



Centenary United Methodist Church

2300 W. Friendly Avenue

Greensboro, NC 27403

November 22, 2020

Reverend Kelley Groce, Pastor- Anita Trumpler-Rich, Director of Music

Announcements for Missions and Ministry.

Choral Call to Worship.....*Rejoice, the Lord is King*

Call to Worship:

Leader: Though the dark clouds cover us and the violent storms assail;

People: **God seeks us out and protects us. God brings us to the safe shelter of God's compassion.**

Leader: When we feel lost and alone, wondering who will save us;

People: **God reaches out in love, healing our wounds and transforming our lives.**

Leader: Thank God who loves us so much.

People: **Praise God who searches for us and brings us home.**

AMEN

Opening Prayer:

Hymn.....*How Great Thou Art #77 v. 1&4*

*O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed*

Refrain

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee
how great Thou art, how great thou art!*

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*When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.*

*Then I shall bow with humble adoration,
And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!*

(Refrain)

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

Birthdays This Week Mike Crabtree (22), Albert Esterline (25), Teresa John (26), Dave Hull (27), Carolyn Townsend (27), Jenny Hilbert (27).

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 God’s Tithes and our Offering –

Offertory.....*Give Thanks*

Scripture: Matthew 25: 31-46

Sermon: Who wants to Listen to that?

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;*
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic** church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn.....*Whatever You Do #3128 v. 1&5*

*“Whatever you do to the least ones of these,
I tell you in truth that you do unto me!”
Lord Jesus, you taught us! May we learn anew
that when we serve others, we also serve you.*

*“Lord, when did we see you?” Your teaching is clear
that when we serve others, we’re serving you here.
And when your church heeds you and helps those in pain,
then out of the chaos, hope rises again.*

Benediction

Choral Benediction*All Praise to Thee*

The Altar Flowers are given today by Caryn & David Hull - Happy Thanksgiving to Centenary United Methodist Church. And Happy Birthday to David Hull.

If you would like to sign up for altar flowers, to be given in honor, in memory, or in celebration, please contact the church office at 336-299-9643. The following date is still available in 2020: December 27.

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.

The Prayer Chain has received requests to pray for the following people:

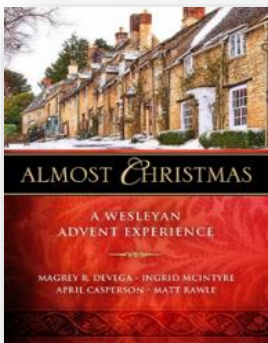
Libby Boggs, cataract surgery on Friday, November 20. **Mary Louise Woods**, tested positive for the Covid-19 virus. **Dwight Adams, Coak and Nancy May's niece's husband** who is hospitalized and on a ventilator with Covid-19. **Bonnie Travis' sister, Peggy Mayo** having chemo. **Bonnie Travis' granddaughter** needs prayer. **Paul Long's younger brother and sister-in-law, Dan and Sharon Long**, both have the Covid-19 virus. **Ann Hennings** fell and broke her shoulder on November 2. **Joann Martin** fell and broke her left hip. **Peggy Bowles. Mike Crabtree. Amy Coffee's grandmother-Ruby Foland . Sally Goin's friend Janice Osborne. Jackie Thompson's mom-Lucille Crawford. Friend of Betty Durham-Julia Willis. Judy Milligan, Noah Demmitt, Amy Coffee, Don & Clara Ellis, Chuck Farabee, Trudy**

Sillmon, Rachel Sheppard, and Pat Stevenson. Please, keep all in your prayers as so many who are dealing with many anxieties over the coronavirus.

Our sympathies to Bill, Keith, Teresa, and Lisa in the death of Celia Eller on November 18, 2020.

Our sympathies to George Cranford in the death of his sister, Chris Huffman in Greenville, S.C.

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New Advent Study-Almost Christmas

When: Sunday mornings @10:00am

Dates: Advent Study will begin November 29 –
December 20 (4 weeks)

Where: via zoom

Make your Wesleyan heritage
a part of your Christmas

In John Wesley's famous sermon, "The Almost Christian," he encouraged people to follow Christ wholeheartedly. In *Almost Christmas: A Wesleyan Advent Experience*, author and pastor Magrey deVega leads a group of authors in exploring how we can make the same commitment to Christ during Advent, and connect our Wesleyan heritage with the traditional Advent themes of Love, Hope, Joy, and Peace. Additional components for a four-week study include a DVD and a comprehensive Leader Guide, as well as Nativity hymns by Charles Wesley, litanies for lighting the Advent wreath, and prayers that can be incorporated into both worship and small group Setting. You may order the book, which would be helpful, thru Cokesbury, Amazon, or Christianbooks.com

Zoom Sunday School - Harold Billings, Dave Blackman and Carolyn Townsend are offering Sunday School lessons via Zoom on Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM. They are using the International Lesson. No book is required. Email Kelley at kgroce@wnccumc.net or call her at the parsonage, if you would like a Zoom invitation or the phone number to call in for Sunday School.

Grace and Peace to you Centenary UMC,

This is Rev. Kelley Groce with some important announcements.

SPECIAL NOTE FROM REV. KELLEY GROCE:

If you receive an e-mail from Me stating that I need a favor from you regarding any type of gift card or monetary donation, please disregard. Someone has used a part of my e-mail. My official e-mail is kgroce@wnccumc.net.

It is hard to say this before we even can enjoy Thanksgiving, but in regard to the missions of Centenary UMC – it is beginning to look a lot like Christmas.

The Worship Committee is gifting each family unit an Advent kit for practicing Advent at home. Advent begins on Nov 29, 2020. If you have not picked one up we have them here at the church Monday-Thursday from 9:00am-2:00pm also, we would be happy to deliver to your door if you let us know in the church office by calling 336-299-9643.



Church Office Closed – The Centenary UMC office will be closed for Thanksgiving November 25, 26, and as always on Friday, November 27.

