

# The Messenger

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

**September 2020**



## Pastor's Corner

Pastor Mel Nielsen  
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**13 Then people brought little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked them. 14 Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." 15 When he had placed his hands on them, he went on from there. Matthew 19:13-15 (N.I.V.)**

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Bill, 5, and Ryan, 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake. I can wait.' Bill turned to his younger brother and said, 'Ryan, you be Jesus.'

Do any of us want to be Jesus? Really? A doubter once told me Jesus gets all the glory but never has to face the blame. If that were the case, maybe I would want to be Jesus, at least for a day. There are so many disagreements going on these days, socially, politically and scientifically. Probably more than that, but you get the point.

You may know that I have been praying for our teachers and school administrators. I have asked you to pray along with me that a sustainable and safe answer may be found to the question of school safety this year.

This school year is filled with more anxiety than any other school year. I know what it is like to be part of a team that wants to provide a worship experience while keeping everyone safe, but those who attend in person are capable of making their own decisions.

I think about how much trust children give to adults. After parents or family, teachers are probably second on a kid's list of people they trust. In the worst

scenarios, teachers may even be first. Children don't even realize they are extending trust, they inherently know when something feels safe and comfortable.

Imagine the burden of having to provide an education for a child, then add a nurturing, comforting and safe space where kids are willing to extend trust? Sounds like a call for some Jesus type strength. I don't know what this school year will hold, I do know our teachers could use some prayers.

Suddenly, they are on the front lines of a virus that none of us have fully figured out yet. They need to figure new and innovative ways to help our kids learn. We also need to include the janitors, cafeteria workers, administrators, support staff, bus drivers and others who are working in a world filled with unknowns.

Standing in the midst of all the adults debating the safety issues stands the child seeking to trust someone. So pray for them, too.

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## Centenary UMC

### Church Staff

Pastor.....Mel Nielsen  
Coordinator of Outreach  
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Music Director.....Terri Benz  
Contemporary Worship Leader.....Rachel Hinkle  
Parish Visitor.....Jane Lair  
Custodian.....Patty Adcock  
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Illinois Great Rivers Conference Website: [www.igrc.org](http://www.igrc.org)

**Please Note: Due to the pandemic, all dates in September are subject to postponement, change or cancelation.**

***Sunday Morning Schedule***

Traditional Worship Service.....8:15 a.m.  
 In the Pavilion  
 Sunday School (all ages).....Online  
 Fellowship Hour.....Postponed  
 Contemporary Worship Service.....10:45 a.m.  
 In the Pavilion

***Special Worship Services***

Holy Communion.....None in September

***Special Offerings***

Pennies for Hunger.....Sun., Sept. 27

***Mission Opportunities***

AlAnon Meeting.....every Wed., 7:30 p.m., Pavilion  
 Donate Blood.....Postponed  
 MMDC Work Day.....Postponed

***Leadership Opportunities***

Ad Council.....Wed., Sept. 9, 6:00 p.m. Zoom  
 Finance .....Wed., Sept. 16, 5:45  
 Missions.....Wed., Sept. 9, 4:00 p.m.

**All meetings held in the Pavilion or Online until further notice**

***Children's Ministries***

Sunday School.....Online

***Music Practices***

Chancel Choir.....Postponed

***Bible/Book Studies***

Lectionary Bible Study.....Sept. 1, 15 and 29, 9:30 a.m.  
 @ Church Pavilion  
 Women's Book Club.....Sept 8, 6:30  
 @ Church Pavilion

***Communications***

Mini-Messenger Deadline.....Postponed  
 Messenger Deadline.....Thurs., Sept. 24, 9 a.m.

***Fellowship Opportunities***

Fellowship Hour.....Postponed

***Sunday Morning Helpers***

**Please Note:  
 Due to the pandemic, there will be no need for liturgists, greeters, communion stewards or fellowship host/hostesses in September.**

**PASTOR**

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I recall standing in the pulpit at this time last year and praying for the safety of our teachers and children in school for a whole different virus, the virus of violence. I'm sure that reason is still nagging at some individuals, so we still need to pray for God's intervention in their lives.

I started this column with a joke about two little kids, to remind us of the innocence, warmth and playfulness of children. My prayer is the same for this school year, innocence, warmth and days filled with playfulness, and maybe a little learning along the way.

Let us not cease to be in prayer for this school year.  
 – Pastor Mel

***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.

**Your generosity is needed to help make the churches budget during these days of separation.**

**Needed**  
 2020 Annual Budget..... \$360,174.00  
 Needed Monthly..... \$30,014.50

**Year to Date through August 31**  
 Received ..... \$212,885.76  
 Current Annual Track..... -\$147,349.96

Avg. Monthly donations so far through 2020.....\$26,610.72

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

### *Acolyte schedule*

September 6 - Otto Zang  
 September 13 - Jack Borgman  
 September 20 - Matthew Hinkle  
 September 27 - Jackson Six

#### **Please Note:**

**Due to the pandemic, there will be no need for teachers or volunteers for the month of September.**

### *Sunday School Reminder*

Check out the Sunday school lesson each week on the Sunday school Facebook page and be sure to download the Deep Blue Adventures app so that your student can watch the video for that week's story.



## *It will soon be time for Doorbell Dinners?*

Centenary UMC is scheduled to deliver Doorbell Dinners the week of September 28- October 2.

The Doorbell Dinner Program assists persons who 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.

## *Upcoming Worship Schedule*

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

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

### **September 6**

14th Sunday after Pentecost  
 Altar Color - White  
 "Forbidden or Permitted"  
 OT: Matthew 18:15-20

### **September 13**

15th Sunday after Pentecost  
 Altar Color - Green  
 "Heart of God"  
 Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

### **September 20**

16th Sunday after Pentecost  
 Altar Color - Green  
 "Generosity"  
 Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

### **September 27**

17th Sunday after Pentecost  
 Altar Color - Green  
 "Approval"  
 NT: Matthew 21:23-27

### **October 4**

18th Sunday after Pentecost  
 Altar Color - Green  
 "Communion of the Heart"  
 NT: Matthew 21:33-46

### **October 11**

19th Sunday after Pentecost  
 Altar Color - White  
 "If the Robe Fits"  
 OT: Matthew 22:1-14



# CELEBRATE WOMEN VOTING!

On August 18, 1920 the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was signed. It finally gave women the right to vote! Today we sometimes take that right for granted. Obtaining the right to vote for women was a long, difficult struggle for our foremothers. This month is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of that victory. Let's celebrate it!

Several documentaries have recently been on television about the struggles that women went through to convince men that they should be allowed to vote. It took lots of dedicated women many years to convince Congress and President Wilson to pass the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment giving women the right to vote in federal elections.

After congress acted, the amendment had to be ratified by 3/4<sup>th</sup> of the states to become law. Illinois was one of the first states to approve the amendment.

In August 1920 one more state was needed to ratify the amendment. The Tennessee legislature was evenly divided on the issue. A Tennessee farm widow, Febb Burn, played a decisive role in earning women the right to vote and changed U.S. history. She wrote a letter to her son, Henry T. Burn, a 2<sup>nd</sup>-year old freshmen representative in the House of the Tennessee General Assembly.

Her letter said, *"Vote for suffrage and don't keep them in doubt. Don't forget to be a good boy and help."* With the letter from his mother in his pocket, he broke a "8-8 deadlock by changing his vote to Yes. **One mother's plea to her son allowed the suffrage amendment to be ratified and signed into law!**

It is important that all of us use this right to vote wisely. Study the issues and learn about each of the candidates. Don't just listen the ads and sound bites. **Educate yourself and be sure to VOTE!**

## September Birthdays

- 2.....Todd Spangenberg
- 4.....Kristine Earp
- 5.....Jared Plunk  
Maley Kindred
- 6.....Cruce Stiltz
- 8.....Ryan Benz
- 9.....Rusti Cummings
- 10.....Roy Robinson
- 11.....Stephen Mosley
- 12.....Drew Conklin
- 13.....Kristy Dirden  
Mike Spradlin  
Janet Chamberlain
- 16.....Alaina Sparrow
- 20.....Phyllis Woods
- 23.....Daphne Spradlin  
Debbie Pond  
Donna Tolbert
- 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  
Max Hrynewych

## September Anniversaries

- 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

## Mission News

### *American Cancer Society Festival of Hope*

The Tri-County Festival of Hope (formerly Relay for Life) will be held on Saturday, September 12 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm at Lincoln Avenue Baptist Church. Due to the current safety issues related to the pandemic, it will be a drive through with luminarias only. Survivors will be honored as they drive through.

Luminarias will honor those who have lost their lives due to cancer, those who are survivors, and caregivers. Luminarias cost \$5 each. A luminaria form is included in this Messenger on page 11. Return the form to the church along with your \$5 donation. You can also purchase a Luminaria on the event website at <http://www.relayforlife.org/TriIL>

The Centenary Cancer Crusaders have traditionally participated in Relay for Life. We can't have our usual campsite, but it would be great to show our support by having a team. If you are willing to be part of our team, sign up on the event website or contact Martha Vaché. Donations can be given on line at <http://www.relayforlife.org/TriIL>, sent to Centenary UMC, or given to Martha Vache or any team member. The money will go to support the American Cancer Society. Keep up-to-date by going to Tri-County's New Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/triilrelay/>

### *MMDC volunteers*

The Midwest Mission Distribution Center is once again accepting volunteers who register in advance. Check with Martha Vaché if you are interested in participating. The center has been busy distributing COVID supplies. Since annual conferences in the surrounding states were all canceled, the usual in-gathering of donations couldn't be held. Therefore, there is a special need for donations at this time. Donations can be made by a check to Centenary or by going to the MMDC website: <http://www.midwestmission.org/>.

### *Our Conference Our Kids update*

The "Our Conference Our Kids" Campaign has raised \$1,431,875.01 to endow a fund to support chaplains at our five IGRC agencies (Baby Fold, Chaddock, Cunningham's Children's Home, Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House, and SPERO) that deal with children. Churches have been asked to continue working toward the goal of \$2.5 million.

Centenary will take a special offering on September 20. Donations can be also be given online or mailed to the church office.

### *Special Sunday offerings missed*

Because we haven't been able to hold our usual worship services in the church sanctuary, we weren't able to collect our Special Sunday offerings. If you would like to make a donation to any of the special ministries listed below, it is not too late. Put your donation in an envelope in the offering box on Sunday, mail it to the church, or give online. Please indicate if you want your donation divided between all the Special Sundays or list the particular one(s) that you want to give your donation to.

- (1) UMCOR Sunday -  
formerly One Great Hour of Sharing
- (2) Native American Ministries Sunday
- (3) Golden Cross - United Methodist within our IGRC  
(Older Adult Ministries, Children and Family  
Ministries, Hospital)

**"God's work done  
in God's way  
will never lack  
God's supply"  
— Hudson Taylor**

## *Annual Conference meets virtually*

8/15/2020

By Paul Black

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference gathered online for its first ever virtual annual conference session on Aug. 15. The theme of the single-day gathering with a two-hour clergy session and a three-hour plenary session was Let's Get Fired Up: On Holy Ground.

Despite the limitations brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic, conferees were able to worship and gather for Christian conferencing. IGRC Communications collaborated to produce a hybrid, part-live, part-recorded Annual Conference. Worship leader Cynthia Wilson provided music for both the opening and closing worship. Music was also provided by several music groups of Pekin Grace UMC. Attendees gathered virtually via Zoom web conferencing or by attending one of the 13 remote locations throughout the annual conference. Slightly more than 1,022 attended annual conference from home and another 166 attended through one of the remote sites and voted manually with marshals reporting vote totals via text messaging to the Annual Conference secretarial staff who aggregated the vote totals.

Leading up to the single-day conference, services were aired recognizing 31 retirees with a combined 868 years of service was held Aug. 10; the Cabinet Address on Aug. 11; A Memorial Service remembering clergy, clergy spouses and lay members to annual conference that had passed away in the previous year and remembrance of 10 congregations with a combined 1,561 years of ministry that have completed their mission – Center UMC; Claremont UMC; Dix UMC; LaHarpe UMC, Lawrenceville Otterbein UMC; New Salem UMC; Ohio Chapel UMC; Orange Chapel UMC; Tiskilwa UMC; and Vermont UMC – on Aug. 12; and Bishop Frank J. Beard's Episcopal Address on Aug. 13.

The Annual Conference approved a 2021 budget of \$11,206,875 – a reduction of 7.38 percent. While budgets have been relatively flat over the past 10 years,

the total returns the spending level to 2014 levels. The \$893,033 reduction comes on the heels of apportionment collections of 88 percent in 2019, down from 95 percent in 2018. The Conference ended 2019 with a \$276,000 deficit which was addressed by using reserves of previous years' surpluses.

This year, the Conference provided 312 congregations a forgivable loan during the pandemic at a cost of just over \$1 million. The amounts were based upon apportionments paid in the three previous years and the percentage of apportionments paid in 2020 will determine the percentage of forgiveness to the loans. The conference also provided funds for 150 food ministries at a cost of \$75,000 and 72 micro-grants to enhance technology in congregations.

Legislatively, the conference announced that the health insurance allowance paid to full-time pastors will remain at \$17,500 for 2020. The conference also approved a 2.1 percent increase to its minimum salaries. In 2021, the salaries will go to \$45,290 for clergy in full connection, associate members and provisional elders; and \$41,560 for full-time local pastors.

Retirees under the pre-1982 pension plan will see a 2 percent increase to \$810 per active service year in 2021.

The Conference approved a transportation procedure and language regarding cyberbullying recommended by the Bishop's Task Force on Relational Ethics as an addition to the conference's Abuse Prevention Policy for Children and Vulnerable Adults.

The Conference also remembered the ministry of MacMurray College which closed its doors in May after 174 years as a college affiliated with The United Methodist Church.

The Clergy Session approved the election of one associate member, nine elders in full connection, one deacon in full connection. They also approved the commissioning of four provisional elders, one provisional deacon; and celebrated the graduation of four local pastors from Course of Study.

Membership stands at 115,959 in 2019, down 2,722 (2.3 percent) from 2018. Average worship attendance is 49,270, down 2,426 (4.7 percent). Church school attendance stands at 16,206, down 840.

The 2021 Annual Conference will be held June 10-12, 2021, at the Peoria Civic Center in Peoria, Ill

## Actual Church Bulletin Bloopers

- The Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled.  
Proceeds will be used to cripple children.
- The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday morning.
- Our youth basketball team is back in action Wednesday at 8 PM in the recreation hall.  
Come out and watch us kill Christ the King.
- The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been canceled due to a conflict.
- Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love.  
Say "Hell" to someone who doesn't care much about you.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
- Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church.  
So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
- At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What Is Hell?"  
Come early and listen to our choir practice.
- This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church.  
Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.
- Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church.  
Please use large double door at the side entrance.
- The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday:  
"I Upped My Pledge--Up Yours"
- The Fasting and Prayer Conference includes meals.
- The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'
- Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
- Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.
- Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
- Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.
- Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.
- The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.
- Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.
- The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind.  
They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.
- Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10 AM.  
All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B. S. Is done.
- Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.
- The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM.  
The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

## United Methodist Women News

### *UMW Reading Program book reviews*

Again this month, the reviews are of books that were not purchased for our church library. They may be at the Jacksonville Library or they may find them for you at another library.

A 2020 Spiritual Growth selection is If I Should Die Before I Live: Meditations for Seniors by Richard Renwick Smyth. “What if I should die before I feel life is full?” This question is deeply personal and hauntingly spiritual – a challenge to revisit the dynamics of faith, love and hope. This book especially for seniors, offers meditations that:

- Focus on spiritual vitality and energize faith
- Reach beyond a biological birth-death time frame.
- Touch on continuity beyond earth-time
- Motivate people to act in love
- Foster perspective and wholesome relationships
- Offer healing for the heart-hungry

In the area of Nurturing for Community, the 2020 selection Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission by Ellen Blue is a timely book. In it you will explore and celebrate the history of United Methodist Women and its predecessor organizations. Despite serious resistance from churchmen, our foremothers formed foreign missionary societies and home missionary societies and helped establish the deaconess program. As United Methodist Women celebrated its 150th anniversary, members can step out with creative ministries because the women who came before us laid a strong foundation.

### *Love Visit Cards*

Members of Centenary United Methodist Women traditionally make up plates of cookies and take them to those in the Jacksonville area who are on our Love Visit list. This year because of the pandemic, we didn't feel that making that personal contact that was a safe. Instead we showered our Centenary friends with cards. We want everyone to know that we miss seeing them and are thinking of them.

### *Circle meetings*

Several of the circles have met informally this summer in Centenary's pavilion. It was wonderfully to have a safe place to gather and visit with each other.

The For Heaven Sake Circle spearheaded the online auction to raise money to help payoff the remaining debt on the pavilion. The total deposited was \$3,633.88.

Thank you to everyone who made donations or purchased items at the online auction. A very special “Thank you” to Jess and Daphne Spradlin and the members of the FHS Circle members for all their hard work on the auction.

### *LaMoine District Annual Meeting*

All UMW members are encouraged to participate in the Virtual LaMoine River District UMW Fall Annual Meeting on September 19 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. You can participate via “Lifesize” on your computer, tablet, or mobile phone.

The IGRC UMW Celebration will also be held virtually on “Lifesize”. It is scheduled for Saturday, October 3 from 9:00 am to noon.

Advance registration is required for both the district and conference meetings and can be done at the same time. Directions on how to register for the meetings are included on the LaMoine Annual Meeting flyer. Paul Black from the IGRC Center will facilitate both meetings. Please see flyer on page 9.

### *August Communing with God*

**Activity** – Watch both the sunrise and the sunset in the same day.

**Scripture** – **Romans 1:20** – For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities – his eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen.

**Song** – When Morning Gilds the Skies

Terri Benz, Education and Interpretation





*Illinois Great Rivers Conference  
United Methodist Women boldly goes where  
no IGRC UMW has gone before . . .  
24<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration -- Virtually!*

*Saturday, October 3, 2020  
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.*

**The annual celebration on October 3, 2020, will be a virtual meeting due to COVID-19 issues.**

**Watch your inbox for directions on registering to join this gathering!**

**Even though we are unable to meet face-to-face, our mission partners need our help more than ever. Please look for information soon on sending your offerings and pledges.**

## *The American Cancer Society Festival of Hope – Tri County Drive Through Event Scheduled For September 12*

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the annual Relay For Life of Tri County will be held as a Drive-Thru Event on September 12th from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. in the parking lot of Lincoln Avenue Baptist Church. The Relay For Life of Tri County (also known as Festival of Hope of Tri County) event is all about togetherness, but the safety of our patients, survivors, volunteers and staff is always a top priority.

“During this difficult time, cancer won’t stop, and neither will we,” said Jessica Poff, Community Development Manager with the American Cancer Society. “Even though we cannot currently be face-to-face, we’re committed to continuing to fight cancer head-on and hope that you will stand together with us, even when we’re apart.”

Be part of the American Cancer Society movement and continue to celebrate people who have been touched by cancer, remember loved ones lost, and take action for lifesaving change. Join us this fall and continue the fight from home and be a part of the attack on cancer with the American Cancer Society. The 9/12 event will feature a beautiful Luminaria display, a cancer survivor and caregiver recognition, and an opportunity to shine HOPE for all during this difficult time. Luminaria bags are only a \$5 donation and can be purchased online at [www.relayforlife.org/triil](http://www.relayforlife.org/triil), [jessica.poff@cancer.org](mailto:jessica.poff@cancer.org), or contacting Sandra Pekarek at 473-4842.

The American Cancer Society’s mission matters more than ever. The needs of people facing cancer continue and so does our work. Cancer patients still need support during this crisis. Funds raised help the American Cancer Society to continue with cancer research, the 24/7 helpline, and for continuing services to get patients the care and support they need where we can. During 2019 in Illinois alone, more than \$17 million in research was funded

by ACS at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital, Loyola University, Northwestern University, University of Chicago, and University of Illinois. More than 26,000 rides were provided for patients to and from cancer related treatments, 51 health systems partnered with ACS to increase colorectal cancer screenings in IL, , over 9,000 nights of free or reduced-cost lodging provided, and over 30,000 answered calls through the 24/7 helpline at 1-800-227-2345. All of this was just in Illinois because of the support of our volunteers, sponsors, and donors.

Help continue to bring hope to those that need it most. Join our Relay For Life/Festival of Hope of Tri County to help those facing cancer. Visit us at [www.RelayForLife.org/TriIL](http://www.RelayForLife.org/TriIL) for more information, to sign up as a cancer survivor or caregiver, or make a donation. You may also follow us on Facebook at [www.Facebook.com/](http://www.Facebook.com/)

TRI COUNTY, IL

**LIGHT THE FIGHT  
LUMINARIA TRIBUTE**

**September 12, 2020  
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
Lincoln Avenue  
Baptist Church**

**A drive-thru experience honoring those who have been  
impacted by cancer in our community. Survivor &  
Caregiver Drive-Thru Laps held during event**

FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
[WWW.RELAYFORLIFE.ORG/TRIIL](http://WWW.RELAYFORLIFE.ORG/TRIIL)  
1-800-227-2345



# Brighten the Night

Each Luminaria Bag:  
\$5 donation per tribute



**White Luminaria Bag**  
(In Memory or In Honor of Someone who has/had cancer)

**Purple Appreciation Bag**  
(For Caregivers)

## And Join The Fight!

“Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, our Relay For Life of Tri County will look a little different this year. Instead of our normal community festival atmosphere, we will be featuring only a beautiful drive-through Luminaria Tribute in the parking lot of Lincoln Avenue Baptist Church on September 12<sup>th</sup> from 6-9 p.m. Cancer Survivors, Caregivers, and Community Members are encouraged to drive through our event as we “Light The Fight”. Cancer Survivors & Caregivers are encouraged to decorate their car or have a sign listing that they are a survivor and/or caregiver, so as they travel through the display they will be celebrated while they “take their lap”. We will have a limited number of event leadership team volunteers on site to receive donations, answer questions, and wave at everyone as they travel through. Luminaria bags may be purchased in advance by visiting the website at [www.relayforlife.org/TriIL](http://www.relayforlife.org/TriIL), calling 1-800-227-2345, completing a Luminaria Order Form (located on our website), or by contacting a Relay For Life team captain. Please follow our **\*new\*** Facebook page @TriCountyRFL”

In Memory – (Cancer patient no longer living)	In Honor – (Cancer Survivor)	Caregiver	Name of person or what bag is to say—One name per Bag please (Please Print Clearly and check appropriate boxes)

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Please clearly write additional wording for Bag on back of page\***

Total Amount Due/Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Credit \_\_\_\_\_

Team Name \_\_\_\_\_ Do we need to make your bag? Y N

*Can also be purchased online at [www.RelayForLife.org/TriIL](http://www.RelayForLife.org/TriIL) or by mailing form/payment to:  
RFL Tri County Luminaria/Sandra Pekarek 513 Lincoln Avenue, Jacksonville, IL 62650 OR [jessica.poff@cancer.org](mailto:jessica.poff@cancer.org)*

**Centenary United Methodist  
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**

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Bell Tower/Steeple Fund		
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<b>JACKSONVILLE</b>		
A Cup of Cold Water (Local Emergency needs)		
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Jacksonville Area Food Center		
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New Directions Warming/Cooling Center		
<b>MIDWEST</b>		
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		
<b>INTERNATIONAL</b>		
Church World Service/CROP		
Heifer Project		
UMCOR (United Methodist Com. on Relief)		
<b>MISSIONARIES</b>		
Mark & Rebecca Smallwood/Red Bird School		
<b>OTHER</b>		
Name:		

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	Tues., Sept. 1	Wed., Sept. 2	Thurs., Sept. 3	Fri., Sept. 4	Sat., Sept. 5
Abbreviations (F) Fellowship Hall (P) Parlor (S) Adult Sunday School Room (N) Narthex (O) Pavilion	9:30 am - Bible Study @ Pavilion (O)				
<b>Sun., Sept. 6</b>	<b>Mon., Sept. 7</b> 10 am - Staff Mtg.	<b>Wed., Sept. 9</b> 4 pm Missions (O) 7:00 Ad Council to vote on 2021 budget via Zoom 7:30 pm - Al-Anon (O)	<b>Thurs., Sept. 10</b>	<b>Fri., Sept. 11</b>	<b>Sat., Sept. 12</b>
<b>Sun., Sept. 13</b>	<b>Mon., Sept. 14</b> 10 am - Staff Mtg.	<b>Tues., Sept. 15</b> 6:30 pm - Women's Book Club @ Pavilion (O)	<b>Thurs., Sept. 17</b>	<b>Fri., Sept. 18</b>	<b>Sat., Sept. 19</b>
<b>Sun., Sept. 20</b>	<b>Mon., Sept. 21</b> 10 am - Staff Mtg.	<b>Tues., Sept. 22</b> 9:30 am - Bible Study @ Pavilion (O)	<b>Thurs., Sept. 24</b> 9 am - Messenger Deadline	<b>Fri., Sept. 25</b>	<b>Sat., Sept. 26</b>
<b>Sun., Sept. 27</b> Pennies for Hunger	<b>Mon., Sept. 28</b> 10 am - Staff Mtg.	<b>Tues., Sept. 29</b> 9:30 am - Bible Study @ Pavilion (O)	<b>Wed., Sept. 30</b> 7:30 pm - Al-Anon (O)	<b>NOTICE:</b> Due to the pandemic all scheduled meetings and events in September are subject to change. 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.	

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## Join us for Worship in our Pavilion

We are holding weekly Sunday services  
under the roof in our new Pavilion.

**Worship times are 8:30 and 10:45.**

Face masks are required and social distancing will be observed.  
Please bring your own lawn chair. We have an FM Transmitter  
if you would like attend but remain in your car.



**-OR-**

## Connect Online

Until we are ALL able to safely gather together on Sunday mornings, a video of the Sunday message/service will be posted on the Facebook page at on Sunday mornings as well as a printed transcript on the website.

A mid-week devotion will also be posted on Facebook every Wednesday afternoon.

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

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