



The Messenger

Lifting Up Jesus In The Heart Of Jacksonville



Centenary Children's Choir highlights Mother's Day Banquet

The Centenary Children's choir, led by Terri Benz, is shown performing as part of the Mother's Day Banquet held on Monday, May 9. More pictures inside this issue.



Before you look any further into this issue, I would like for you to simply look around this front page. Let's count the blessings we see just on this one page of the monthly Messenger. Look to the upper left hand corner and view the logo for your 200th Celebration. Not every church has a history that long. It is quite a feat that the members of this church have committed to such wonderful ministries, Bible studies, education classes, and worship services that you are still here after 200 years. Blessing!

See the photo above with the children lending their gifts? 200 years is not the end of anything, instead you are simply marking the continuation of amazing opportunities for the kingdom. You have more children than what are pictured above who participate faithfully. Blessing! They are being instructed by volunteer teachers every Sunday morning. Blessing!

Look at the date in the upper right hand corner – July 2022. Not every church has survived the past 2+ years of seemingly endless struggle. Through it all, Centenary has managed to remain a remnant of God's mercy. Yes, you are facing tough times in some areas of church administration, but you still have strength to overcome, breath to breathe and vision to see what may be waiting just ahead of you. Blessing!

These are great blessings to be sure and I haven't even mentioned the cross that appears on the cover of this issue! Jesus is a blessing from God to set the example of faithful stewardship and to help us acknowledge all the blessings and make sure they are fully measured out for the benefit of all. Blessing!

Centenary did not get here without many more blessings from God. You also did not get here without some good old fashioned hard work, commitment and passion. I mentioned vision a few sentences back and that is also

WEEKLY WORSHIP

Traditional Service.....8:15 am
Sunday School for all ages.....Summer Break
Fellowship Hour.....Between Sunday Services
Contemporary Service10:45 am

SPECIAL SUNDAY EVENTS

Holy Communion.....Sunday, June 5
Spirit Wear Sunday.....Sunday, June 5
Pennies For Hunger.....Sunday, June 26

COMMUNITY SERVICE

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Messenger DeadlineThurs., June 23, 9 am

BIBLE STUDIES

Tuesday Morning
Bible Study.....June 07 & 21 9:30 am
In the Parlor

SMALL GROUPS

JACC.....Wed., June 8, 5 pm
AlAnon MeetingWednesdays, 7:30 pm
Ladies Book Club.....Tues., June 20, 6:30 pm
Prayer MeetingMondays 8:15 am
In the Parlor

Financial Report

As of April, 2022

General Giving.....\$84,170.48
General Expenses\$84,456.96
-286.48

Centenary Staff

Pastor

Mel Nielsen

Director of Outreach
and Growth

Kevin Hinkle

Office Managers

Rachel Hinkle & Christi Kennedy

Music Director

Terri Benz

Contemporary Worship Leader

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Centenary's Missionaries

Mark and Rebecca Smallwood

Teachers at Redbird Mission

in Kentucky

Children's Ministry News

MAY ACOLYTES

June 5 - Avery Woodrum @ 10:45

June 12 - Crue Stiltz @ 8:15

Molly Ruyle @ 10:45

June 19 - Annabelle Hardy @ 10:45

June 26 - Crue Stiltz @ 8:15

Noah Borgman @ 10:45

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

VBS decorations needed

If you have any brown craft paper laying around your house and you have thinking about finding a better home for it, please bring it to church. The Vacation Bible School decorators are in need of some brown craft paper to help decorate the sanctuary. Take a look in boxes that are delivered to your house, this is a good place to find some. They also need cardboard boxes.

Bookmobile is coming

The Jacksonville Public Library Bookmobile is coming to the Centenary Pavilion! From June 5-August 12, the Bookmobile will be available at our location from 11:30-12:15.

Centenary Kids, neighborhood children and any friends you care to bring are welcome. Any child from 2-18 may check out up to two books each week.

A library card is not required and there is no registration required from parents. Prizes will be given each week if the child records 30 minutes of reading time; above 30 minutes earns a McDonald coupon for a free hamburger or small cone. Let's keep kids reading through the summer and socializing!

Sunday school on break

Centenary kids' Sunday School is taking a summer break from June 5 through August 21. Keep your eyes open for summer activity opportunities!

Upcoming Events

June 27-30 - 9am-12pm - VBS

August 14 - Promotion Sunday, Presentation of Bibles and Blessing of the Backpacks

August 21 - Sunday School Resumes

Sunday School Teacher Recognition and
Appreciation Sunday

Sunday school paint rocks for Jacksonville community

On May 29, the Sunday School classes enjoyed another 5th Sunday Service Project. They worked together to paint rocks with inspirational words on them. The children will be distributing them around the community.

Quote of the Month

"It's not what you did, but what you could have done if you allowed the Lord to work His will in your life."

A. W. Tozer

June Birthdays

1.....	Dina McBride
2.....	Gary Butler Minson Jennings
4.....	Cole Harper
6.....	Phyllis Allen
7.....	Alyssa Clayton
9.....	Kathy Atchison
11.....	Annabelle Hardy
12.....	Johanna Betters Jared Cook
13.....	Kevin Hinkle Ryatt Mobus
14.....	Steve McCarty
15.....	Kelly Latham
18.....	Zachary Chamberlain
19.....	John Love
20.....	Karin Chumley Amanda Stelling
22.....	Abbie Spangenberg Mason Hinkle
23.....	Everett O'Neal Leland McAllister
25.....	Gary Ginder
26.....	Jess Spradlin
27.....	Jerry Murphy
28.....	Debbie Nielsen
29.....	Kaleb Birdsell

June Anniversaries

14.....	Todd and Kim Spangenberg
15.....	Brian and Debbie Pond
17.....	Barney and Sally Stock Tom and Diana Phillips
20.....	Robert and Bonnie Minor
21.....	Pastor Mel and Debbie Nielsen
28.....	Joseph and Alison Prosser

Upcoming Worship Schedule

The following is a tentative worship schedule for June 2022.

Readings & Message are subject to change.

June 5

Pentecost Sunday
Altar Color - Red
Holy Communion
Sermon: *A New Relationship*
Gospel Reading: John 14:8-14

June 12

1st Sunday after Pentecost
Altar Color - White
Sermon: *Is The Lid On?*
Reading: John 16:12-15

June 19

2nd Sunday after Pentecost
Father's Day
Altar Color - Green
Sermon Series: *Our Summer with Luke*
Sermon: *Luke Part 1*
Gospel Reading: Luke 8:26-39

June 26

3rd Sunday after Pentecost
Altar Color - Green
Sermon Series: *Our Summer with Luke*
Sermon: *Luke Part 2*
Gospel Reading: Luke 8:26-9:51-62

July 3

4th Sunday after Pentecost
Altar Color - Green
Holy Communion
Sermon Series: *Our Summer with Luke*
Sermon: *Luke Part 3*
Gospel Reading: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Pledge Kick-Off and Service Time Change Announcement

The Worship Committee, in conjunction with the Finance Committee, is preparing for a pledge Sunday kick-off on July 3 in the pavilion at 10:30am. Worship will be followed by a potluck with grilled hamburgers and hot dogs provided by the church. Attendees are asked to bring a dish to share. More info from the Finance Committee will be coming soon regarding the pledge drive. Also, by popular request, we will continue meeting in the pavilion for worship services for the month of July only.

Centenary's Ad Council has approved that we move to one service each week, a 9am service beginning July 10. In the fall, this will be followed by 10am Sunday School for all ages. The one service will be a blended service with both traditional and contemporary music.

Much prayerful consideration has been given to this decision, as well as many conversations held with church members. It has been disheartening for many to see our numbers fall so low coming out of the pandemic. There is some renewed excitement about being able to worship altogether again.

We know we cannot please everyone, but hope all will understand that we are striving for the best common good. The hope is that all will undergird this big change with prayer and positive spirits in moving forward.

Timeline of upcoming changes:

July 3 - Combined pledge drive service followed by potluck, 10:30am in pavilion

July 10-31 - Combined service beginning at 9am in pavilion.

August 7 - Combined service beginning at 9am moving into sanctuary.

Terri Benz, Worship Chair

Thank You

I want to thank everyone for the cards and prayers during my long ordeal. I still have a long ways to go, but with God's help,

I will make it.

- Shirley Gish



It will soon be time for Doorbell Dinners

Centenary UMC is scheduled to deliver Doorbell Dinners the week of June 20=24. The Doorbell Dinner Program assists persons that 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.

Kevin Hinkle Accepts Full-Time Appointment at Waverly UMC

Dear Centenary Family,

I am writing you today to notify you that I have accepted a full-time appointment with the IGRC at Waverly First UMC. This will start July 1, 2022. When I joined the staff at Centenary on January 1, 2017, I can honestly say that I never thought God would lead me to full time ministry. However, since I said “yes” last year to half-time appointment, I have felt I am right where God wants me at this time. It is a bit of a strange feeling, but a good one!

We have been thankful to be a part of Centenary’s church family since long before I ever became an employee. And we cannot thank you enough for everything. This church and its people have allowed me to grow both spiritually and as a person in general. I will miss my Tuesday Morning group, the ladies coming in on Tuesday mornings, and the many visitors who would drop by my office to say hello. The relationships I have made at Centenary are what I treasure the most.

I want you to know that the Hinkle family is not leaving Centenary...but may not be here every Sunday. You are probably wondering if we are moving...and the answer is “no”, we will stay in our home in Jacksonville. You already know that Rachel has accepted the role of Office Manager at Centenary...and hers is a much more beautiful face for you to see than mine. 😊 She will also continue to lead contemporary worship and will keep you all updated, I’m sure.

I know this is a big transition...it sure is for our family. But, we have faith to follow God’s plan and are excited to see where it leads. My last day in the office was Thursday, May 26th. But, I’m excited to be helping with VBS this summer! Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions. I hope to see you soon as we continue to do God’s work.

Peace, Kevin



Kids age 2 through 5th grade are invited to join us for a GREAT time this summer!

United Methodist Women

Reading Program Selections

"One Dress, One Year: One Girl's Stand Against Human Trafficking" is an Education for Mission selection in our Centenary UMW library, written by Bethany Winz and Susana Foth Aughtmon. When 16 year old Bethany Winz learned about the millions of men, women and children around the world trapped in slavery, she wondered: *"How can anyone do that to another human being? And why aren't we doing something?"*

Journey with her as she wears the same black dress every day for a year to focus attention on the lack of choices people in modern-day slavery face and raises money to help end human trafficking.

"Becoming", by Michelle Obama is a Leadership Development selection in the Centenary UMW library. Michelle Obama has emerged as one of the most iconic and compelling women of our era.

As First Lady of the United States of America - the first African American to serve in that role - she helped create the most welcoming and inclusive White House, while establishing herself as a powerful advocate for women and girls and standing with her husband as he led the nation.

In her memoir, Michelle Obama chronicles the experiences that have shaped her - from her childhood on the South Side of Chicago to her years as an executive balancing motherhood and work to her time spent at the world's most famous address.

Thank You

I want to express my deepest appreciation for all the prayers, food, flowers, phone calls, visits and cards I received during my 11 weeks of recovery after my leg injury.

I am so thankful for my church family.

- Barb Fernandes

PASTOR

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a blessing. The members of Centenary have been given visions, many visions, all gathered up in one big blessing. That blessing tells me God is not done with Centenary. You have not yet completed your earthly mission. 200 years is not enough, God says to Centenary, as if speaking to a tired Moses, my good and faithful disciple, there are still more mountains to climb.

God has given us life, breath and vision for a purpose. That purpose is the mission of God, is not completed, and as long as God calls this church to be active and moving, that is what you are expected to do. Be active! Move!

Maybe you do not know what you have to offer or how you fit into the vision we have been given. That's okay, Moses needed to be encouraged to begin God's ministry. I encourage you to come and see me, there is something for every person to help with.

If you are already aware of your gifts and know exactly how you can help, great. If you don't, come and see me and we will talk about your gifts and your strengths and weaknesses and we will pray that God has a special place for you at Centenary, a discipleship job that only you can fill.

Moses made a habit out of telling God he could not accomplish what was being asked of him, and God made a habit out of making sure that Moses had the gifts needed for every opportunity.

Within the heart of every Christian is a disciple who wants and needs to find their place in the kingdom. Don't let this opportunity slip by, call ahead or stop in and see if we can't find a mountain that is just the right size for you to climb.

-God Bless
Pastor Mel

Newby's new home address

Tom and Tamara Newby have moved to #4 Cedarhurst in Jacksonville. They still have the same phone number.

United Methodist Women



Mother's Day Banquet, Music Program held May 9

The Centenary Fellowship Hall was filled with diners who came to enjoy an evening of food and song. The ladies enjoyed a fried chicken dinner which was catered by Hamilton's, then they went to the Sanctuary for a Children's Music Program led by Terri Benz.





Geordan Patrylak

Edwardsville High School

Grandson of Gerry & Bonnie Robinson

*Geordan will be attending Southwest Missouri State.

Tristan Lashmett

Winchester High School

Daughter of Terrisa Lashmett and the late Terry Lashmett of Winchester,

Granddaughter of Larry and Jarice Crenshaw

*Tristan will start pre-med at Eastern in Charleston after graduation. Her goal is to become a licensed/certified nurse practitioner.

Camri Constance Anderson

Stephens College, Columbia, MO

Bachelor of Fine Art in Musical Theatre

Summa Cum Laude

Daughter of Charlene Anderson and Gene Hinckley

*Camri will be volunteering as a dance counselor at Green Pastures Christian Performing Arts Camp for the month of June and then as a counselor at Lake Springfield Christian Camp. She has several job prospects to consider afterwards.

Laine Chapman

High School

Grand-daughter of Former Centenary Pastor, Rev. Bob and Louis Chapman

*Laine will attend Purdue University's Bio-Medical engineering program this fall.

UMCOR to Help Ukraine

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is accepting donations to help the people of Ukraine. Grants for immediate relief have been given to United Methodist partners in Ukraine as well as neighboring nations—Poland, Hungary, Romania and Slovakia—to support those who remain in Ukraine as well as those who have fled the violence.

In addition, grants are being awarded to partners like ACT Alliance, a global faith-based coalition working in 120 countries around the world. These grants are providing humanitarian assistance in the form of food, water, clothing, shelter and other necessary supplies.

The situation in Eastern Europe is evolving and Global Ministries and UMCOR will continue to respond in the months and years ahead. UMCOR will work with Church World Service to help with refugee needs and resettlement.

Give donations to Centenary marked “Ukraine”.

MMDC Workday

Volunteers are needed by Midwest Mission Distribution Center near Chatham. Contact Martha Vaché for more information if you would like to volunteer with a group from Centenary. Advance registration if required.

Ladies Book Club



The May Ladies Book Club will meet on Mon., June 20, 6:30 pm with location TBD.

The featured book will be *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah

JUNE 2022

	WED., JUNE 1	THURS., JUNE 2	FRI., JUNE 3	SAT., JUNE 4		
	7:30 pm - AIAnon (N)		11:30-12:15 pm - Bookmobile (P)			
8:15 am - Prayer Group (C) 10 am - Office Staff Mtg						
SUN., JUNE 5	MON., JUNE 6	TUES., JUNE 7	WED., JUNE 8	THURS., JUNE 9	FRI., JUNE 10	SAT., JUNE 11
Holy Communion Spirit Wear Sunday	8:15 am - Prayer Group (C) 10 am - Office Staff Mtg	9:30 am - Tuesday Morning Bible Study (P)	5:00 pm - JACC (N) 7:30 pm - AIAnon (N)		11:30-12:15 pm - Bookmobile (P)	
SUN., JUNE 12	MON., JUNE 13	TUES., JUNE 14	WED., JUNE 15	THURS., JUNE 16	FRI., JUNE 17	SAT., JUNE 18
	8:15 am - Prayer Group (C) 10 am - Office Staff Mtg		3:30 Missions (P) 7:30 pm - AIAnon (N)		11:30-12:15 pm - Bookmobile (P)	
SUN., JUNE 19	MON., JUNE 20	TUES., JUNE 21	WED., JUNE 22	THURS., JUNE 23	FRI., JUNE 24	SAT., JUNE 25
	8:15 am - Prayer Group (C) 10 am - Office Staff Mtg 6:30 pm - Ladies Book Club - TBD Doorbell Dinners	9:30 am - Tuesday Morning Bible Study (P) Doorbell Dinners	7:30 pm - AIAnon (N) Doorbell Dinners	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Doorbell Dinners	11:30-12:15 pm - Bookmobile © Doorbell Dinners	
SUN., JUNE 26	MON., JUNE 27	TUES., JUNE 28	WED., JUNE 29	THURS., JUNE 30		
Pennies for Hunger	9 - Noon - VBS	9 - Noon - VBS	9 - Noon - VBS 7:30 pm - AIAnon (N)	9 - Noon - VBS	S - Sunday school room N - Narthex F - Fellowship Hall P - Parlor O - Pavilion C - Chapel X - Online	