



**Centenary United Methodist Church
2300 W. Friendly Ave.
Greensboro, NC 27403
August 20, 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 'Sweet Hour of Prayer' Bradbury, arr. Young

Announcements for Missions and Ministry

Choral Call to Worship Guide My Feet Choir

Call to worship: Psalm 118: 14-29 UMH 839

Opening Prayer: **Loving God, we thank and praise you for calling us your children, for taking us by the hand and protecting us, showing mercy to the poor, to those in prison, and to all in need of your love. Accept our praises, hear our prayers, and equip us for service in the world you love. We offer you now our hands and our hearts, all that we are, that you may receive all the glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

†Hymn: O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing UMH 57

Joys and Concerns of 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.

Anthem How Can I Keep from Singing? Arr. Lloyd Larson Choir

Scripture: 2 Corinthian 12: 9-10

Sermon: "The History and Meaning behind the Hymn
O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Rev. Kelley Groce

†Affirmation of Faith: Affirmation from Romans 8: 35, 37-39 UMH 887

†Gloria Patri

†Hymn Precious Lord, Take my Hand UMH 474 (v 1&2)

We Worship with our Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory Grace Alone Brown/Nelson Choir

†Doxology

†Hymn Precious Lord, Take My Hand UMH 474 (v 3)

†Benediction

†Postlude Lyric Piece Gustav Merkel

†Please stand as you are able and silence your cell phones.

The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God in memory of Barbara Gray, Teresa John's mother on her birthday by Teresa and Jim John.



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.

Prayer Concerns

George and Estelle Cranford. Jack Cole. Lori Johnson. Gretchen Crabtree. Betty Pleasants. Dave and Barbara Blackman. Susan Carrick. Sheridian Wacker. Scott Stanley. Al & Lori Eaton. Peggy Harris. Diane & Jim Stanley. Trudy Sillmon. Don & Clara Ellis. Aly Saunders. Bruce Gillespie (Debbie Robinson's friend). Rowan James (daughter of David Groce's co-worker). Terry Pickett (Tom & Dona Pickett's son). Hazel Perritt. Pat Glover. Linda Southard (Rachel Sheppard's cousin). Judy Holland (Suzy Swindell's sister). Barbara John (Jim John's mother).

August Birthdays—Becky Ensign (5). Trey Stowe (5). Bonnie Travis (8). Nancy May (11). Abbie Samuel (16). Meredith Groce (17). Jackie Thompson (19). Nancy Pruitt (19). August Marvin (24). Blanche Morgan (26). Bob Jones (27).



Announcements and Calendar of events

August 23 – 2:30pm to 6pm – Red Cross Blood Drive. Volunteers are needed to check in clients and to give blood. If you cannot give blood, please contact someone you think might be able to. The gift of life is the best gift you can give.

August 24- 6:30pm--Starlight Book Club at Lucky 32

August 27 – After Worship – Churchwide Covered Dish. Chicken will be provided. Newlyn St. will be our guests. Bring your favorite covered dish or dishes. All are welcome!
2pm- Called Churchwide Meeting

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, a food pantry on Summit Avenue which was started over 20 years ago by the efforts of 7 United Methodist Churches. It is in operation weekly from Tuesday through Friday from 10-1 by referral of Social Services. The food items needed for this month are **cans of Black Eye Peas, Pinto Beans, Great Northern Beans, Pork & Beans, and Green Peas**. Kelley will make sure that the items get to **The Blessed Table**.

Wildfires in Hawaii

(Updated as of Aug. 14, 2023) Wind-driven wildfires on Maui have prompted evacuations and caused significant loss of life and widespread damage. UMCOR is coordinating with the California-Pacific Annual Conference to process an initial grant for emergency supplies such as shelf-stable food, water, hygiene items and tools to help survivors recover belongings. As first responders continue to provide initial aid in the area, please join UMCOR in prayer for those affected. Gifts can be made in the following ways:

- Online at <https://umcmision.org/advance-project/901670>
- By toll-free telephone call: 1-888-252-6174
- By check made out to Global Ministries/UMCOR with "Advance #901670-Hawaii" written on the memo line and mailed to Global Ministries/UMCOR, GPO, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY, 10087-9068
- By check made out to Global Ministries/UMCOR with "Advance #901670-Hawaii" written on the memo line and given to any United Methodist church.

Attendance – August 13, 2023

Sunday School	30
Worship in-person	40
Worship - FaceBook Live	49
Worship – YouTube	3

New Office Hours

Church Office—Monday thru Thursday 9am to 2pm

Rev. Kelley's Office Hours

Monday—Centenary UMC

Tuesday—Newlyn St. UMC

Wednesday—Working from her Home Office

Thursday—Alternating Churches

Friday— Closed