



The Messenger

Lifting Up Jesus In The Heart Of Jacksonville

Outdoor July Services open with Beautiful Weather and VBS Kids

Sunday, July 3 saw Centenary move outside to the pavilion for a 10:30 a.m. worship service. That was followed by a potluck lunch. This was a special Sunday as the church 'Kicked Off' its General Stewardship Campaign. Members and friends were asked to bring forth their pledge cards which were placed in a basket. 60 members and friends were in attendance and witnessed a small group of children share one of their Vacation Bible School songs and a VBS video was also displayed during the service. Meat was provided and there were plenty of salads, side dishes and desserts.



The heat of summer is upon us. Like you needed me to remind you of that. Seems like this dome of heat has decided to take up permanent residence right over Jacksonville. 90° sounds great around the middle of January, but after a few weeks at 90 or above and I start longing for middle of January day, well maybe middle of March day.

Mark Twain once said, "Everybody talks about the weather but nobody does anything about it." Isn't that true about most things? Talking takes less money and requires less energy than doing, but doing is how we get things done.

Jesus talked a lot, told parables and shared stories and spent time talking to most everyone he met. The Lord also did. Jesus walked, Jesus touched, Jesus healed, Jesus performed miracles, Jesus changed people's lives, both physically and spiritually. Through everything Jesus did, the Lord taught us how to do the very same things.

We have been charged with doing; we have been invited to engage ourselves in the world around us. Don't remain in the boat, come follow me. Don't remain in that tax collector's booth, come follow me. Don't remain up in that tree, come and follow me. Jesus has been called the stream of living water. Streams are continually moving, never standing still, always moving towards the next bend.

Even the quietest stream makes some noise. Jesus is like a stream of water; always moving, doing and talking at the same time. I have been given twice the time Jesus was and I have accomplished far less. I don't believe God keeps score, but that does not equate never trying. Centenary needs for all of you to keep trying. It

IN MEMORY

Margaret Little.....July 21, 2022

WEEKLY WORSHIP

Weekly Worship Services9:00 am
Sunday School for all ages.....10:00 am
Beginning on August 21
Fellowship HourBefore and after Worship

SPECIAL SUNDAY EVENTS

Holy CommunionSunday, August 7
Pennies For HungerSunday, August 28

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Donate Blood.....1st and 2nd Mondays, 11 - 6

COMMUNICATIONS

Messenger DeadlineThurs., August 25, 9 am

BIBLE STUDIES

Tuesday Morning
Bible StudyAug. 2, 16 & 30 9:30 am
In the Parlor

SMALL GROUPS

AlAnon MeetingWednesdays, 7:30 pm
Ladies Book Club.....Tues., Aug.16, 6:30 pm
Prayer MeetingMondays 8:15 am
In the Parlor

Ladies Book Club



The August Ladies Book Club will meet on Tues., August 16, 6:30 pm in the Parlor.

The featured book will be *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly

Centenary Staff

Pastor

Mel Nielsen

Office Manager

Rachel Hinkle

Office Finance Manager

Christi Kennedy

Music Director

Terri Benz

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Rachel Hinkle

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Centenary's Missionaries

Mark and Rebecca Smallwood

Teachers at Redbird Mission

in Kentucky

Children's Ministry News

AUGUST ACOLYTES

August 7 Crue and Lane Stiltz
August 14 Grant and Garrett Kennedy
August 21 Otto and Clyde Zang
August 28 Aspen Hayes and Max Hrynewych

TEACHING SCHEDULE

Toddler/Pre-K classroom

Teacher: Diana Phillips
Assistant: Kayleigh Dirden

Elementary Classroom

Teachers: Rusti Cummings and Nancy Hardy
Assistants:

1st Sunday - Jack Borgman
2nd Sunday - LuAnn Woodrum
3rd Sunday - Ashley Westenberger
4th Sunday - Amy Stidham

Middle School

Rachael Borgman, Mary Tomlin
and Linda Tribble.

High School

Pastor Mel Nielsen

HELP WANTED

Sunday School Volunteer Sought

Centenary is currently seeking a volunteer to assist our Nursery Attendant. The church is required to have two adults in the nursery. If you are willing to help, please see Pastor Mel.



Back to School Bash!

Sunday School families:
join us at worship on

Sunday, August 14, 9:00 am for
Blessing of the Backpacks
Promotion Sunday
Bible Presentation
incoming Kindergarten and 3rd Graders
Acolyte Training

After service there will be a short acolyte training followed by brunch (breakfast pizzas, donuts and drinks)
A small bounce house and an inflatable water slide will be set up. Bring lawn chairs, swimsuits and towels.

Sunday, August 21, 9:00 am

The Education committee will have a Sunday school teacher moment of recognition and appreciation.

Sunday School will resume at 10 am.

DON'T FORGET

Sunday, July 31

Pool Party at
Hrynewych Home 2-4 pm

August Birthdays

2	Landyn Flynn Adallyn Flynn James McClarey Eliza McClarey
3	Jerry McArtor Susan Pennell
6	Robert Minor
7	Mark Stiltz
8	Gregory Ginder Clyde Zang
10	Gerald Alderman Matthew Hinkle Sara Woodrum
11	Nancy Robinson Becky Woiwode
12	Diane Stocker
16	Bill Latham
17	Jennifer Yamilkoski John Steckel
18	Thomas Jordan
23	Julie Cerda
28	LeeAnn Stelling
29	Jace Birdsell Rhoda Walker
30	Brenda Lane Brian Pond

August Anniversaries

2	Brian and Rachael Borgman
3	Steve and LuAnn Woodrum
4	Matthew and Nancy Hardy
7	Rev. Robert and Janice Foulk
12	Edward and Roberta Randorf
14	Mark and Debbie Belzer Charlie and Beverly Rhine
15	Rev. Jean and Dick Hembrough Mick and Victoria Selby
16	Jim and Diane Stocker
19	Bob and Amy Stidham
28	Melanie and Michael Refuerzo
30	Reg and Linda Tribble

Upcoming Worship Schedule

The following is a tentative worship schedule for August 2022.

Readings & Message are subject to change.

August 7

9th Sunday after Pentecost
Altar Color - Green
Holy Communion
Sermon Series: *Our Summer with Luke*
Sermon: *Luke Part 8, Are You Ready?*
Gospel Reading: Luke 12:35-40

August 14

10th Sunday after Pentecost
Altar Color - Green
Sermon Series: *Our Summer with Luke*
Sermon: *Luke Part 9, No Peace*
Gospel Reading: Luke 12:49-56

August 21

11th Sunday after Pentecost
Altar Color - Green
Sermon Series: *Our Summer with Luke*
Sermon: *Luke Part 10, Healing on the Sabbath*
Reading: Luke 13:10-17

August 28

12th Sunday after Pentecost
Altar Color - Green
Sermon Series: *Our Summer with Luke*
Sermon: *Luke Part 11, No Place of Honor*
Gospel Reading: Luke 14:1 & 7-14

September 4

13th Sunday after Pentecost
Altar Color - Green
Sermon Series: *Our Summer with Luke*
Sermon: *Luke Part 12, Give Up Everything*
Gospel Reading: Luke 14:25-35



Centenary Participates in 4th of July Parade

10 adults, 7 children and 1 dog participated in the 4th of July Parade. It was a hot, but gorgeous day to celebrate and toss out candy and bubbles. The parade route was full of cheering people. Thanks to Tom Phillips for pulling the church float.





Hats Off to Our Vacation Bible School Volunteers

2022 Vacation Bible School was a Monumental success thanks to so many of you all. We had 32 explorers/students who learned the following bible stories, Joseph's family feuds, Joseph is imprisoned, Joseph gets new responsibility and Joseph reunites with his family. They played games, made crafts, participated in Science projects, had snack and watched a video each day in KidVid Cinema of other children around the nation experiencing God in a variety of ways. And, with your help, we collected \$650.27 for our Mission, Camp Courage! Thank you to everyone who prayed, donated and volunteered for this years VBS.

VBS VOLUNTEERS

Station	Volunteer
Opening/Closing/Music.....	Kevin Hinkle/Rachel Hinkle
Bible Story leaders.....	PMel/Debbie Nielsen
Craft leaders.....	Diana Phillips, Sarah Edmiston (Grace volunteer)
Science leader.....	Pat Manker
Recreation leader.....	Kevin Hinkle
Snack leaders.....	Terri Benz & LuAnn Woodrum
KidVid Cinema.....	Nancy Hardy
PreK 1 leader.....	Emma Wyman
PreK 1 assistant.....	Barb Keehner
PreK 1 assistant.....	Karmen Birdsell
PK 1 assistant.....	Kayleigh Dirden
PK 1 assistant.....	Grace youth volunteers (Jataeah, Kyla)
PK 2 leader(s).....	Barb Ginder
PK 2 assistant.....	Peggy Jordan
Elementary 1 Leader.....	Kim Elliott (Grace Youth Director)
Elementary 1 assistant.....	Grace youth volunteer (Myles)
Elementary 1 assistant.....	Linda Tribble
Elementary 2 Leader.....	Martha Vache
Elementary 2 assistant.....	Avery Woodrum
Welcome Table.....	Barb Wooldridge
Welcome Table.....	Bonnie Robinson
Concierge.....	Matthew Hinkle/Pat Baptist
Concierge.....	Noah Borgman/Linda Tribble
Hospitality Coordinator.....	Jarice Crenshaw
IT.....	Phil Benz
Prayer Team.....	Barb W. Bible Study group
Photographer.....	Rachel Hinkle
Prep decorations.....	Rusti Cummings

A Few More Photos

Pictured below are photos from the VBS after party which included: Top photo, a pizza party. Middle photo, a water balloon fight and bottom photo, a petting zoo.





Save the Date for Centenary's 200th Celebration

The Centenary 200th Celebration Committee met recently and wants to make sure everyone keeps Oct. 15 and 16 open, as those are the new dates for the event.

Unfortunately, most of the celebration was canceled last year, due to COVID. Plans will remain mostly the same as last year, but the committee is looking over all that information and will announce a new schedule soon.

Be on the lookout for sign up sheets for the meals and T-shirts coming in August; reservations will be required for meals.

Hospitality Team Members sought

The Centenary Worship Committee is busy forming a Hospitality Team to be part of the Sunday Morning worship experience.

Hospitality Team members main focus is to greet members and visitors at the main entries, distribute bulletins and make sure they feel welcomed.

Please see Pastor Mel or Terri Benz for more information.

Thank You to Doorbell Dinners Volunteers

Thank you to all who helped deliver Doorbell Dinners in June. Those who assisted included: Lou and Martha Vache', Reg and Linda Tribble, Steve & Kathy McCarty and their granddaughters, Tom Jordan, Glenda Eldridge, Carolyn Beddingfield, LeeAnn Stelling, Darcy Adams, Pat Manker and Jim Stocker. Your service is greatly appreciated.

Pat Baptist and Barbara Wooldridge,
Coordinators

PASTOR

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will soon be time for Charge Conference and that means the Nominations Committee will be calling some of you seeking faithful followers to take positions as church 'doers'.

Truthfully, it has been difficult to find faithful church doers over the past few years to commit to being engaged in Centenary's ministries. I ask you to begin praying about your answer right now. If you can't wait for the committee to call you and you have felt God nudging you, please call me anytime and I will find a position that fits your gifts.

I want to thank all who turned in pledges. This information will greatly assist the Finance Committee in working on a budget for next year. A new budget is also part of our Charge Conference work. The date for our Charge Conference is Sunday, October 30, 4:00 p.m. It will be held at Centenary. Our cluster consists of the following churches: Virginia, Grace, Wesley Chapel, Murrayville, Asbury, Ashland, Peter Cartwright, Concord, Arenzville and Bluff Springs.

Until next month, stay cool and keep looking for opportunities to be a 'doer' for God and God's church.

—God Bless
Pastor Mel

Changes made to UMC/Boy Scout relationship

The United Methodist Church's partnership with the Boy Scouts of America will continue after two years of great challenge, including the pandemic and the BSA's child sex abuse-related bankruptcy.

United Methodist leaders are speaking of a new era in the relationship with BSA, with local churches no longer serving as chartering organizations for Scouting groups but instead signing affiliation agreements.

Supervision of adult Scouting leaders will shift to local BSA Councils, with churches offering Scouting groups space and various forms of support — including spiritual care.

Centenary and Troop 103 will have discussions soon about the new affiliation agreement.

Special Service held July 24

The Centenary congregation gathered outside, in the pavilion to celebrate Pastor Kevin Hinkle's full time appointment. Kevin, Rachel and their family were on hand for a service of anointing, a special catered meal and to receive gifts from friends and fellow church members.

Pastor Kevin was presented a new I-Pad from the church to assist him with his worship services. There was also a basket of cards from individuals. SPRC Chairperson, David Adams, spoke about what Pastor Kevin has meant to Centenary over the years. Adams expressed what many were feeling when he said he had tears of sadness but also tears of joy.



Pastor Kevin and Rachel Hinkle are shown enjoying a special day of recognition on Sunday July 24, 2022.



If you visit Centenary's Facebook page, be sure to 'like' or 'share' with others as this really helps to get our information out to others. – Thanks for your help.

United Methodist Women



UMW Love Visits

The tradition of Centenary's United Methodist Women's Love Visits is back after skipping a couple of years due to COVID. On Wednesday, August 3, bring homemade cookies and come share your love as we visit members of our Centenary family!

We will meet in the parlor to preparing plates of cookies and fruit at 9:00 a.m. It is always a wonderful day of fellowship for both those visited and those doing the visiting. We always can use more volunteers and cookies.

We promise to follow recommended safety procedures and respect anyone's health concerns. If you can't help that day, you may leave your cookies in the parlor during office hours. If you have any questions or know of someone to add to the list of those we visit or send cards to, please contact Jarice Crenshaw.

Future UMW Dates

Love Visits:

Wed., Aug. 3, 9:00 a.m. Parlor

UMW Business Meeting:

Thurs., Aug. 9, 6:30 pm, parlor

LaMoine District UMW Fall Annual Meeting:

Saturday, Sept. 17, Vermont St. UMC, Quincy

UMW Circles don't schedule meetings during the summer.

Missions

Rice Meals Volunteers Wanted

Volunteers from area United Methodist Churches are invited to help package rice meals for Midwest Mission Distribution Center on Saturday, August 6, at Grace UMC. Registration and breakfast treats will be from 9:00 to 9:30 am.

At 9:30 we will proceed to the basement where assembly lines will be set up to package the meals. The meals that we pack will be distributed to those in need around the world and in the United States. Everyone in the community including older children is welcome to help. Invite friends from other churches to come help with you. There are some sit-down jobs.

In June of 2021, we finished packing 1200 meals in less than two hours. If possible, sign the volunteer sheet in the Narthex or contact the church office so Grace will have an idea of how many volunteers plan to help. However, walk-ins will be welcome.

If you can't help, please consider making a donation. \$2.00 pays for one rice packet. Make checks out to Centenary UMC with rice meals in the memo line.



Produce Sharing

If you have extra summer garden produce (sweet corn, tomatoes, squash, and cucumbers, etc.) bring it to share on Sunday mornings. Donations and extra produce will be given to the food center.

On weekdays, the Jacksonville Area Food Center accepts produce from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Extra produce can also be taken to New Directions Homeless Warming and Cooling Center at Grace UMC, The Spirit of Faith Soup Kitchen on North Main St., or to the Salvation Army.

**Congratulations
Joshua Crowder
Latest member of Troop
103 to earn Eagle Scout**



Sharing Joys and Concerns returns August 7

The new Hospitality Team has accepted the responsibility of taking the microphones around the Sanctuary to collect joys and concerns in person, beginning on Sunday, August 7. This was how joys and concerns were handled before Covid.

Church Finances	
as of June 30, 2022	
General Giving.....	\$125,857.36
General Expenses.....	\$133,703.01
	- \$7,845.65

AUGUST 2022

	MON., AUG. 1	TUES., AUG. 2	WED., AUG. 3	THUR., AUG. 4	FRI., AUG. 5	SAT., AUG. 6
S- Sunday school room N- Narthex F- Fellowship Hall P- Parlor O - Pavilion C - Chapel X - Online	8:15 am - Prayer Group (C)	9:30 am - Tuesday Morning Bible Study (P)	9 am - Love Visits (P) 7:30 pm - AIAnon (N)		11:30-12:15 pm - Bookmobile (P)	9:30 am Pack Rice Meals @ Grace
SUN., AUG. 7	MON., AUG. 8	TUES., AUG. 9	WED., AUG. 10	THUR., AUG. 11	FRI., AUG. 12	SAT., AUG. 13
9 am Worship in Sanctuary Holy Communion	8:15 am - Prayer Group (C) 10 am - Bicentennial Committee Mtg. (P)	6:30 pm - UMW Business Meeting (P)	5 pm - JACC (N) 7:30 pm - AIAnon (N)		11:30-12:15 pm - Bookmobile (P)	
SUN., AUG. 14	MON., AUG. 15	TUES., AUG. 16	WED., AUG. 17	THUR., AUG. 18	FRI., AUG. 19	SAT., AUG. 20
9 am Worship in Sanctuary	8:15 am - Prayer Group (C)	9:30 am - Tuesday Morning Bible Study (P)	3:30 Missions (P) 7:30 pm - AIAnon (N)		11:30-12:15 pm - Bookmobile (P)	
SUN., AUG. 21	MON., AUG. 22	TUES., AUG. 23	WED., AUG. 24	THUR., AUG. 25	FRI., AUG. 26	SAT., AUG. 27
9 am Worship in Sanctuary 10 am Sunday School	8:15 am - Prayer Group (C)		7:30 pm - AIAnon (N)	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE		
SUN., AUG. 28	MON., AUG. 29	TUES., AUG. 30	WED., AUG. 31			
9 am Worship in Sanctuary 10 am Sunday School Pennies for Hunger	8:15 am - Prayer Group (C)	9:30 am - Tuesday Morning Bible Study (P)	7:30 pm - AIAnon (N) ALL DAY - Pack the House for Boy Scouts at Leo's			