

# The Messenger

Lifting Up Jesus In The Heart Of Jacksonville



## *VBS takes over Centenary for 5 Days of sharing Jesus*

**Pictured above: The Vacation Bible School children are shown dancing and singing to one of the new songs they learned during their week at Centenary. Each of the 5 days featured a Craft, Snack, Bible Story and Recreation station. The kids seemed to be filled with the Holy Spirit as did the volunteers and workers who were inspired by the kids' passion for Jesus. Those in charge of VBS want to thank all who participated, worked or donated to make this such a special event.**



I have joked with many of you that being a pastor is like being a baseball manager, who are hired to be fired. Of course, pastors are not fired, but they do get a call from a higher power telling them their services are needed elsewhere. These transitions are often sad, yet filled with excitement for new possibilities.

I am encouraging Centenary to look at the excitement and new possibilities. This change is a little more than a pastoral change, and I don't believe the whole plan is known by anyone but God at this time. I remind you that God's hand is in this process and soon there will be some stepping stones appear that will lead you to a place where the blessings will be evident. Keep trusting God and having faith that God is the one who has chosen your new pastors, Kevin Hinkle and Jim McClarey. I know you are far more familiar with Kevin than Jim, but I ask that you embrace them both with love and grace and you will receive the same in return.

I also ask for your patience in this time of unfamiliarity. Faith can often be like building a jigsaw puzzle without the benefit of seeing the cover of the box. God knows what the picture looks like – yet invites us to help build and dream and enjoy the process of constructing a life of faith. Be Blessed and enjoy, I will miss you all.

Pastor Mel

**WEEKLY WORSHIP**

Weekly Worship Service .....9 am  
Sunday School for all ages.....10:15 am  
Fellowship Hour.....Before and after Service

**SPECIAL SUNDAY EVENTS**

Holy Communion.....Sunday, July 2  
Pennies For Hunger.....Sunday, July 23

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

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

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Messenger Deadline ..... Wed., July 19, 9 am

**BIBLE STUDIES**

Tuesday Morning  
Bible Study .....July 3 (MON.) & 18 9:30 am  
*In the Parlor*

**SMALL GROUPS**

AlAnon Meeting .....Wednesdays, 7:30 pm  
Prayer Gathering .....Wednesdays, 10:00 am  
Ladies Book Club.....Wednesday, July 19, 6:30 pm

**Ladies Book Club**



Pictured above are the ladies who participate in the Ladies Book Club. This was the last meeting with founder, Debbie Nielsen, the club will continue with Martha Vache´ leading. The ladies presented Debbie with a book to take with her which each member had signed.



The next Ladies Book Club will meet on Wednesday, July 19, 6:30 pm in the Parlor.

The featured book will be “*The Book Women of Troublesome Creek*” by Kim Michelle Richardson

**Centenary Staff**

Pastors

**Jim McClarey and Kevin Hinle**

Office Manager

**Rachel Hinkle**

Finance Manager

**Teri Hall**

Music Director

**Terri Benz**

Contemporary Worship Leader

**Rachel Hinkle**

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**Centenary’s Missionaries**

Mark and Rebecca Smallwood

Teachers at Redbird Mission

in Kentucky



## Children's Ministry News

### JULY ACOLYTES

7/2 Aspen Hayes and Max Hrynewych  
7/9 Delaney and Molly Ruyle  
7/16 Avery and Hudson Woodrum  
7/30 Jayden and Blake Batty

### 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 - [VOLUNTEER NEEDED](#)**

## *Kids' Church*

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

## *“Words of Life”*

We had so many positive responses to our study on Simon Peter by Adam Hamilton that we had during Lent, that we have decided to do another Adam Hamilton study this summer.

The Study is entitled “Words of Life: Jesus and the Promise of the Ten commandments Today”. We are excited to bring all of the different Sunday School together for this 10 week study, which will begin on July 2 and run through September 10.

Not only is the study well written and appropriate for children, but it helps our Sunday School program as we have teachers and their families taking vacations during the summer months and it allows more flexibility.

## *July Lessons*

### **July 2- “At the Center of it All”**

Moses goes up Mount Sinai to listen to God and bring back guidelines for living in right relationship with and God and with community.

**Bible Verse:** “Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You must have no other gods before me.” Exodus 20:1-3

### **July 9 – “The Idols We Keep”**

Moses returns to Mount Sinai to find God's people had made an idol.

**Bible Verse:** “Do not make an idol for yourself – no form whatsoever – of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters under the earth. Do not bow down to them or worship them. Exodus 20:4-5

### **July 16- “Respecting God's Name**

Jesus calls his followers salt and light during the Sermon on the Mount.

**Bible Verse:** “Do not use the Lord your God's name as if it were of no significance; the Lord won't forgive anyone who uses his name that way. Exodus 20:7

### **July 23 – Rediscovering the Power of Sabbath**

The story of periodic rest for the land and all people.

**Bible Verse:** “Remember the Sabbath day and treat I as holy. Six days you may work and do all your tasks, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord yours God.” Exodus 20: 8-10

**July 30** – This is a 5TH Sunday on which we have a service project. One of the services the children provide to Centenary UMC, is as acolytes a Sunday worship. On July 30, we are taking the opportunity to provide training to our acolytes. For those who have been acolytes, it will be a refresher course in the symbolism of the activity and the proper way to perform it. We have some new Kindergarteners who will be in training for the first time. They are very excited to be a part of this important part of ours community's worship.

## *Volunteers Needed*

We are in need of two volunteers in the Sunday school. The early elementary class is in need of a volunteer assistant on the 3rd Sunday of each month. The PreK/K class needs an assistant. Please contact Diana Phillips if interested or if you have any questions.



## July Birthdays

1	Steven Woodrum
3	Janet Heyen Scott Calhoon
5	Brian Borgman
7	Jarice Crenshaw Trevor Birdsell
8	Rachael Borgman Adam Stiltz
9	Steve Quigg
10	Bonita Day Elizabeth Chamberlain
12	Kalyssa Brickey Jean Shafer Galen O'Neil Reneé Brewer
13	Tom Newby Emily Calhoon
17	Paul Hamilton
18	Michael Meyer
20	Christopher Day
22	Benjamin Craddock
23	Steve Warmowski
25	Robert Dalton
26	Scott Baptist Dorothy Long
28	Christopher Prosser
29	Darcy Adams

## July Anniversaries

1	Kurt and Cara Heller
2	Bill and Johanna Betters
4	Gale and Bonnie Waltrip
9	Jess and Daphne Spradlin Kevin and Rachel Hinkle
13	Jon and Casey Zang
25	Steve and Kathy McCarty
30	Jason and Monica Schriber

## Upcoming Worship Schedule

The following is a tentative worship schedule for July 2023

### July 2

5th Sunday after Pentecost  
The Rev. Nic Showalter  
Holy Communion  
Altar Color - Green  
*Sermon Title:* TBD  
*Scripture Reading:* TBD

### July 9

6th Sunday after Pentecost  
Altar Color - Green  
*Sermon Title:* TBD  
*Scripture Reading:* TBD

### July 16

7th Sunday after Pentecost  
Altar Color - Green  
*Sermon Title:* TBD  
*Scripture Reading:* TBD

### July 23

8th Sunday after Pentecost  
Altar Color - Green  
*Sermon Title:* TBD  
*Scripture Reading:* TBD

### July 30

9th Sunday after Pentecost  
Altar Color - Green  
*Sermon Title:* TBD  
*Scripture Reading:* TBD

### August 6

10th Sunday after Pentecost  
Altar Color - Green  
*Sermon Title:* TBD  
*Scripture Reading:* TBD

# Missions



## *Donate Blood*

Blood donations are accepted on the 1st and 2nd Mondays each month (July 3 and 10) from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Jacksonville Memorial Hospital.

Appointments are required. Contact the Impact Blood Center by calling 800-747-5401 or login to <https://www.bloodcenter.org/>

## *Midwest Mission Volunteers*

Volunteers are always welcome at Midwest Mission. If you would like to volunteer contact Martha Vaché or the church office. Advance registration is required.

## *Missions to Support Wieck*

Centenary's Missions Committee has decided to sign a Covenant Agreement to support Connie Wieck, a UM missionary, in addition to continuing to support the Smallwoods at Redbird. Connie has been a missionary teacher in China for over 15 years.

Those who were at worship on May 21 had a chance to meet Connie and learn a little Chinese. She will not be going back to the university that she taught at in China and is waiting for a new placement from the Board of Global Ministries. Donations to help support Connie's mission work are welcome. Just make check to Centenary with "Connie" in the memo.

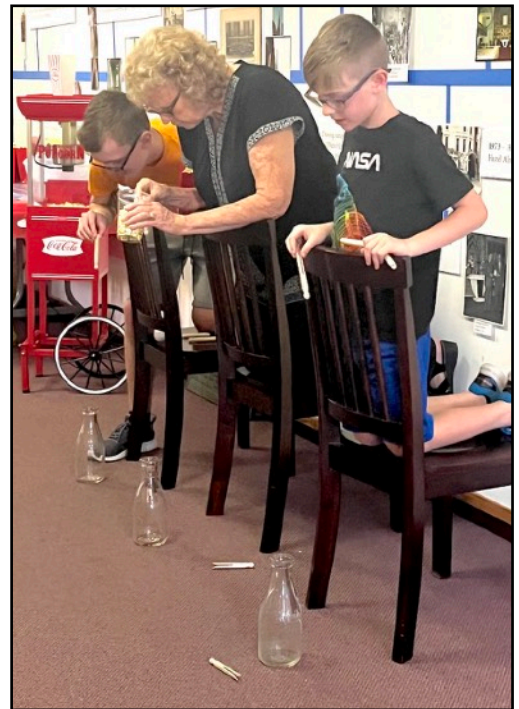
## *Fox Trust Committee Agrees to Disburse Funds*

Centenary United Methodist Church December 2007 Fox Trust Requests				
<b>\$7,306.99</b>	Funds Available		<b>Amount</b>	
<b>\$ Approved</b>	<b>Organization Requesting Funds</b>	<b>Requestd by</b>	<b>Requested</b>	<b>Reason/Us</b>
	Centenary Revolving Camp Funds	Missions & Education	\$1,500.00	see reques
	UM agencies: Lessie Bates	Missions	\$300.00	see reques
	UM agencies: Red Bird Missions	Missions	\$200.00	see reques
	UM agencies: Society of St. Andrews	Missions	\$100.00	
	UMCOR - Disaster Response USA	Missions	\$200.00	see reques
	Centenary Youth Group Missions Workcamp trip	Missions/Cathy Menge	\$500.00	see reques
	Central Prairie Chapter Red Cross Door Bell Dinners	Missions	\$200.00	see reques
	Crisis Center foundation	Missions	\$100.00	see reques
	Beardstown Hispanic Ministry "Nueva Vida"	Missions	\$200.00	see reques
	Jacksonville Area Community Food Center	Missions	\$500.00	see reques
	JACIL (Independent living)	Missions	\$100.00	
	J'ville Community Deaf Church Emergency Fund	Missions/Vae Rose Fultz	\$200.00	see reques
	Jubilee Habitat for Humanity	Missions	\$1,000.00	see reques
	Midwest Mission Distribution Center	Missions	\$300.00	see reques
	Prairieland United Way	Missions	\$500.00	
	Salvation Army	Missions	\$500.00	see reques
	Youth Attention Center	Missions	\$100.00	
	Centenary Jr. & Sr. Youth Group trips & events	Cathy Menge	\$700.00	
	A Cup of Cold Water	LuAnne Woofrum FHS Circle	\$500.00	
	J'ville Area Community Food Center	Reecca Eaton, Diane Webster, H Sorrill	\$750.00	see reques
	Central Prairie Chapter Red Cross/DoorBell Dinners	Ruth Circle (W. Sorrill)	\$500.00	see reques
	Pastor Helping Hand Account	Rev. Robert Foulk	\$600.00	see reques
	Alpha Phi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma	Noreen Taylor	\$500.00	
	Jubilee Habitat for Humanity	Sam Scheets	\$3,000.00	see reques
	Deaf Faith Community Church/Emergency fund	Vae Rose Fultz/Rev. Elke Sharma	\$550.00	
	HELPS Ministry OutreacBethesda Food Pantry	Kathleen Finkle	\$500.00	see reques
	Prince of Peace	Tilde Holmes	\$500.00	
	Sunrise Potary Club J'ville	Barb Baker	\$150.00	
	Camp Care-A-Lot			see reques
	The Family Network / Diapabags to Backpacks Fair			see reques
	Camp Courage			see reques



## Movie/Game Night held at Centenary

A small crowd turned out on Saturday, June 3 for a fun night of watching the movie Frozen and playing games during the intermission. There was also a basket giveaway, a guessing game, dancing and lots of movie theatre popcorn. There was a little bit of something for everyone. Thanks to all who helped or donated.





## United Women of Faith

### *UWF Reading Program*

For 2023, books from 2018-2023 reading program lists are eligible for reporting credit, if you have not previously read them.

A reminder! There are many books suitable for children and youth as part of the UWF Reading Program. You may get credit for them also. And the big plus is that you can share them with your children and grandchildren.

You can also receive Reading Program credit for listening to the Faith Talks podcasts. Listening to at least two episodes of Faith Talks counts as the equivalent of one book. You can find the podcasts on the UWF website. This might be a good program at a circle meeting! You can listen together and discuss.

Another way to receive book credit is by watching movies of Reading Program books. Three of those available are Hidden Figures, Pushout, and The Hate U Give. In determining the category for credit, identify the category of the original book and apply credit for the film to the same category. This is also a good possibility for a circle program.

A children's book, written by Rachel Held Evans, entitled *What Is God Like?* is under the category of Spiritual Growth. This Picture book by the late Rachel Evans and her friend, Matthew Paul Turner, answers what is for many children their first question about God: What is God like?

Through pictures from the Bible, children see God is like a shepherd, like a star, like a gardener,

### *UWF Love Visits*

Our Centenary's United Women in Faith Love Visits will be on Wednesday, August 2. Mark your calendars since this event will be very early in August. 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. Contact Jarice Crenshaw or Pat Baptist if you have any questions.

like the wind, and more. God is a comforter and support. And whenever a child is unsure, *What is God Like?* encourages young hearts to "Think about what makes you feel safe, what makes you feel loved and what makes you feel brave. That's what God is like." A beautiful book to read to a child or a grandchild...and for yourself.

Susan Ageline Collins: *With a Hallelujah Heart* by Janis Bennington Van Buren is an Education for Mission selection. Years before Mary Jane McLeod Bethune started her school for girls in Florida; one Midwestern woman was steadily doing her part for girls in the northern Angolan high plateau.

For more than three decades, African American missionary Susan Angeline Collins made a tremendous difference in the lives of countless African women and children, some orphaned and homeless and others escaping early marriage and subservience. Authored by retired professor Janis Bennington Van Buren, this book explores the remarkable service-oriented life of Collins from her 1851 birth in Illinois until her 1940 death in Iowa. Collins overcame economic, education, gender, race, religious, and other obstacles surrounding Africa's colonization to serve as a stalwart missionary, leader, teacher, nurse, construction manager, and surrogate mother to "her girls".

### *UWF and Circles Off for Summer*

There are no regularly scheduled circle meetings in July. If special activities are planned the circle leaders will contact their members.

### *Thoughts for the Month*

The United Women in Faith are deeply committed to the ongoing work of racial justice. We strive to be in right relationship with one another; we work together for the transformation of church and world, following the teaching and example of Jesus Christ.

60 Ways to Live Longer, Stronger and Better – Give Friday night thanks. Share three things you're grateful for every Friday night over dinner (or any other night of the week). This is a terrific habit that will give you a new perspective on your family members.

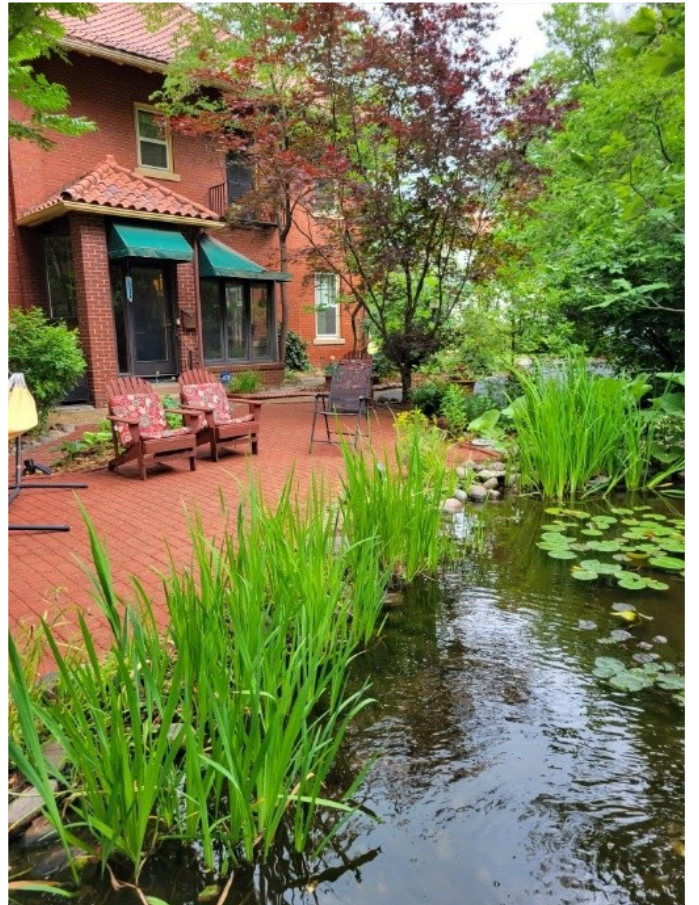
## United Women of Faith

### *Garden Walk Memories*

It was delightfully, cool day on the afternoon of June 11 for Hope Circle's Garden Walk. The walk was very successful with everyone touring six beautiful and unique gardens. Hope Circle members will meet later to decide which missions will receive a share of the proceeds. Thank you to everyone who helped and especially to those who shared their gardens. Below are a pictures taken of a couple of the gardens.



Filio – Woods Family's Garden, 1106 W. Lafayette Avenue.



Lawrence and Elizabeth Zettler's Garden, 1609 Mound Avenue.

### ***Adult SS Off For The Summer***

The adult Sunday School class is breaking for the summer. The class will resume the study on The Psalms in the fall. All adults are encouraged to attend.

### ***Quote of the Month***

"If you believe in a God who controls the big things, you have to believe in a God who controls the little things. It is we, of course, to whom things look 'little' or 'big'."

- Elisabeth Elliot



## *Guest Speaker, Children's Choir Highlights June 18 Service*

Pictured below left is The Rev. Lori Bultemeier from the Baby Fold who came to preach and share about the Baby Fold. She also wanted to thank Centenary for their generosity in providing funding for the Baby Fold. The Children's Choir also blessed the service with three songs.



### *Pastors on the Radio*

Pictured at left are the Rev. Becky Williams of Wesley Chapel and Pastor Mel Nielsen of Centenary before their radio interview on 91.9 WUIS NPR radio in Springfield. They were interviewed by Bea Bonner, who is one of the hosts of the Community Voices program, which airs Mondays - Thursdays, noon to 1 p.m.. Fridays Noon - 12:30 p.m. and Saturdays, 5-6 p.m. The two were invited to address the new Unmet Needs program beginning in Jacksonville this June. The episode aired on Wednesday June 21. Once posted, you will be able to listen to the broadcast by going to [nprillinois.org](http://nprillinois.org) and following the 'Community Voices' link.

### *Thank you from Pastor Mel and Debbie*

Thank you to all who sent cards, gave gifts or spoke well wishes. Your generosity is appreciated. Thank you for those who signed my wall hanging, I will be sure to find a place for it in my new office. Debbie and I want to say thank you again for welcoming us to be part of your family for the past 5 years. God Bless.



# VBS 'Food Truck' Memories 2023





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# JULY 2023

										SAT., JULY 1	
<b>MEETING LOCATION KEY</b> S - Sunday school room N - Narthex F - Fellowship Hall P - Parlor O - Pavilion C - Chapel X - Online											
<b>SUN., JULY 2</b>	<b>MON., JULY 3</b>	<b>TUES., JULY 4</b>	<b>WED., JULY 5</b>	<b>THUR., JULY 6</b>	<b>FRI., JULY 7</b>	<b>SAT., JULY 8</b>					
9 am Worship in Sanctuary 10:15 Sunday school Holy Communion	9:30 am - Tuesday Morning Bible Study (F)	OFFICE CLOSED FOR 4TH OF JULY	10:00 am - Prayer Gathering (P) 7:30 pm - AIAnon (N)								
<b>SUN., JULY 9</b>	<b>MON., JULY 10</b>	<b>TUES., JULY 11</b>	<b>WED., JULY 12</b>	<b>THUR., JULY 13</b>	<b>FRI., JULY 14</b>	<b>SAT., JULY 15</b>					
9 am Worship in Sanctuary 10:15 Sunday school			10:00 am - Prayer Gathering (P) 7:30 pm - AIAnon (N)								
<b>SUN., JULY 16</b>	<b>MON., JULY 17</b>	<b>TUES., JULY 18</b>	<b>WED., JULY 19</b>	<b>THUR., JULY 20</b>	<b>FRI., JULY 21</b>	<b>SAT., JULY 22</b>					
9 am Worship in Sanctuary 10:15 Sunday school		9:30 am - Tuesday Morning Bible Study (F)	10:00 am - Prayer Gathering (P) 6:30 pm - Ladies Book Club (P) 7:30 - AIAnon (N)								
<b>SUN., JULY 23/30</b>	<b>MON., JULY 24/31</b>	<b>TUES., JULY 25</b>	<b>WED., JULY 26</b>	<b>THUR., JULY 27</b>	<b>FRI., JULY 28</b>	<b>SAT., JULY 29</b>					
9 am Worship in Sanctuary 10:15 Sunday school Pennies For Hunger			<b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b> 10:00 am - Prayer Gathering ☺ 6:15 Ad Council (P) 7:30 pm - AIAnon (N)								