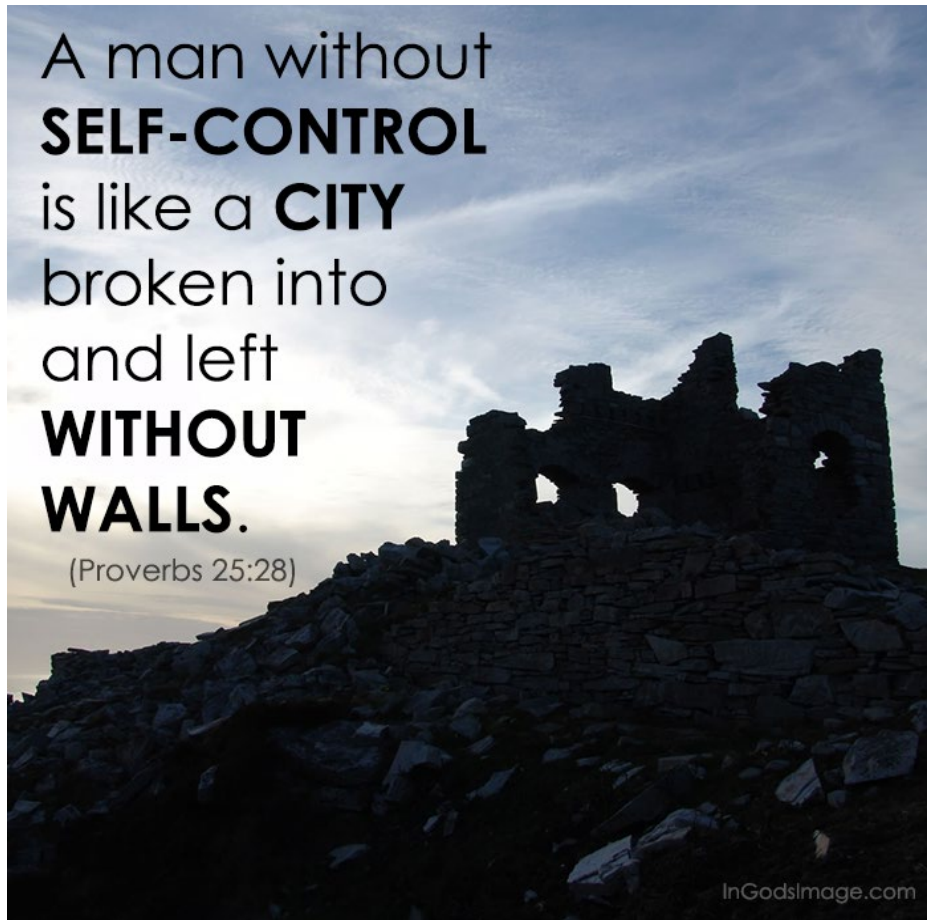


A man without
SELF-CONTROL
is like a **CITY**
broken into
and left
WITHOUT
WALLS.

(Proverbs 25:28)



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Centenary United Methodist Church

2300 W. Friendly Avenue.

Greensboro, NC 27403

November 3, 2024

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 To God, In Whom I Trust Johann Pachelbel

Announcements for Missions and Ministry

Choral Call to worship My Country, 'Tis of Thee Samuel Smith Choir

Call to worship

Leader: For those who in all times and places have been true and brave, and have lived upright lives and ministered to others.

People: WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O GOD.

Leader: For those who served their country and those who gave even their lives in that service.

People: WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O GOD.

Leader: For those veterans whom we neglect and who suffer mental illness or physical challenges because of their service.

People: WE ASK FOR YOUR COMFORT AND MERCY, O GOD.

Leader: For all people who inhabit this land with all its liberties.

People: WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O GOD.

Leader: For all the ways in which you call us to love beyond our division, hurt and pain.

People: WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O GOD.

LET'S PRAY

All: God, veterans teach us many things. They teach us courage and selflessness. They teach us sacrifice. And they also remind us that the world is not as it should be. They remind us that the past had conflict, the present has conflict, and the future will have conflict. So, we ask this morning that you teach us to learn from our veterans. Help us listen to their stories, help us to understand their lives, their hopes, their hurts, their longings. And God, don't let us forget those veterans who are marginalized in our society. Those veterans who now find themselves homeless or with deep wounds, both mentally and physically. Remind us that they deserve dignity and respect. And finally, help us be Christians who have courage, selflessness and sacrifice, those qualities we learn from our veterans, because we know we do not have all the answers, but we know that we long for your kingdom to come to this earth. We long for a day when there will be no more hurt, no more pain, no more conflict, when there will be peace on earth, and goodwill towards all people. When hope, love, joy, and peace will full realities. So God, help us to start living like that right now so that we live into the future you have in store for us without wasting even a second. In Jesus name, Amen.

†Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory

UMH 577

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.

Anthem	Be Still, My Soul	Penny Rodriguez	Choir
Scripture:	Proverbs 25:28, 2 Peter 1: 5-7, 2 Timothy 1:7, Titus 1:8		
Sermon:	"Self-Control or Christ Control"		Rev. Kelley Groce
† Affirmation of Faith	Apostle's Creed		UMH 881
†Glori Patri			
†Hymn	Spirit of the Living God		UMH 393
We Worship with God's Tithes and Our Offerings			
Offertory	Give Me Jesus	Spiritual	Choir
†Doxology			
†Hymn	Standing on the Promises		UMH 374
†Benediction			
†Postlude	Adagio		George Handel

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

Announcements for Mission and Ministry

November Birthdays: 1st Dean Saunders. 4th Jack Cole & Margaret Turnage. 8th Nancy Gordan. 10th Gretchen Crabtree. 15th Gary Bowman, James Esterline. 20th Kristy Stout. 22nd Mike Crabtree. 25th Albert Esterline. 26th Teresa John. 27th Dave Hull, Carolyn Townsend

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.

Jacob Luck – 2nd and 3rd degree burns (friend of David, Kelley & Meredith Groce). Bob Lyon-health issues (Mike Crabtree's son-in-law). John Pugh. 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). 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. Sheridian. Lee & Jane Norman. Scott Stanley. Al & Lori Eaton. Peggy Harris. Diane & Jim Stanley. Aly Saunders.

Hazel Perritt. Janet-rare form of blood cancer (Suzy Swindell's Friends). Debra Kirkman (Jean Greene, 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).

November 10th- Today- immediately after church-Called Charge Conference for the sole purpose of voting to authorize the Trustees to proceed toward the sale of the parsonage.

November 10th-Today-Trustee Committee will meet immediately after that in the Conference Room. A light snack will be served. Members of the Trustee Committee: Reid Townsend, Rev. Kelley Groce, Linda Billings, Bob Smith, Kristy Stout, Dawn Long, Coak May, Betty Durham and John Pugh.

November 16- 8am to 10am- Community Breakfast and Clothes Closet. All help needed, cooks, servers, people willing to pray with and listen to our guests.

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.brtapp.com/br/HurricaneReliefDonations2018>.

December 4th - Salvation Army Bell Ringers 12pm to 6pm at Belk's. We will need 2 or 3 people to sign up for 1-hour shifts. There will be a signup sheet in the narthex.

We will be working again this year with the **Summerfield UMC, Peace UMC and the Guilford Backpack Ministry Christmas Store**. We have agreed to give **60 books** to boys and girls ages 6 to 17. We need them returned by December 4th to ensure that we can deliver them before December 7th.

They would like age-appropriate books, sports novels and graphic novels. No coloring books or diaries.

There is a Christmas Tree in the Narthex that has cards on it with the age and gender of the child. You can pick from there. Please let Betty know when you take a card. When you return the book/books make sure the card is with it.

Dear Christmas Store Donation Partner,

Thank you for volunteering to donate items for The Christmas Store. We are thankful for donors like you who are partnering with us to provide Christmas gifts and family necessities to over 300 children in the Northern and Northwest area schools of Guilford County. The final day to turn in is Saturday, December 7.

Lauren Joyce