

The Scroll

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Pastor's Page~

At the heart of our Christian faith is our participation in the life, suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We proclaim that "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14). At the very center of our understanding of Jesus' life is the story of His passion, death and resurrection. Since the beginning of Christian history (from the time of the Apostles) these events have given shape to the week, the whole year and even each day of the Christian community's life together. In remembering the mystery of our salvation through Jesus Christ, through the seasons of Lent and Easter, we form our lives around these events and mark them with special emphasis.

The observance of Lenten discipline and devotion is something we do as a response to the gift of mercy, love and forgiveness that we receive from God. Lent is for us, not for God. One of the great things about the God we serve is the completeness of God. God does not need us to do things for God. We 'do' Lent for our own spiritual health and well being.

I find that I need Lent. Every year I discover that I need this time of purposeful, meaningful devotion. It is a personal revival of the knowledge of God's love for me. I am reminded of a great hymn from a previous generation. The church was still singing this hymn when I was boy, but we rarely hear it these days. The lyrics are: "*Revive us again, fill each heart with thy love, may each soul be rekindled with fire from above...*" That is my prayer for my heart and spirit and for all of us, as we begin another Lent together at Centenary.

Lent is a season of revival, renewal and new life lived in devotion and obedience to the God who through Christ has brought us life everlasting.

The season of Lent is tied historically to the Jewish celebration of Passover. This ancient festival of Israel was a remembrance of God bringing the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt and into the land of promise. During the forty days of Lent we remember the forty years that Moses and the children of Israel wandered in the desert. The forty days of Lent also call to mind the forty days that Jesus was in the wilderness being tempted prior to beginning his public ministry. The Gospel's tell us that Jesus fasted for forty days. (Matthew 4:1-11)

For Christians, 'giving something up' for Lent is our connection to this preparation of Jesus for the mission God was calling him to live out: a mission that would include his great teachings and miracles but also the events that lead to his arrest, suffering, crucifixion and resurrection.

As we begin our forty days of preparation for the celebration of Easter, I hope that we can together find strength and determination to live our lives in faith.

I invite you, in the name of Jesus Christ, to observe a holy Lent by self-examination, repentance, prayer, fasting and giving to those in need. I invite you into a time of reading and meditating on the Holy Scriptures.

We acknowledge our need for God and for His mercy and love.

See you in Church,

David W. Patrick



OUTREACH

March Madness Dinner & Auction

Saturday, March 14 is the date!

Don't miss Centenary's third annual silent/live auction event! Bev Rader's delicious soups will be served, beginning at 5:30 p.m. (Help her by donating ingredients—sign-ups in the Narthex). Eat, fellowship, browse, bid on silent auction items. Then, at 7:00 p.m., the live auction begins and, okay, I know I've said this before: The auction is so much *fun!*

But it won't be much fun at all...unless you help by donating an item for auction. Theme baskets are always a big hit (think hobbies, leisure, little luxuries, practical helpers, sports' teams, babies/children...). Super-yummy and beautiful desserts are popular, too. As are gift certificates from local businesses for goods or services, and...well, I think you get the idea. ☺ Please put your thinking caps on and get creative! In 2008, the auction event raised approximately \$3,345. The proceeds this year will be divided evenly between Love, INC and Habitat for Humanity.

Speaking of Habitat, Pastor Marcy should have more information at the next Outreach meeting, so stay tuned! It will happen!

What's for Lunch? Shalom Zone helps feed children during school vacations. The number of families who rely on school breakfast and lunch programs to feed their kids is higher than we might like to imagine...and the 'reasons' are beside the point. When school's out, well...to put it bluntly, those growing kids don't get much to eat. Partnering with Shalom Zone, local churches help 'take up the slack' during vacation times. Centenary will be providing lunches for the week of June 1. Watch for more details on this important outreach.

Centenary's Fellowship Hall serves as a distribution point, one Saturday morning a month, for the **Share Food** program. The outreach?

Smile, offer coffee, juice, a muffin and perhaps a helping hand to those picking up their selections. That's all there is to it! A couple of volunteers (that's how easy it is) are needed for March, and beyond; a sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside the kitchen. If you're interested, but have never done anything like this before and are a little hesitant to jump into the unknown—fear not! Someone who has helped before can be there with you.

Times are a bit tough right now, everyone acknowledges that. The question is, how do we (as Christians) respond to this cyclical bump in the road? Do we nail shut the doors of our hearts and padlock our wallets, then circle the wagons in a futile, (dare I say 'worldly') attempt to protect what is "MINE"? Or do we continue to trust, love and serve God through serving 'the least of these', because we realize that in fact *nothing* is "MINE". Everything belongs to God. In His grace and mercy, He gives to us, then watches to see what we'll *do* with what we've been given.

~Liz Anderson, Outreach Reporter

As He looked up, Jesus saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. "I tell you the truth," He said, "this poor widow has put in more than all the others." ~ Luke 21:1-3

Easter Lilies and Spring Flowers

As we enter the season of Lent, it is time to place our orders for Easter Lilies and other spring flowers for the sanctuary.

- ◆ Please order your potted flower from your favorite florist.
- ◆ Specify dark green foil & white ribbon.
- ◆ Delivery by **Saturday, April 11** by noon.
- ◆ You are invited to use the registration in the Sunday bulletin to indicate if the flowers are in memory or in honor of loved ones.

Thank you,
The Altar Guild



Share Food Distribution Dates for 2009

March 28	July 25	October 24
April 25	August 22	November 21
May 30	September 26	December 19

Distribution at Centenary United Methodist Church. Saturday from 9:00 AM-11:00 AM In the Fellowship Hall. Sign-up locations: LAMAR Insurance, Caring Center and the Boone County Health Department Lebanon Contact Person: **Bill Sutton # 482- 5174**

Caring Center needs for March

canned pineapple, applesauce, 18 oz jars of peanut butter, canned chicken, canned tuna and spaghetti sauce.

World Day of Prayer

Friday, March 6
12:10PM - 12:50 PM
Witham Memorial Hospital Chapel
Sponsored by Church Women United.

Healing Service

Trinity Lutheran Church
Every Third Saturday
of the month at 6:30

Tithes, Offerings and Attendance-

February 1	191	\$6,025.33
February 8	210	\$6,376.15
February 15	204	\$5,366.00
February 22	164	\$6,259.84

Community Ministry Page



- Under or Unemployed?
- Looking for a low/no cost effective way to find your next employee?
- Want to make professional contacts in the community where you live?

St. Joseph's Parish Presents the Lebanon Employment Network Alliance (LENA)

- Coffee & Networking opportunity right here in Lebanon.
- Every Friday, 7:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m.
- St. Joseph's Parish 319 E. South Street (Lebanon)

This NEW ministry at St. Joseph Parish is being developed in partnership with the Geist Employment Network Alliance (GENA) hosted at Holy Spirit Parish. This is a ministry aimed at helping our fellow members find work and for those seeking employees to be able to employ members of our faith community. If you, your employer, or someone you know, may be aware of opportunities, or be able to offer assistance, insight, or networking, please join us or contact Walt Peycha (765)336-9454, Jeff Newman (765) 482-9688, or the Parish Office (765)482-5558 to see how you can help out.

SOUP AT JOE'S

319 E. South Street ~ Lebanon
St. Joseph Catholic Church ~ Parish Hall

Soup will be served every Thursday night
Time: 5:30 PM- to 7:30 PM.
Place: St. Joseph's Parish Hall
Providing a free hot meal to those in need.

(Organized by the volunteers
of the Boone County Community)



*Notes From Your Custodian:
Frank Hensley*

A couple of weeks ago, I was in the custodian's closet making a list of things I needed from Gordon Food Service. I noticed that the bottle of soft soap for the restroom dispensers was almost empty. I thought that I had put that on my list the month before but went ahead and wrote it down. When I returned from Indianapolis, I was putting my purchases away in the closet. I had the bottle of soft soap in my hand and realized that there was no room beside the almost empty bottle so I looked down for a place to set it. Well, right there by my foot was a full container of soft soap that I had placed on the floor the month before because there was no room beside the empty bottle. Getting old is not easy.

Things found under the pews and elsewhere-We still have both of the lost coats hanging outside fellowship hall. Last week I found a tiny mitten with brown fingers and blue trim around the wrist. I'll leave it at the welcome center.

I would encourage any of you who are thinking of volunteering your time to check out "Love Inc". We have some materials of theirs in the sanctuary for you to see. You can pick special types of work that you can do. I volunteer to do yard work or to drive people to doctor appointments. If they call you with a request, you can accept or decline depending on your schedule. They check the requests out thoroughly before calling you. If you have any questions about it, feel free to ask me.

On the editorial page of January 28's Lebanon Reporter was an article entitled, "There are times to apologize, times not". It was giving reasons why America should not apologize to the rest of the world. The fourth paragraph stated, "We don't have to apologize for Hollywood. Every country appreciates good movies and good actors. But we ought to apologize for wasting so many resources on terrible movies, which would be about every Adam Sandler movie ever made and the latest Batman

drudgery, "Dark Knight." And we ought to apologize for making stars out of bad actors, like John Wayne. Well, when I read that last line, I couldn't get to Pastor David fast enough to tell him. When I left his office he was muttering something about writing a letter to the editor.

For a couple of months we have had one of the spotlights out that cover the altar. Last week, Mike Patmore and Bill Price brought in a ladder that would reach and replaced it. Thanks so much for your help, Mike and Bill.

Some time ago, we were discussing, in our Wednesday morning Bible study, working with the youth of the church. It is very rewarding to work with young people and we said that many times you have no idea how you may have influenced these youngsters. I would like to share a poem brought into that bible study by Dwight Bridge a couple of weeks ago and which covers that subject.

The Bridge Builder

By Will Allen Dromgoole

An old man going a lone highway,
Came at the evening, cold and gray,
To a chasm vast and deep and wide,
Through which was flowing a sullen tide.
The old man crossed in the twilight dim,
The sullen stream had no fears for him
But he turned when safe on the other side,
And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man", said a fellow pilgrim near,
"You're wasting strength with building here;
Your journey will end with the ending day.
You never again must pass this way.
You've crossed the chasm deep and wide,
Why build you the bridge at the eventide?"

The builder lifted his old gray head;
"Good friend, in the path I have come," he said,
"There followeth after me today
A youth whose feet must pass this way.
This chasm that has been naught to me
To that fair hair youth may a pitfall be.
He too must cross in the twilight dim;
Good friend, I am building the bridge for him."

That's all for this month.

~ Frank Hensley

March Reminders

Worship Ushers

- March 01** Jeff & Carol Whitaker
Lowell & Susan Endicott
- March 08** Pat Day & Jeri Day
Neil & Jill Davis
- March 15** Dustin & Amy Tabert
Bob & Jane Cassell
- March 22** Sally Byrd & Teresa Price
Bill & Claudia Price
- March 29** Frank Hensley & Maggie Lewis
Joe & Ann Newsom

Greeters (Fellowship Hall)

- March 01** Mark & Dale Turner
- March 08** Gary & Kathy Anderson
- March 15** Tom & Judy Cunningham
- March 22** Jim & Libby Lewis
- March 29** Ann Graham & Jane Cassell

Greeters (Sanctuary)

- March 01** Sally Byrd & Teresa Price
- March 08** Jim & Shirley Maines
- March 15** Ron & Marilyn Neese
- March 22** Jeff & Carol Whitaker
- March 29** Tom & Kandi Killin

Acolytes

- March 01** Ashley & Kaitlyn Syferd
- March 08** Carly Smith & Megan Nelson
- March 15** Reagan Davis & Kaitlyn Syferd
- March 22** Ashley Syferd & Carly Smith
- March 29** Taylor Zell & Megan Nelson

Altar Flowers

- March 01** Bob & Paula Walker and Max & Susan Allen
- March 08** Open
- March 15** Open
- March 22** Open
- March 29** Adam and Sarah Zell

Nursery

- March 01** 9:00 am Ron & Marilyn Neese
10:15 am Trudy Williams
- March 08** 9:00 am Julie Thomerson & Trudy
10:15 am Bob & Anita Bowen
- March 15** 9:00 am Stan & Bev Rader
10:15 am Kathy & Delmar Kinslow
- March 22** 9:00 am Jana McKee & Gail Smith
10:15 am Allen & Jane Hedeon
- March 29** 9:00 a.m. Mark & Carrie Ransom
10:15 a.m. Ann & Allyson Davis

Gateways (Pre-school)

- March 01** Dustin & Amy Tabert
- March 08** Penny Johnson
- March 15** Stan & Bev Rader
- March 22** Gail Smith
- March 29** Heather Emenhiser

Gateways (grade-school)

- March 01** Gail Smith
- March 08** Wendy Bean
- March 15** Kathy Syferd
- March 22** Suzi Boyett
- March 29** Jill Davis

Café Centenary

- March 01** Suzanne Bramblett & the Garlands
- March 08** Open
- March 15** Open
- March 22** Open
- March 29** Open

Welcome Center

- March 01** Betty Linn
- March 08** Jane Cassell
- March 15** Anita Bowen
- March 22** Carrie Ransom
- March 29** Joanne Clark

Sound/Video

- March 01** Bob Bowen & Adam Zell
- March 08** Bob Kline & Colin Walford
- March 15** Jim Maines & Ronnie Nelson
- March 22** Dustin & Amy Tabert
- March 29** Bob Bowen and Adam Zell



March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9-10 AM Sunday School 10 -10:30 Praise Time 10:30-11:30 Worship	2 "Meals on Wheel" meeting 12:30 (Powell Rm) Staff Parish 7 PM (Lounge)	3 5-7:00 PM YMCA	4 6:30 AM Centenary Men 11 AM Women's Noon Bible Study 6 PM Carry In Dinner 6:30 PM Bible Studies	5 5-7:00 PM YMCA 5:15 PM TOPS 7:05 PM Choir Practice	6	7 Lenten Breakfast Centenary Hosts! 7:00 AM
8 Daylight Savings Time begins 9-10 AM Sunday School 10 -10:30 Praise Time 10:30-11:30 Worship	9 Deadline for Auction Items!	10 5-7:00 PM YMCA 7:00 PM Trustees Meeting (Lounge)	11 6:30 AM Centenary Men 11 AM Women's Noon Bible Study 6 PM Carry In Dinner 6:30 PM Bible Studies	12 5-7:00 PM YMCA 5:15 PM TOPS 7:05 PM Choir Practice	13	14 Dinner & Auction! (Fellowship Hall) Doors Open at 5:30 PM
15 9-10 AM Sunday School 10 -10:30 Praise Time 10:30-11:30 Worship	16 6:30 PM Outreach Meeting (Powell Room)	17 St. Patrick's Day! 5-7:00 PM YMCA 6:30 PM Finance Meeting	18 6:30 AM Centenary Men 11 AM Women's Noon Bible Study 6 PM Carry In Dinner 6:30 PM Bible Studies	19 5-7:00 PM YMCA 5:15 PM TOPS 7:05 PM Choir Practice	20 First day of spring 	21
22 9-10 AM Sunday School 10 -10:30 Praise Time 10:30-11:30 Worship 4:00 PM Homewood Worship Service	23 Scroll Deadline 7:00 PM Inreach Meeting (Lounge)	24 5-7:00 PM YMCA	25 6:30 AM Centenary Men 11 AM Women's Noon Bible Study 6 PM Carry In Dinner 6:30 PM Bible Studies	26 5-7:00 PM YMCA 5:15 PM TOPS 7:05 PM Choir Practice	27	28 Share Food (Fellowship Hall) 9-11:00 AM
29 9-10 AM Sunday School 10 -10:30 Praise Time 10:30-11:30 Worship	30 Lebanon's spring break begins →	31 →				

To add events or meetings to the web calendar, please contact the church office.
For up-to-date calendar information visit us on the web at:
www.centenaryumc.org and click on **calendar!**

Revs. David and Marcy Patrick ~ Parsonage Phone: 482-5483
1000 Fordice Road

Special Thanks!

Dear Centenary,
We appreciate your continued support of collecting Campbell's UPC bar codes. As of January 2009 we have banked 761,405 points. Please keep helping us collect, every little bit adds up. We are going on our third year of collecting to save for a minivan, which requires 1,600,000 points to purchase. The minivans provide transportation for speakers, tours and other ministries like Outreach and Senior Care.

From,
the Henderson Settlement

Special "Thanks" to Maxine Montgomery for mailing all of Centenary's UPC's to the Henderson Settlement!

Dear Centenary UMC,

Thank you for your generous food donations. We are grateful that you have chosen our organization to be a part of. With your continued support, we can continue to help those families caught in poverty and help move them toward self-sufficiency.

The thrift store (Classic Reruns) located at 620 Indianapolis Ave is doing well and has expanded to selling furniture. This store is open to the public and everyone is welcome to shop here. Classic Reruns' hours are Monday & Wednesday 11 am-2 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays 11 am-5 pm.. Thank you again for your donations.

Sincerely,
Theresa Hanners ~ Executive Director
The Caring Center

A BIG THANKS

to Stan Rader for the incredible piece of furniture (book shelf/TV cabinet) that he made for the nursery! It is absolutely gorgeous, and so much safer for the little ones. All of the parents and helpers in the nursery really appreciate his amazing talent and extra efforts.

Rev. Marcy,

I want to thank you for the McDonald card that was sent to me. It came in very handy. I am sorry to taking so long in sending this "Thank You" card but I have been studying for the LSATS- for law school and just forgot, which is no excuse. If you could please say a prayer for me that I do well I would so appreciate it. Thank you again. God bless you and the entire CUMC congregation.

Sincerely Yours,
Josh Day

Dear Centenary,

Thank you so much for the \$10.00 McDonald's Gift Card. It will come in real handy at school. I appreciate you thinking of me.

Evan Acton

Thank you so much for the cards, prayers and calls I received during my recovery from surgery. It is such a blessing to have a church family that cares so much!

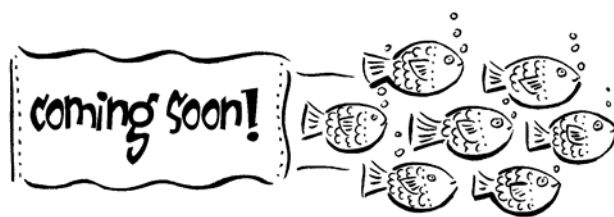
In faith and friendship,
Tricia Patmore

A BIG, HEARTFELT THANKS to the Grandparents' Club for providing childcare for the Valentine's Date Night. The kids had such a wonderful time...many upset that they had to go home at the end of the evening! Not sure who had more fun...the adults or the children, but the childcare was a huge blessing to those of us with children.

Adam & Sarah Zell
Bob & Anita Bowen
Harry Zell
Mark & Carrie Ransom
Todd & Brenda Ransom

LOOK at THIS! Calling ALL Elementary Age Kids!

Join us every Thursday night at 6:00 PM starting April 2 for an hour of fun and games. We will explore the basic of many sports and learn how much fun it can be to get moving! Let them use the energy they have built up all winter doing something fun. We will meet every Thursday in the fellowship hall for an hour of energy burning fun. Please wear tennis shoes and comfortable clothing. Contact Jill Davis at 485-0721 if you have any questions.



SUMMER CAMP!!!! Outdoor Ministries Brochures are on the way!

The Division of Outdoor Ministries of the South Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church would like to invite all of our children and youth – grades 3 and up – to attend at least one of the many camps offered.



Two great websites to visit are: www.sicumc.org/outdoorministries (Bloomington area) and www.impact2818.com (North area)

Early Bird Discounts are offered if the applications are received prior to April 30 \$15 off of the price of the tuition.

Church camp is a wonderful opportunity for kids. There are many types of camps: horseback riding, computer, sports, dramatic arts, outpost, spelunking, canoe, and for the beginners – Cabin camp.

If you have questions, please ask the pastors. They have been camp counselors and would love to tell you what a wonderful experience it is.



March Birthdays!

March 01	Jean McVey
March 03	Jana McKee
March 04	Ron Bartlett
March 04	Mariam Lenox
March 05	Suzanne Bramblett
March 06	Janie Ransom
March 09	Jim Fitzwater
March 10	Rev. Jim Davis
March 10	Clairbelle Robinson
March 11	Jim Stevenson
March 12	Sue Davis
March 13	Mary Patrick
March 13	Alexis Wilhoite
March 14	Ross McKee
March 16	Rex Montgomery
March 17	Chip Werry
March 18	Mark Cunningham
March 19	Maxine Montgomery
March 20	Zach Davis
March 22	Bob Cassell
March 22	Judy Cunningham
March 23	Penny Johnson
March 26	Tim Gilchriest
March 26	George Westfall
March 27	Julie Thomerson
March 27	Kim Gilson
March 29	Addy Zell
March 30	Beverly Emerick



Boone County UMC Lenten Breakfasts

We welcome all to attend one, or all of the prayer breakfasts listed below.

Saturday, March 7 (Centenary Hosts!)

Time: 7:00 a.m. Place: Centenary UMC

Saturday, March 14

Time: 7:00 a.m.

Place: Salem UMC (6701 S. 800 E. Zionsville)

March 21

Time: 7:00 a.m.

Place: Thorntown UMC (201 N. Market St.)

March 28

Time: 7:00 a.m.

Place: Otterbein UMC (804 S. Lebanon Street)

Saturday, April 4

Time: 7:30 a.m.

Place: North UMC (38th and Meridian ~ Indy)

From the Finance Committee

The Finance Committee would like to thank the Centenary family for their continued faithful service to Christ and to the church through your prayers, your presence, your gifts and your service.

Each week families have to make choices about how to use the resources they have available. Each week Centenary is blessed to receive your gifts and your service. Through the giving of tithes and offerings Centenary is making a difference here in Lebanon, in Indiana and around the world. Our gifts to the church help families in need, children who are hungry and share the message of God love.

Centenary continues to expand its ministries to our community through local mission projects. We are also moving forward in our ministries to children. We give thanks to God that we can do these things.

Thank you for continuing to be involved in ministry and mission, even during these tough economic times. This month we received \$24,027.32 in gifts toward our budget. Detailed income and expense reports are always available through the church office. Please let us know if you wish to receive a copy.

Ministry Opportunities

Card Ministry – If you would like to send cards to congregants to let them know that their Centenary family is thinking of them and praying for them, please let Pastor Marcy know. We have some cards that we can give to the sender. We can also supply postage if necessary.

Assistants OR Helpers for Sunday school and Gateways – Adults are needed to help out with the Sunday school classes. The teachers will focus on the lesson content, but the helpers can be there to assist the students when needed. Our Gateways leaders also have discovered that we need more than one adult per room. If you would like to help out in Sunday school OR Gateways (once a month so you don't miss worship) please contact Pastor Marcy.

Bread bakers – CUMC now follows up with first time visitors by providing them with a fresh baked loaf of bread and a jar of jam. There are some weeks when we have so many newcomers, that we need more people to bake bread. We use the frozen loaves that can be purchased at Kroger and kept in the freezer until needed. If you would like to help out with this hospitality ministry, please contact Ellen Gramlin at 482-9831.

Gateways Coordinator – For the past two or three years Suzi Boyett has been our Gateways Coordinator and we are now looking for someone else to help with the leadership of that program. The coordinator helps find substitutes when the leader is not going to be there for their assigned week, although most of the Gateways leaders trade. Also, on Sunday mornings the Gateways Coordinator walks back to the Children's Wing to make sure the teachers are there and that they have what they need. Interested? Please feel free to talk to Suzi Boyett, 482-0488.

Preschool Gateways Leader needed for the Second Sunday of each month. Lesson ideas are provided by Pastor Marcy each week. Please contact Penny Johnson for more information. 482-5607.

Nursery helpers on Wednesday evenings – CUMC can always use more help during the Wednesday night programming to watch the 0 -2 year olds in the Nursery from 6:30 – 8:00. We try to have a rotating schedule so you won't have to do it two weeks in a row. Also, the Wednesday night programming will not run during the summer months. Please contact Pastor Marcy.

Associate Pastor's Page- I am really excited. Both the Outreach Team and the In Reach Team have met twice since the beginning of the year and we are rarin' to go for 2009. Tricia Patmore always starts each In Reach meeting with the team giving her a list of praises and celebrations. This gives us lots of energy and enthusiasm to proceed with ideas and suggestions for the rest of the year and beyond.

For Outreach in 2008, Anita Bowen started each meeting with "What's Best for the Guest?" We had the team members bring to the attention of the group things we thought we could do better along the lines of hospitality. This year we are asking them, "What is your story?" Why do you come to church? Why Centenary? How has your faith helped you through trials? When was God there when you really needed someone? If we can tell those stories to each other, then we will be more ready to share them with others when the time is right.

Pastor David had a great turn out for his New Member Class and we will be receiving those new members over the next few Sundays. Many of those new members are already getting involved with various aspects of ministries of CUMC.

Even though our Leadership Retreat Day was not well attended, we came away from it with renewed ideas and interests in the ministries here. We have learned to ask the question, Why? Why do we do that program or that event? What is the purpose? Who does it benefit?

When I think back on my memories of my home church, I can probably lump everything into one pile of Love. I can remember unconditional love from the many people that I came into contact with on a regular basis because of church events and activities. As a child I was very comfortable with the people and events in my church

I have seen many relationships begin and mature in the almost four years that I have been here. I have more time to notice these things now that my brain isn't on overdrive working on seminary papers and reading 30 or more books in a semester.

Have you ever heard a small child ask an adult to hold her hand as they walk down the hallway together? Have you seen or heard the children looking for the Lifesaver Man on Sunday morning before Sunday school? Have you ever seen a toddler run as hard as she can to be picked up and loved? Have you had a child draw you a picture to hang on your door or your refrigerator? Have you

heard a toddler try to recite The Lord's Prayer? Have you seen a preschool child dance in the aisle to the praise and worship music? Have you had a three year old boy tell you that dinosaurs are "extinct" – that is a big word for three? Have you ever been asked about the "bunny guy" (Easter Bunny)? Have you ever watched a child create a new animal out of aluminum foil? Have you ever seen a child smile after biting into a strawberry down at Café Centenary?

Working with the children is such a blessing. They love unconditionally, the way that God loves. They don't really want much. They want you to hold their hand. They like treats. They like to be picked up and hugged. They love to express themselves freely with art projects and have you proudly display them. They try to mimic the adults around them. They like to dance to the music and just be. They like to share their knowledge. They like the chance to play God and create something new. They love strawberries.

We can find God in the eyes of a child. We can see why God made us start as babies and grow into ourselves. Let us proceed with the excitement of a child. Let us get excited about all of the possibilities that are out there for us. Let us think *exponentially*. That's big word for a 48 year old.

FIREPROOF YOUR MARRIAGE

This past fall the movie "**Fireproof**" starring Kirk Cameron was shown in select theaters. It had a great turn out and is now out on DVD. CUMC has purchased two copies of the movie. Pastors David and Marcy are recommending that couples wanting to check the movie out like you would check out a library book, watch the movie alone rather than in a group. It can be very touching and emotional. Later, after Easter, we will hold a group session to talk about what the movie meant to you and your marriage. This movie is about the commitment it takes to make your marriage work. Never leave your partner behind! To check out the movie contact the church office. 482-2158 or office@centenaryumc.org

AUCTION March Madness Dinner & Auction *(our 3rd Annual!)*

- **Saturday, March 14**
- **Soup Dinner ~ 5:30 p.m.**
- **Silent Auction ~ 5:30 - 7 p.m.**
- **Live Auction ~ 7 p.m.**

Deadline for donations is March 9.

You may drop off auction items in the church office during office hours.

Proceeds from this year's auction will go toward our Habitat for Humanity project this year and toward our Love, Inc. support in '09! We need everyone to get involved and look forward to another GREAT evening of fun. Questions or want to help on the Committee? See Anita Bowen.

Still Accepting Auction Items!

Theme baskets were very popular last year as well as those great Derby Pies and other homemade goodies.

Possibly your business, or a business in which you have connections would like to offer goods or services.

Deadline for the items to be here at the church is March 9!

You may drop off your item(s) in the church office during office hours (9-3 PM)
Contact Anita Bowen if you have any questions at 483-1516 or babowen@sbcglobal.net.

Welcome New Members

We will be welcoming several new members in the coming weeks. Don't miss next month's Scroll for their pictures!

Jack and Connie Boatright
2324 Elmwood Drive ~ Lebanon

Ernie Boyett
318 N. Park Street ~ Lebanon

Matthew Carpenter
1306 E. 600 W.
West Lafayette, IN 47906

Jennifer Cox
6140 Naschette Parkway
West Lafayette, IN 47906

Allen and Jane Hedeem
131 W. Ulen Dr. Apt. C3 ~ Lebanon

Josh and Kary Hill
2123 Witt Road ~ Lebanon

Matt and Sandy Hunt
2113 Center Drive ~ Lebanon

Ken Keene
108 Ulen Blvd. ~ Lebanon

Tyler and Marie McCauley
929 Fordice Road ~ Lebanon

Doris Saulmon
926 Sorrell Ct. ~ Lebanon

Lucille Andrews has relocated to Zionsville Meadows:
Cards may be sent to:
Zionsville Meadows (Room 221)
675 S. Ford Road
Zionsville, IN 46077