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Dear Centenary UMC Family and Friends,

Isaiah 12:4-5 (NASB)

And on that day you will say, "Give thanks to the LORD, call on His name. Make known His deeds among the peoples; make them remember that His name is exalted." Praise the LORD in song, for He has done glorious things; let this be known throughout the earth.

Gratitude is a feeling which I hope I never get tired of expressing to God. Today as I am writing this Newsletter, I am sitting outside on our beautiful patio enjoying the sunshine and gentle breeze of an autumn day. I can see the changing colors of the leaves on the trees, and hear the numerous acorns falling from the branches, predicting a frigid winter. I had the privilege of participating in early voting, thus being a good citizen for our country. I made some plans for the upcoming Christmas holidays, thus giving thanks for the future. I have a friend who is expecting a Granddaughter today, and I am thankful that she is keeping me updated on the mother and baby's progress into entering the world. I have heard from both family and friends today – ever thankful for the love which is gleaned from the people who share this life with me. I am thankful that our Northern Piedmont District Superintendent came to share with the Leaders and others from Centenary UMC the ways of progressing in the future. I am especially thankful for the Congregation of Centenary UMC on your very thoughtful and gracious way to recognize my ministry and our family for Pastor Appreciation Month. When Mary Ann Smith began to walk up to the pulpit during the announcements, my heart was filled with surprise and love. I am so very honored by the cards and gift cards which were presented. All were so meaningful and so generous. I never take these gifts of honor for granted. I am very thankful and grateful for all in the congregation, and the many ways in which Christ allows us to partner in His mission and Ministry together.

Centenary has much for which to be thankful. The Congregation has a sincere heart for missions and a willingness to reach out into the community. Though there are challenges which the congregation has been facing for many years, they have the bold faith and trust in God to preserve. Just as the seasons create change on the earth, the church experiences differing seasons, and within those seasons there are times both of death and resurrection. The one thing which is certain is that God is amid all through Love, Grace, and Hope, and will work through all circumstances for good.

Please know that my door is always open should you want to talk regarding the church. As we continue our sermon series on "The Lord's Prayer", I invite you to start the practice of praying the Lord's Prayer three times daily. It has had influence in my life, as well as others who have practiced it.

As much as my heart is filled with gratitude, it is overflowing with love for God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and the people of Centenary UMC. I thank each of you for the many ways you allow me to be your minister, and as we go into the month of November, may we covet with one another to state our shared gratitude to God for the many ways in which God leads us in daily love.

Please read the Centenarian for important dates and events for which you will want to be a part.

Through the Grace and Peace of Jesus Christ,

Kelley

November Sunday's at Centenary

Sunday School

Sunday School will continue to meet in the Fellowship Hall beginning at **9:45am**. We will have a time of gathering, prayer and hymns. The Bible Study for November will be Adam Hamilton's "Moses".

November 6- 9:45am Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall.

11am– Worship Service- All Saint's Sunday. "The Lord's Prayer" sermon series continues along with the Celebration of All Saint's. We will remember the Saints we lost in 2022.

November 13 – 9:45am Service Sunday School. We will assemble Blessing Bags and then **have lesson by Carolyn Townsend.**

11am– Worship Service "The Lord's Prayer sermon series

Samaritan Boxes will be collected that day. For more information and instructions please contact Emily Wagoner athopelovefaith710@gmail.com. You can pick up shoeboxes at the church office.

2pm- Charge Conference in the Conference Room.

November 20 – 9:45am Sunday School in the fellowship Hall.

11am– **Commitment Sunday.** Worship Service "The Lord's Prayer" sermon series.

12am- Soup Luncheon after worship in the Fellowship Hall

1:30pm- Celebration of Life for Irmgard Daiber.

2:30pm- Cake and Reception for the Daiber Family and Friends to celebrate what would have been Irmgard's Birthday on November 21.

November 27 – 9:45am Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall.

11am- Worship Service, First Sunday of Advent Celebration



Advent Bible study

Heart That Grew Three Sizes: Finding Faith Through the Story of the Grinch

Rediscover the gift of Advent that comes without packages, ribbons, and bows.

We don't know why the Grinch hated Christmas. We just know he did. In this new Advent-study, Matt Rawle explores the faith themes in the Christmas classic, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* including, how did the Grinch's heart grow three sizes come Christmas morning? How did Christmas save the Grinch? Could it be that the very thing we think we hate is the one thing that changes our lives? This Advent and Christmas season, look at a familiar classic through the lens of faith and see how Christ speaks to us through our culture.

Where and Time: Sunday School in Fellowship Hall at 9:45

When: November 27, Dec 4, Dec 11, Dec 18

Books available for Purchase for \$11.00. Please let Rev. Kelley Groce know if you would like a book by Nov 11th.

Teachers: David and Kelley Groce



Prayer Concerns

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.

Diane, Jim & Scott Stanley. Peggy Harris. Sheridan Wacker. Susan Carrick. Anne Murr. Margaret Miller. Lori Johnson. Trudy Sillmon. Don & Clara Ellis. Aly Saunders. Lisa Goller, cancer, (Kelley Groce's friend).

Margaret Turnage wishes to express her thanks for all the prayers for her sister-in-n Gloria Burton She is doing really well.

We were sorry to hear of the passing of Gerry Cochrane. If you would like to send a card to the family, you may send them to Laura Cochrane, 202Magnolia Breeze Ct., Apex, NC 27502.

The Celebration of Life for Jean Farabee will be Friday, November 4th at 2pm, Centenary UMC. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

The Celebration of Life for Irmgard Daiber will be Sunday, November 20th at 1:30pm. Please join the family following the service in the Fellowship Hall to enjoy birthday cake to celebrate what would have been her November 21st birthday.

November 20th- Commitment Sunday

Worship Service 11am

As you are looking ahead to your 2023 Pledge Commitment:

Hear what the Bible says about giving:

For God so loved the world he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. **John 3:16**

Hear what others say:

"It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving." **Mother Theresa**

"Give what you have. To someone, it may be better than you dare think" **Henry Wadsworth Longfellow**

Say this Prayer:

O Lord, Thank you for loving me enough to send your Son to die for me. May my giving be marked by such love. Amen

Please bring the enclosed Commitment Card with you to this worship service or mail it back to the church office.

Mission Opportunities

Urban Ministry is in desperate need of food.

Please continue to bring your food items, place them in the baskets marked "Urban Ministry" and we will get it to the Urban Ministries. Please donate – these are desperate times for the food insecure!

Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Collection Day November 13



The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Instructions and information on how to prepare a "Shoebox" can be found in the narthex. For any questions or more information please contact Emily Wagoner at: hopelovefaith710@gmail.com

November 19, 8am to 10am

Join us for Breakfast!



Community Breakfast

Centenary Blood Drive



November 30 2pm to 6pm Fellowship Hall. Volunteers are needed for check-in and canteen. Signup sheet will be in the narthex.

Change To Change
November
collection
will go to the
Urban Ministry



The Clothes Closet

In order to be good stewards of our limited space, in the Fellowship Hall, we will only be able to accept "gently used" current season clothes for men and women.

.Call Caryn Hull if you have any questions, 336-402-2633.

UNDIE SUNDAY is the first Sunday of each month. Needed black or white socks for men and women. New packaged underwear for men or women, all sizes.

Looking Ahead to December

**Summerfield-Peace
UMC Christmas Store
December 10th**

If you would like to take part in this worthwhile mission, watch for the Christmas tree in the narthex to adopt a child or children.



**Centenary UMC Salvation Army Bell
December 8, Noon to 8pm**

Ringers! You are needed to ring the Bell. We are going to be at the **Belk at Friendly Center Facing Macy's**. It is a covered area.

We will be there all day from **noon until 8 pm**. We will have **sign up sheets for one or two hour shifts**. It is fun. You may bring a chair if you need to be seated.

Please sign up to support this important way of Ringing in Service for Christ. Let Rev. Kelley Groce know of your time and availability.



Calendar of Events for November

November 6– 11am– All Saints Sunday . We will celebration the lives of the Saints well lived.

November 16th– (Wednesday) 3pm. Rev. Kelley will be at the **Friend's Home Guilford** for Devotion and Holy Communion.

The Friendship Club November 8th at noon

We will have a short devotion, a few of Kelley's corny jokes, a box lunch and play bingo with lots of prizes. Bring a friend ! Remember we meet the second Tuesday of each month and everyone is invited, young and old! Fun is had by all. Call the church office for more information.

November 20th—Commitment Sunday. Please plan to stay after worship for lunch and bring your favorite pot of soup. Bread, crackers, dessert and drinks will be provided. Irmgard Daiber's Celebration of Life will follow at 1:30pm.

November 1st, 8th and 15th at 6:30 in the Conference Room. "The Lord's Prayer" Bible Study. This is a deeper dive in the in the prayer that Jesus taught us to pray. All are welcome!

Blessing of the Animals December 11th at 2pm

Blessing of the Animals will be held on December 11th at 2 at the Manger on our Front Lawn. People are asked to bring items which we can donate to the Greensboro Animal Shelter. Please share this with friends and Family as we reach many in our community.

All are welcome!



- 1st Dean Saunders
- 4th Jack Cole, Margaret Turnage
- 8th Nancy Gordan
- 10th Gretchen Crabtree
- 13th David Lucas, Caroline Howerton
- 14th Jessica Peake, Sharon Shumate, Alexis Marvin
- 15th Gary Bowman, James Esterline
- 20th Kristy Stout
- 22nd Mike Crabtree
- 25th Albert Esterline
- 26th Teresa John
- 27th Dave Hull, Carolyn Townsend

Offering Support

Thank you for your continued support of the church with your pledges, tithes, and offerings! **Ways you can give.**

Put you offering in the offering plate.

•Mail your donation to:

Centenary UMC
2300 W. Friendly Ave.
Greensboro, NC 27403

- Use your bank's bill pay feature and set-up payments through your account.
- Or, you may use our online giving platform, SubSplash. Directions for online giving can be found on our website www.CentenaryUMCGreensboro.org. Use your credit card to make a one time donation, or set-up weekly or monthly giving.

Financial Update

Year-to-Date Giving/Expenses-Ending 9/30

Revenues \$ 257,246.00

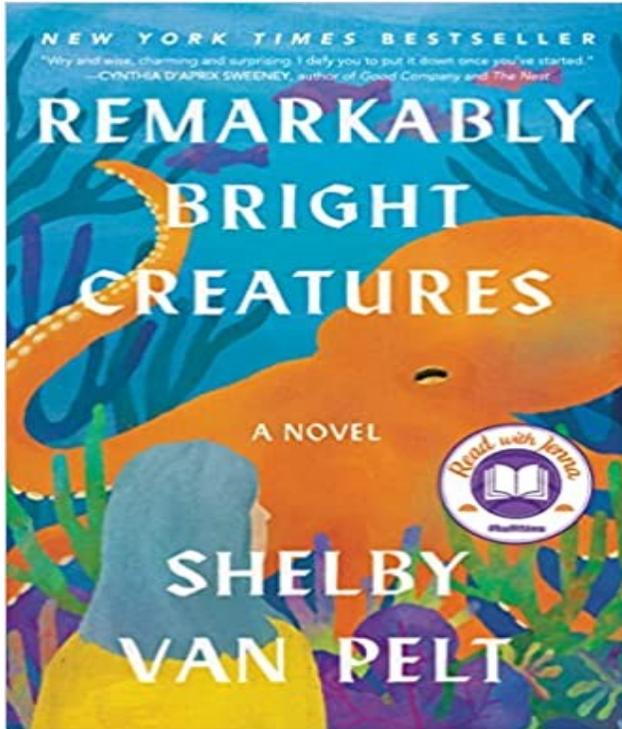
Expenses \$ 327,651.00

Profit or (Loss) for 8 months (\$70,405.00)

Centenary Starlight Book

Thursday, November 17th 6:30pm
at Lucky 32 Restaurant

**Remarkably Bright Creatures by
Shelby Van Pelt**



For fans of *A Man Called Ove*, a charming, witty and compulsively readable exploration of friendship, reckoning, and hope that traces a widow's unlikely connection with a giant Pacific octopus.

After Tova Sullivan's husband died, she began working the night shift at the Sowell Bay Aquarium, mopping floors and tidying up. Keeping busy has always helped her cope, which she's been doing since her eighteen-year-old son, Erik, mysteriously vanished on a boat in Puget Sound over thirty years ago.

Tova becomes acquainted with curmudgeonly Marcellus, a giant Pacific octopus living at the aquarium. Marcellus knows more than anyone can imagine but wouldn't dream of lifting one of his eight arms for his human captors—until he forms a remarkable friendship with Tova.

Ever the detective, Marcellus deduces what happened the night Tova's son disappeared. And now Marcellus must use every trick his old invertebrate body can muster to unearth the truth for her before it's too late.

Shelby Van Pelt's debut novel is a gentle reminder that sometimes taking a hard look at the past can help uncover a future that once felt impossible.

Thursday, January 19th
Dragonfly by Leila Meacham



N/A Wednesday 8pm & Sunday 1pm,
 Al-Anon Friday night
 Choir Practice Wednesday at 6:30pm
 Covent School Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

November 2022

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1 "The Lord's Prayer" Bible Study 6:30pm	2 Choir Practice 6:30pm– Bell Practice 7:30pm	3	4 Celebration of Life for Jean Farabee 2pm- Reception in the Fellowship after	5
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6 All Saints Sunday	7	8 "The Lord's Prayer" Bible Study 6:30pm	9 Choir Practice 6:30pm– Bell Practice 7:30pm	10	11	12
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13 9:45am Sunday School Day of Service Church Charge Conference 2pm Samaritan's Purse Collection	14	15 "The Lord's Prayer" Bible Study 6:30pm	16 Rev. Kelley at Friends Home Guilford for Devoting and the Lord's Supper Choir Practice 6:30pm	17 Book Club 6:30pm Lucky 32	18	19 Community Breakfast and Clothes Closet
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20 Soup & Pie Luncheon after worship. Celebration of Life for Irmgard Daiber at 1:30pm	21	22	23 Church Office Closed	24 Thanksgiving	25 Church Office Closed	26
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27	28	29	30 Blood Drive 2:30pm–6pm			
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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.

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Gifts for the Budget: October

In Memory of Irmgard Daiber

Marvin & Mary Jo Baugh

Jack Cole

Joann Martin

Anne Murr

Martha Proffitt

Steve Sartore & Rebecca Ensign

Barbara Wolfe

Jim & Brenda Wilson

In Memory of Paul Brady

Phoebe Swing

In Memory of Jean Farabee

Jim & Brenda Wilson

Sunday Morning Worship

9:45 am Sunday School - Fellowship Hall

11:00 am Worship Service—Sanctuary

Can't make it to church?



Watch us on FaceBook Live, YouTube
or on our website at

www.centenaryumcgreensboro.org



On our website you will find our
Worship Bulletin, Announcements ,
Prayer Requests, Joys , Concerns and up-
dates on the life of the church.

Join us anytime!