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Dear Centenary UMC Family and Friends,

Ephesians 4:12 : To equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,

August is a month which seems to be a bridge. It is that month which ends the summer and bridges to the upstart of the autumn beginnings.

I want to say how enormously proud I am of Centenary UMC for continuing to live out our mission this summer. Our stated mission is "to experience God's life changing love and take God's love into the world. Our vision is "to be a church where everyone is involved in ministry."

This past summer we have continued with our community breakfast and clothing closet. We have engaged in study and fellowship with the Pastor, Picnic, and Passages, and the outing to the Greensboro Grasshoppers. We have learned and experienced God's love through Sunday School and Camp Meeting Style Worship. We have nurtured one another, both within and outside of the church, through caring and praying for each other in sickness, death, and other daily challenges. We have continued to be the church.

Our sermons have focused on faith over fear. I continue to hear the fear that the UMC is splitting, and that Centenary UMC will cease. That is not true. I have offered resources for people to read entitled, "Is the United Methodist Church Really...?" and I am happy to talk with anyone regarding any concerns regarding this or any matter.

The Church is forever changing, and we must listen to God through prayer and take the Holy Spirit's directives as to the next best step.

I pray that you will join me in praying for Centenary UMC. Give thanks for blessings and pray for the challenges which are being faced.

There is a story which has been told about a bar called Drummond's in Mt Vernon, Texas. They began construction on an expansion of their **building**, hoping to "grow" their business.

In response, the local Southern Baptist **Church** started a campaign to block the bar from expanding - petitions, prayers, etc.

About a week before the bar's grand re-opening, a bolt of lightning struck the bar and burned it to the ground!

Afterward, the **church** folks were rather smug - bragging about "the power of prayer". The angry bar owner eventually sued the **church** on grounds that the **church** ... "was ultimately responsible for the demise of his **building**, through direct actions or indirect means." Of course, the **church** vehemently denied all responsibility or any connection to the **building's** demise.

The judge read carefully through the plaintiff's complaint and the defendant's reply. He then opened the hearing by saying:

I don't know how I'm going to decide this, but it appears from the paperwork that what we have here is a bar owner who now believes in the power of prayer, and an entire **church** congregation that does not.

We all know that things are never going to change if we continue to do what we have been doing. The churches of 2022 which are experiencing growth are those which have diverse offerings, a diverse congregation, those committed to service and mission, and who place study and worship as a priority.

May Centenary UMC continue to be a church where prayer is a priority, and then putting our faith above our fear to be the church in new ways to share the love of God through Christ Jesus.

I pray that you will read the rest of this newsletters to see ways and means of involvement.

Please know that I am here for you – for prayer, council, pastoral care, study, mission, service, and worship.

My prayers are daily for the congregation and its people.

The Church needs everyone. If you have not been here in a while, the door is always open. If you are here invite others to come. If you want to propose a change, come talk to me and we can envision together.

God is love, God is Faith, God is Hope.

May Centenary UMC be a vital witness for God always.

Grace and Peace –

Kelley

Ephesians 4: 11-13

¹¹ So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.



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. Mary von Glahn. Cecil Overbey. Barbara Wolfe. Debra Schlueter. Ann Hennings. Gretchen Crabtree. Sheridian Wacker. Susan Carrick. Dave Blackman. Jane Norman. Scott Stanley. Anne Murr. Margaret Miller. Lori Johnson. Trudy Sillmon. Don & Clara Ellis. Aly Saunders. Sue Rosser (friend of Debbie Robinson). Barbara Grey (Teresa John's mother) . Shinai Lilly and Dan Trumpler (Anita Trumpler-Rich's sister and brother) Lyn Gentry (Anita's friend). Lisa Goller, cancer, (Kelley Groce's friend). Sara Ridenour (Emily Wagoner's grandmother) Madonna & Steve Stamey (Sally Goin's daughter & son-in-law).

Summer Sunday School will be a series of Bible Studies by Dr. Mickey Efirid's

There will be several facilitators:
Nina Stowe, David Groce, Suzy Swindell, Harold Billings

August 7—Esther

August 14, 21 and 28—Rest of the Wisdom Literature

Reminder:

August Sunday Worship will be Camp Meeting Style—Casual Dress, lots of hymns, no liturgy, Preaching from the Word. Sermon Series will be based on Movies of recent years.

- August 14— West Side Story
- August 21—A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood
- August 28— Special Speaker, Dr. Jorge Volquez from the D.R. a special friend of David Sillmon.

First Sunday of each month is **UNDIE SUNDAY**. We collect Undies and socks.

The Clothes Closet is also collecting seasonal clothes, bed sheets, sleeping bags and hygiene products..

Pastor, Picnic and Passages

August 10th at noon in the Conference Room

August 23rd at 6pm in the Conference Room



Save the dates!

August Study and Suppers Bible Studies with beloved TV shows 6 to 7:30 or 8 pm. There will be a simple meal at 6, then we will watch an episode of The Lucy or The Andy Griffith show.

August 2-Andy Griffith—meal turkey and ham sandwiches, chips and dessert

August 3-I Love Lucy—pizza and salad

Then we'll have a short Bible Study on the episode and a reflection upon a Christian value from the show and how we can apply to our lives.

August 21-Ths Churchwide Picnic! The meal will be burgers, potato bar, baked beans and ice cream. We pray that you will come and enjoy this differing experience of Christian Fellowship and Education.

Mission Opportunities

Urban Ministry is in desperate need of food. Please continue to bring any food items for them to the church, place it in the baskets and we will get it to the Urban Ministries. Please donate – this is a desperate times for the food insecure.

School Back Packs Needed for Pathways Shelters

We have had an anonymous donor fill 15 backpacks for the under-privileged children at Pathways. We as a church are going to gift a blessing for these backpacks on **August 14th** at 11am service. This anonymous angel has inspired Kelley with their generosity so she's going to add 2 backpacks to go with their 15.

Would you pray and see if you could fill a backpack as well?

Items needed as Listed from Guilford County School

- 3 Ring Binger
- Glue Sticks
- Crayons—24 count box
- Dry Erase Markers (skinny/fine tip)
- Composition Notebooks
- Erasers (pink rectangle)
- Folders (poly/plastic with pockets)
- Colored pencils
- Pencils (yellow #2)
- Pencil pouch or Box
- Loose Leaf Notebook paper/packs
- Index Cards

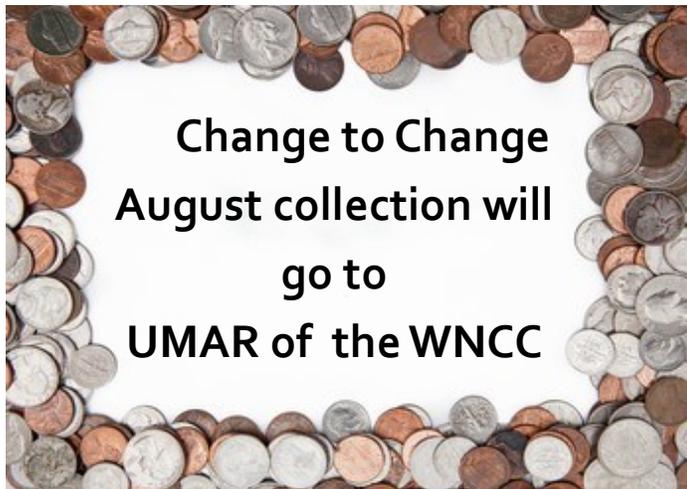


August 24 at 2 to 6:30pm

we will host a Blood Drive.

We need volunteers to help this this all important mission.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex.



- 4th Paul Long
- 5th Becky Ensign, Trey Stowe
- 8th Bonnie Travis
- 11th Nancy May
- 16th Abbie Samuel
- 17th Meredith Groce, Sarah Pickett
- 19th Nancy Pruitt, Jackie Thompson
- 22nd Hugh Holman, Rob Skeens
- 24th August Marvin
- 26th Blanche Morgan
- 27th Bob Jones

Ladies Supper Club

August 30, 5:30pm Harper's at Friendly center.



If you would like a night of fun and fellowship you're invited to join the "Ladies Supper Club". If you would like to join or would like more information please email Emily Wagoner at: hopelovefaith710@gmail.com

Committee Meetings

- August 7th 2pm Finance Committee
Conference Room
- August 9th 2pm Staff/Parrish
Conference Room
- August 15th 4pm Worship Committee
Conference Room
- August 15th 5:30pm Mission/Nurture
Conference Committee
- August 21st 1:30pm Ad Council
Fellowship Hall

Centenary Starlight Book Club

Centenary UMC Starlight Book Club Selections:

Meet at Lucky 32 at 6:30

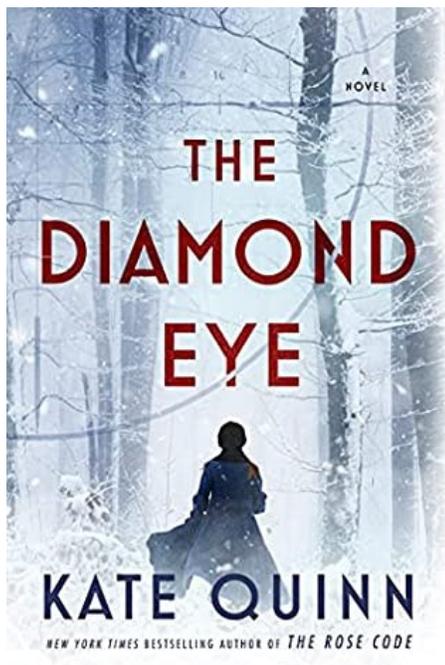
Thursday, August 18, 2022

The Diamond Eye by Kate Quinn

In 1937 in the snowbound city of Kiev (now known as Kyiv), wry and bookish history student Mila Pavlichenko organizes her life around her library job and her young son—but Hitler's invasion of Ukraine and Russia sends her on a different path. Given a rifle and sent to join the fight, Mila must forge herself from studious girl to deadly sniper—a lethal hunter of Nazis known as Lady Death. When news of her three hundredth kill makes her a national heroine, Mila finds herself torn from the bloody battlefields of the eastern front and sent to America on a goodwill tour.

Still reeling from war wounds and devastated by loss, Mila finds herself isolated and lonely in the glittering world of Washington, DC—until an unexpected friendship with First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt and an even more unexpected connection with a silent fellow sniper offer the possibility of happiness. But when an old enemy from Mila's past joins forces with a deadly new foe lurking in the shadows, Lady Death finds herself battling her own demons and enemy bullets in the deadliest duel of her life.

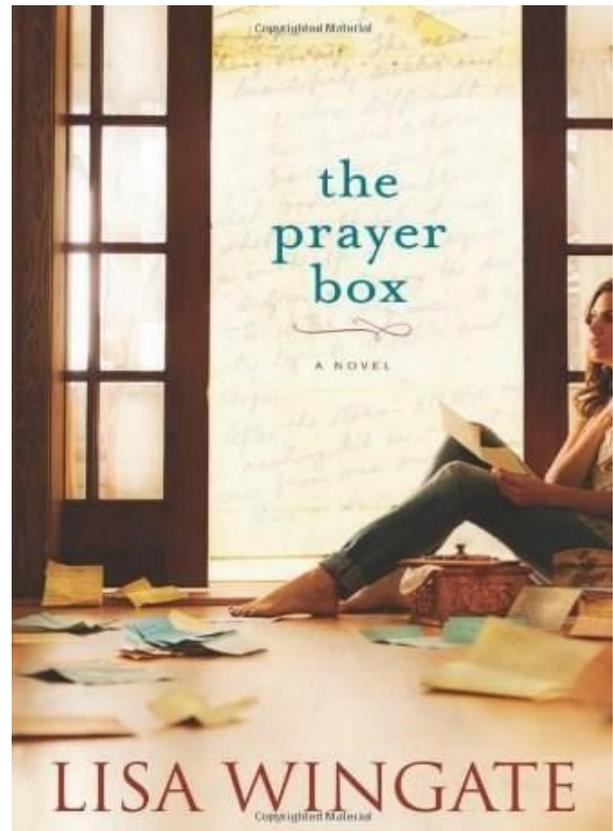
Based on a true story, *The Diamond Eye* is a haunting novel of heroism born of desperation, of a mother who became a soldier, of a woman who found her place in the world and changed the course of history forever



Thursday, September 15th,
The Prayer Box by Lisa Wingate

When Lola Anne Poole, an old-timer on Hatteras Island, passes away in her bed at ninety-one, the struggling young mother in her rental cottage, Tandi Jo Reese, finds herself charged with the task of cleaning out Lola's rambling Victorian house

Running from a messy, dangerous past, Tandi never expects to find more than a temporary hiding place within Lola's walls, but everything changes with the discovery of eighty-one carefully decorated prayer boxes, one for each year, spanning from Lola's youth to her last days. Hidden in the boxes is the story of a lifetime, written on random bits of paper—the hopes and wishes, fears and thoughts of an unassuming but complex woman passing through the seasons of an extraordinary, unsung life filled with journeys of faith, observations on love, and one final lesson that could change everything.



Financial Update

Year-to-Date Giving/Expenses—Ending 7/

Revenues \$ 132,088.00

Expenses \$ 200,182.00

Profit or (Loss) for 6 months (\$68,094.00)

Meetings-

NA-Narcotic Anonymous every Wednesday at 8:00pm
and every Sunday at 1:00pm Fellowship Hall

AI-Anon-every Friday at 8:00pm in the Conference
Room

Compassionate Friends First Monday of each month
at 7:00pm room 110

Offering Support

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

Put your 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.

Stewardship Thought by Rev. Jan Brittan

What others say to Me about Tithing, Giving, and Generosity (pages 86-87)

What the Bible Says: Proverbs 11: 24-25

Some give freely, yet grow all the richer; others withhold what is due, and only suffer want. A generous person will be enriched, and one who give water will get water.

What Others say: **Encouragement:How to Be and Find the Best**

Cathy Burnham Martin –“We live far happier lives when we are generous in as many ways as possible”.

What do you say?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, help me to be generous with more than money. May I give freely of other resources including my time and my talent. Amen.

August 2022

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	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Study and Supper 6pm	Study and Supper 6pm			N/A Fellowship Meal in the Fel- lowship Hall
7 Camp Meeting Finance Committee Meeting 2pm UNDIE SUNDAY	8	9 SPRC Committee meeting at 2pm	10 Pastor, Picnic and Passages at noon	11	12 Presbyterian Pilgrimage Class rooms and Fellowship Hall	13 Presbyterian Pilgrimage Class rooms and Fellowship Hall
14 Camp Meeting Back Pack Dedication	15 Worship Comm. Meeting 4pm Mission, Nurture Meeting 5:50pm	16 Covenant School Fellowship Hall	17 Rev. Kelley at Friend's Home @ 3pm Covenant School Fellowship Hall	18 Book Club Lucy 32 6:30pm Covenant School Fellowship Hall	19 Covenant School Fellowship Hall	20 Community Breakfast 8 to 10am
21 Camp Meeting Picnic after Worship Ad Council 1pm	22	23 Pastor, Picnic and Passages 6pm Covenant School Sanctuary	24 Blood Drive 2:00 to 6:30 pm Covenant School Sanctuary	25 Covenant School Sanctuary	26	27
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Gifts for the Budget: June 1—June 28 2022

Sunday Morning Worship

10:00 am Sunday School Fellowship Hall

11:00 am Worship Service

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