

The Centenarian



From the Pastor's Desk

"Hope is the thing with feathers
That perches in the soul
And sings the tune without the words
And never stops at all."

Emily Dickinson

We have always held to the hope, the belief, the conviction that there is a better life, a better world, beyond the horizon. **Franklin D. Roosevelt**

Hymn: *The Solid Rock (On Christ the Solid Rock)* **Charlie Hall**

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' Name

Oh Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
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Dear Centenary UMC Church Family,

I hope that this Centenarian finds you as well as can be expected during these times. Please know that David, Meredith, and I are keeping all the congregation in our thoughts and prayers. We cannot emphasize enough that we are here for you. If you need anything at all, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to talk, pray, and support you any way necessary. If you need us to go to the grocery or pharmacy, please call. The parsonage number is 336-285-5081. If we do not answer, please leave a message and we will return your call as soon as we possibly can.

We are still providing weekly worship. You may go to our webpage at www.CentenaryUMCGreensboro.org to find the worship services. They are recorded on Thursdays for the upcoming Sunday. You may watch them on your own time, at your convenience.

A new Bible Study on the Psalms is also underway. It happens each Tuesday at 10:00 AM or 6:00 PM. You may use your computer to Zoom in with both audio and video, or I can give you a number to call to listen and participate, either by landline or cell phone. You may purchase a book, or simply use your Bible. Please read the book of Psalms. If you want to participate at any time, e-mail me at kgroce@wnccumc.net, or call 336-285-5081 to let me know of your participation either by phone or comput-

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er. All are welcome.

We are also beginning a Church Prayer chain. You must call the church office or me, the minister, directly to make your prayer request known. We must have permission from the person being prayed about, or by you, the person making the request known, that it is ok to share the information. The request should be kept to a minimum. Example: John Smith, hospitalized at Cone, having surgery. We will send them out by phone and/or e-mail. The Phone Tree which we utilize only allows messages to be 60 seconds or less. Therefore, the need to keep the prayer requests shortened. If you would like to receive the notices of prayer needs, again – call the church office at 336-299-9643, or me at 336-285-5081, or e-mail me at kgroce@wnccumc.net to let me know you would like to be placed on the Prayer chain.

Centenary is forming a Congregational Care Team. Members will be assigned a certain number of people to call and check on. They are going to make sure needs are being met, and to if the church family can be of any assistance.

As of now, the Bishop has not stated when we may gather for worship in person again. When we know, we will let you know as well. The Conference did send out precautions which must be done regarding cleaning, which we will be discussing before worshipping together again.

I pray that you know how much you are missed and loved. Christ is our hope, our foundation, and our assurance. May this be our thought when we awaken, throughout the day, and then as we get ready to sleep.

In the Blessed name of Jesus, we pray,

Kelley

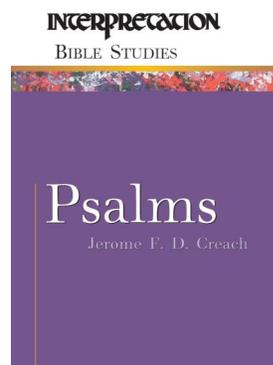
Member Directory

Enclosed in this *Centenarian* is our updated Member Directory. If you see something in the directory that needs to be corrected or added, please contact Business Manager, Lisa Bunch, by email Lisa@CentenaryUMCGreensboro.org or call 336-299-9643 and leave a message for extension 304. Please note that Centenary UMC sent out “update your records” letters in the fall of 2019. Some people, who no longer attend Centenary UMC, want to remain members. There are others that either did not return the questionnaire or their letters were undeliverable. We must try for two years to reach members who no longer attend, before we can remove them from our membership rolls. If you have any questions about this process, please contact Lisa Bunch.

Church Office

Our staff is physically in the building a couple of times a week to clean, check the mail, and work on worship videos. The general voicemail box for the church can be checked remotely, so please feel free to call and leave a message at 336-299-9643. If you have a need, emergency, or are and need to speak to Rev. Kelley Groce, you may reach her at the parsonage number 336-285-5081.

Psalms: Interpretation Bible Study



A new Bible study began on Tuesday, April 28. It is offered on Tuesdays at 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM, via Zoom on your computer or you may use your phone. Contact Kelley Groce if you would like to participate kgroce@wnccumc.net or call the parsonage at 336-285-5081. We are studying the Psalms. You may purchase the book, Interpretation

Bible Studies Psalms by Jerome F. D. Creach, on your own by going to www.christianbooks.com, or simply join without the book and use your Bible. We hope that many of you will join us to gain courage, strength, and inspiration from the Psalms.

Homemade Food—Delivered!

Alex and Julie Hurin have been busy in the church kitchen! They have been making and delivering Brunswick Stew, Chicken Pot Pie, Shepherd's Pie, Peach Cobbler, Apple Crisp, and Chocolate Brownies to members of the congregation and the community. Each delicious treat is \$6. If you would like to have one delivered to your door, contact Alex at 336-457-0130 or email him at azlman@aol.com

Mission & Outreach Opportunities

- ◆ **Greensboro Urban Ministry** Please continue to support Greensboro Urban Ministry with your donations of non-perishable food items, because they have increased the number of times a year a family can receive assistance. You will need to take donations to their Food Pantry Loading dock (drop off location) is 1002 S. Eugene Street, Greensboro, NC, 27406. Donations may be dropped off Monday-Friday from 8:00 AM—5:00 PM
- ◆ **UMAR** is in need of financial assistance during the pandemic. Their Friends of UMAR luncheons, a major source of funding, have had to be cancelled. Mail a check to UMAR Services, Inc., 5350 77 Center Drive, Charlotte, NC 28217, so that they may continue their mission of quality programming for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Many thanks to Alex & Julie Hurin for providing dinner for our local UMAR houses recently.

Conference News

Please know that our conference webpage is www.wnccumc.net where you may find a host of information regarding things happening in the Western North Carolina Conference.

FYI: Annual conference has been moved to a one day event – Saturday, August 8, 2020 in the afternoon.

The UMC General Conference which was set for May has also been postponed. No dates have been set as of yet, as to when it will be rescheduled.

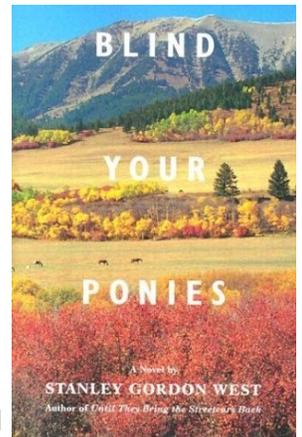
The Upper Room

Centenary UMC has copies of the May/June *Upper Room* available. If you would like to have one delivered or mailed to you, please tell your Congregational Care Team member when they call, or leave a message with the church at 336-299-9643.

Centenary Starlight Book Club

The Centenary UMC Starlight Book Club will meet on May 21 at 7:00 PM via Zoom. You can participate via phone or computer. Email Kelley to receive your Zoom invitation kgroce@wnccumc.net. Our book discussion for May will be *Blind Your Ponies* by Stanley Gordan West.

Willow Creek, Montana. With bold strokes on a large canvas, Stanley West has drawn an entire village of curious and outlandish characters who have been cast so vividly that one can see them, hear them, laugh with them, feel with them - people as real as relatives. When Sam Pickett comes to the quiet little village to hide from the violence and madness that have shattered his life, he discovers buried and shadowed stories fraught with aching regret, human wreckage, and heartrending bravery - people silently bearing their broken dreams and unbearable sorrows. Can they be aroused by the most unexpected and least likely source in their midst? Encouraged and uplifted to embrace life for all its worth? Out of these utterly ordinary lives, West brings forth a startling glimpse into the hidden places of the human heart and characters who will stay with you like old friends long after you've turned the last page.



May Birthdays

5th	Celia Eller and Coak May
8th	Robb Stowe
12th	Fred Wampler
19th	Dot Frye
24th	Skip Williams & Bianca York
25th	Dylan Sillmon
27th	Spencer Deuterman and Kathy Swing
29th	Ed Hennings
30th	Susan Roach

If you, or a loved one, have been left off the birthday list, please contact Lisa Bunch at 336-299-9643.



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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.

Gifts for the Budget: April 1-28, 2020

In Memory of Betty Causey

Rebecca & Roy Brandt
Bill & Celia Eller
Sarah Feild
Coak & Nancy May
Jim & Diane Stanley
Frank & Jean York

In Memory of Mildred Rives

Bill & Celia Eller
Ruth Howerton

In Memory of Bob White

Bill & Celia Eller

In Memory of Hilda Layton

Bill & Celia Eller

In Honor of Adele Singletary

Harry & Sharon Parrish

Why did the chicken cross the road?

To practice social distancing.

Social Distancing Champion

Bigfoot

Day 35 of social distancing:

Struck up a conversation with a spider today.

Seems nice. He's a web designer.

Financial Update

Year-to-Date Giving/Expenses—Ending 4/30/2020

Revenues \$ 129,468

Expenses \$ 117,309

Profit or (Loss) for 3 months \$ 12,160

Unrestricted cash available for operations: \$111,149