



## **Centenary United Methodist Church**

**2300 W. Friendly Ave., Greensboro, NC 27403**

**September 12<sup>th</sup>, 11:00am**

**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**

*Morning Song...Michael Shea*

**Announcements for Missions and Ministry**

**Call to Worship in Honor of Grandparents Day 2021**

Leader: God's Word declares: "Honor your father and your mother,

**People: so that your days may be long in the land the Lord your God is giving you."**

Leader: God's Word declares: "I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you."

**People: We thank God for grandparents who "grandly" love, nurture, and lead.**

*The Rev. David Erickson is the pastor of the Peace UMC in Fredericksburg, VA.*

**Opening Prayer:**

**Lord, we have come this day to hear your words of healing love and hope. Enter our hearts and our spirits and teach us to follow you. Give us courage and strength to be your faithful disciples. AMEN.**

**†Hymn**

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

**UMH 92, v. 1,5&6**

**Joys and Concerns of Congregation**

**Pastoral prayer and Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation and deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Special Music**

*Whispering Hope...McClelland*

**(Cokesbury 245, v.1)**

**Scripture:**

**Job 14: 1-14**

**Sermon:**

**A Tree of Hope**

**Rev. Kelley Groce**

**†Hymn**

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

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I Have decided to follow Jesus,

I have decided to follow Jesus,

I have decided to follow Jesus  
no turning back, no turning back.

**Leader:** What? You've decided to follow Jesus? What in the world do you mean by that?

**People:** Well, I'm not really sure. I just want to be the kind of person who would make Jesus proud. I want to help others and that kind of thing.

**Leader:** So, you want to do good things to make Jesus like you and be proud of you?

**People:** No.....not exactly. It's hard to put into words. I want to do the kind of things that Jesus would want me to do, you know, like helping people, and being a person of peace. I want to feel some joy in my life.....and maybe I can find this joy by being a Jesus-person.

**Leader:** Following Jesus isn't easy, you know! You really have to make a commitment. Maybe what you need is to seek Jesus' healing for yourself - to let go of the sorrow and fear in your life. Maybe when those things are gone, following Jesus won't be so hard.

**People:** I just want to make a difference.

**Leader:** You can. Learn forgiveness, patience, mercy, justice, kindness. Be willing to "go the extra mile" in helping someone. And do it, not because you want to make Jesus proud, but because, as a follower, it is what you do....live by the words you speak.

**People:** ".....no turning back.....no turning back."

**All:** That's right. The road of hope and peace is before you. The journey awaits your first step.....no turning back.....no turning back..

## We Worship with our Tithes and our Offerings

**Offertory**                      *Lord, I want to be a Christian...arr. C. Berry*

**†Hymn**                                      *My Hope is Built*                                      **UMH 368, v. 1&4**

**†Blessing and Benediction**

**†Postlude**                                      *St. Denio...Robert Graham*

†Please stand as you are able.

**\*\* Please silence all cell phones during the service. Thank you.**

*Thank you for continuing to wear a mask to protect the most vulnerable in our midst, especially those not yet able to be vaccinated.*



**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. Let us know if the concern may be shared with the congregation.

**Caroline Crabtree (Mike Crabtree's aunt)** at Cone Hospital with pneumonia. **Chuck Ferebee**, upcoming hip surgery. **Cynthia Michael**, fell last Saturday and broke 4 ribs, she is at Alamance Regional Hospital. **Anne Murr**, diagnosed with single cell Lung Cancer and has started chemo. **Susan Shuping** surgery on her thumb. **The nation of Haiti**. **Margaret Miller** health issues. **Louise Woods**, Carolina Pines is now allowing visitors, Louise is in room 225 and would love to have visits. **Lori Johnson**, had surgery on September 2. **Sheridian Wacker**, health issues **Trudy Sillmon**. **David Blackman**. **Don & Clara Ellis**. **Aly Saunders**. **Judy Milligan**. **Abbie Samuel**.

**Fred and Betsy Wampler new address: 22 Dudley Brooke Road, Deering NH 03244. The Wampler's daughter Linda died on August 6, 2021 with whom she was living along with their son-in-law, Roy Vaughn. Please keep the family in your prayers. They have moved in with their son Mark.**



**September Birthday-Susan Carrick & Robin Garner (1), Martha Proffitt & Chris Bagwell (2), Robert Hemphill & David Groce (3), Polly Bowman (5), Dawn Long (9), Mary Ann Smith (12), Lee Norman (16), Shari Saunders (21), Martha Neil Rives (23), Lori Eaton (24), Carolina Robinson & Joshua Pace (25), Brenda Wilson (27), Bill Deuterman (29)**

## **Announcements**

**This Sunday September 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm we will have a combined Trustees and Finance Committees meeting. We will discuss some issues that have come to Finance and Trustees after a lengthy conversation with the WNC Methodist Conference lawyer. Please plan to attend if you are able.**

**On Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm Pastor Kelley will be going to Friends Home at Guilford to help with preparing the no sew blankets for Pathway.**

**September 14th we will begin our New Bible Study at 10:00am and 6:30pm. We will be discussing The Book of Revelation with Dr. Mickey Efird. Open to All- Books are available for loan, see Pastor Kelley.**

**Pastor Kelley will be at Friend's Home Guilford on September 15th at 3:00pm on the 3rd floor of Woolman for Devotion and Communion.**

**Book Club-On Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – That Summer by Jennifer Weiner at 6:30pm place to be announced.**

**UMW Ladies-The UMW ladies will meet Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am in the conference room. ALL LADIES of the church are invited and encouraged to attend. We will be re-organizing and planning for the upcoming year. If you have any questions, please contact Debra Schlueter 336-707-4213.**