



**Centenary United Methodist Church**

**2300 W. Friendly Avenue**

**Greensboro, NC 27403**

**November 8, 2020**

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Announcements for Missions and Ministry.

Choral Call to Worship.....Come and Find the Quiet Center

Call to Worship:

**Leader:** Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead.

**People:** Find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed.

**Leader:** Clear the chaos and the clutter

**People:** Clear our eyes that we can see

**All:** All the things that really matter. Be at peace and simply be.

Opening Prayer:

**Lord, we are always getting ready for something. Rejoice with us as we prepare our hearts and spirits for the coming of you Son Jesus Christ. AMEN.**

† Hymn.....*Lord, You Give the Great Commission #584 v. 1&2*

*Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word."  
Lest the Church neglect its mission and the Gospel go unheard,  
help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity.  
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.*

*Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name baptize and teach."  
That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each,  
give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community.  
with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.*

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation and deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

We Worship with God's Tithes and our Offering –

**Offertory**.....*The Summons*

Scripture: Matthew 25: 1-13

Sermon: You have to do more than just show up!

Litany for Veterans

One: God of love, peace and justice, it is your will for the world that we may live together in peace. You have promised through the prophet Isaiah that one day the swords will be beaten into ploughshares. Yet we live in a broken world, and there are times that war seems inevitable. Let us recognize with humility and sadness the tragic loss of life that comes in war. Even so, as we gather here free from persecution, we may give thanks for those that have served with courage and honor.

**All: God, we praise you for those that are willing to serve. Let all Soldiers, Marines, Sailors, Airmen and Coast Guardsmen serve with honor, pride, and compassion. Do not let their hearts be hardened by the actions they must take. Strengthen their families. Keep them surrounded in your love and peace.**

One: We are grateful for those who have served and are continuing to serve our country.

All: God, we praise you for those that have served in the military. We thank you for those that put the welfare of others ahead of their own safety. Let us all be inspired by their self-sacrifice in service to those who needed protection.

One: We honor those that are in our presence who have lost a loved one in war.

All: **God, we praise you for those that have made the ultimate sacrifice. We ask that you comfort those that still feel the pain of their loss. Keep us mindful that you have promised to comfort those that mourn.**

One: We are grateful that we can gather in your name in safety because of the sacrifices of others.

All: **God, we praise you for granting us these freedoms. Let us honor those who have served by working for peace. Let us never forget those that have served, and let us never let go of your promise of peace.**

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† Hymn.....America # 697 v.1&4

*My country, ' tis of thee,  
sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing;  
land where my fathers died,  
land of the pilgrims' pride,  
from every mountainside let freedom ring!*

*Our fathers' God, to thee, author of  
liberty, to thee we sing; long may our  
land be bright with freedom's holy light;  
protect us by thy might, great God, our Kind.*

Benediction

Choral Benediction .....Go Now in Peace #665

**Birthdays This Week** Nancy Gordon (8), David Lucas (13), Jessica Peake (14), and Alexis Marvin (14).

### 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. Let us know if the concern may be shared

with the congregation.

**The Prayer Chain has received requests to pray for the following people:**

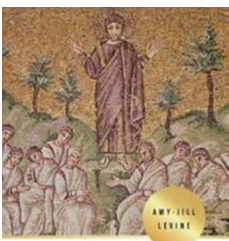
**Paul Long's younger brother and sister-in-law, Dan and Sharon Long**, both have the Covid-19 virus. **Ann Hennings** fell and broke her shoulder on November 2. **Joann Martin** fell and broke her left hip. **Peggy Bowles** at Friends Homes Guilford. **Mike Crabtree**. **Amy Coffee's grandmother-Ruby Foland** who is hospitalized with a stroke. **Sally Goin's friend Janice Osborne** tested positive for the Covid-19 virus. **Jackie Thompson's mom-Lucille Crawford** for anxiety and depression from not being able to be visited and seen by family in retirement center. **Friend of Betty Durham-Julia Willis** with heart complications. Please continue to pray for **Judy Milligan, Noah Demmitt, Amy Coffee, Don & Clara Ellis, Chuck Farabee, Trudy Sillmon, Rachel Sheppard, and Pat Stevenson**. Please, keep all in your prayers as so many who are dealing with many anxieties over the coronavirus.

**Our Condolences to Chris Bagwell on the death of his father October 20.**

**Our sympathies to Adele & Leith Singletary on the death of Adele's mother, Ginny Taylor October 27.**

**Our sympathies to Jean, Sandy, and Walt York on the death of Jean's husband Frank York October 31.**

**If you have a prayer concern**, please contact the church office at 336-299-9643 or call Kelley at the parsonage. Let us know if the concern may be shared with the congregation or only with the pastoral staff.



**New Bible Study – *Sermon on the Mount* by Amy Jill Levine**

When: Monday Mornings @ 11:00 am and Monday Evenings @ 6:30 pm

Dates: November 2-December 7 (6 weeks)

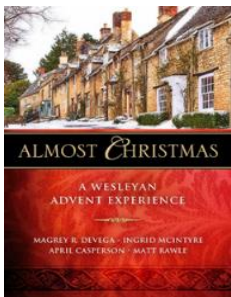
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SERMON *on*  
the MOUNT  
A BIBLE STUDY GUIDE TO THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

The Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5-7, contains some of Jesus' most profound and most memorable teachings. What might these teachings have meant to his disciples, and to the others who first heard them? How do they enhance our reading of the rest of the Gospel of Matthew, and how do they speak across the centuries to listeners today? How, if we pay careful attention to his words, does Jesus provide us a road map to living as God would have us live?

In *Sermon on the Mount: A Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven*, Dr. Amy-Jill Levine introduces the major topics in the Sermon on the Mount, explains historical and theological contexts, and shows how the words of Jesus echo his Jewish tradition and speak forward to reach hearts and minds today.

You may order *Sermon on the Mount* from Amazon, Cokesbury, or Christianbooks.org. We will discuss the first lesson on the first gathering, November 2. Have your book and Bible. Please contact Rev. Kelley Groce at 336-299-9643 or [kgroce@wnccumc.net](mailto:kgroce@wnccumc.net) and let her know if you plan to participate.



## **New Advent Study-Almost Christmas**

Advent Study will begin November 29 –  
December 20, until further notice it will be  
by Zoom 10:00 am on Sunday mornings

Make your Wesleyan heritage  
a part of your Christmas

In John Wesley's famous sermon, "The Almost Christian," he encouraged people to follow Christ wholeheartedly. In *Almost Christmas: A Wesleyan Advent Experience*, author and pastor Magrey deVega leads a group of authors in exploring how we can make the same commitment to Christ during Advent, and connect our Wesleyan heritage with the traditional Advent themes of Love, Hope, Joy, and Peace. Additional components for a four-week study include a DVD and a comprehensive Leader Guide, as well as Nativity hymns by Charles Wesley, litanies for lighting the Advent wreath, and prayers that can be incorporated into both worship and small group Setting. You may order the book, which would be helpful, thru Cokesbury, Amazon, or Christianbooks.com

### **Ad Council Meeting**

All Administrative Council members are asked to attend the monthly meeting this Sunday, November 8 at 4:00 pm, via Zoom on your computer or by phone. Contact Kelley Groce [kgroce@wnccumc.net](mailto:kgroce@wnccumc.net) for invitation details.

### **Charge Conference**

Charge Conference will be this Sunday, November 8 at 4:00 pm, at this point the Conference will be via Zoom. All are invited to attend however only elected to Ad Council may vote. Contact Rev. Kelley Groce at [kgroce@wnccumc.net](mailto:kgroce@wnccumc.net) for invite.

**Zoom Sunday School** - Harold Billings, Dave Blackman and Carolyn Townsend are offering Sunday School lessons via Zoom on Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM. They are using the International Lesson. No book is required. Email Kelley at [kgroce@wnccumc.net](mailto:kgroce@wnccumc.net) or call her at the parsonage, if you would like a Zoom invitation or the phone number to call in for Sunday School.

**Collection of the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes and The Christmas Store money on Sunday, November 15 2-3:00pm.**

Centenary UMC will be collecting **Operation Christmas Child** shoeboxes. Each box needs to have \$9 check or cash, or paid online, to Samaritan's Purse to cover shipping costs.

**The Christmas Store** will offer gift cards this year. It is the hope of the leadership team that we will be able to supply a gift card to each child for \$100. **You may drop your money at Centenary UMC-on Sunday, November 15, from 2-3:00pm. If you are writing a check, please make it out to Summerfield Peace UMC with Christmas Store on the memo line.**

**Electronic options:**

**Via the website for the Summerfield Christmas Store:**

**[www.summerfieldchristmasstore.com](http://www.summerfieldchristmasstore.com)** Click on "Donate" tab. Click on "Donate with PayPal".

**Via the website for Summerfield Peace UMC: [www.summerfieldpeaceumc.com](http://www.summerfieldpeaceumc.com)**

**Scroll down to click on "giving page" under online giving. Choose "restricted gift" (under the choices where "general fund" originally appears). Note Summerfield Christmas Store in the memo section**