



**Centenary United Methodist Church
 2300 W. Friendly Ave.
 Greensboro, NC 27403
 October 8, 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

Announcements for Mission and Ministry

Call to Worship:

Come, the banquet of hope and praise is ready.

We come on your invitation, seeking to be fed.

Feed on the love of God in Jesus Christ

We come on your invitation, needing healing.

Be healed by God's gracious mercy

We come on your invitation, longing for forgiveness

In Jesus' Name, you are loved, healed and forgiven.

Alleluia, Praise be to God. Amen.

—Nancy Townley, on the [Ministry Matters](#) website.

Opening Prayer: Lord of diversity and union, we call upon you this day to open our hearts to your love, our ears to your words, our eyes to see the needs of those both near and far, and our spirits to do your will. Be with us and give us courage and inspiration for the future of your world, O Lord. AMEN.

†Hymn_____

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

Scripture: Matthew 22: 1-14

Sermon: Why not go?

†Affirmation of Faith Modern Affirmation

UMH 885

†Glori Patri

† Hymn_____

We worship with our Tithes and our Offerings.

Offertory

†Doxology

†Hymn

†Benediction

†Postlude

†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 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.

Other 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.



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

Announcements and Calendar of events

October 15th – 3pm- Kelley will be at Friends Home, Guilford.

October 17th – CUMC Bible Study 6:30pm

October 18th—Community Breakfast. Please come to help serve our guest, pray with our guest, you may be the only smile they get all week.

October 19th- 6:30pm – Starlight Book Club at Lucky 32

October 21st – 8am to 10am Community Breakfast and Clothes Closet

October 24th – 6:30pm CUMC Bible Study

October 24 – 11am to 2pm Newlyn St. Pinto Bean Luncheon

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

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