

HAPPY MOMENTS,  
*Praise God.*

DIFFICULT MOMENTS,  
*Seek God.*

QUIET MOMENTS,  
*Worship God.*

PAINFUL MOMENTS,  
*Trust God.*

EVERY MOMENT,  
*Thank God.*

**Centenary United Methodist Church**

**2300 W. Friendly Ave.**

**Greensboro, NC 27403**

**July 30, 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 Dove of Peace Arr. Gilbert Martin

Announcements for Missions and Ministry

Choral call to worship Shine, Jesus, Shine Graham Kendrick Choir

Call to Worship

As we gather in this sacred moment for a sacred purpose,  
let us make the most of our time together.

**We have come to worship the Lord our God.**

As we sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,  
let us make the most of our time together.

**We have come to worship the Lord our God.**

As we respond to the melody in our hearts,  
let us make the most of our time together.

**We have come to worship the Lord our God.**

L: Let us pray:

**P:** Dear Father Quieten our minds Still our hearts For your living ways are all we seek  
Strengthen our lives Inspire our spirits In your living waters flow endless grace Amen.

†Hymn A Mighty Fortress is our God UMH 110

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. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us  
from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Anthem Let All Things Now Living Choir

Scripture: Ephesians 5: 15-20

Sermon: Worship as an Act of Gratitude Rev. Kelley Groce

†Affirmation of Faith The Apostle's Creed UMH 881

†Gloria Patri

†Hymn Sweet Hour of Prayer UMH 496

We worship with God's Tithes and our Offering.

Offertory    In the Lord I'll be Ever Thankful                      Jacques Berthier                      Choir

†Doxology

†Hymn                                      The Gift of Love                                      UMH 408

†Benediction

†Postlude                                      With Prayerful Heart                                      Bertha Frick

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

The altar flowers are given today to the Glory of God in Celebration of their 63<sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniversary by Jim and Diane Stanley.



**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 Concerns**

Lori Johnson. Gretchen Crabtree. Betty Pleasants. Dave Blackman. Susan Carrick. Sheridian Wacker. Scott Stanley. Al & Lori Eaton. Peggy Harris. Diane & Jim Stanley. Trudy Sillmon. Don & Clara Ellis. Aly Saunders. Bruce Gillespie (Debbie Robinson's friend). Rowan James (daughter of David Groce's co-worker). Terry Pickett (Tom & Dona Pickett's son). Hazel Perritt. Pat Glover. Linda Southard (Rachel Sheppard's cousin). Patricia Shoffner in the death of her sister Jean Clapp. Judy Holland (Suzy Swindell's sister). Richard Roark (Frank Hinshaw's friend). Barbara John (Jim John's mother).



July Birthdays – Thomas Liles (31<sup>st</sup>).

August Birthdays—Becky Ensign (5). Trey Stowe (5). Bonnie Travis (8).  
Nancy May (11). Abbie Samuel (16). Meredith Groce (17). Jackie Thompson (19).  
Nancy Pruitt (19). August Marvin (24). Blanche Morgan (26). Bob Jones (27).

## Announcements and Calendar of events

**Sunday School at 9:45am** –with a 12-week study on the Disciples of Jesus.

**August 3-- 11am, 1:30pm, 3pm and 5:30pm -- Wesley CDC** will be here at Centenary to meet in small groups to talk about any ideas, hopes and dreams you have for Centenary as we move forward in mission and ministry here at 2300 W. Friendly Ave. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex. Wesley CDC would like 15 in each group and will divide into 2 groups if more than 15 in a timeslot. Please sign up so we/they can hear from everyone.

**August 7<sup>th</sup>- 4:30pm-** SPRC Meeting in the Conference Room.

**August 7<sup>th</sup>- 5:30pm-** Mission/Worship Committee Meeting in the Conference Room.

**Clothes Closet special requests:** We need Men’s pants and shirts ALL sizes, but especially 32, 34 & 36. Men’s summer shirts. Men’s shoes, especially athletic shoes. Men’s belts 34, 36 & 38. Women’s Small and Medium summer clothes. Women’s Small and Medium underwear. Suitcases on wheels. Travel size shampoo, toothpaste, and body wash. If you have any questions, please see Caryn Hull or Dona Pickett.

The **United Methodist Foundation of Western NC** has set up the Franklinville UMC Relief Fund where you and/or your congregation can donate to help rebuild their sanctuary. You may give send a check to: United Methodist Foundation of Western North Carolina, Inc. 13816 Professional Center Drive, Huntersville, NC 28078 Memo: Franklinville UMC Relief Fund or you may make a check out to the church, or put money in an envelope in the offering plate marked for the Relief Fund.

Attendance – July 23, 2023

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