



**Centenary United Methodist Church  
2300 W. Friendly Ave.  
Greensboro, NC 27403  
January 8, 2023**

**Reverend Kelley Groce, Pastor**

**Anita Trumpler-Rich, Music Director**

**Guest Speaker: Rev. Charles Penley**

*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	Sheep May Safely Graze	Bach, arr. Wells
Announcements for Mission and Ministry		
Choral call to worship	Christ is the World's Light	Choir
Call to Worship:		
L: Welcome to worship this day!		
<b>P: We have come seeking God's blessings and love.</b>		
L: They shall be given to you.		
<b>P: We have come seeking forgiveness and healing.</b>		
L: These will be offered to you. Open your hearts to receive God's Good News.		
<b>P: We open our hearts to all of God's words and ways for us. AMEN.</b>		
Opening Prayer: <b>We ask that You would open our ears so that we may hear your voice. Open our minds so that we may receive Your eternal wisdom. Open our spirits so that we may know Your leading and guidance. And open our hearts so that we may receive Your wonderful love.</b>		
†Hymn:	Take My Life, and Let it Be	UMH 399
Joys and Concerns of the Congregation		
Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer		
Anthem	Down to the River to Pray	Choir
Scripture:	Jeremiah 6:10-16	
Sermon Title:	"Standing at the Crossroads"	Rev. Charles Penley
†Hymn	Come Thou Fount of every Blessing	UMH 400
†Affirmation of Faith	The Apostle's Creed	UMH 881
†Gloria Patri		
We worship with God's Tithes and our Offerings		
Offertory	Sketch in B-flat Major, HK 159 Jackie Thompson, Clarinet, and James Esterline, Piano	Halfdan Kjerulf
†Doxology		
†Hymn	Shalom to You	UMH 666
†Blessing and Benediction		
†Postlude	The Opening Year	Lani Smith

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

“Our sincere thanks to Jackie Thompson and James Esterline for sharing their beautiful music with us in today’s worship.”

“We thank Rev. Charles Penley for sharing the message with us today”



**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 336-285-081. Let us know if the concern may be shared with the congregation.**

**Prayer Requests:**

Susan Carrick. Sheridian Wacker. Lori Johnson. Lori Eaton. Peggy Harris. Diane, Jim & Scott Stanley. Anne Murr. Trudy Sillmon. Don & Clara Ellis. Aly Saunders. Al Barnes). Sharry Hastings. Rachel Dykes, Sue Rosser (Debbie Robinson’s friends). Hilda (Debbie Robinson’s Aunt).

We extend our sympathy to the family of Dr. Noel von Glahn who passed away on December 29, 2022. Arrangements are incomplete.



**January Birthdays -** Brian Deuterman (3). Barbara Singleton (7). Teresa Snider (8). Reid Townsend (12). Debbie Clark (14) Jane Norman (16). Aly Saunders (16). Jim Stanley (17). Andrea Wiskal (19). Don Stowe (22). Bill Eller, Don Ellis (29).

**Announcements and Calendar of events**

**January 9th- 4pm Worhsip Committ Meeting in the Conference Room.**

**January 9th- 5:30 Mission/ Nurture/Outreach Meeting in the Conference Room.**

**January 19th- 6:30pm Centenary Starlight Book Club at Lucky 32. Book: Dragonfly by Leila Meacham**

**January 21st- 8am to 10am – Community Breakfast**

**January 21st- 2pm The Celebration of Life for Ed Hennings in the Sanctuary.**

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

**Sunday School at 9:45am** – in the Fellowship Hall. Starting January 8<sup>th</sup>, we will be watching and discussing Season 3 of “The Chosen”. All are welcome!

**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.

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).

*On January 21, 2023, there will be a celebration of Life for Ed Hennings at Centenary UMC Church at 2pm.*

*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.*