



OCTOBER 2024

CROSSTALK

Centenary United Methodist Church

"Be joyful always ; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." | Thessalonians 5:16-18

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior,

It is hard to believe that summer is officially over and autumn has arrived. As I write this, the temperature doesn't feel like fall, but the calendar tells me it is time to get busy with planning for the future.

We will begin the month with Dinner Church on Wednesday, October 2. Once again, we plan to have our meal on the lawn. This is a time of reaching out to our neighborhood and a wonderful opportunity for you to invite your friends and neighbors to join us around the table for Christian fellowship. Plan to participate in this outreach event.

The first Sunday is World Communion. This is one of my favorite Sundays as I think about joining Christians around the world at the Table of the Lord. During this tumultuous time in our world, we need to remember how Jesus shared a meal with all his disciples, even the one who would betray him and the one who would deny him. We are all invited to and welcomed at the Lord's Table. Plan to celebrate this holy time at church on October 6, 10:30. More information to come.

October is also the time to prepare for Charge Conference. We will host the Charge Conferences for the churches in Shelby, Henry and Spencer Counties on October 27th at 4:00. In preparation for our Charge Conference, we will need to nominate and elect new officers for 2025. It is my prayer that you will begin to think how you would like to serve the church. What are your gifts and how is God calling you to serve? Whether it is reading scripture, singing in the choir, serving on a committee or being a part of congregational care, you are needed. In a few weeks you will have an opportunity to indicate how you would like to serve. Please be in prayer for the Nominations Committee as they begin this important work.

I continue to be blessed to be in ministry at Centenary. I believe that even though there is still hurt and grief in the church, we are beginning to recognize how blessed we are and how God is using us to further His Kingdom on earth. May God continue to bless us as we strive to *Love God, Love People and Make Disciples*, all to the glory of God.

Blessings,
Becki

Sunday Morning Services

Coffee and Doughnuts in the Fellowship Hall 9:00am
Sunday School at 9:30am
Worship at 10:30am

Join us online:

Facebook Live at

<https://www.facebook.com/centenaryshelbyville>

&

YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFQ7gRUEwCTavSK9UvqiMaQ>

Two ways we try to keep everyone updated about our programs and events are by email and Facebook. Please contact the church office with any questions or if you would like to be added to the email list.

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:00am-4:00pm
and Friday 8:00am-11:00am (remotely)

Assistance days and hours are Tuesday & Thursday 9:00am-1:00pm. Centenary offers financial assistance for rent or utilities and food assistance. Assistance is available to all Shelby County residents

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Deadline for the
November 2024 Crosstalk
is Wednesday, October 16, 2024



- 1 Cinda Compton
- Karen Warford
- 4 Rena George
- 6 David Cook
- Marty Hickman
- 8 Bonnie Coffee
- 9 Paul Erway
- 12 Aiden Nelson
- Fernando Isa
- 18 Jane Bailey
- 24 Dianne Frazier
- 25 Sterling Headley

October

Assistance Program

- 2nd Dinner Church 6:00pm
- 6th CYF 5:30pm
- 9th Lunch Bunch 11:30am
- 13th Start Collecting donations for United Methodist Mountain Mission
CYF 5:30pm
- 14th Office Closed Federal Holiday
Redwoods 10:00am
Ops Team Meeting 6:30pm
- 16th Crosstalk Deadline
- 19th Welcome Service for Bishop David Graves at Christ Church in Louisville at 11:00am
- 20th CYF 5:30pm
- 21st Church Council Meeting 6:30pm
- 22nd Flu Shot Clinic in the Library
10:00am-1:00pm
- 25th Youth Bonfire- location and time TBA
- 26th Main St Trick or Treat
12:00pm-2:00pm
- 27th Centenary UMC Will host Shelby, Henry, and Spencer County for Charge Conference at 4:00pm
CYF 5:30pm
- 30th United Methodist Mountain Mission Pick-up

In August, Centenary received 31 requests for financial assistance and was able to fulfill 25 of them, distributing a total of \$4,354.29 and positively impacting 62 individuals. Of the requests we could not meet, two were ineligible due to having received assistance within the past 12 months, three did not provide the required paperwork, and one requested assistance for a car payment, which is not a service we offer.

In terms of food assistance, Centenary distributed 158 bags of food, feeding 352 individuals. Households may receive food every other week, as needed. Our assistance program is open to all residents of Shelby County.

Last year, we received a generous donation of toys to support families during Christmas. While we will be receiving another toy donation this year, it will not be as large as last year. To support the Christmas Shop, we will be collecting gifts from October through November to assist families by providing presents for the children in their households. We are seeking donations for children and teenagers.



At the September meeting of the Redwoods, Lois Bradford presented Jane Bailey with a lap quilt in recognition of her years of quilting. For years the quilters made quilts for nursing home residents, babies and shut ins. They have dwindled in numbers, but Geri Roberts keeps things going

**LUNCH
BUNCH**

The Lunch Bunch will be going to the Farm Kitchen located on US 60 heading to Frankfort at 11:30am on Wednesday, October 9th.

Music: The Tie That Binds
By Mary Lou Smith Madigan

Recently, I attended Sunday School in Fellowship Hall through Zoom. Mark Gibbons was in charge. Part of the time he led the group in singing hymns and then lifted the importance of music to our memories.

I play in my mind tunes from my mother's piano: "Twelfth Street Rag," "Tennessee Waltz," "Redwing." Tunes from her piano player: "Delicado," "The Poor People of Paris," "Catch a Falling Star and Put It in Your Pocket." Tunes from college choirs and church choirs. Melodies like this occupy my mind while waiting in a doctor's office. Everyone else is glued to their phones, but I have a whole show inside my head.

But in addition to these, and most precious, are the hymns of my childhood and adulthood. When undecided, "He Leadeth Me" and "Open My Eyes" give direction. When discouraged, "Amazing Grace" and "Blessed Assurance" lift me up. When rejoicing, "We're Marching to Zion" and "Dwelling in Beulah Land" have me dancing (in my heart). When feeling unworthy, "My hope Is Built" and "The Old Rugged Cross" restore me. When in awe of God's Creation and his Love, I hear "How Great Thou Art" and "He Arose."

Now in my eighties, the thought comes that my time here is limited. Fear of the unknown and occasional doubt are staved off by "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" and "His Eye Is on The Sparrow." "Blest Be The Tie That Binds" our yesterdays to today, and us to each other.



You are invited to the Service of Installation of Bishop David Graves on Saturday, October 19 at 11:00 am (ET) at Christ United Methodist Church (Brownsboro Road, Louisville, KY). There will be a reception following the service.



The service will be available via live stream for those unable to join us in person.

Clergy members are invited to join the procession during the service. Full elders and deacons are asked to wear black robes with red stoles. Commissioned members and local pastors are encouraged to wear black robes. Lay supply are invited to wear Sunday dress.

If you plan to attend and to be part of the procession, please contact the church office for the link, before October 10, 2024.

HALLOWEEN CANDY

Shelby County Halloween Walk is October 26th at from 12pm-2pm. We are asking for candy donations for this event. If you are able to donate, please drop off in the Children's Area or across from 206. Also, if you would like to participate and hand out candy please, Contact Reesa Headley at reesa.headley@gmail.com



WINTER COAT DRIVE

We are collecting new or gently worn coats, all sizes
Place in bins located outside Room 206 and downstairs near the Washington St. entrance, or bring to church office
Monday- Thursday 8am-2pm

SEPTEMBER 15TH-NOVEMBER 15TH



CENTENARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
TOY & GIFT DRIVE



We will be collecting gifts for the Christmas Shop from October through November to help families that come to us for assistance with some gifts for the children in their households.

Toys for all ages- Sports balls, art supplies, Lego, stuffed animals, coloring books, action figures, Barbie dolls, baby dolls, board & card games, crafting kits, cars, ect.

Personal Care gift sets for older kids, costume jewelry, accessories, perfume or cologne, ect.

Avoid The Flu!

Get the flu shot here

**Tuesday
October 22
10:00am-1:00pm**

Centenary United Methodist Church
429 Main St
Shelbyville Ky 40065




HALLOWEEN WALK

**OCTOBER 26, 2024
12PM-2PM**

We are looking for volunteers to participate in handing out candy. If you would like to setup a table along the sidewalk, please reach out to Reesa Headley.

Centenary Dinner Church

Nehemiah 8:10 “... The Joy of The Lord is Our Strength”

Reflecting on our recent Dinner Church gathering on September 4th, my mind is drawn to Nehemiah 8:10. As we gathered on the church lawn and saw the people arriving—the smiles, the joy, the laughter, and the fellowship—I couldn't help but feel the profound presence of the Lord among us. The joy we witnessed and shared together was a beautiful reminder of His presence in that moment.

We came together in His name, embodying what it truly means to be a church: “Making God's presence known in our community and uniting in worship and fellowship.” Nehemiah 8:10 speaks to the joy God's people felt when He called them back to celebrate in His presence, and we experienced that same joy as we gathered.

Looking ahead, we will have another opportunity to celebrate together on October 2nd at 6:00pm. Dinner Church will continue on the first Wednesday of each month. We encourage you to invite others to join us, and we look forward to celebrating with you once again!

The Dinner Church Ministry Team!



October



Note From Teachers

Inspired by the calling of CUMC to “exist to love God, love people, and to make disciples” we have decided to lovingly call our class Little Fishers in the spirit of Matthew 4:19 which says: *He said to them, “Come, follow me and I will make you fishers of men.”*



Lesson Plans

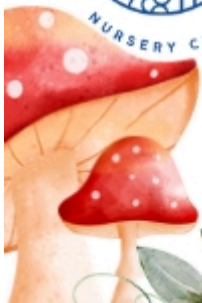
Continuing Fruit of the Spirit Lessons

10/06 Goodness

10/13 Gentleness

10/20 Faithfulness

10/27 Self Control



Treehouse NEWSLETTER

October

Each Sunday, during Continued Worship, our children are learning the Bible through Superbook. This video series, helps our children get a better understanding of God's word and how we use his teachings in our everyday life. If your child enjoys these videos, Superbook is also available as an app that can download to your device, so they can take, learn and play anywhere.

Lesson Plan

10/6-Samuel
Called by God

10/13- David and Saul
Showing Mercy

10/20-Nehemiah
Doing God's work

10/27-Elisha and the Syrian
Show Kindness to enemies



We are looking for volunteers to help out during continued worship. If you would like to help float during a Sunday, Please reach out to Reesa Headley.

Upcoming Events

Halloween Walk

October 26 🍁 12pm-2pm

S'more Event

November 9 🍌 3pm-8pm

Memory Verse

Peacemakers who sow
in peace reap a harvest
of righteousness.

James 3:18



Centenary Youth Fellowship

Hi Church Family!

We are in full swing of Sunday Youth Group programs! We meet on Sunday Morning for Bible Study and our first unit focuses on truth. In an uncertain world, we can hold on to the solid truth we find in God's Word, and we can commit to telling that truth in our words and actions. In John 8:31-32, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." I want to keep encouraging our youth to join us Sunday Mornings to continue our discussions on truth!

CYF Youth Group is now meeting on Sunday Evenings! We are excited to welcome our Praise Band to lead us through Praise & Worship!! Join us to Reconnect with each other and Jesus through music, games, fellowship and more!

There are youth events coming up this semester. Check out our Calendar of Events. If you are interested in joining us or volunteering, please reach out to me!

Many Blessings,
Tiffany

Ongoing Programs

Bible Study & Parent Fellowship-
Sunday Morning 9:30am

Youth Group Reconnect- Sunday
Night 5:30pm

October 2024

10/2 Dinner Church - Youth Games & Hang
10/13 Fall Break - No youth events
10/20 CYF Family Night
10/26 Community Halloween Event-
Need Youth Volunteers!

November 2024

11/4 Rake N Run
11/6 Dinner Church - Youth Games & Hang
11/9 Celebration of Lights Community Event-
Youth Building open!
11/30 Coat Exchange Service Event

December 2024

12/4 Dinner Church - Youth Games & Hang
12/22- Christmas Caroling during CYF
12/29- Light Underground Outing



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