



# The Messenger

Lifting Up Jesus In The Heart Of Jacksonville



## *Bibles Presented to Students*

Centenary kindergarten children are shown receiving their Bibles during worship services on August, 14, 2022. See additional photos and story on page 9.



It feels good to have the church busy again. The kitchen and Fellowship Hall are beginning to get busy once more, the Pavilion has been occupied by our Sunday services in July as well as many other groups, including the Jacksonville Public Library's Books on Wheels program. VBS was the usual organized chaos in June, while the Sunday school had a swim party (pictures inside) and the Love Visits returned with cookies and treats being delivered to those who are not as able to get out.

I want to mention the work the Vision Team has given the church to work on, with some immediate new ideas being implemented while other plans are taking a little longer to achieve. A new Visitation Team of church volunteers has taken over some of the responsibilities of visiting homebound friends and members. The Education and Worship Committees are working on new ideas for the fall and beyond. Don't forget, Centenary's 200th Celebration is just around the corner, look inside this issue for details. Yes, there is still darkness in the world around us, but we have wonderful reasons to be optimistic for the future. It is good to have life.

God has guided us this far and we are still doing some wonderful ministry in Jesus name right here at Centenary. The world has been shrouded in the darkness of sin forever, so our challenges are not new. The Words of God as described by the Apostle Paul in Romans 8:28 offset those fears for me, maybe they do for you as well, those words are: *"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."*

## IN MEMORY

Jackie Wilham .....Friday, July 29, 2022

## WEEKLY WORSHIP

Weekly Worship Service .....9:00 am  
Sunday School for all ages .....10:00 am  
Fellowship Hour .....Before and after Services

## SPECIAL SUNDAY EVENTS

Holy Communion .....Sunday, September 4  
Pennies For Hunger .....Sunday, September 25

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

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

## COMMUNICATIONS

Messenger Deadline ....Thurs., September 22, 9 am

## BIBLE STUDIES

Tuesday Morning  
Bible Study .....Sept. 13 & 27 9:30 am  
*In the Parlor*

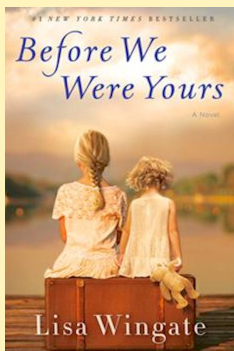
## SMALL GROUPS

AlAnon Meeting .....Wednesdays, 7:30 pm  
Ladies Book Club .....Tues., Sept. 20, 6:30 pm  
Prayer Meeting .....Mondays 8:15 am

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

FHS .....Wed., Sept., 14 6:30 pm  
Hope Circle .....Thur., Sept., 8  
*Carpool at church at 11:30 am*  
Spirit Circle .....Wed., Sept., 14 6 pm

## Ladies Book Club



The September Ladies Book Club will meet on Tuesday, September 20, 6:30 pm in the Narthex.

The featured book will be *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate.

## Centenary Staff

Pastor

**Mel Nielsen**

Office Manager

**Rachel Hinkle**

Office Finance Manager

**Christi Kennedy**

Music Director

**Terri Benz**

Contemporary Worship Leader

**Rachel Hinkle**

Parish Visitor

**Rhoda Walker**

Custodian

**Patty Adcock**

Nursery Attendants

**Kayleigh Dirden**

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## Centenary's Missionaries

Mark and Rebecca Smallwood

Teachers at Redbird Mission

in Kentucky



# Children's Ministry News

## SEPTEMBER ACOLYTES

September 4 - Delaney and Molly Ruyle  
September 11 - Avery and Hudson Woodrum  
September 18 - James and Eliza McClarey  
September 25 - Matthew and Mason Hinkle

## 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 Pat Baptist.

### **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.

## ***Kids' Church***

Kids' Church will start on September 11 following Small Talk. We will be located in the Chapel. We will need a volunteer every Sunday. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Diana Phillips

## ***Looking Ahead:***

9/11 - SS students will participate in worship by sharing their memory verse and a song. Start of Kids' Church  
10/9 - Tentative date for SS families wienie roast  
10/23 - Trunk or Treat (rain date is 10/30)  
10/30 - Trick or Treat for Unicef (Kids are invited to wear costumes and stand at all the Sanctuary entrances collecting. This means no collection during the service.)  
5th Sunday service project during SS

## ***September Sunday School lessons:***

9/4 - Jesus Teaches Us How to Pray -  
Matthew 6: 5-18  
9/11 - The Good Samaritan - Luke 10:25-37  
9/18 - Samuel Anoints David as King -  
1 Samuel 16:1-13  
9/25 - God Helps David Defeat Goliath -  
1 Samuel 17

### ***Thank You***

To everyone who prayed, visited, called or cooked for me while I was in the hospital and recovering at home. Your kindness is very much appreciated.

*Shirley Gish*

### ***Thank You***

I would like to thank the UMW for the love gift of a plate of cookies and candy. Yum!! Yum!!  
Thanks also to Pat Baptist for delivering them.

*Jean Shafer*

## September Birthdays

2.....	Todd Spangenberg
4.....	Kristine Earp
5.....	Jared Plunk Maley Kindred
6.....	Crue Stiltz
8.....	Ryan Benz Zachary Hardy
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
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

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

## Upcoming Worship Schedule

The following is a tentative worship schedule for September 2022.

**Readings & Message are subject to change.**

### September 4

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion Sunday

Altar Color - White

Sermon Series: *Our Summer with Luke*

Sermon: *Luke Part 12, Give Up Everything*

Gospel Reading: Luke 14:25-35

### September 11

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Altar Color - Green

Sermon Series: *Our Summer with Luke*

Sermon: *Luke Part 13, Lost Sheep*

Gospel Reading: Luke 15:1-10

### September 18

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Altar Color - Green

Sermon Series: *Our Summer with Luke*

Sermon: *Luke Part 14, The Shrewd Manager*

Reading: Luke 16:1-13

### September 25

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Altar Color - Green

Sermon Series: *Our Summer with Luke*

Sermon: *Luke Part 15, Lazarus in Hell*

Gospel Reading: Luke 16:19-31

## Church Finances

Through end of August 2022

General Giving .....	\$138,956.11
General Expenses .....	\$153,106.00
Difference .....	\$-19,402.99



### *Love Visits return*

A group of Ladies gathered to assemble plates of cookies and other treats to distribute them as part of the Love Visits Ministry. Pictured, from L-R, are: Jane Lair, Pat Baptist, Cheryl TerHark, Linda Tribble, Jan McEvers, Pat Manker, Janice Crenshaw and Barb Ginder.



# *Sunday School Swim Party Enjoyed by Many*

On Sunday, July 31, 7 families, including 18 children had a fun day of swimming at the Hyrnewych home. Thanks to Alex and Amy for opening their home and pool for a fun day. Pictured below are a few of the children and a few 'bigger' kids who enjoyed an afternoon of outdoor fun.



## *Save the Date for Centenary's 200th Celebration*

The Centenary 200th Celebration Committee continues to meet and set times for all events. A new schedule will be available soon.

Make sure to keep Oct. 15 and 16 open, as those are the new dates for the event.

Sign up sheets for meals will be available in the Narthex beginning Sunday, Sept. T-Shirt orders will also be taken at that time. You can order your "200th Celebration" T-shirt anytime before Oct., 1 on the church website, [www.jaxcentenary.org](http://www.jaxcentenary.org)

## *Pastor is looking for Holy Communion stewards*

Pastor Mel is looking for volunteers to serve as Holy Communion Stewards on the first Sunday of every month. Duties are to serve the prepared and blessed elements to the people in the pews. If you are interested or have any questions, please talk to the Pastor.

## *Hospitality Members sought*

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

The Hospitality Team's main focus is to greet members and visitors at the entries, distribute bulletins and make sure they feel welcomed. They will also be assisting with gathering joys and concerns.

Please see Pastor Mel or Terri Benz for more information.

### *Quote of the Month*

"We can see hope in the midst of hopelessness. We can see peace in the midst of chaos. We have a hope that the world does not have. We can see clearly that all things work together for the good of them that love Him and are called according to His purpose." - Priscilla Shirer

## **PASTOR**

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I write to you seeking to find common ground as we continue to find our footing in a different looking world than the one we left behind 2 plus years ago. Sometimes change is carefully thought out and planned for, and at other times change is thrust upon us with little time to prepare.

In either case, guess what, God works for the good in all things. I pray we give our new worship time space to find its own breath. Like a new born baby must fight for its first breath, so too must our 9 am worship.

Most infants follow their first breath with crying because their world has suddenly changed. They were warm and comfortable in the womb, life was quiet and subdued. Now people are moving me around, I am being poked and prodded, the noises are loud, the air is too cold, the lights are too bright and I just want things to go back to they way they were.

We don't know it on the day we are born, but a loving God has called us from the womb and has given us the ability to take our first breath and we will come to know that the same God who gave us life, will work for the good in our lives forever and ever.

We have survived the trauma of childbirth and we have gone on to find our own breath in this world and through it all, we have faced many changes. God is still working for the good in all things for you and for Centenary.

A new born needs a loving family to give its life purpose and direction. I ask that we become like new born parents, nurturing our new worship service and all the other changes happening at Centenary and giving them a chance to thrive. It is good to have life.

Pastor Mel

## United Methodist Women

### ***LaMoine River District UMW Annual Meeting Planned***

The LRD UMW Fall Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, September 17 at Quincy Vermont St. UMC (818 Vermont St., Quincy, IL 62301).

The day will begin at 9 am with breakfast treats with the meeting to beginning at 9:30. There will be a pledge service, election of officers, approval of our 2023 budget and pledge, and workshops featuring the authors of these books.:

Debbie Reed, Chaddock President/CEO:  
*Raising the Challenging Child*

Marty Pressey, United Methodist Lay  
Servant: *Thought of the Day*

Diane Sloan, The Vermont Street UMW  
Cookbook: *Feeding the Flock*

**PLUS** two workshops geared specifically toward helping UMW units:

“*Leading Your Unit*” (Presidents) and  
“*Your Unit’s Finance\$*” (Treasurers)

The Vermont St. UMW ladies will prepare a Chicken Salad Box lunch for \$5.00. You can pay at the door. Reservations are not required. Following the meeting everyone is invited to participate in an optional tour of Chaddock.

Contact Martha Vaché or Diane Phillips about car-pooling to Quincy. We will be collecting the following items in the Narthex to take the meeting:

#### **Cunningham Children’s Home**

blue and black pens, zippered pencil pouches or plastic pencil boxes

#### **Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House**

shampoo and deodorant for men and women and petroleum jelly.

### ***Love Visit Thank You***

Thank you to all the ladies that supported our UMW and participated in the Love Visits on August 3. Those who visited included Jan Adams, Pat Baptist, Glenda Eldridge, Barb Ginder, Peggy Jordan, Jane Lair, Pat Manker, Jan McEvers, Debbie Nielsen, Shelby Pennell, Cheryl TerHark, Linda Tribble, LuAnne Woodrum, and Barbara Wooldridge. You all are true servants and very much appreciated.

– Jarice Crenshaw, Membership, Nurture and Outreach Coordinator.

### ***Donations Needed for UMW***

Since our United Methodist Women has not been able to sponsor our traditional Salad Luncheon this year, all UMW members are asked to make a donation of at least \$10 in lieu of sponsoring another fund-raiser. Donations can be given to circle treasurers, to Martha Vaché, UMW treasurer, or put in the church offering. Checks can be made to “Centenary UMW” with UMW in the memo line.

### ***Remembering Mary-Martha Circle***

Centenary United Methodist Women noted the closure of one of their circles recently with the death of Margaret Little. Margaret was the last surviving member of the Mary-Martha Circle which began as part of Centenary’s WSCS (Women’s Society of Christian Service). The circle was organized in the 1968 with Josephine Smith as their leader.



## United Methodist Women

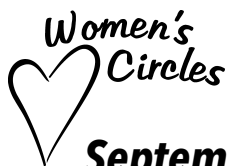
### Reading Program

A book listed under the category of Nurturing for Community is *A Brave Face: Two Cultures, Two Families, and the Iraqi Girl who Bound them Together*, by Barbara Marlowe and Teeba Furat Marlowe with Jennifer Keir. In this inspirational story of a woman who moved mountains to provide medical care for an Iraqi girl badly burned during a roadside bombing, Barbara Marlowe's determination to fight for her future daughter highlights the love which reaches across both cultures and continents,

*The Leavers* (a novel) by Lisa Ko, is a Social Action offering. One morning, Deming Guo's mother, Pollu, an undocumented Chinese immigrant, goes to her job at a nail salon - and never comes home. Set in New York and China this moving story of how a boy comes into his own when everything he loves is taken away, and of a mother who is forced to make one heart-wrenching choice after another, is a vivid examination of borders and belonging.

### *New Additions to North Entrance Project*

The North Entrance to Centenary saw two pieces of decorative iron fence added to either side of the brick posts that form the Bell Tower. Doug Birdsell installed the pieces on Thursday, August, 11. Two flower pots were also added to give the entrance a bit more color.



*New members  
are always welcome!*

### **September Circle Meetings**

#### **For Heaven Sake Circle:**

Wednesday, September 14, 6:30 pm  
Hostess: Peggy Jordan

#### **Hope Circle:**

Thursday, September 8  
Wiener Roast at Lake Jacksonville hosted by Jarice Crenshaw.  
Meet at the church parking lot at 11:30 am to car-pool.

#### **Spirit Circle:**

Wednesday, September 14, 6:00 pm, at Centenary

### ***Thank You***

To those who came to visit me  
and drop off the delicious cookies  
*Kristine Earp*



## *Blessing of the Backpacks and Bible Presentation held*

Centenary Sunday School students had their backpacks blessed at a special service on Sunday, August 14, 2022. Pastor Mel used the Small Talk time to lead a blessing of backpacks, then Bibles were presented to students entering kindergarten and 3rd Grade classes. Education Chairperson, Diana Phillips, handed out the Bibles and greeted each child.

After services the older children were given Acolyte training. Following the indoor activities, children and parents moved to the pavilion and were treated to breakfast pizzas, a water slide and a bounce house.



## Missions

### *Centenary Helped Fill Rice Bags*

Centenary was well represented on Saturday, August 6, when volunteers from the Jacksonville community met at Grace UMC to package rice meals. Lots of willing hands made the work go quickly.

Those participating from Centenary included Dave and Jane Adams, Barb Keehner, Jane Lair, Brenda Lane, Cheryl TerHark, Barbara Wooldridge, and Martha Vaché.



### *Midwest Mission Sunday*

Centenary will celebrate the work that Midwest Mission Distribution Center does to help people in their times of crisis here and around the world on Sunday, September 18. You will learn about MMDC's hands-on activities that reach people for Christ and how you can become involved by volunteering your time or making a donation. Make checks to Centenary UMC with MMDC in the memo.

### *H.O.P.S. Sale*

The Jacksonville Salvation Army's Holidays on Parade Sale (H.O.P.S.) will be on Friday, September 30 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm and Saturday, October 1 from 8:00 am to noon at the 4-H Building at the Morgan County Fair Grounds. Items suitable for all holidays will be sold.

If you have holiday items to donate, bring them to the fairgrounds on September 26, 27, 28 between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm. No clothing or electronic items will be accepted. Proceeds are used for the Salvation Army Youth Programming in Jacksonville. Volunteers are also needed to help with the sale.

### *Red Bird Mission Helping with Flood Relief*

Red Bird Mission did not experience damage from the recent flooding in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky. However, Red Bird Mission is in the center of the devastated area. The mission has been housing volunteers and is collecting monetary donations and supplies to help those who have lost their homes.

If you want to support Red Bird Mission's efforts, you may give a donation to Centenary. Include the memo: KY flooding. Or use the following link donate directly. <https://bit.ly/2022FloodRelief>.

Another option is to make a donation to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center to purchase items for their flood buckets.

## *Sunday School Teachers Recognized*

Centenary Sunday School teachers were recognized at the August 21 worship service. Each teacher received a gift card and a prayer for the upcoming school year. Pictured, at right, L-R, are: Nancy Hardy, Kayleigh Dirden, Mary Tomlin, Pat Baptist, Rachael Borgman, Pastor Mel Nielsen and Diana Phillips. Not pictured are Rusti Cummings and Debbie Nielsen.



### *Thank You*

I want to thank the ladies from Centenary who brought me cookies, I appreciate your kindness very much. They were delicious.  
Harold Sorrill

### *Thank You*

Thank You to our wonderful church family for all the cards, phone calls, visits and prayers you offered to us during the time of Jackie's passing.  
Thanks also to the ladies who did such a terrific job of putting together the lunch and for all those who cooked or baked.  
It was all greatly appreciated.  
*The Family of Jackie Wilham*



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.



### *Tapestry to Perform*

September Song will feature "Tapestry" as the musical guests on Sunday, September 18th at 4pm.. They are one of the most popular local bands and have been entertaining at September Song for many years.

Grilled items, drinks and pie will be available to purchase. Please bring a lawn chair.

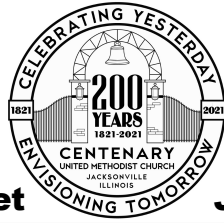
### *Calling all 'Crafty' Folks!*

September Song will also have Centenary members and their crafts as our vendors that day.

If you have a craft for 'display only' or 'for sale', please let us know and we'll set up a canopy for you. Maybe you are a quilter, a bread maker, a painter, a floral arranger, etc. We'd love to have you display/sell your works.

Contact Terri Benz at 217-370-2472.

**Saturday  
October 15**



**Sunday  
October 16**

331 E. State Street

Jacksonville, IL

**2 DAYS OF FUN, FOOD, FELLOWSHIP AND FUN**

**REGISTER FOR MEALS AT . . . [jaxcentenary.org](http://jaxcentenary.org)**

**OR in Person on Sunday Morning at church**

**Saturday, October 15**

**Starting at  
10:30 am**

Old Fashioned  
**Games**  
for all ages will be held at the corner of State and Clay Streets



'Quiet' table games will also be available.

**11:30 am - 12:30 pm**

**Pulled Pork**  
by

**Hamilton's**

Meal includes:  
Pulled Pork Sandwich,  
Baked Beans,  
Coleslaw and drink

**RESERVATIONS  
REQUIRED  
FOR LUNCH**

**BRING YOUR  
LAWN CHAIR  
OR BLANKET**

**Pie Auction**  
by  
Spradlin Auction

**Special Meal  
available for  
Children 12 and  
under!**

**1:30 pm**

**Magician  
Tim Hannig**



will be performing at the Church Pavilion.

**This is a free show for the whole family!**

Bathrooms will be open in the Pavilion

**Sunday, October 16**

**9:00 am**

Morning  
Fellowship in the  
Church Narthex  
Free Donuts and  
Drinks



**10:00 am**

**Special Worship  
Service**

will be held at 10:00  
a.m. in the Centenary  
Sanctuary

Dedication Service to  
dedicate the Church new Bell  
Tower and North Entrance to  
be held immediately after  
morning service.

**Following  
Dedication**

Box Lunch  
Choice of Sandwich  
and Side & Pickle  
Spear

by **McAlister's Deli**

**RESERVATIONS  
REQUIRED**



**1:00 pm**

A Traditional  
Hymn Sing will  
be held in the  
Sanctuary at  
1:00 p.m.



**Both Days**

A Special Historical Display will be available for viewing in the Church Narthex  
Saturday from 11 am - 1:30 pm and Sunday from 9 am - 1 pm

# SEPTEMBER 2022

	WED., AUG. 3	THUR., SEPT. 1	FRI., SEPT. 2	SAT., SEPT. 3
<b>MEETING LOCATION KEY</b> S - Sunday school room N - Narthex F - Fellowship Hall P - Parlor O - Pavilion C - Chapel X - Online				
<b>SUN., SEPT. 4</b> 9 am Worship in Sanctuary Holy Communion 10:15 Sunday school	<b>MON., SEPT. 5</b> <b>Office Closed for Labor Day</b>	<b>TUES., SEPT. 6</b>	<b>WED., SEPT. 7</b> 5 pm - JACC (N) 5:30 Education (P) 7:30 pm - AIAnon (N)	<b>THUR., SEPT. 8</b> 11:30 am - Hope Circle Meet at church to carpool
<b>SUN., SEPT. 11</b> 9 am Worship in Sanctuary 10:15 Sunday school	<b>MON., SEPT. 12</b> 8:15 am - Prayer Group (P)	<b>TUES., SEPT. 13</b> 9:30 am - Tuesday Morning Bible Study © 5:30 pm - Food Center Picnic (O)	<b>WED., SEPT. 14</b> 5:00 JACC (N) 6 pm Ad Council (P) 6 Spirit Circle (F) 6:30 FHS (N) 7:30 pm - AIAnon (P)	<b>THUR., SEPT. 15</b>
<b>SUN., SEPT. 18</b> MMDC Sunday 9 am Worship in Sanctuary 10:15 am Sunday School	<b>MON., SEPT. 19</b> 8:15 am - Prayer Group (P)	<b>TUES., SEPT. 20</b> 6:30 pm - Ladies Book Club (N)	<b>WED., SEPT. 21</b> 3:30 Missions (P) 7:30 pm - AIAnon (N)	<b>THUR., SEPT. 22</b> <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>
<b>SUN., SEPT. 25</b> 9 am Worship in Sanctuary 10:15 am Sunday School Pennies for Hunger	<b>MON., SEPT. 26</b> 8:15 am - Prayer Group (P)	<b>TUES., SEPT. 27</b> 9:30 am - Tuesday Morning Bible Study (P)	<b>WED., SEPT. 28</b> 7:30 pm - AIAnon (N)	<b>THUR., SEPT. 29</b>
				<b>FRI., SEPT. 30</b>
				<b>SAT., SEPT. 17</b> LaMoine UMW Fall Annual Meeting @ Quincy Vermont St.
				<b>SAT., SEPT. 24</b>