



**Centenary United Methodist Church  
2300 W. Friendly Ave.  
Greensboro, NC 27403  
October 22, 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

Litany

David Paxton

Announcements for Mission and Ministry

Choral call to worship

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Choir

Call to Worship

Leader: Sometimes it seems as though God is far away.

**People: There is so much trouble in the world.**

Leader: We look to the heavens and wonder why God doesn't deal more strictly with the wicked and more compassionately with the innocent.

**People: We are overwhelmed with the needs of others.**

Leader: Come, let us turn to the Lord, whose very heart is compassion and hope.

**People: Let us be partners in caring for all who are in need. Amen.**

**Opening Prayer: Lord of justice and mercy, we come to you this day seeking your healing and reconciling love. Help us to be open to your word, your presence, your compassion. Clear our hearts of those things which block your will. Keep us focused on your enabling power so that we, having been healed, may more fully serve you. In Jesus Name, we pray. Amen.**

†Hymn

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

UMH 127

Joys and concerns of the Congregation

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.*

Anthem

Here I Am, Lord

Dan Schutte

Choir

Scripture:

Genesis 37: 23-28, 36

Sermon:

"A Dangerous Trip Down to Egypt – Beware!"

Rev. Kelley Groce

†Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle's Creed Traditional Version

UMH 881

†Gloria Patri

†Hymn

Children of the Heavenly Father

UMH 141

We worship with our Tithes and our Offerings

Offertory

Father, I Adore You

Choir

†Hymn	Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me	UMH 509
†Benediction		
†Postlude	Orgelstucke (Organ Piece) in C Major	A. Kehrler

†Please rise in body or in spirit as you are able†  
Please silence your cell phones.



**As you engage your 'Prayer Life' this week, please remember these prayer concerns. If you have a prayer concern or praises, 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:**

Linda Billings. Gretchen Crabtree. Jeane Batten. Dave & Barbara Blackman. Susan Carrick. Sheridian Wacker. Lee and Jane Norman. Scott Stanley. Al & Lori Eaton. Peggy Harris. Diane & Jim Stanley. Trudy Sillmon. Don & Clara Ellis. Aly Saunders. Bruce Gillespie (Debbie Robinson's friend). Hazel Perritt, Pat Glover. Judy Holland (Suzy Swindell's sister). Cynthia Michael. Anne Trumpler (Anita sister-in-law). Richard Fischer (Anita Trumpler's father-in-law). Ben Green (Scott Stanley's cousin). Patricia Wurst (Faye Elliott's sister) hospitalized. Margey Sienkiewicz (Larry & Suzy Swindell's aunt) health concerns. Fred Miller (John Pugh & Betty Durham's cousin) health concerns. Toby Swindell (Larry & Suzy's grandson) health concerns. The family of Parker Johnson in his passing (Frank Hinshaw's friends). Marie Murray (Newlyn St.) hospitalized. Peace in the Middle East.



**October Birthdays—** 1<sup>st</sup> Sheridian Wacker, 8<sup>th</sup> Edna Johnson, Hazel Raper 11<sup>th</sup> Cecil Overbey, 12<sup>th</sup> Richard Liles, 23<sup>rd</sup> Ann Hennings, Margaret Miller.

## **Announcements and Calendar of events**

**October 24<sup>th</sup> – 11am to 2pm Newlyn St. Pinto Bean Luncheon.**

**October 24<sup>th</sup> – 6:30pm CUMC Bible Study**

**The Blessed Table Food Pantry, food items needed for this month are cans of Black Eye Peas, into Beans, Great Northern Beans, Pork & Beans, and Green Peas.**

“ Here I am Lord, is it I Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go Lord  
If you lead me  
I will hold your people in my heart.”  
( Here I Am, lyrics by Dan Schutte)

Centenary Family,

After four years of prayer and watchful waiting, we are finally getting back to our beloved **Dominican Republic Medical Mission!** The clinic that serves the majority of the bateys (villages we serve), is now renovated and reopened thanks in part to each of you who generously answered the call. The missionaries you met here, John and Donna Bearden, are overseeing the operations through their Big Hope Ministries.

We would like to ask that you begin your prayers for our team which will be traveling there in January 2024. We also need your financial support to provide medications, rice and beans, medical transportation for patients, and more while we are in country. It is through you that are to provide these tangible items and through you that we are able to share our love and God's love to these beautiful souls.

In His Service,  
David Sillmon, Sandy Cook, Terri Green, Abbie Samuel

Centenary UMC and Newlyn St. UMC will partner again this year with **Summerfield-Peace UMC Christmas Store.** This year they have requested that we provide books for Boys and Girls ages 14,15,16 & 17. The gift tags are on the Christmas tree in the Narthex. If you take a tag off the tree, please put your name on the signup sheet. All gifts need to be returned to the church by November 12<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, contact Betty Durham.

**Clothes Closet special requests:** We need Men's pants and shirts ALL sizes, but especially 32, 34 & 36. Men's winter shirts. Men's shoes, especially athletic shoes. Men's belts 34, 36 & 38. Women's Small and Medium winter clothes. Women's Small and Medium underwear. Take-along style suitcases on wheels. Travel size shampoo, toothpaste, and body wash. If you have any questions, please see Caryn Hull or Dona Pickett.

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#### **Attendance – October 22, 2023**

Sunday School	10
Worship in-person	35
Worship - Facebook Live	
Worship –YouTube	

**You're invited to a Birthday Party for**

**Jack Cole**

**November 4<sup>th</sup>**

**1pm to 3pm**

**Come & Go**

**River Landing Retirement Home**

**Living Room**

**Let's help Jack Celebrate the big  
90!!**

