

Faith
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Possible

**Centenary United Methodist Church
2300 W. Friendly Ave.
Greensboro, NC 27403
January 22, 2023**

Reverend Kelley Groce, Pastor

Anita Trumpler-Rich, Music Director

*Welcome friends, family, and visitors. May your hearts be touched by the
Holy Spirit as we join in worship with devotion, songs, and prayer.
Our Mission: To experience God's life-changing love and take God's love into the world.
Our Vision: To be a church where everyone is involved in ministry.*

Gathering Music	Meditation from Thais	Massenet, arr. Laub
Announcements for Mission and Ministry		
Choral call to worship	What a Friend We Have in Jesus	Choir
Call to Worship		
Opening Prayer		
†Hymn	This is a Day of New Beginnings	UMH 383 (v 1-4)
† Responsive	Psalter 71: 1-12	
Joys and Concerns of Congregation		
Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer		
Anthem	O Worship the Lord	Clatterbuck
		Choir
Scripture:	1 Peter 1: 1-12	
Sermon:	How Christians deal with Suffering	Rev. Kelley Groce
†Affirmation of Faith:	Apostle's Creed	UMH 881
†Gloria Patri		
We Worship with God's Tithes and our Offering.		
Offertory	Hope of the World	Choir
†Doxology		
†Hymn	Hymn of Promise	UMH 707
†Blessing and Benediction		
†Postlude	Divertimento	Mattia Vento

†Please stand as you are able and silence your cell phones.



As you engage your 'Prayer Life' this week, please remember these prayer concerns: If you have a prayer concern or praise, please contact the church office at 336-299-9643, or call Kelley at the parsonage 336-285-5081. Let us know if the concern may be shared with the congregation.

Prayer Requests:

Gretchen Crabtree. Howard Fulcher. Susan Carrick. Sheridian Wacker. Lori Johnson. Lori Eaton. Peggy Harris. Diane, Jim & Scott Stanley. Anne Murr. Trudy Sillmon. Don & Clara Ellis. Aly Saunders. Rachel Dykes, Sue Rosser. Till West (David Groce's aunt).

We extend our sympathy to Nancy and Coak May in the passing of their brother-in-law, Mike Powell, on January 13th.



January Birthdays - Don Stowe (22). Hannah Stout (24). Bill Eller, Don Ellis (29).

Announcements and Calendar of events

Today: 2pm Finance Committee Meeting in the Conference Room.

January 24. 6pm Picnic, Pastor, and Passages in the conference room. Bring a picnic and we study passages of the Bible and The Effects of Prolonged Stress: Taking care of Yourself. In the Conference Room.

A celebration of life for Dr. Paul Long will be held on **January 28, 2023, at 2 p.m.** at Well-Spring Retirement Community's Virginia Summerville Sutton Theater, located at 4100 Well-Spring Drive, Greensboro, NC 27410, with a reception to follow.

Wednesdays at 6:45pm- Choir Practice. All are welcome to join. See Anita if you have any questions.

Sunday School at 9:45am – in the Fellowship Hall. Study: Season 3 of "The Chosen".

Light Up the Sanctuary Campaign continues. If you would like to contribute to the cause- please gift to **Light Up the Sanctuary Campaign and designate as such.** To date we have received \$4,313.00. Thanks for your generous contributions.

Undie Sunday. The first Sunday of each month. Needed black and white socks for men and women. New packaged underwear for men and women, all sizes.

The Altar Flower Calendar is poster. There are dates still available. The cost is \$65.00/Sunday if we order from the florist. If you are interested in a less expensive option, please call the church office (336-299-9643).

Reminder: As we enter the time of the year when we can have inclement weather please be aware that we will post Centenary closings on Fox 8 and WXII 12.