



# Centenary United Methodist Church

2300 W. Friendly Avenue.  
Greensboro, NC 27403  
October 20, 2024

Reverend Kelley Groce, Pastor   Anita Trumpler-Rich, Music Director  
Guest Speaker: Dr. Ceola Ross Baber

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                      Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing                      Wyeth, arr. Labenske

Announcements for Missions and Ministry

Choral Call to Worship                      Honor and Praise                      Twila Paris                      Choir

Call to worship

L: We are all called to go and share Christ's love with the world.

**P: We gather to grow deeper in faith.**

L: We learn to recognize grace everywhere, in every life.

**P: We wait for God's saving love.**

L: We remember our purpose through the means of grace.

**All: God's love is remaking the world!**

L: Let us pray:

**Our beloved *God*, we honor and praise you for loving each one of us. Help us to show our love to our families and neighbors. Open our hearts and minds to new paths, glorifying your name. This we ask, in the name of your beloved son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

†Hymn                      Come, Christians, Join to Sing                      UMH 158

Joys and Concerns of Congregation

Prayers of the People 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, forever. Amen.**

Anthem                      In Christ Alone                      Getty/Townend                      Choir

Scripture Lessons:                      Proverbs 6:16-23, Matthew 5: 3-16

Sermon:                      "Our Public Witness"                      Dr. Ceola Ross Baber  
Guest Speaker

†Affirmation of Faith                      UMC 881

†Gloria Patri

We Worship with God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory                      Without Seeing You                      David Haas                      Choir

†Doxology

†Hymn                      God Will Take Care of You                      UMH 130

†Benediction:

*May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

†Postlude

Voluntary in G

Major Samuel Jackson

†Please stand as you are able in body or in spirit and silence your cell phones†

We are very pleased to have Ceola Ross Babar, PHD, with us today. **Ceola** is a member of Newlyn Street UMC in Greensboro, NC. She is the proud mother of three adult children and joyous grandmother of two precious grandsons. She retired in 2018 after 45 years as a professional educator and administrator at the K-12 and university levels in California, Indiana, and North Carolina. She enjoys reading, the theater, and eating out with friends.

Ceola joined the United Methodist Church in 1980. She has served, and currently serves, in several leadership positions at the local church level: Administrative/Church Council chair, Staff/Pastor Parrish Relations Committee chair, Higher Education Committee chair, financial secretary, United Methodist Women unit treasurer, lay member to Annual Conference, and lay servant, Purdue University Wesley Foundation Board president, and UNCG Wesley-Lutheran Foundation Board member. She also serves on the WNCC Board of Ordained Ministry (lay representative on Executive Committee), WNCC Racial Justice Community of Practice, and WNCC Healing Centered Church Initiative. Her faith guides her commitment to servant leadership, community outreach, and social justice.

### **Announcements for Mission and Ministry**

**October Birthdays:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sheridan Shimer, 12<sup>th</sup> Richard Liles, 13<sup>th</sup> Pat Rothrock

**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.

Kristy Stout. Win and Lin Johnson. Doris Pruitt. Andy McFarland-health issues (Milton McFarland’s brother). Andrew Gibbons. Michael Santowaso-cancer (Becky’s husband, David Sillmon’s son-in-law). Dave Hull. Pray for our church during this time of transition. Joann Martin. Carol & Bobby Burklin. Margaret & Patrick Miller. Martha Nell Rives. Gretchen Crabtree. Dave & Barbara Blackman. Susan Carrick. Sheridan. Lee & Jane Norman. Scott Stanley. Al & Lori Eaton. Peggy Harris. Diane & Jim Stanley. Aly Saunders. Hazel Perritt, Pat Glover. Joy Ellison, Janet-rare form of blood cancer (Suzy Swindell’s Friends). Jennie Roesly

shoulder surgery (Suzy Swindell's niece). Debra Kirkman (Jean Green, Kelley's Mom, friend). Carolyn Crabtree (Mike Crabtree's aunt). Joe (Susan Shuping's brother). Continue to be in prayer for the victims of Hurricane Helene and all the First Responders. Cheyenne Thomas (Betty Durham's granddaughter).

**October 11<sup>th</sup> thru October 30<sup>th</sup> 6pm-Newlyn St. Bible Study** "The Purple Church Series". This is a deeper dive into the Sunday Scriptures.

**Dear Men of the Church an invitation from Irving Park UMC Methodist Men,** Hardy Spence Jr. and Herb Oliver are cooking a very special breakfast at the Outdoor Chapel on October 27. The menu is a Mountain Man meal that includes sausage, eggs, cheese, hashbrowns with green peppers, onions) and maybe some French toast as a side. This sounds too good to miss and remember to dress accordingly. If you can come, please respond to this email no later than **Thursday, October 24. See Betty and I will get InTouch with Celia at IPUMC.**

**October 26<sup>th</sup> – 8am to 10am – Community Breakfast and Clothes Closet.**

You can continue to make donations to UMCOR. Make your checks out to Centenary UMC with **UMCOR on the memo line** or you can make your donation online at the link below: <https://wnc-reg.brtaapp.com/br/HurricaneReliefDonations2018>.

If you would like to make a much-needed **Hygiene Kit for UMCOR**. Please see Betty for instructions and directions for Hygiene or any other kind of kits. There are drop off points in Greensboro for kits and flood buckets. We will get the kits to one of these drop off points. There is an ongoing need for all kits in the Western North Carolina area. If you would prefer, you can donate money, Betty will purchase everything and then we can get together to assemble the kits.

Anyone that would like to help with the **Pumpkin Patch at Irving Park UMC** can sign up for times on the signup genius or see Betty. This is a great way to meet members of Irving Park UMC and members of the community. The patch runs Oct. 12th – 31st, M-S 11-7, Sun. 2-6. (Set up begins at 9:00 am Oct. 12th and pumpkins delivered at 10:00 am, sales begin at 11am. Here is the link to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4CADAB2DABF9C61-50816809-pumpkin>