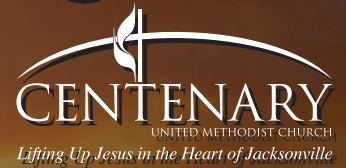


The Messenger

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

October 2020



Pastor's Corner

Pastor Mel Nielsen
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8 Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. 9 Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. 10 For,
“Whoever would love life and see good days must keep their tongue from evil and their lips from deceitful speech. 11 They must turn from evil and do good; they must seek peace and pursue it. 12 For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”
1 Peter 3:8-12 (N.I.V.)

Paul gets most of the recognition for New Testament writing, but Peter holds his own. In this passage he is encouraging the faithful to not fear but trust in Jesus. Politicians have taught us that the way to be successful is to tear your opponent apart. It isn't just politicians, tearing others apart seems to be the way we are headed as a society.

There are times when certain activities and actions need to be illuminated for the good of the group. When destroying others becomes a spectator sport, it is vile and ugly. For much of history, humans have proven to be proficient at tearing and dividing.

The pandemic we have all suffered through for the

past seven months has provided the fuel needed to keep people tearing away. Enough! The followers of Jesus are the ones who are supposed to be teaching the world what Peter reminds us of today.

Maybe we need a refresher, so read his words again. God gave those words to Peter by the way. So when you read them, hear God speaking them, directly at you. I think this is a good time for a reminder. Soon, we will all be in the sanctuary, together.

Some parts of worship will seem very familiar, other parts will seem foreign. Not every aspect of in person worship, education and fellowship have been completely resolved. Leadership is still working on bring us back safely. In the meantime, we have a choice to lift each other up in love as we get ever closer to pre-virus days, or we can follow the earthly current trend and tear each other apart.

PLEASE SEE 'PASTOR' ON PAGE 2

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

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Illinois Great Rivers Conference Website: www.igrc.org

The Fellowship Hall is now open for meetings and small groups. Please contact the church office to schedule your event. The church is not utilizing the Parlor until further notice.

In Sympathy

Jeanette Hills.....August 28

Sunday Morning Schedule

Traditional Worship Service.....8:15 a.m.

Sunday School (all ages).....Online until further notice

Fellowship Hour.....Postponed until further notice

Contemporary Worship Service.....10:45 a.m.

Special Worship Services

Holy Communion.....Sunday, Oct. 4

Special Offerings

Pennies for Hunger.....Sun., Oct. 25

Mission Opportunities

AlAnon Meeting.....every Wed., 7:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Donate Blood.....Postponed until further notice

Leadership Opportunities

FinanceMon., Oct 13, 5:30

Missions.....Wed., Oct. 14, 4:00 p.m.

Children's Ministries

Sunday School.....Online until further notice

Music Practices

Chancel Choir.....Postponed until further notice

United Methodist Women

IGRC UMW.....Celebration, Sat., Oct. 3, 9 am

UMW Business Mtg.....Tues., Oct. 6, 6:00 p.m.

Hope Circle.....Luncheon, Thurs., Oct. 8, Noon

UMW.....Saladless Salad Luncheon, Sun., Oct. 11

FHS Circle.....Weiner Roast, Wed., Oct. 21, 6 p.m.

LaMoine UMW.....Retreat, Oct. 22, 9 - 2

Bible/Book Studies

Lectionary Bible Study....Oct. 13 and Oct. 27, 9:30 a.m.

@ Fellowship Hall

Women's Book Club.....Tues, Oct. 20, 6:30 p.m.

@ Fellowship Hall

Communications

Bulletin Deadline.....Postponed until further notice

Messenger Deadline.....Thurs., Oct. 22, 9 a.m.,

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PASTOR

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I am praying we come together to rejoice how much we have overcome and I encourage you to work together to overcome the next phase of whatever life has in store for us. I love Peter's line at the end of verse 11, let us pursue peace.

Not just think about peace in a warm, happy way and hope it somehow just breaks out spontaneously. If the televised images of intolerance and hatred bother you, and they should; then pursue peace as if it were the greatest prize.

The easy thing to do is sit back and allow the darkness to permeate the church. The more challenging attitude is to pursue peace, knowing the challenge will dissipate if we allow Jesus to empower us in our pursuit.

Centenary is not a church of one, but of hundreds. One voice needs to show us the way to peace, it is the voice of Jesus who gives peace away freely. Let us pray that as Jesus moves us inside we are removed from the world.

Peace
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

Monthly..... \$30,014.50

Year to Date through September

Received \$223,039.01

Current Annual Track..... -\$137,134.99

Avg. Monthly donations

so far through 2020.....\$24,782.11

Inside Church Worship services will return Oct. 4

On Tues., Sept. 15, the Centenary Administrative Council voted to move worship services from the Pavilion to the Sanctuary. Services will be at 8:15 and 10:45.

Pastor Mel will be offering Holy Communion by using pre-packaged elements. Nursery will be provided, but there will be no Sunday School or Children's message. Social distancing will be in place, hand sanitizer will be available. Face masks will be strongly recommended and the church will make them available. There will be no Fellowship Hour in between services.

Please note that ONLY the South doors will be used for entry to the church. Please follow the signs and ushers instructions. Only the Sanctuary and Narthex will be open during worship times. Since all public areas need to be cleaned after each worship service, we ask that you refrain from using Hymnals and attendance pads.

No bulletins will be printed. Please watch for further updates as they become available as modifications will still be occurring as we move closer to pre-virus life.

K.I.C.K.S. Updates

Acolyte schedule

October 4 - Delaney Ruyle
October 11 - Noah Borgman
October 18 - Annabelle Hardy
October 25 - Nicholas Warmowski

Please Note:

Sunday school is still working on a plan for return to classes. Watch for more information coming soon.

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.

Upcoming Worship Schedule

The following is a tentative schedule for October 2020 worship.

(Readings & message may change without notice.)

October 4

Holy Communion
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

October 18

20th Sunday after Pentecost
Laity Sunday
Altar Color - White
"Whose Head Is This"
OT: Matthew 22:15-22

October 25

21st Sunday after Pentecost
Altar Color - Green
"Jesus Has the Answer"
Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46

November 1

22nd Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion
Altar Color - Green
"What About Tomorrow"
Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

November 8

23rd Sunday after Pentecost
Altar Color - Green
"Check the Oil?"
NT: Matthew 25:1-13

Mission News

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 volunteering. The center has been busy distributing COVID supplies. Donations can be made by a check to Centenary or by going to the MMDC website: <http://www.midwestmission.org/>

World Communion Sunday

World Communion Sunday will be celebrated on October 4. There will be a container in the Narthex for this special offering. You can also contribute online or include your donation with your Centenary offering. Just be sure to note: "World Communion".

World Communion Sunday was begun by several U.S. Protestant denominations in the 1940s as a way of celebrating Communion with Christians of many theologies and denominations all over the world. Your gift to this special offering equips United States racial and ethnic students and international students to transform the church and communities.

Flu Clinic to be held

The 2020 Flu Clinic sponsored by the Morgan County Health Department will be held at the Jacksonville High School Bowl on **Thursday, October 8** from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm and **Friday, October 9** from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Flu shots are recommended for everyone over six months old.

The shot is free for most people through various types of insurance. Be sure to bring insurance documents. Cash, checks, and credit cards will be accepted.

It is especially important that individuals get a flu shot this year due to the pandemic. New this year is a drive through option for those with mobility limitations, health concerns, or safety concerns. New safety rules will be in place to keep everyone safe including social distancing and required face masks. Individuals must be fever free. Complete details are available online at <https://www.morganhd.com/services/flu-bowl>



Photo courtesy of Martha Vaché

Festival of Hope

The Tri-County Festival of Hope was held on Saturday, September 12 at Lincoln Avenue Baptist Church. Though it was a drive event many people parked their cars and walked the circle remembering their friends and family members who were honored by the luminarias. The Centenary Cancer Crusaders were recognized in the program. Proceeds went to the American Cancer Society. The photo above shows the luminaria display.

Food Drive scheduled



Centenary's semi-annual food drive for the Jacksonville Area Food Center will begin on Sunday, October 4 and continue for two weeks until Sunday, October 18. Bring non-perishable food to fill the ledges of our sanctuary. Peanut butter, canned soups, canned tuna, and juice are some of the items most needed. However, any non-perishable food item will be appreciated.

October Birthdays

- 1.....Laura Benz
- 3.....Becky Butler
- 4.....David Ginder
Gary Heyen
- 7.....Gary Byers
Harriet Pearson
- 8.....Tamara Newby
Mark Belzer
Jim Stocker
- 9.....Ashley Westenberger
- 11.....Margaret Little
- 13.....Barbara Wooldridge
- 14.....Walter Meyer
Gerry Robinson
Monica Grounds
- 15.....Rita Northrop
Brenda Quigg
- 18.....Marc Ginder
Maria Rehberg
- 19.....Camri Anderson
Ken DeFrates
- 21.....Dean Gish
- 22.....Joyce McAllister
- 23.....Karmen Birdsell
Rosalie Kurfman
- 24.....Rev. Robert Foulk
Bill Betters
Otto Zang
Mike Stocker
Felix Hamilton
- 26.....Russell Kimmons
- 27.....William Meyer
- 30.....Casey Zang
Ed Randorf
J.W. "Bill" Smith

October Anniversaries

- 1.....Chub and Patsy Patterson
- 15.....Paul and Leah Hamilton
- 19.....Steve and Kelly Quigg
- 23.....Phil and Terri Benz

Centenary Charge Conference votes to purchase former President's House



Photo courtesy of Steve Warmoski

Pictured above, top photo: The Charge Conference meets in the Pavilion on Wednesday, August 26, 2020. They voted to purchase the former President's House from the MacMurray Trustees. The Trustees formally approved the churches bid of \$100,000.

Jan Foulk's art show

Rev. Jan Foulk has been invited to show her Mixed Media Paintings, "Captured Moments", at the David Strawn Art Gallery in Jacksonville from October 3 to 25. The Gallery Opening will be on Saturday, October 3 from 6 to 8 pm with a Gallery Talk at 6:30 p.m. The Gallery Hours are Sundays from 1 to 3 p.m. and Tuesday to Saturday from 4 to 6 pm. The gallery is handicapped accessible and admission is always free!

Proceeds from the sale of her artwork help to support the sewing machine ministry that she started in Ganta, Liberia.

Thank You

Thank you so much for your thoughts, prayers and acts of kindness.

They have been a comfort to us during this difficult time. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated and will not be forgotten.

God Bless,
The family of Jeannette Hills

UMW 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.

In the area of Spiritual Life, a 2020 selection is Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and radical Discipleship, by Janet Wolf. This well-known gospel is presented through voices and experiences that are often relegated to the margins. Where we stand, what we see, whom we listen to or dismiss shape the way we understand the world and the Bible. This study incorporates the stories of those on the margins to uncover how the gospel is alive and well today – how God is, and always has been, calling us to live out the Word in a radical way. (Bonus Book)

Another Spiritual Growth selection is Writings of John Wesley, edited by Keith Beasley-Topliff. The Upper Room Spiritual Classics series is a collection of authoritative text on Christian spirituality by mystics, martyrs and sages curated for the everyday reader. This volume presents excerpts from the hugely influential 18th-century peachier, writer and founder of Methodism. It includes selections from Wesley's journals, sermons and books, offering a clear picture of the spiritual vitality that ignited a movement and continues to transform lives.

UMW Fall Luncheon canceled

Like many other events this year our UMW Fall Fellowship Luncheon can't be held this year due to the pandemic. Hopefully, we can enjoy this special time of fellowship and good food in the fall of 2021.

LaMoine District Retreat

All UMW members and their guests are invited to a retreat sponsored by the LaMoine River District United Methodist Women on Thursday, October 22, 2020 at Jensen Woods Camp near Mt. Sterling from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Bring a lawn chair, your sack lunch and beverage. See flyer on page 9 for more details or contact Martha Vaché.

Saladless Salad Luncheon

Our United Methodist Women weren't able to hold our Salad Luncheon in the spring so the UMW is having a "Saladless Salad Luncheon". We are asking that our members of our Centenary family give a portion of the amount that they would have spent on making salads and baked goodies as a cash donation.

On Sunday, October 11, there will be special offering received for this purpose. Checks should be made to "Centenary UMW". Donations will also be accepted at circle meetings and in the church office during the month of October.

October Communing with God

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

Scripture – James 5:7 – Be patient, therefore, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains.

Song – Fields of Gold by Sting

Terri Benz, Education and Interpretation

Circle meetings

Some of the UMW circles have met informally this summer in Centenary's pavilion. Meeting outdoors on a lovely fall day is a wonderful opportunity to gather and visit in a safe way. Hope Circle is planning to have a "luncheon" in the pavilion on Thursday, October 8 at noon. Each member will bring their own lunch and a lawn chair. Guests are welcome.

FHS planning weiner roast

The For Heaven Sake Circle will have a weiner roast on October 21st at 6:00 pm in LuAnne Woodrum's sister's backyard.

IGRC UMW celebration

The IGRC United Methodist Women's Celebration will be held virtually on "Lifesize" on Saturday, October 3 starting at 9:00 a.m. Bishop Frank Beard will close the meeting with Communion. Participants are encouraged to have bread and juice available. Advance registration is required. Register at <https://igrc-reg.brtapp.com/UMWMeetings>.

All UMW members and their guests are invited to our LaMoine River
District United Methodist Women's

RETREAT



Where: Jensen Woods Camp, 1498 275 E Street, Timewell, IL

When: Thursday, October 22, 2020

Time: Fellowship/Coffee/Breakfast Treats at 9:00 a.m.

Program from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Lunch: Bring your own sack lunch and beverage. (Refrigeration available.)

Bring: A friend, your Bible, pen and paper, and a positive attitude.

Special note: Plan to wear a mask and socially distance to keep everyone safe. Also, bring a lawn chair and a jacket/sweater in case the weather permits us to meet outside. Dress casually.

Morning: Spiritual Growth Session

Title: "Forgiveness: Letting go and letting God"

Leader: **Sheri Renner**, Pastor of Living Faith UMC

Afternoon: Personal Growth Seminar

"Trauma-Informed Education and Teaching Tolerance"

Leaders: **Pam McDavid**, IGRC E & I Coordinator and **Martha Vaché**, LaMoine President

Reservations are not required.

Since we didn't have collections at our spring or fall meetings, bring these donations. Lessie Bates Davis
Neighborhood House: **gift cards**

Cunningham Children's Home: **men's shower soap** and **school supplies**
and gift cards in larger denominations especially to Wal-Mart, Amazon, and McDonald's.

**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

Date of donation: _____ Check # _____

Donated by: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Please send a gift card to the following honoree:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Put in newsletter ___ Do NOT put in newsletter ___

<u>CENTENARY</u>	<u>GIFT GIVEN TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
	Bell Tower/Steeple Fund	
	Children's Activities	
	Elevator Upkeep Fund	
	FUSION/Youth Fund	
	Music Fund	
	Pavilion Fund	
	Organ Reservoirs Fund	
JACKSONVILLE		
	A Cup of Cold Water (Local Emergency needs)	
	H.E.L.P.S. Ministry Outreach	
	JACIL	
	Jacksonville Area Food Center	
	Jacksonville Salvation Army	
	Jubilee Habitat for Humanity	
	New Directions Warming/Cooling Center	
MIDWEST		
	Baby Fold, The (Normal)	
	Chaddock (Quincy)	
	Cunningham Children's Home (Urbana)	
	Lessie Bates Neighborhood House (E.St. Louis)	
	Midwest Mission Distribution Center (Chatham)	
	Red Bird Mission (Kentucky)	
	Volunteers in Mission	
INTERNATIONAL		
	Church World Service/CROP	
	Heifer Project	
	UMCOR (United Methodist Com. on Relief)	
MISSIONARIES		
	Mark & Rebecca Smallwood/Red Bird School	
OTHER		
	Name: _____	

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NOTICE:
 Due to the pandemic all scheduled meetings and events in October are subject to change.
PLEASE NOTE: The church is asking for help keeping everyone safe. Please wipe down tables, door handles, etc. after each small group or meeting. Supplies will be provided.

	Thurs., Oct. 1	Fri., Oct. 2	Sat., Oct. 3
Abbreviations (F) Fellowship Hall (P) Parlor (S) Adult SS Room (N) Narthex (O) Pavilion (Z) Zoom			9 am - IGRC UMW Celebration - Online
Sun., Oct. 4	Thurs., Oct. 8	Fri., Oct. 9	Sat., Oct. 10
Word Communion Sunday Food Drive begins	Noon - Hope Circle Luncheon (O) 1-6 pm Flu Clinic @ JHS Bowl	9 am - 2 pm Flu Clinic @ JHS Bowl	
Sun., Oct. 11	Thurs., Oct. 15	Fri., Oct. 16	Sat., Oct. 17
Saladless Salad Luncheon Special Offering			
Sun., Oct. 18	Thurs., Oct. 22	Fri., Oct. 23	Sat., Oct. 24
Food Drive ends	9 am - Messenger Deadline LaMoine River District Annual Meeting @ Jensen Woods		
Sun., Oct. 25	Wed., Oct. 21	Wed., Oct. 28	Wed., Oct. 31
Pennies for Hunger	4 pm Missions (F) 5:30 Education Mtg. (F) 7:30 pm - Al-Anon (F)	5:45 pm Annual Charge Conference Via Zoom 6 pm - FHS Weiner Roast 7:30 pm - Al-Anon (F)	
Sun., Oct. 25	Tues., Oct. 20	Tues., Oct. 27	Wed., Oct. 28
10 am - Staff Mtg.	6:30 pm - Women's Book Club (F)	9:30 am - Bible Study (F)	7:30 pm - Al-Anon (F)
Sun., Oct. 25	Mon., Oct. 19	Mon., Oct. 26	Mon., Oct. 26
10 am - Staff Mtg.	10 am - Staff Mtg.	10 am - Staff Mtg.	10 am - Staff Mtg.
Sun., Oct. 25	Tues., Oct. 6	Tues., Oct. 13	Tues., Oct. 27
10 am - Staff Mtg.	6 pm - UMW Business Meeting (O)	9:30 am - Bible Study (F) 5:30 pm - Finance Mtg. Via Zoom	9:30 am - Bible Study (F)
Sun., Oct. 25	Wed., Oct. 7	Wed., Oct. 14	Wed., Oct. 28
10 am - Staff Mtg.	7:30 pm - Al-Anon (F)	4 pm Missions (F) 5:30 Education Mtg. (F) 7:30 pm - Al-Anon (F)	7:30 pm - Al-Anon (F)

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October 2020

Join us for Worship in our Sanctuary

We will be coming inside for Worship Services beginning

Sunday, October 4

Worship times are 8:30 and 10:45.

Face masks are strongly recommended
and social distancing will be observed.



-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

Centenary Facebook: www.facebook.com/Jaxcentenary

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

