



**Centenary United Methodist Church
2300 W. Friendly Ave.
Greensboro, NC 27403
January 29, 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.*

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 126)

We gather to worship with expectations:
 God revealed in new and astonishing ways.

God comes to us in real time.

God comes to us in dreams.

Sometimes God's presence is hard to take in—
 difficult to believe.

O God, we long to believe.

Help our unbelief!

God is present here.

God is working in our midst.

Then our mouths are filled with laughter,

Our tongues shout out with joy!

Opening Prayer (based on Psalm 126)

Holy God,

the world in which we live is as terrifying as it is wonderful.

We need Jesus as much today as in times of old.

Many sow in tears, and go out weeping.

Replenish our lands,

fill our hearts with gladness,

restore our faith in you and each other,

wipe away the tears of despair.

As we worship today,

we tilt an ear to listen close.

Let the voice of your angel fill our minds with new understandings.

We are waiting for you. Speak to us today. Amen.

— written by Rev. Penny L. Lowes, a minister in the United Church of Christ serving as Senior Pastor at the
 Congregational Church in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Anthem Prayer for Peace Choir

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:13-21

Sermon: How Do You Live Out Your Beliefs? Rev. Kelley Groce

†Affirmation of Faith: Apostle's Creed UMH 881

†Gloria Patri

We Worship with God's Tithes and our Offering

Offertory Lord, I Want to be a Christian Choir

†Doxology

†Hymn Great is Thy Faithfulness UMH 140

†Blessing and Benediction

†Postlude Trumpet Voluntary John Stanley

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

The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God in Celebration of the Life of Dr. Paul Long by Dawn and his family.



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 Requests:

Gretchen Crabtree. Howard Fulcher. Susan Carrick. Sheridian Wacker. Lori Johnson. Lori Eaton. Peggy Harris. Diane, Jim & Scott Stanley. Anne Murr. Trudy Sillmon. Don & Clara Ellis. Aly Saunders. Rachel Dykes, Sue Rosser. Till West (David Groce's aunt). William (Suzy Swindell's friend)



January Birthdays - Bill Eller, Don Ellis (29).

February Birthdays - Milton McFarland (1). Austin John (3). Lori Johnson (8). Allison Skenes (11). David Baugh, David Sillmon, Jr. Barbara Wolfe (13). Bob Smith (15). Ann Atchinson (16). Charles Wisekal (21). Peggy Harris (23). Jim Turnage (25). John Pugh (27). Susan Lee, Cynthia Michael (28).

Announcements and Calendar of events

Undie Sunday. The first Sunday of each month. Needed black and white socks for men and women. New packaged underwear for men and women, all sizes.

January 30th- SPRC Meeting at 2pm. In the Conference Room.

February 5th- Ad Council at 2pm. In the Conference Room.

February 8th- Blood Drive 2pm to 6:30pm. Volunteers needed to help and to give! A signup sheet to volunteer is in the narthex. You can go on line to register to give blood.

February 12th- Souper Bowl Sunday. Valentine Lunch and program after worship. Signup sheet is in the narthex.

Wednesdays at 6:45pm- Choir Practice. All are welcome to join. See Anita if you have any questions.

Sunday School at 9:45am – in the Fellowship Hall. Study: Season 3 of “The Chosen”.

Light Up the Sanctuary Campaign continues. If you would like to contribute to the cause- please gift to **Light Up the Sanctuary Campaign and designate as such.** To date we have received \$4,313.00. Thanks for your generous contributions.

The Altar Flower Calendar is posted. There are dates still available. The cost is \$65.00/Sunday if we order from the florist. If you are interested in a less expensive option, please call the church office (336-299-9643).

Reminder: As we enter the time of the year when we can have inclement weather please be aware that we will post Centenary closings on Fox 8 and WXII 12.