



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

September 25, 2022

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 Voluntary on 'Beach Spring Choir

Announcements for Missions and Ministry

Choral Call to Worship Sing Praise to God Choir

Call to Worship (Psalm 124, James 5)

If it had not been God who was on our side,

the troubles of our world would have swallowed us whole.

If it had not been God who was on our side,

the sorrows of our times would have swept us away.

Are any among us suffering?

Come and pray.

Are any among us cheerful?

Come sing songs of praise.

Are any among us sick?

Come and ask for healing.

Our help is in our God,

the One who made heaven and earth.

Call upon God, creator and rescuer.

God is on our side.

Opening Prayer (Psalm 124, Mark 9)

Eternal God, you create us and you rescue us. Be here with us now. Help us know how much we need you. Teach us that no other power can support us like your power. As you share your power with us, teach us to be Christ to the world, proclaiming your reign for all people. As you lavish your love upon us, help us receive that love and offer it to the world, in Jesus' name. Amen.

†Hymn Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee UMH 89

†Responsive Psalter Psalm 17:1-7, 15 UMH 749

†Gloria Patri

Joys and Concerns of Congregation

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Anthem Your Still, Small Voice Choir

Scripture: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22

Sermon: The Heroism of a Queen

†Affirmation of Faith Apostle's Creed UMH 881

†Hymn Crown Him with Many Crowns UMH 327

Giftng of God's Tithes and our Offerings

Offertory Saranam, Saranam Choir

†Doxology

†Hymn: O Jesus, I have Promised UMH 396 (1&4)

†Benediction

†Postlude Lord, Take My Heart Overholt



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.

Barbara Wolfe, Irmgard Daiber, Susan Carrick, Jean Farabee, Sheridan Wacker, Lori Eaton, Nelda King, Peggy Harris, Diane, Jim & Scott Stanley, Gretchen Crabtree, Anne Murr, Lori Johnson, Trudy Sillmon, Don & Clara Ellis, Aly Saunders, Cecil Overbey, Ann Chambers, Ann Hennings, Lisa Goller (Kelley Groce's friend), Gloria Burton (Margaret Turnage's sister-in-law) Candy Ellis (Don & Clara Ellis, daughter-in-law).



September Birthdays- Bill Deuterman (29) October Birthdays-Sheridian Wacker (1) Kathy Mullins, Edna Johnson (4) Hazel Raper (8) Cecil Overbey (11) Ann Hennings, Margaret Miller, Christopher Mullins (23)

Altar Flowers: There are dates still available. The cost is **\$65.00/Sunday** if we order from the florist. If you are interested in a less expensive option, please call the church office (336-299-9643). Dates still available: October 2,9, November 6,13,27, December 4,11

The Altar Flowers are given today to the Glory of God.

Announcements and Calendar of events

September 28- Ladies Night Out 6pm, Gianno's Italian Restaurant, High Point.

RSVP to Emily Wagoner @ hopelovefaith710@gmail.com

October 2- UNDIE SUNDAY- we need undies and socks for men and women all sizes.

October 2- Moses Bible Study will start during Sunday School. Large print books are available for \$15 in the church office.

October 2- Crop Walk- Registration and Entertainment 1:30pm- Crop Walk: 2:30pm at the Greensboro Coliseum. Sign-up sheet in the narthex. If you can't walk, please support someone that is. T-shirts will be available again this year. For more information contact the church office (336-299-9643).

October 3 & 4- Kelley will be away for a Spiritual Retreat.

October 9- Finance Committee at 2pm in the Conference Room.

October 9th thru October 11th- Kelley will be away at Duke Divinity School for Continuing Education.

October 11- Friendship Club at noon.

October 11- "The Lord's Prayer Bible Study will start at 6:30pm. Only on October 11. October 18th thru November 15th at 6pm. Large print study books are available for \$10 in the church office.

October 19- Ad Council, our District Superintendent Rev. Bev Copley will attend.

We have a continuous collection of nonperishable items for the Urban Ministry. You may drop them in the baskets located throughout the church, and we will make sure that they are delivered.

UMW will be selling pecans again this year! All checks should accompany your order form! Deadline is October 15. Delivery will be around mid-November. If you have any questions, please call Debra Schlueter at 336-707-4213.