



**Centenary United Methodist Church**  
**2300 W. Friendly Ave.**  
**Greensboro, NC 27403**  
**July 16, 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            This is My Father's World/Pachelbel Canon            Sheppard, arr. Johnson

Announcements for Missions and Ministry

Choral Call to Worship            Morning Has Broken            Choir

Call to Worship

L: Come! Share the joy of the Lord!

**P: Delight in God's goodness!**

L: Praise God who gives each person a special gift to be nurtured and shared.

**P: Lord, we thank you for these gifts!**

L: Come, let us worship God who entrusts us with so much.

**P: Lord, make us worthy of your love and trust in us.**

L: Let us pray:

**P: O Lord, we gratefully acknowledge the gifts you have given to each of us for service in your world. Gifts of teaching, healing, inspiring, challenging and creating are all among the myriad of things you have placed in our lives. Direct our lives to use these gifts as we reach out to our neighborhood and nation, witnessing to your love and your healing mercy. We pray this in Jesus' name. AMEN.**

†Hymn            Jesus Loves Me            UMH 191

Joys and Concerns of Congregation

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Anthem            Honor and Praise            Twila Paris            Choir

Scripture:            Matthew 25: 14-25

Sermon:            What do you fear from the Past, Present, or the Future?            Rev. Kelley Groce

†Affirmation of Faith            A Modern Affirmation            UMH 885

†Gloria Patri

†Hymn:            Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus            UMH 462

We worship with God's Tithes and our Offering.

Offertory            Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet            Choir

†Doxology

†Hymn            He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought            UMH 128

†Benediction

†Postlude            Be Thou My Vision            Arr. Edward Broughton

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

We express our sympathy to the family of Fred Wampler who passed away on July 6<sup>th</sup> in Deering NH. Cards can be sent to:

Mark Wampler  
22 Dudley Brooke Rd.  
Deering, NH 03244

We express our sympathy to the Doris Pruitt and her family in the death of her brother, R.L. King Almond on July 9<sup>th</sup>.



**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). Karen Mosley, Jams Family, John David, Renee DeBerry, Steve Potter (Laughlin Memorial members). Jean Clapp (Patricia Shoffner's sister). Judy Holland (Suzy Swindell's sister) Richard Roark (Frank Hinshaw's friend).



**July Birthdays** – Paul Jones, Addison Snider (1<sup>st</sup>). Trent Iddings, Bruce Harkins (3<sup>rd</sup>). Mark Snider (4<sup>th</sup>). Steve Hennings (5<sup>th</sup>). Hazel Perritt, David Blackman (9<sup>th</sup>). Sara Jones, Emily Wagoner (10<sup>th</sup>). Rives Deuterman (11<sup>th</sup>). Mona Sartin (13<sup>th</sup>). Jim John (14<sup>th</sup>). Joann Martin (15<sup>th</sup>). Leith Singletary (16<sup>th</sup>). Hermann Daiber (19<sup>th</sup>). Barbara Albright, George Robinson (23<sup>rd</sup>). Fran Williams (24). Bonnie Bradham (28<sup>th</sup>). Thomas Liles (31<sup>st</sup>).

## **Announcements and Calendar of events**

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

**July 18th- 5:30pm Bible Study and meal.**

**July 19<sup>th</sup> – 3pm Kelley will be a Friend's Home.**

## Centenary Leaders Announce Redevelopment Plans

On Tuesday, July 11, 2023, the Revisioning Committee, the Northern Piedmont District staff, and a team from Wesley Community Development gathered in the Fellowship Hall for continuing conversation and discernment. Our church leaders have been in consultation with Wesley Community Development over the past 5 months to discuss how to move forward with vitality here at **2300 West Friendly Avenue**. We have studied attendance figures, financial trends, demographics of our surrounding community, and we have sought the wisdom of the Holy Spirit.

As you are aware from the letter you received from our Finance Chair, Robb Stowe, the church building, and grounds are a tremendous financial challenge relative to our membership size and average attendance. We have discovered that our ability to be self-sustaining is now measured in months.

Wesley Community Development suggested we consider six options. The consensus of your Visioning Team is that it is best for our mission if we remain in ministry at **2300 West Friendly Avenue**. Your church leadership believes that redevelopment of our property is the most faithful path forward.

Your input is needed as we consider what we will need in terms of future space. We are envisioning a smaller, accessible, more energy-efficient space that will be designed for our current ministry needs with an eye to the future generations. In the coming weeks, Wesley CDC will set up small groups to listen to ministry priorities.

This redevelopment project ensures that Centenary UMC has a ministry presence at **2300 West Friendly Avenue** for many years to come, to make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Please watch for information that continues to flow your way. Your Visioning Team feels the deep presence of Christ in this opportunity, and we trust that you will, too.

We are grateful to our Visioning Team members who have been working hard on this project on behalf of the future of Centenary UMC: Betty Durham, Rev. Kelley Groce, Coak May, Abbie Samuel, Debra Schlueter, David Sillmon, Mary Ann Smith, Diane Stanley, Robb Stowe, Reid Townsend, Margaret Turnage, and Jim Wilson.

### Attendance – July 9, 2023

Sunday School	15
Worship in-person	37
Worship - FaceBook Live	40
Worship – YouTube	13

### New Office Hours:

The Church Office will continue to be open Monday thru Thursday 9am to 2pm

Rev. Kelly will be in the Centenary Church Office on Monday, Tuesday she will be in Newlyn St. Church Office. Wednesday she will be in her Home Office. She will alternate between Centenary and Newlyn St, on Thursday.