

The Messenger

Lifting Up Jesus In The Heart Of Jacksonville



Centenary Welcomes Newest Baptized Member, Delaney Jo Ruyle

On Sunday, January 8, Delaney Jo Ruyle became a baptized member of Centenary United Methodist Church. Delaney is pictured at left with her family. If you missed her baptism, please say hi to her the next time you see her in church. Delaney's parents are Matt and Brooke Ruyle, Grandparents are Tom and Diana Phillips and Brad and Patty Ruyle, her siblings are Molly and Collin. Delaney's sponsor is Katie Headen.

More photos inside

I pray you had a blessed Christmas season. I did, despite a stuffy nose that refused to go away and a storm that caused damage to property and loss of life in New York State. We did have the coldest temperatures of the season so far in Jacksonville, along with some snow, that made Christmas a challenge for many. I can still recall the news headlines telling us that thousands of airline flights were canceled. I did not hear if we had stranded members from Centenary or not.



Like Boris Karloff tells us every Christmas as he narrates Dr. Suess' *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, "It came, it came all the same." Nothing can stop God from bringing our deliverance, our redemption, our resurrection. If we choose it, it

comes all the same, despite what life throws at us along the way, Christmas comes. The Grinch thought that few evil and selfish acts could stop Christmas. That poor Grinch did not realize until it was almost too late that he couldn't stop the King of Kings from bringing joy to the world.

We can now enter the new year with a sense of invigorated joy because we have been reminded that nothing can stop God from entering our lives, and once God is welcomed, nothing can stop the Lord from empowering us to achieve what might seem impossible without.

So what does 2023 look like so far? What in your life needs a new coat of paint? Actually, through the Christ, God completely strips the old paint and prepares us to receive some new color. We are not just covering up the old us, as we are welcoming something completely new. We were reminded of that during Delaney's baptism, (see above). We are a new creation for more reasons than the calendar changing pages, we are a new creation because we have welcomed Jesus into our lives as Savior.

So with that in mind, what does 2023 look like to you? Is there a new color of paint inside you that the world has yet to see? Is there a completely new you just waiting to burst out and be alive? During Delaney's baptism service, I mentioned how much I have seen God through her as she serves her church, and I also said that I cannot wait to see what else God has in mind for her ministry in the future. I don't say that simply because she is young, no, more than that. I say those words due to her willingness.

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WEEKLY WORSHIP

Weekly Worship Service9:00 am
Sunday School for all ages.....10:15 am
Fellowship HourBefore and after Services

SPECIAL SUNDAY EVENTS

Holy Communion.....Sunday, February 5
Pennies For HungerSunday, February 26

COMMUNITY SERVICE

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Messenger Deadline.....Wed., Feb. 22, 9 am

BIBLE STUDIES

Tuesday Morning
Bible Study.....Feb. 14 & 28 9:30 am
In the Parlor

CHURCH MEETINGS

TrusteesTues., Feb. 7, 6:00 p.m.
Missions.....Wed., Feb. 8, 3:30 pm

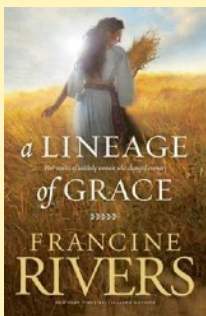
SMALL GROUPS

AlAnon MeetingWednesdays, 7:30 pm
Ladies Book ClubTues., Feb. 28, 6:30 pm

UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH

UWF Business Mtg.Wed., Mar. 1, 1:00 pm
Spirit Circle..... Wed., Feb. 8, 6 pm (Leo’s Pizza)
FHSWed., Feb. 8, 6:30 pm
Hope CircleThurs., Feb. 9, 1:30

Ladies Book Club



The next Ladies Book Club will meet on Tuesday, February 28, 6:30 pm in the Narthex.

The featured book will be “A Lineage of Grace” by Francine Rivers

Centenary Staff

Pastor

Mel Nielsen

Office Manager

Rachel Hinkle

Finance Manager

Teri Hall

Music Director

Terri Benz

Contemporary Worship Leader

Rachel Hinkle

Parish Visitor

Visitation Committee

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Patty Adcock

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To Be Determined

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Centenary’s Missionaries

Mark and Rebecca Smallwood

Teachers at Redbird Mission

in Kentucky



JANUARY ACOLYTES

2/5 - Blake Batty and Jayden Batty

2/12 - Mason Hinkle and Matthew Hinkle

2/19 - Crue Stiltz and Lane Stiltz

2/26 - Annabelle Hardy and Ashlyn Seymour

TEACHING SCHEDULE

Toddler/Pre-K classroom

Teacher: Diana Phillips

Assistant: [VOLUNTEER NEEDED](#)

Elementary Classroom

Teachers: Rusti Cummings and Nancy Hardy

Assistants:

1st Sunday - Jack Borgman

2nd Sunday - LuAnn Woodrum

3rd Sunday - [VOLUNTEER NEEDED](#)

Please see Diana Phillips.

4th Sunday - Amy Stidham

Middle School

Rachael Borgman, Mary Tomlin and Pat Baptist.

High School

Pastor Mel Nielsen

Kids' Church

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to assist in Kid's Church. It is very much appreciated. A new sign up list can be found in the narthex.

February Lessons

2/5 ~ Ezra Reads God's Laws

Nehemiah 8: 1-12

2/12 ~ Prophets Talk About a Coming King

Zechariah 9: 9-10

Memory Verse for first two weeks:

"But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness." (1 John 1:9)

2/19 ~ Jesus Calls Peter to Follow Him

Luke 5: 1-11

Memory Verse:

"Don't be afraid. From now on, you will be fishing for people."

2/26 ~ Jesus and Peter Walk on Water

Matthew 14: 22-34

Memory Verse:

Just then Jesus spoke to them, "Be encouraged! It's me. Don't be afraid."

5th Sunday Project

On January 29 the Sunday school children and teachers packed nylon backpacks with items for personal hygiene that were donated to the Packed Purse Project.

These are distributed through several counties, including to several agencies in Morgan County. We also made Valentines that were either delivered by UWF ladies on their Love Visits or mailed.

Upcoming Events

Easter Egg Hunt – 3/26

5th Sunday Project – April 30

VBS – June 12-15

February Birthdays

2	Lane Stiltz
4	James Macrander
5	Patricia Patterson
6	Jane Rorex
7	Devi Harper
10	Patty Cook
11	Joan Quigg
13	Louis Vaché
15	Benjamin Belzer Carol Smith
17	Shirley Gish Charlene Anderson
19	Matt Tomlin Mary Tomlin
22	Alex Hrynewych

February Anniversaries

6	Ron and Joyce McAllister Alex and Amy Hrynewych
12	Kelly and Billy Latham
14	Richard and Barb Fernandes
18	Scott and Emily Calhoun

Thank You

Thank you to the Centenary Church for all you did to assist us during the time of Jim's illness and his passing. Especially thanks to the ladies of the church who put on a wonderful lunch for us.

The Jim Quigg Family

Thank You

Pastor Mel, Debbie and Centenary Church Family

Thank you for your prayers and support in so many ways.

God Bless You All
Debbie Earp

Upcoming Worship Schedule

The following is a tentative worship schedule for February 2023

Readings & Message are subject to change.

February 5

5th Sunday after the Epiphany
Altar Color - White
Holy Communion Sunday
Sermon Series: The Psalm Life
Sermon Title: *Job Application*
Scripture Reading: Psalm 112:1-10

February 12

6th Sunday after the Epiphany
Altar Color - Green
Sermon Series: The Psalm Life
Sermon Title: *All My Heart*
Scripture Reading: Psalm 119:1-8

February 19

Transfiguration Sunday
Altar Color - White
Sermon Series: The Psalm Life
Sermon Title: *Forgiving God*
Scripture Reading: Psalm 2 / Psalm 99

February 26

1st Sunday in Lent
Altar Color - Purple
Sermon Series: The Big Questions
Sermon Title: *Who Is God?*
Scripture Reading: 1 John 4:7-19

March 5

2nd Sunday of Lent
Holy Communion Sunday
Altar Color - Purple
Sermon Series: The Big Questions
Sermon Title: *Is the Bible Reliable?*
Scripture Reading: Hebrews 4:12-24

Missions

Donate Blood

Blood donations are always needed. The donation center has been moved to the Community Building on S. Main Street in Community Park. Blood donations are accepted on the 1st and 2nd Mondays each month (Feb. 6 and 13) from 11:00 a.m. to 6 p.m. Appointments are required. Contact the Impact Blood Center by calling 800-747-5401 or sign up online at <https://www.bloodcenter.org/impactlife>

Salvation Army Thank You

Centenary UMC Friends,

Thank you so much for your help and support ringing the bells. The gift of your time helped to raise crucial funds needed to help our neighbors in need. Captain Chris Clarke

MMDC Workdays

Several Centenary members volunteered at Midwest Mission Distribution Center near Chatham in late January.

Contact Martha Vaché if you are interested in volunteering at MMDC in the future. We need to find the available dates at MMDC check our calendars. Preregistration is required.

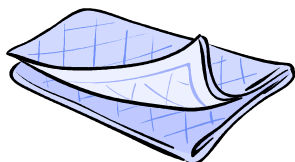
Thank You

Just a note to say 'thank you' for all of the wonderful gifts and support you provided Chaddock children through Santa Express.

Our kids had a very, merry Christmas!
Shawna Bunnell - Chaddock

		Available Funds:	\$6,601.83	
<u>Organization Requesting Funds</u>	<u>Requested By</u>	<u>\$ Amount Requested</u>	<u>\$ Amount Approved</u>	
Fox Trust Request Funds December 2022 approved				
Baby Fold	Rev Lori Bultemeier	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
Bright Start Daycare	Tunezia Badger			
Camp Courage	John Hunter			
Chaddock's Children's Foundation	Jeff VanCamp	\$395.00	\$395.00	
Congregational United Church of Christ	Lynn Bohlmann	\$500.00	\$500.00	
Crisis Center Foundation	Dona Leanard	\$500.00	\$500.00	
Cunningham Children's Home	Ginger Mills	\$1,240.28	\$1,250.00	
Delta Kappa Gamma- Alpha Phi Chapter	Martha Hauck	\$400.00	\$400.00	
Doorbell Dinners- Centenary UMC	Pat Baptist/Barbara Wooldridge			
Educational Day Care Center	Jessica Niederer	\$3,748.38	\$2,000.00	
Fellowship of Christian Athletes	Todd Sweatman	\$3,500.00	\$1,500.00	
Fusion Youth Ministry	Rachel Hinkle			
Green Pastures Christian Retreat Center	Maryjane Bradbury	\$7,869.57	\$2,500.00	
Grounds of Grace	Dana Pfeiffer			
Hobby Horse House of Jacksonville	Brittany Westlake/Lilly White			
JACIL (Independent living)	Peggy Davidsmeyer	\$420.00	\$420.00	
Jacksonville Area Community Food Center	Melissa Hall	\$5,000.00	\$3,000.00	
Jacksonville Salvation Army	Chris Clark	\$5,000.00	\$3,000.00	
Jenson Woods Camp Foundation	Brittany Lane	\$5,000.00	\$3,000.00	
Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood house-IGRC UM agency	Lisa Graves	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00	
Midwest Mission Distribution Center-IGRC UM agency	Lisa Rigoni	\$29,000.00	\$3,000.00	
Midwest Youth Services	Ann Hungerford			
New Directions Warmig & Cooling Center	Sarah Robinson	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
Pastor Helping Hand Account	Missions		\$1,000.00	
Pathway Services Unlimited	Ryan Dowd	\$500.00	\$500.00	
Prairie Council on Aging	Nancy Thorsen	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
Prairieland United Way	Karen Walker			
Red Bird Missions-IGRC UM agency	Karla Roberts			
Spero Bright Start Child Care	Tunezia Badger	\$300.00	\$300.00	
Spirit of Faith Soup Kitchen (Polly Pulley)	Polly Pulley	\$1,135.00	\$1,135.00	
UMCOR - Disaster Response USA-IGRC UM agency	Missions			
Waverly First UMC	Kevin Hinkle	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	
Wesley Foundation at EIU	Betsy Elifrits Warren	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00	
Total Requested or Approved		\$72,208.23	\$34,100.00	
Remaining Balance				

Missions



Blanket Sunday

Blanket and Tools of Hope Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, February 12. There will be a special offering for Church World Service. CWS is a faith-based organization working with over 35 denominations to transform communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement, and disaster.

CWS responds immediately after a disaster happens with tents, blankets, recovery kits, medicines, etc. In addition, CWS is committed to stand with people in the long process of recovery and rehabilitation. CWS works to provide care to traumatized children; rebuild communities; and restoring hope in some 80 countries.

With your support, the CWS TOOLS & BLANKETS Program is a rainbow of caring to people in need around the world. A blanket can be purchased for \$10. Larger gifts are welcome. Make checks out to “Centenary UMC” and designate Blanket Sunday. Information about the work of CWS is available on their web site: <http://cwsglobal.org/>

2022 Mission Donations

During 2022 individuals and groups connected to Centenary donated over \$17,000 in cash to missions locally and beyond. Some of these donations were designated by the individual or group donors and were sent directly to the mission of their choice.

Other donations were simply donated to missions and were designated by the Missions Committee. This total does not include the amounts that Centenary’s Fox Trust Committee donated or non-cash food and other items that Centenary collected for local needs.

A complete list of these donations is available in the church office or from members of the Missions Committee.

PASTOR

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All God needs is a willing heart and then things can really become colorful. So, before you say no, or make an excuse, I would like for you to close your eyes and envision a new color that only you and God know.

Obviously, you need to open your eyes to continue reading, but I want to remind you that going into 2023, we still need more volunteers to help with the ministry at Centenary. Your church needs a few more volunteers to help serve Holy Communion each month. Your church needs a few more willing people to help with Hospitality on Sunday mornings.

Your church is still looking for a Lay Leader and more committee members are needed on the newly reformed ‘Outreach Committee.’ Actually there is probably room on almost every committee of the church, so if you are not already serving, come and see me, and we will look for a place just for you.

How about leading a small group? Before you say, ‘I can’t do that’, trust, trust, trust that God can choose a new color that will fully able you. Bible Studies and other adult studies, along with prayer meetings are greatly needed to grow our outreach efforts. There is always a need for volunteers to help with children’s ministry, especially on Sunday mornings.

I am offering a whole church Bible Study for Lent called, Simon Peter. The Education Committee is sharing this study with the kids during Sunday School so this truly is a whole church study. I would like to see everyone sign up so we can share in the excitement of Lent together. The study will be offered on Wednesdays at 10 am and 6 pm. Please see the advertisement on page 10 of this issue.

God has an endless rainbow of colors on a divine palette, and one of those colors is for you. God can do great things with just a little bit of willingness on our part. Give me a call or stop in to discuss what 2023 looks like to you.

God Bless
Pastor Mel

Holy Spokes Plans Ash Wednesday Service

The Holy Spokes cluster group met on January 10, with a large group attending and planned two new activities. Holy Spokes consists of clergy and laity from the local United Methodist Churches.

The first is in the article below. The second event they planned is an Ash Wednesday Community service. It will be held at Cedarhurst on February 22, at 10:00 a.m. It will feature several Pastors, who will be on hand to deliver short devotions. Music will be provided as well as the imposition of ashes. Church members and residents are invited to attend.

Holy Spokes Cluster Rice Meal Mission Project

Centenary members of all ages are invited to join members from other local Methodist churches to pack Rice Meals at Grace UMC on Palm Sunday, April 2, from 3:00 to approximately 5:00 pm. The Midwest Mission Distribution Center will provide the equipment and supplies.

Centenary needs to provide volunteers and help pay for the rice meals which cost \$2 per packet. If you can help that day, please sign the volunteer list in the Narthex by March 19. Donations are also need to help pay Centenary's share of the cost of the meals. After the work is finished, everyone is invited to a time of fellowship with pizza.

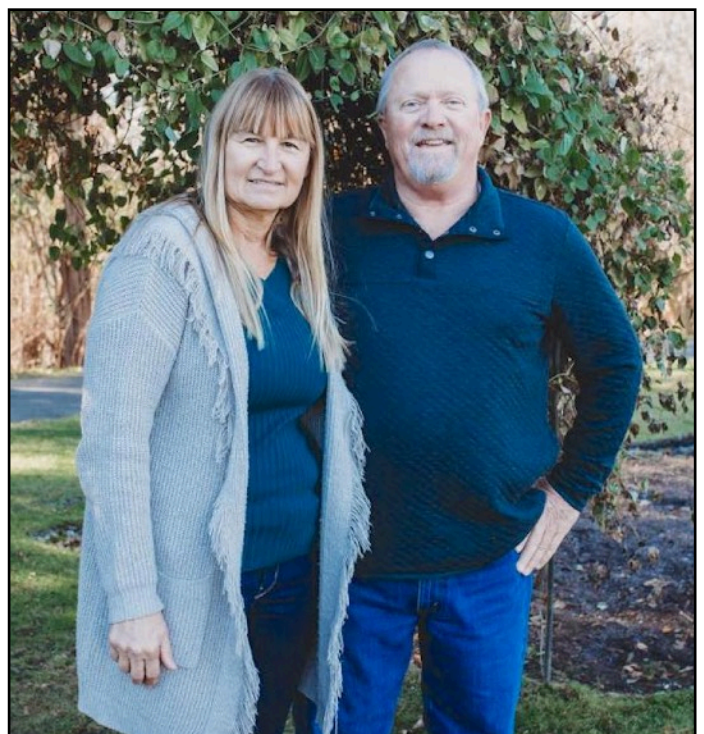
Each rice meal consists of a vitamin-filled seasoning packet with dried vegetables, rice, and soy. One bag will feed 6 people. The meals will be given to families affected by disasters and others who need food in the United States and around the world. The last time we helped pack rice meals, the meals were sent Ukraine.

The Holy Spokes Cluster is sponsoring this special Lenten mission outreach. The Cluster consists of all the United Methodist churches in the Jacksonville area. The group traditionally held Sunday evening Lenten services with fellowship before Covid shut everything down. We are happy to once again be able to work and fellowship together.

Get to Know Teri Hall

Centenary is pleased to welcome Teri Hall to the office staff. Teri will be the new Finance Manager. She will be handling the day to day financial responsibilities. Please stop in and introduce yourself during office hours.

Teri comes to us with more than 20 years of accounting and Quickbooks experience. She has been married to Ray for 39 years (bottom photo). They have two children, Nicole Rausch and Stephanie Blakey. They also have 3 grandchildren, Isabella Rausch, 3; Loretta Jo Blakey 6; and Trace Blakey 2.5. When she is not working Teri enjoys reading, gardening, fishing and just being outside.



United Women of Faith

UWF Reading Program

There are many great books in Centenary's library located in the parlor. The large shelving on the south side houses miscellaneous books (both fiction and nonfiction), as well as UWF reading program books from earlier years.

The smaller book case in the northeast corner of the room houses the current books for 2019-2023. You may check out any books on the honor system. For UWF members – even if you only read 1 or 2 books, report the books to me.

We want to give everyone credit. Men are also welcome to read any of the books in our library!

One of Education for Mission books for 2023 has been purchased by our unit and is in our UWF library. It is, "Phoebe: A Story by Paula Gooder." When the apostle Paul wrote to the church in Rome around 56 AD, he entrusted his letter to Phoebe, the deacon of the church at Cenchreae. But who was this remarkable woman?

In her debut novel, biblical scholar Paula Gooder tells Phoebe's story – who she was, the life she lived, and her first-century faith – and in doing so opens up Paul's theology, thinking, and the faith of the early church.

A 2023 Reading Program title in the area of Leadership Development, Ida B, "*The Queen: The Extraordinary Life and Legacy of Ida B. Wells,*" by Michelle Duster has been purchased and is in our library.

Journalist, Suffragist. Antilynching crusader. In 1862, Ida B. Wells was born enslaved in Holly Springs, Mississippi. In 2020, she was awarded a Pulitzer Prize. This book tells the awe-inspiring story of a pioneering woman who was often overlooked and underestimated – a woman who brought to light the horrors of lynching in America; and a woman who cofounded the NAACP.

Written by Wells' great-grand daughter Michelle Duster, it is a unique visual celebration of Wells' life, and of the Black experience.

UWF Love Visits

Our Centenary's United Women in Faith (formerly UMW) Love Visit will be on Wednesday, February 8. We will meet in the parlor at 9:00 a.m. to prepare plates of cookies and fruit to take to Centenary members and friends.

Our Love Visits are always a wonderful day of fellowship for both those visited and those doing the visiting. Having lots of volunteers and cookie bakers will be helpful. Please join us.

If you can't be here that day, please leave your cookies in the parlor during office hours. In addition, our Sunday School students plan to make Valentine cards again this year. Contact Jarice Crenshaw or Pat Baptist if you have any questions.

UWF Sunday

Centenary's annual United Women of Faith Sunday was held on January 29. Brooke Watson, Assistant Director of Development at Cunningham Children's Home, was our guest speaker. She spoke on "Biblical Truths as Evidenced in the Lives of Cunningham Youth."

Our 2023 UWF officers were installed by Pat Pennell, our LaMoine District UMW Shepherdess. Members of UWF helped with the service. Our 2023 Mission Woman of the Year was announced. We will share that secret in the March Messenger.

2023 Centenary United Women in Faith Officers:

Co-Presidents: Rusti Cummings and Angi Freitag

Vice President: Jane Masters

Secretary/Treasurer: Martha Vaché

Membership/Nurture/Outreach: Jarice Crenshaw

Education /Interpretation: Terri Benz

Program Resources: Diana Phillips

Spiritual Growth: Diana Phillips

Social Action: Roberta Randorf

Communications: Martha Vaché

Circle Leaders:

For Heaven Sake: Terri Benz and LuAnne Woodrum

Hope: Martha Vaché

Spirit: Rusti Cummings

United Women of Faith

Pavilion Garage Sale

Our United Women in Faith members are planning to have a garage sale in the pavilion on Friday and Saturday of April 28 and 29. Please save your “treasurers” for us. Mark your calendar and watch for more information. This will be our spring fundraiser instead of having a salad luncheon.

IGRC UWF Spiritual Growth

Retreat planned

The Illinois Great Rivers Conference UWF is sponsoring a Spiritual Growth Retreat on Saturday, February 25 at the Chatham UMC. Retreat Leader, Greta Long, is a 2nd year Seminary Student at Garrett. The topic of the retreat is “Soul Care: Self, Others, and the Divine”.

The retreat will start at 9:00 am with a continental breakfast and end about 2:00 pm. The cost is \$30 which will include lunch. Flyers with registration information are available in the Narthex. Registration deadline is February 17.

For more information contact Martha Vache or Diana Phillips.

Education and Interpretation

Report

Terri Benz

Each month the Messenger will feature a short tidbit about UWF as well as a suggestion for all of us to strive for a healthy year. Excerpts are from AARP’s 60 Ways to Live Longer, Stronger and Better. The hope is that the healthier we are the better we are able to serve others.

United Women in Faith – From the UWF website – “Who we are: We’re a sisterhood acting in faith to tackle the hard work of the world without hesitation.”

60 Ways to Live Longer, Stronger and Better – Make weekly exercise dates. You can easily talk yourself out of a walk or a workout, but it’s more difficult to do when you have a standing commitment to work out with a friend.

Submitted by Terri Benz

UWF Membership

All women in the Centenary family are welcome to be a part of our United Women in Faith. UWF members may participate in a circle or be a member-at-large. Our UWF purpose it to support women, children, and youth. You don’t need to be a member of Centenary or any church to join UWF. Contact me or any UWF officer or circle leader for more information. Jarice Crenshaw, Membership, Nurture and Outreach.

2023 UWF Program Books

Centenary’s United Women in Faith program books for 2023 are printed. Copies were passed out on UWF Sunday, January 29. Members may pick up a copy in the Narthex, the church office or from circle leaders. Thanks to Brenda Lane for editing the books and Rachel Hinkle for printing them.

UWF Business Meeting

The UWF officers have decided to move their business meetings to Wednesday afternoons instead of meeting at night. The next UWF business meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 1 at 1:00 pm in Parlor (and on Zoom if requested). We will discuss plans for our garage sale and Mother’s Day Banquet. All women are invited.



*New members
always welcome!*

February Circle Meetings

For Heaven Sake Circle:

Wednesday, February 8, 6:30 pm,
Hostess: Terri Benz Location: TBA

Hope Circle:

Thursday, February 9, 11:30 pm
Location: Parlor and/or Zoom

Spirit Circle:

Wed. Feb. 8 at 6:00 pm, at Leo's Pizza



Thanks Bell Ringers

Thanks to all who signed up to ring the Red Kettle Bells for the Salvation Army during Christmas. Pictured at left are Pastor Mel's grandsons. Pictured below, top to bottom are the Hinkle family and the Phillips family.



Oops

In the January Messenger, we incorrectly identified Diane Webster as one of the carolers, our apologies. Diane is pictured below at far left with Alaina Windon and Rusti Cummings.



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.

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LENT 2023

Once again, this Lent Season, I will be teaming up with UMC Discipleship to bring Centenary a Lent and Easter Sermon series. This year's focus concerns the big questions we have for God. The series runs from Ash Wednesday through Easter. – Pastor Mel

SERMON SERIES

Ash Wednesday • February 22, 6:30 p.m. Centenary Sanctuary - *Living with Questions and Doubts*

Isaiah 6:1-8; Matthew 6:1-6

1st Sunday in Lent • February 26 - *Who Is God?*

1 John 4:7-19

2nd Sunday in Lent • March 5 - *Is The Bible Reliable?*

Isaiah 6:1-8; Matthew 6:1-6

3rd Sunday in Lent • March 12 - *Why Should I Go To Church?*

Psalm 100

4th Sunday in Lent • March 19 - *Why Do Bad Things Happen To Good People?*

Psalm 137:1-6; John 11:23-35

5th Sunday in Lent • March 26 - *How and Why Do I Forgive?*

Matthew 6:9-15

6th Sunday in Lent, Palm Sunday • April 2 - *Why Is Jesus Special?*

Mark 11:1-11

Maundy Thursday • Thursday, April 6 - *Seder Meal, 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall*

Good Friday • Friday, April 7 - *Conference of Churches Community Service -
Time and Location TBD*

Easter Sunday - Sunrise 6:30 a.m. • April 9

Easter Sunday Regular Worship 8:30 a.m. • April 9 - *Why Be A Christian?*

Mark 16:1-8; Galatians 5:22-26

2 Ways to Experience Ash Wednesday this Year

Holy Spokes Cluster

at Cedarhurst

10:00 a.m.

Local United Methodist Pastors will offer devotions and Imposition of Ashes

Traditional Ash Wednesday

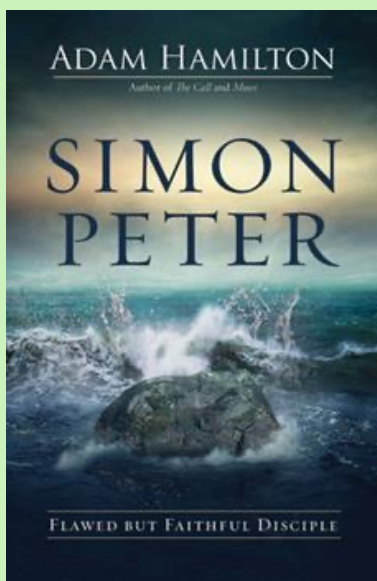
Service at Centenary

6:30 p.m.

The Centenary Worship Team will present a traditional Ash Wednesday service

Lent Bible Study with Pastor Mel

Pastor Mel, along with Adam Hamilton, will present “Simon Peter” a Lent Bible Study.



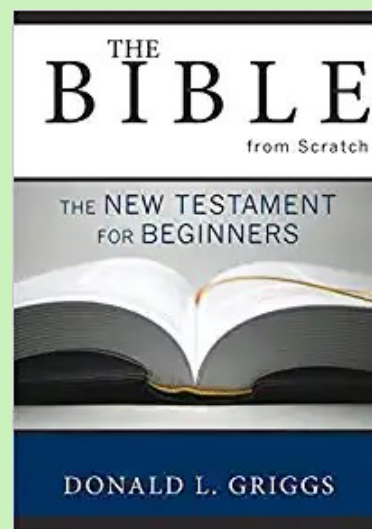
Wednesday's during Lent
10:00 a.m. or 6:00 p.m.
Mar., 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 & Apr. 6
Please register with Pastor Mel
or the Church Office before
Monday, February 13.

The Book is free!
All are welcome and invited!

This is a church wide study for all ages! Our children will be participating during Sunday School on Sundays.

The Bible From Scratch

**New Testament
Bible Study
for Beginners**




Tuesday Nights at 6 p.m.
beginning Tuesday, April 11
through Tuesday, May 30
This course will cover the basics of the New Testament to give you a broader view and prepare you for other more advanced Bible Studies. This course is intended for Beginners

Led by Pastor Mel
Location: Parlor

Books are free
Please sign up with the
Pastor or church office
before Monday, March 20

FEBRUARY 2023

	WED., FEB. 1	THUR., FEB. 2	FRI., FEB. 3	SAT., FEB. 4
	7:30 pm - AIAnon (N)			
SUN., FEB. 5	MON., FEB. 6	TUES., FEB. 7	WED., FEB. 8	SAT., FEB. 11
9 am Worship in Sanctuary 10:15 Sunday school	7 pm - Choir 3 pm - College Hill (N)	6 pm - Trustees (P)	9 am - UWF Love Visits 3:30 pm - Mission (P) 7:30 pm - AIAnon (N)	
SUN., FEB. 12	MON., FEB. 13	TUES., FEB. 14	WED., FEB. 15	SAT., FEB. 18
9 am Worship in Sanctuary 10:15 Sunday school Blanket/Tools of Hope Sun. <i>Wear your favorite football team's gear!</i>	7 pm - Choir	9:30 am - Tuesday Morning Bible Study 	7:30 pm - AIAnon (P)	
SUN., FEB. 19	MON., FEB. 20	TUES., FEB. 21	WED., FEB. 22	SAT., FEB. 25
9 am Worship in Sanctuary 10:15 Sunday school	7 pm - Choir OFFICE CLOSED FOR PRESIDENT'S DAY		10 am - Holy Spokes Ash Wed. service at Cedarhurst 6:30 pm - Ash Wednesday Service at Centenary	
SUN., FEB. 26	MON., FEB. 27	TUES., FEB. 28	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	
9 am Worship in Sanctuary 10:15 Sunday school Pennies For Hunger	7 pm - Choir PASTOR AT COVENANT KEEPERS	9:30 am - Tuesday Morning Bible Study 6:30 pm - Ladies Book Club (P) PASTOR AT COVENANT KEEPERS		
				MEETING LOCATION KEY S - Sunday school room N - Narthex F - Fellowship Hall P - Parlor O - Pavilion C - Chapel X - Online