



Centenary United Methodist Church

2300 W. Friendly Ave., Greensboro, NC 27403

July 18, 2021 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.

Camp Meeting Month

Gathering Music

"Ashokan Farewell," by Jay Ungar

James Esterline, Violin

Welcome and Announcements

†Opening Prayer

†Hymns

I Am Thine, O Lord

Cokesbury #139, v.1,3&4

He Keeps me Singing

#110, v.1,4&5

Bringing in the Sheaves

#165, v. 1-3

Scripture

Psalm 126

Sermon

Bringing in the Sheaves

Rev. Kelley Groce

Response to the Word

Humility

Cokesbury Hymnal #324

Leader: Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

People: Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time.

Leader: For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt offering.

People: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

Leader: For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think.

People: If a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.

Leader: Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another.

People: Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.

Leader: God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

People: Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

Special Music

"Berceuse" from "Variations on a Theme by Kiorpes"...

Composed and Performed by James Esterline, Piano

Joys and Concerns of Congregation

Pastoral prayer and the 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.

We Worship with our Tithes and our Offerings

Offertory

Sonata in E-flat Major...Domenico Cimarosa

†Hymns

Living for Jesus

#173, v. 1,3&4

Amazing Grace

#43, v.1,3&4

Blessing and Benediction

We thank James Esterline for sharing his beautiful music with us this morning!

†Please stand as you are able.

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

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.

Bob Lane, (who was one of Centenary's keyboard player at our early service) underwent surgery for colon cancer June 21st and is recovering at home. **Margaret Miller** health issues. **Keith Eller**, moved to 4328 Chilton Way, (off Skeet Club Road) High Point, NC 27265. **Suzy Swindell's friend, Vanessa Newbower**, hurt her hand in an ATV accident. **Ann Murr**, challenging health concerns. **Louise Woods**, Carolina Pines is now allowing visitors, Louise is in room 225 and would love to have visits. **Lori Johnson**, chemo treatments for breast cancer. **Sheridian Wacker**, health issues **Nina Stowe, co-worker's son, Malachi**, 9 months old with leukemia. **Trudy Sillmon. David Blackman. Kristy Carpenter, Betty and John Pugh's cousin**, cancer. **Susan Carrick. Nancy Carrick. Corey Marion. Don & Clara Ellis. Rachel Sheppard. Aly Saunders. Judy Milligan. Rick & Libby Boggs. Anita Trumpler-Rich. Robert Hemphill. Jennifer Slaine. Dot Frye. Jeane Batten. Abbie Samuel.**



Even though she has moved she will remain in our hearts!

Lindy Hutchison, Spring Arbor #304, 1705 Kildare Farm Road, Cary, NC 27511

If you would like to send a card or email while Lori Johnson is staying with her son during her treatments. Temporary address:

Lori Johnson, 6752 N.C. Hwy 65, Summerfield, NC 27358

Email address: Lorijohn28@hotmail.com

Updated Summer Bible Study Series Scripture and Dates

Amy Jill Levine's book, **Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi.** **We will meet on Tuesday evening @6:30 in the conference room.**

The dates are as follows: July 20 (The Pearl of Great Price, Matthew 13:45-46), August 3 (The Mustard Seed, Mark 4:30-32), August 24 (The Widow and the Judge, Luke 18: 1-8) . If you are going to participate, please let Kelley know by the Monday before. I would also like to know from the group if you want to meet in person or via zoom. It is difficult to offer both but want the way for most participation. Please let Kelley know your preference.

- **Mission Meeting this Sunday, July 18th at 1:00pm.**
- **Soul to Sole this Sunday, July 18th.** We will be making no sew blankets for Pathways along with Blessing Bags for the IRC. We will begin at 2:00pm after church in the Fellowship Hall. Hope to see you there!

- **Calling all who want to learn about how to be a church of Radical Discipleship:**

“Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom – Living into the Church’s Moral Witness through Radical Discipleship.”

Virtual UMW Mission u 2021

Spiritual Growth Study: Bearing Witness in the Kin-Dom: Living Into the Church’s Moral Witness through Radical Discipleship

Study Leader: Rev. Amy Coles, Assistant to the Bishop, Western North Carolina Conference

Date/Time: Sunday, July 18 - 3:00pm - 5:00pm via zoom

Mission Study Description: In Jesus’ own words, he came to bring good news to the poor, release the captives, restore sight to the blind, and to let the oppressed go free. What is the responsibility of the church to follow Christ’s example in word and deed? While these times might feel particularly turbulent, society has always confronted the church with challenging issues where she has had to discern how God was calling her. The church’s track record in these moments is far from perfect. The purpose of this study is to help the church and its members discern our call and bear witness to the will of God for a more just world.

You can purchase the study book for \$10.00 at either the [United Methodist Women Mission Resources Store](#), or [on Amazon](#).

Secondly:

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Issue Study: Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools (Overview)

Study Leaders: Laquetta Barbee and Renee Hayes

We look forward to our time together, **August 1, 2021:**

Sunday, August 1 - 3:00 - 7:30pm

You can purchase the study book for \$16.95 at [Amazon](#), (also available for Kindle).

Mission Study Description: Despite increased attention to the mass and over-incarceration of black men, the plight of criminalized black women and girls is overlooked, underreported and under analyzed. Monique W. Morris' Pushout shows how even with obstacles, stigmas, stereotypes and despair, black girls still find ways to breathe remarkable dignity into their lives in classrooms, juvenile facilities and beyond, and challenges the rest of us to do the same.

Anyone and Everyone can be a part of these opportunities. All are invited. **Centenary UMC Members will gather in the Conference Room during the above times to participate in the UMW Mission U Spiritual Growth Study together.**



July Birthdays- Louise Wood (18), Hermann Daiber (19), Barbara Albright, Sonny Robinson (23), Fran Williams (24), Joel Phipps, Betty Shephard (25), Maddie Clark (26), Bonnie Bradham (28), Thomas Lile, Douglass Gilbert (31)