

# The Centenarian

## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Centenary UMC,

John 15: 12 states, "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you."

Psalms 148:3 states, "Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I entrust my life."

The Scriptures are the foundation upon which the truths of our faith are built. There are some Scriptures which can be interpreted in differing ways upon first glance; however, John 15: 12 is very direct – "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you".

Love.

Where do you experience the love of Christ in the interactions of your daily life? I know that God gifts us with many relationships, experiences, situations, thoughts, hopes, and dreams which are ways to experience God's love. We are grateful for them all.

Centenary UMC congregation is one which can certainly be described as loving. I see it in the way in which you participate in the missions and ministries of Jesus Christ.

As the team—David, Sandy, Abbie, Chrissy, Michele, Stan, Terri, and I—returned from the medical mission to the Dominican Republic, we were so honored to share how the ministries which we were able to participate in were in conjunction to the generosity from the congregation of Centenary UMC.

The team saw 624 patients, gave 2,154 prescriptions, and made 2 home visits. Rice and beans were gifted to each patient which was seen, along with giving rice and beans to the orphanage and Batte 7. The church which was organized by the United Methodist Missionary – Connie – we support that congregation, along with 2 women who are attending seminary. Financial assistance was given to patients who needed to go to the Capital for further testing, an 18 month old was given assistance for her seizure medicine, a woman in a sickle cell crises afforded a hospital stay, Dream Ministries Clinic and staff were supported, as well as future missions of the Dream Ministry Team.

The commandment to love each other is for family, friends, strangers – both in our familiar community, as well as those across the globe. Christ's arms can reach wide, and His love is wider and deeper than any of us can ever imagine.

During this month of February, may the unconditional love of Christ be our model. May we be assured of God's love for each of us and ask for direction and wisdom to love as God loves. Let us not take our life for granted, but each day as it comes. May we know that God will be with us in the joys and the challenges, offering us strength, hope and grace forevermore.

God's love knows no bounds. That is a 24/7 Valentine.

Please know that my door is always open. Grace and Peace – Kelley



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## February Meetings & Events

**Souper Bowl Luncheon**—February 2 at Noon  
**Ad Council Meeting**—February 2 at 1:00 PM  
**UMW Board Meeting**—February 3 at 10:00 AM  
**Community Breakfast/Clothes Closet**—Feb 8 at 8:00 AM  
**Scout Sunday**—February 9 at 11:00 AM  
**Scout Sunday Brunch**—February 9 at Noon  
**Worship Committee**—February 9 at 1:00 PM  
**UMW Stanley Fellowship**—February 10 at 6:30 PM  
**Friendship Club**—February 11 at 12:00 PM  
**SPRC Meeting**—February 11 at 6:00 PM  
**Kelley at Friends Homes Guilford & West**—February 12  
**UMM Spaghetti Dinner**—February 13 at 6:30 PM  
**UMW Fellowship**—February 17 at 10:00 AM  
**Kelley at Conf. Board of Ordained Ministers**—Feb 17-20  
**UMW Sunday**—February 23 at both services  
**Kelley Vespers at Friends Homes Guilford**—Feb 23 at 7 PM  
**Game Day!** - February 25 from 1:30-4:00 PM  
**Ashes on the Go**—Feb 26 7 AM-1 PM and 4-5:30 PM  
**Church Wide Supper with UMAR** —Feb 26 at 6:00 PM

## Friendship Club

Friendship Club will meet Tuesday, February 11 at Noon. Call the church office to make your reservation 336-299-9643. Lunch is \$8 and payable at the door. Please make checks payable to Friendship Club.

**February**—Beth Sheffield, the head of Adult Programming and Book Clubs for the Greensboro Public Library

**March**—Paul Stewart on piano will present American Rag-time Music and its influences.

## United Methodist Women

UMW Sunday is February 23. Our speaker will be Sandra Williamson, Northern Piedmont District UMW President.

**Game Day!** On Tuesday, February 25 we will meet from 1:30-4:00 (please note time change) in the Fellowship Hall for card and board games, laughter and fellowship. Bring your favorite game to share! Learn a new card game or brush up on an old one. For more information contact Adele Singletary at 336-272-3919.



## Church Wide Supper

Wednesday, February 26 at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall everyone is welcome to come share a meal of pancakes, eggs, and sausage with our UMAR guests, then we will have an Ash Wednesday devotion, craft, and imposition of ashes.

## February Birthdays

1st	Nelda King and Milton McFarland
3rd	Austin John
7th	Betsy Wampler
9th	Carry Mullins
13th	David Baugh and David Sillmon
15th	Bob Smith
16th	Ann Atchison and Betty Causey
17th	Rob Hurin and Peggy Boles
23rd	Peggy Harris
25th	Jim Turnage
27th	Noah Demmitt

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

## Communion and Devotion

Rev. Kelley will be at Friends Homes Guilford and West on Wednesday afternoon **February 12** for **Communion and Devotion**.



## United Methodist Men ~ VALENTINE SPAGHETTI DINNER

**Centenary United Methodist Church—Fellowship Hall**

**Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 6:30 PM Cost: \$7.00 per person**

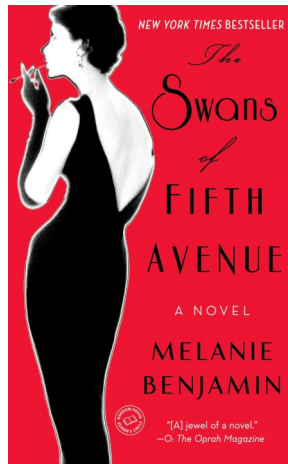
**Entertainment—The Sheltered Group Gospel Singers from Burlington**

**Door Prizes—Top Door Prize is a Gold Coin worth over \$100!**

## Centenary Starlight Book Club

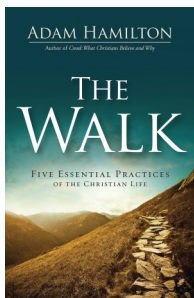
The Starlight Book Club will meet Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 6:30 PM at Lucky 32 to discuss – The Swans of Fifth Avenue by Melanie Benjamin.

Of all the glamorous stars of New York high society, none blazes brighter than Babe Paley. Her flawless face regularly graces the pages of *Vogue*, and she is celebrated and adored for her ineffable style and exquisite taste, especially among her friends—the alluring socialite Swans Slim Keith, C. Z. Guest, Gloria Guinness, and Pamela Churchill. By all appearances, Babe has it all: money, beauty, glamour, jewels, influential friends, a prestigious husband, and gorgeous homes. But beneath this elegantly composed exterior dwells a passionate woman—a woman desperately longing for true love and connection.



Enter Truman Capote. This diminutive golden-haired genius with a larger-than-life personality explodes onto the scene, setting Babe and her circle of Swans aflutter. Through Babe, Truman gains an unlikely entrée into the enviable lives of Manhattan's elite, along with unparalleled access to the scandal and gossip of Babe's powerful circle. Sure of the loyalty of the man she calls "True Heart," Babe never imagines the destruction Truman will leave in his wake. But once a storyteller, always a storyteller—even when the stories aren't his to tell.

Truman's fame is at its peak when such notable celebrities as Frank and Mia Sinatra, Lauren Bacall, and Rose Kennedy converge on his glittering Black and White Ball. But all too soon, he'll ignite a literary scandal whose repercussions echo through the years. *The Swans of Fifth Avenue* will seduce and startle readers as it opens the door onto one of America's most sumptuous eras.



## Lenten Bible Study

Tuesday's March 3—April 7 at 10:00 AM or 6:00 PM. The Lenten Bible Study is *The Walk* by Adam Hamilton. How do we walk with Christ—daily follow him, grow in him, and faithfully serve him? In *The Walk*, Adam Hamilton focuses on five essential spiritual practices that are rooted in Jesus' own walk with God and taught throughout the New Testament. Deepen your walk with Christ as we explore the practices of worship, study, serving, giving, and bearing witness to our faith. Sign-up in the Narthex beginning February 16. Books are \$14 each. Make checks payable to CUMC and "The Walk" on the memo line.

## Mission & Outreach Opportunities

### ◆ Aly Saunders

Aly would appreciate letters and cards of encouragement. You may write to her at:

Greensboro Jail Central  
Alyson Saunders ID # 1181759  
201 S Edgeworth St  
Greensboro, NC 27401

- ◆ **Greensboro Urban Ministry** Please continue to support Greensboro Urban Ministry with your donations of non-perishable food items. Collection bins are located throughout the church.
- ◆ **Community Breakfast** Volunteers are needed to cook, set-up, clean-up, and fellowship with our guests on Saturday, February 8 from 8:00-10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Robin Garner at 336-964-2474
- ◆ **Clothing Closet** from 8:00-10:00 AM on Saturday, February 8. Donations of gently used men's and children's clothing is greatly appreciated. We have also had requests for women's feminine hygiene products, as well as diapers & wipes. Help is needed the day of distribution of clothing and a few days prior to help organize. Contact Adele Singletary for more information at 336-272-3919.

Many thanks to those who brought canned and boxed food items for Greensboro Urban Ministry as part of our **Souper Bowl of Caring—Celebrating 30 years of tackling hunger!**



The Kansas City Chiefs are Super Bowl LIV Champions and they also received the most "votes" to be the winners!

- ◆ 84 items for the Kansas City Chiefs
- ◆ 36 items for the San Francisco 49ers
- ◆ \$70 in donations to Greensboro Urban Ministry

Thank you also to everyone who attended the Soup Luncheon following the service on February 2, 2020.



2020 Dominican Republic  
Medical Mission Trip



# FEBRUARY 2020

## Sunday Morning Worship

9:00 AM Modern Worship Service

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service

AA—Alcoholics Anonymous

DA—Debtors Anonymous

Al-Anon—Support for family & friends of AA  
Compassionate Friends—Supporting families after a child dies

LIFT Luncheon—fellowship for individuals who have lost a spouse

TCS—The Covenant School

ACES—Guilford County Schools

SWM—Shattered to Wholeness Ministries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Souper Bowl Lunch @ Noon Ad Council 1 PM	3 UMW Board Mtg 10 AM Compassionate Friends 7 PM	4 ACES 9 AM AA 8 PM	5 Choir Practice 6:30 PM Handbells 7:30 PM	6 DA 7:30 PM	7 Al-Anon 8 PM	8 Community Break- fast & Clothes Closet 8-10 AM
9 Scout Sunday 11 AM Service Scout Sunday Brunch @ Noon Worship Mtg 1PM	10 UMW Fellowship 6:30 PM	11 Friendship Club 12 Noon SPRC Mtg 6 PM AA 8 PM	12 Piedmont- Doll Club 1 PM Kelley at Friends Homes Choir Practice 6:30 PM Handbells 7:30 PM	13 TCS Moms in Prayer 8:45 AM UMM Spaghetti Dinner 6:30 PM DA 7:30 PM	14 Al-Anon 8 PM 	15
16 Sign-up for Lenten Bible Study!	17 UMW Fellowship 10 AM Kelley at Board of Ordained Minis- try in Gastonia 17- 20	18 AA 8 PM	19 Choir Practice 6:30 PM Handbells 7:30 PM	20 ACES 8 AM TCS Info Mtg at 6:30 PM Book Club 6:30 PM @ Lucky 32 DA 7:30 PM	21 Al-Anon 8 PM	22
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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: January 1-31, 2020**

**In Memory of Brent King Mabe**

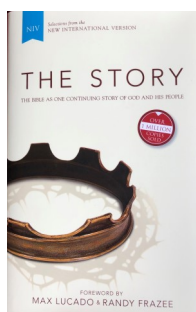
Madeline Hodge

**In Memory of Maureen Esterline**

Sarah Johnson

**Thank You**

Kelley would like to thank Susan Carrick and Betty Durham for their help in preaching while she was on the Dominican Republic Medical Mission trip. Thank you to all who helped with the Churchwide Meal with our UMAR guests and Bingo. A fun time was had by all.



**The Story**

Please continue to join together as a congregation to read, *The Story*. This will be our Sermon Series through the month of May.

**Financial Update**

**Year-to-Date Giving/Expenses—Ending 1/31/2020**

Revenues	\$ 21,840
Expenses	\$ 22,270
Profit or (Loss) for 1month	\$ (430)
Unrestricted cash available for operations:	\$ 110,589