseph hold to the hope that one day he will be free.

(This is also a youth selection)

## *UMW membership*

All women in the Centenary family are welcome to be a part of our United Methodist Women. UMW members may participate in a circle or be a member-at-large. You don't need to be a member of Centenary to join UMW. Contact me or any UMW officer for more information.

*Jarice Crenshaw Membership, Nurture and Outreach*

## *Future UMW Dates*

**LaMoine Dist UMW Spring Meeting:**

Sat. Apr. 18, 9:00 am, Christ UMC in White Hall

**Mother-Daughter Banquet:** Mon, May 11, 6:00 p.m.

## *LaMoine District UMW*

### *Spring Gathering*

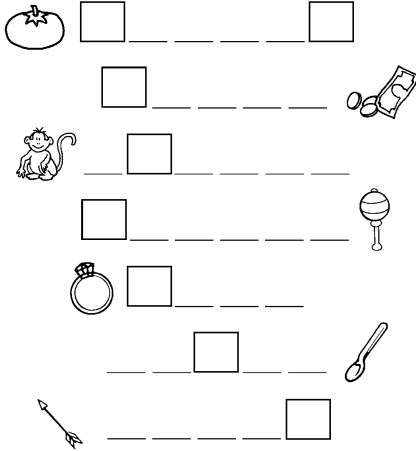
The LaMoine River District UMW Spring Meeting scheduled for April 18 at Christ UMW in White Hall has been canceled due to concerns about the coronavirus.





What else did Jesus say not to worry about?

Write the name of each word on the blanks.  
Transfer the letters in the boxes to the lines below.



"Do not worry about \_\_\_\_\_, for \_\_\_\_\_ will worry about itself."



Ages 7+

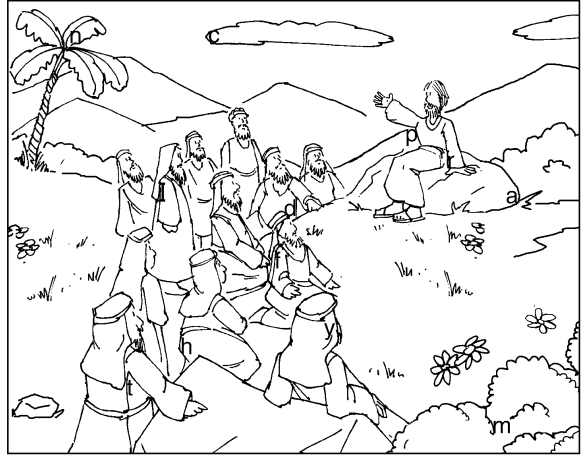
Matthew 6:25-34

### God Cares for Us

Jesus told His followers not to worry so much about food and clothes. How did He say it?

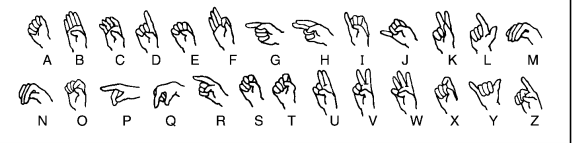
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"Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes?"



What else did Jesus say?

Use this sign language code to find out.

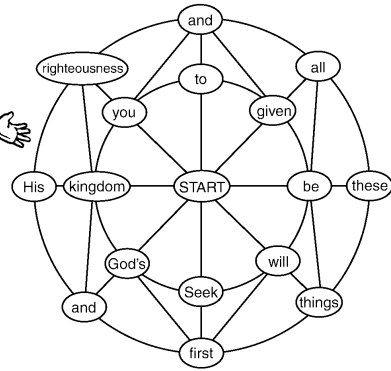


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Jesus asked, " Why do you worry ..."

What did Jesus say we should do instead of worrying?

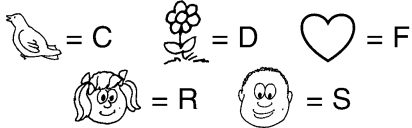
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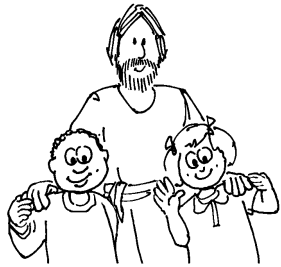
Jesus said, "Do not worry about what tomorrow will bring."

Use the code to fill in the missing letters below.



GO \_ \_      \_ A \_ E \_  
 (flower) (bird) (girl) (boy)

\_ O \_      U \_ .  
 (heart) (girl) (boy)



Ages 3+

Matthew 6:25-34

God Cares for Us

Jesus said, "Look at the birds in the air. God provides everything they need."

Count the birds in the picture. Trace the correct number. 9 or 10 or 11 ?











Jesus said, "Look at the flowers in the fields. God provides beautiful colors to clothe them."

Find the hidden objects in the picture.



God cares for us, too. God will provide the things we need.

Match the words.

 water	 food
 food	 water
 shelter	 clothes
 clothes	 shelter

Panel 4

What else did Jesus say not to worry about?

Write the name of each word on the blanks. Transfer the letters in the boxes to the lines below.

tomato  
money  
monkey  
rattle  
ring  
spoon  
arrow

"Do not worry about tomorrow for tomorrow will worry about itself."

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Panel 1

**Children's Worship Bulletin**  
March 22, 2020 • Matthew 6:25-34

God Cares for Us

Jesus told His followers not to worry so much about food and clothes. How did He say it?

Find the underlined letters in the picture below.

"Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes?"

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Panel 4

Jesus said, "Do not worry about what tomorrow will bring."

Use the code to fill in the missing letters below.

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🐼 = R   😊 = S

G O D   C A R E S  
F O R   U S.

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Panel 2

What else did Jesus say?

Use this sign language code to find out.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

"Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns and yet your heavenly Father feeds them."

Jesus asked, "Why do you worry ...?"

Panel 3

What did Jesus say we should do instead of worrying?

Start at the center and follow the arrows to fill in the blanks.

"Seek first God's kingdom and His righteousness and all these things will be given to you."

Panel 2

Jesus said, "Look at the flowers in the fields. God provides beautiful colors to clothe them."

Find the hidden objects in the picture.

Panel 3

God cares for us, too. God will provide the things we need.

Match the words.

water	food
food	water
shelter	clothes
clothes	shelter

## Lord's Prayer - 20 Second Hand Washing Project

Our God, who lives in Heaven  
 Hallowed be your name  
 Your Kingdom come, Your will be done  
 on earth, as it is in heaven.  
 Give us today our daily bread  
 and forgive us our trespasses  
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
 Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
 For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory  
 for ever. Amen

**Centenary United Methodist  
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For the following special occasion:

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- \_\_\_ *Christmas* \_\_\_ *Other* \_\_\_\_\_

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New Directions Warming/Cooling Center	
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Baby Fold, The (Normal)	
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<b>OTHER</b>	
Name: _____	

# A P R I L 2 0 2 0

**NOTICE:**

All scheduled events in April are subject to the limitations imposed by the coronavirus. Please check our Facebook page or Website for the latest information. For those of you unable to access the online church, information will be shared by phone or mail.

	Wed., Apr. 1	Thurs., Apr. 2	Fri., Apr. 3	Sat., Apr. 4
	6 pm - Education (S) 7:30 pm - AI-Anon (F)			
	Wed., Apr. 8	Thurs., Apr. 9	Fri., Apr. 10	Sat., Apr. 10
	6:30 pm - FHS Circle 7:30 pm - AI-Anon (F) 6:30 pm - Missions	Noon - Hope Circle		
	Wed., Apr. 15	Thurs., Apr. 16	Fri., Apr. 17	Sat., Apr. 18
	1:30 pm - Ruth Circle 7:30 pm - AI-Anon (F) 6:30 pm - Book Club (P)	9 am - Messenger Deadline		
	Wed., Apr. 22	Thurs., Apr. 23	Fri., Apr. 24	Sat., Apr. 25
	7:30 pm - AI-Anon (F)	9 am - Messenger Folding Party 6 pm - Spirit Circle		
	Wed., Apr. 29	Wed., Apr. 30	Wed., Apr. 31	
				<u>Abbreviations</u> (F) Fellowship Hall (P) Parlor (S) Adult Sunday School Room (N) Narthex
	Tues., Apr. 7	Tues., Apr. 14	Tues., Apr. 21	Tues., Apr. 28
	6-9 am - SafeCo Fellowship 9:30 am - Bible Study @ Barb Woodlridge's	6-9 am - SafeCo Fellowship 9:30am - Bible Study @ Barb Woodlridge's	6-9 am - SafeCo Fellowship 9:30 am - Bible Study @ Barb Woodlridge's	6-9 am - SafeCo Fellowship 9:30 am - Bible Study @ Barb Woodlridge's
	Mon., Apr. 6	Mon., Apr. 13	Mon., Apr. 20	Mon., Apr. 27
	10 am - Staff Mtg. 6 pm - MNBS (P) 6 pm - Finance (P)	10 am - Staff Mtg. 6 pm - MNBS (P)	8 am - MMDC Workday 10 am - Staff Mtg 6 pm - MNBS (P)	10 am - Staff Mtg. 6 pm - MNBS (P)
	Sun., Apr. 5	Sun., Apr. 12	Sun., Apr. 19	Sun., Apr. 26
	Holy Communion			Pennies for Hunger

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# Holy Week Schedule

This schedule is subject to change due to circumstances beyond Centenary's control. Please check the church's Facebook page or the Website: [www.jaxcentenary.org](http://www.jaxcentenary.org) for updated information.

## Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 9  
6:00 p.m.

- Foot Washing
- Holy Communion
- Stripping of the Church

Childcare will be available for all services.

## Good Friday

Friday, April 10  
6:00 p.m.

- Choir
- Video Presentations
- Readings

## Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 12

- Sunrise Service  
(To Be Determined)
- Traditional Service  
8:15 a.m.
- Contemporary Service  
10:45 a.m.

*"Join the fun at an Easter Egg Hunt during children's Sunday School"*