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Pastor's Page ~ Does Jesus Care?

In recent days I have visited, talked and counseled with many people in difficult struggles and life changing hardships. People who are facing life and death issues and folks who are shaken by events in their lives ask complex questions. Sometimes our faith is not as steady as we might hope it would be.

On the other hand there are many who face these same kinds of situations with no connection to a community of faith, with no bonds of love and care. I can not imagine what that must be like. I wonder how we as a congregation might be light and life to those who struggle in dark places and trying circumstances?

One of the hurdles we sometimes face with regard to these issues is that we are concerned we don't have all the right answers and sometimes we feel bewildered ourselves. If that is the case then how can we reach out to others? It seems to me that there is a huge difference between not having all the right answers and not having any answers.

As Christians, even in the midst of our personal struggles, when we find ourselves puzzled and confused we still hold on to the great promise of Jesus. Jesus told us He would not leave us alone, but that He would send us a comforter, or an advocate. (John 14 & 17) This comforter or advocate is the Holy Spirit, the presence of God in our daily lives.

We don't have to be an expert in anything biblical or spiritual to recognize the promise of God's presence in our lives through the Holy Spirit. We don't have to be well versed in scripture to know and believe that Jesus cares about us.

The First Letter of Peter is a short letter in the New Testament attributed to the Apostle Peter. It is a beautifully written and compelling letter that richly expresses the message of Jesus to whom ever it was written. In final chapter of the letter Peters says, "Cast all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you." (I Peter 5:7)

This short verse of scripture reminds me of a hymn from my childhood and also of a much newer song in "The Faith We Sing" song book. I will share the lyrics of the old hymn and then we will plan to sing the newer song in worship this month of May. I hope both the old hymn and the new song might help us remember this verse from First Peter.

*Does Jesus care when my heart is pained
Too deeply for mirth or song,
As the burdens press, and the cares distress
And the way grows weary and long?*

Refrain

*Oh yes, He cares, I know He cares,
His heart is touched with my grief;
When the days are weary, the long nights
dreary, I know my Savior cares.*

My mother recently told me that a new pastor appointed to her church had suggested that their whole church would concentrate on memorizing a Bible verse together. I know that many of us think we can't memorize. However, I think it is easier than we like to let on, especially if it is short and pointed.

I would like us to start that same practice here at Centenary. The first verse I hope we can memorize together is this short verse from First Peter.

"Cast all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you." (I Peter 5:7) Or if you prefer an older translation "Cast all your cares upon Him, for He cares for you." The Song from "The Faith We Sing" is called the "Cares Chorus". We will start singing this Sunday as our preparation for our time of prayers. *"I cast all my cares upon you. I lay all of my burdens down at your feet, and anytime that I don't know what to do, I will cast all my cares upon you."*

Don't you think it would be a wonderful thing if all around our community people would know that Centenary is the Church in Lebanon that helps people know that "Jesus Cares?"

See you in Church,
David W. Patrick

OUTREACH

Summer is coming, and the **Outreach** opportunities at Centenary are...yep, I'm gonna say it...heating up!

You know...there's just something about a small child with a butterfly net that makes hearts and wallets open. On Easter Sunday, the children flitted through the sanctuary, and 'netted' over \$586.17 for **Meals on Wheels!** Thanks to everyone who contributed – you helped to sharply reduce this important program's load of debt.

The **Habitat for Humanity** project is gearing up. We are partnering with Trinity Lutheran church to build a home in Max, Indiana. Watch for more details on how YOU can be involved!

If you're reading this on Saturday May 2, Centenary is – even as you read – serving **lunch at Shalom House.** We'll be on the schedule again this year. Look for it, and get involved with this most practical and worthwhile outreach.

Do you eat lunch every day? For approximately 300 (yes, you read that right) local children, the answer could be 'No, I don't'...when school is out. Enter **Shalom Zone** and the **What's For Lunch** program...and many churches in the area. This year, Centenary will be providing lunches for the week of June 1st (the first week of school vacation). That's five lunches for each of these ~300 kids, or **~1500 lunches.** This is a huge undertaking, and we need your help.

Some foodstuffs are already taken care of – notably the juice boxes, and some other items. But there is still a lot of food to buy. Starting Sunday May 3 there will be cards in the Narthex, each with some food item on it. If you feel sure you can buy and bring food for this, please help by taking a card (or two). **Monetary donations are also very welcome,** especially since our local stores often give excellent discounts to a church/program representative buying in bulk.

Okay. Now, imagine the food is collected, and try to picture 1500-lunches-worth of food (hint: You're not picturing big enough. Picture bigger). All this food needs to be divided into individual lunch divided into individual

Outreach, continued...

lunch sacks (this is the preferred method), and those sets of 5 lunch sacks placed in another, larger sack, and those larger sacks distributed when the families pick them up. All that to say, we'll need **workers.** Sign-ups for volunteers will also appear soon in the Narthex. Please help.

It's Lebanon's famous 4th of July parade Pilgrim. This year's parade theme is "Lights, Camera, Boone County." Put your thinking caps on and share your parade float ideas! Note: It has been suggested that working John Wayne into the mix would make someone (I won't say who) very happy. The Raders have offered their barn as a float-building location this year – thanks Bev and Stan!

Operation Classroom will hold a packing party at Centenary on July 11th from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The focus will be on school supplies, though non-gummy vitamins with 6+ months-out expiration dates are always welcome, too.

Ongoing ministries:

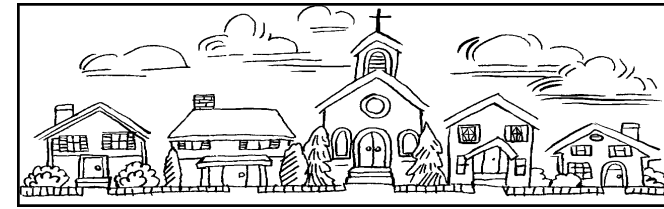
Hospitality during **SHARE Food's** monthly distribution at Centenary. A few hours one Saturday morning, offering coffee, juice, muffins and a smile. Easy, fun, rewarding. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the kitchen, by Fellowship Hall. You can be paired with someone who has already taken part in this outreach, so don't let your 'comfort zone' hold you back!

The Caring Center. The food and supplies donated go out the door soon after arriving. Watch email and the bulletin, plus cards around the church building, for May's specific needs. They need volunteers to sort donations, too.

Show your **Centenary pride.** T-shirts will be for sale soon! Wide range of sizes, two color choices, excellent price. Keep an eye out for order forms in the Narthex. Perfect for wearing while taking part in all these great outreach opportunities!

Until next month ~ Liz Anderson,
Outreach Reporter

"As long as it is day, we must do the work of Him who sent Me. Night is coming, when no one can work." ~ Jesus, in John 9:4



Share Food Distribution Dates

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|-----------|--------------|
| May 30 | September 26 |
| June 27 | October 24 |
| July 25 | November 21 |
| August 22 | December 19 |

- May Hosts ~
- June Hosts ~
- July Hosts ~
- August Hosts ~
- September Host ~

**Hosts
Needed!**

Distribution at Centenary United
Methodist Church

Saturdays from 9:00 AM-11:00 AM

Fellowship Hall. Sign-up locations: LAMAR
Insurance, Caring Center, Boone County Health
Department. Lebanon Contact Person:
Bill Sutton # 482- 5174

SHARE FOOD Hosts - The rest of this year is open for helpers! This job of volunteering is so simple and easy that we all can do it!! I hope that we can get some **new volunteers** for May and beyond. Time commitment is short approx. 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up by the kitchen window. Thanks!

Beginnings & Endings

Hadley Sinclair Warren was born on March 27 to proud parents Derek and Abby Warren. Hadley weighed 6 lbs 8 oz. and was 19½ inches long.

In Memory

Jim Fitzwater passed away on Sunday,
March 29.

On Easter Sunday, April 12, Centenary kids collected \$586.17 with the butterfly nets. This money went towards the **Boone County Meals on Wheels.** Thanks so much Centenary!

Kids Lenten Box Totals were \$174.09.

Pop Tab Totals: 27,000 pop tabs were taken to the local McDonalds on April 27 to support the Ronald McDonald House at Riley Hospital. Thanks to all of you for "**popping off**" those tabs and turning them in. Special thanks to Al Ping for counting and delivering these to McDonalds.

Tithes, Offerings and Attendance

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| March 29 | \$4,930.50 | 190 |
| April 5 | \$9,048.60 | 220 |
| April 12 | \$6,741.70 | 337 |
| April 19 | \$3,762.30 | 187 |
| April 26 | \$4,020.10 | 220 |

Caring Center Needs for May:

Shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, toilet paper, cereal, cake and brownie mixes and evaporated milk.

What's For Lunch Program

Centenary UMC will provide the weekly lunches for June 1- 5. Feeding 300 school age kids (who qualify for reduced or free school lunches) for five days = 1500 lunches.

Cards listing the food items needed **are now available in the Narthex.** If everyone takes one or two cards, **together, we can feed all the children.**



Local Missions



Habitat for Humanity

Three projects for 2009 (so far)

Let there be no mistake about it, there are lots of ways to help out with Habitat for Humanity this summer.

Let me explain:

THRIVENT BUILDS: Max, Indiana

CUMC is partnering with Trinity Lutheran and two other Lutheran churches in Boone County to get this house built. The England family lost their home to fire in the summer of 2007. Last summer they cleared their lot as part of their sweat equity. On **Saturday, May 16 at 10 a.m.** we will start building the frame in the parking lot of Trinity Lutheran Church, 2625 Elm Swamp Road. It will only take a couple of hours, bring the family and your hammers and we can pound away at those nails!

The official building will start on May 23, weather permitting. While the house is "under construction" youth must be 16 or older to help (liability issues you know). Pastor Marcy is posting a construction schedule in the back hallway and watch the bulletins for dates and times when we will need the most help. We are planning the dedication ceremony for August 22 at 10 a.m.

APOSTLE'S BUILD: 327 Bow Street, Thorntown, Indiana Twelve Apostle's (churches) will work together to get this house up in twelve weeks. We are not one of the apostle's since we are working on the house at Max, but we are loaning our parking lot to be used to build the frame on **June 20 at 10 a.m.** Once again you can bring your kids and hammers and pound nails. We also need to provide lunch for about 100 people with the help of some other churches.

THE THIRD OPTION is the buy back in Whitestown. Habitat of Boone County has recently taken ownership of a Habitat home we (Chuck Mohr) built in 1997 in Whitestown. The 2 brothers (Rogers) have been moved to a health care facility in Sheridan and the family has given the house back to Habitat! The inside does need to be rehabbed and we are planning an all day work session on Saturday, May 9. We need to basically wash down the walls, clean windows and get the subfloor ready to paint and new carpet and vinyl. We want to recruit 15-20 volunteers for the day. Let me know if you can help us. We plan to get the house ready for another Boone County family by the end of the summer.

Spring Cleaning Drive!

Local area churches are joining together to participate in "Project Reach Out." This outreach program serves low income families of pre-school aged children in the Lebanon Schools. Families currently being served through programs like food stamps and WIC do not have assistance with cleaning products that are so important for families with young children. Centenary is being asked to respond to this need by collecting **laundry detergents** for these families. Please bring laundry detergent products to the church **now through May 24**. A large tub will be located in the hallway, just outside of the Narthex doors!

Rev. Bob Walters Missionary to The Congo!

Many of you that have been associated with Centenary for several years will remember Rev. Bob Walters and his family. Bob served Centenary from 12-1-1995 to 8-15-1997. His passion lies with missions and particularly with The Congo. In fact, he and his daughter, Taylor, both have a passion for this area of Africa. Taylor visited us here at Centenary about three years ago. (She is now in seminary and is married!) If you would like to be on Bob's mailing list to receive information about his mission responsibilities and needs, please inform one of the pastors or Carol so that we can compile a list and send it to Bob. The Outreach Team of Centenary UMC has chosen Bob to be their missionary that we support with funds and certainly with prayers!

Indy West Operation Classroom Packing Party is May 17

Indy West District Operation Classroom Packing Party to be held Sunday, 2-4 pm, May 17, 2009 at Rosedale Hills United Methodist Church, 4450 South Keystone Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46224. Items needed are school supplies, pens, notebooks, rulers (both inches and metric), vitamins (chewable – NO GUMMIE), Tylenol and scholarship funds (for secondary students to attend school at Taiama). Packing party here at Centenary will be Saturday, July 11 from 9:30 – 11:30 and we will concentrate on school supplies for both teachers and secondary students.

May Reminders

Worship Ushers

- May 03** Harry Zell & Frank Hensley
Dan & Janis Diekman
- May 10** Lois Buntin & Pat Day
Neil & Jill Davis
- May 17** Dustin & Amy Tabert
Gary & Kathy Anderson
- May 24** Jim & Libby Lewis
Jeff & Carol Whitaker
- May 31** Bill & Claudia Price
Lowell & Susan Endicott

Greeters (Fellowship Hall)

- May 03** Teresa Price & Sally Byrd
- May 10** Jim & Shirley Maines
- May 17** Jim & Libby Lewis
- May 24** Mike & Pam Hilt
- May 31** Pat Day & Jeri Day

Greeters (Sanctuary)

- May 03** Bob & Jane Cassell
- May 10** Doug & Karen Campbell
- May 17** Ron & Marilyn Neese
- May 24** Margie Smith & Billie Fields
- May 31** Jeff & Carol Whitaker

Acolytes

- May 03** Kaitlyn Syferd & Megan Nelson
- May 10** Carly Smith & Reagan Davis
- May 17** Ashley Syferd & Kaitlyn Syferd
- May 24** Taylor Zell & Megan Nelson
- May 31** Reagan Davis & Carly Smith

Café Centenary (Teams)

- May 3** Open
- May 10** Bob & Anita Bowen
- May 17** "Prayer Pal Breakfast"
- May 24** Open
- May 31** Mark & Carrie Ransom

Nursery

- May 03** 9:00 a.m. Ron & Marilyn Neese
10:15 a.m. Trudy Williams
- May 10** 9:00 a.m. Julie Thomerson & Trudy
10:15 a.m. Bob & Anita Bowen
- May 17** 9:00 a.m. Stan & Bev Rader
10:15 a.m. Kathy & Delmar Kinslow
- May 24** 9:00 a.m. Jana McKee & Gail Smith
10:15 a.m. Allen & Jane Hedeon
- May 31** 9:00 a.m. Mark & Carrie Ransom
10:15 a.m. Ann & Allyson Davis

Gateways (Pre-school)

- May 03** Dustin & Amy Tabert
- May 10** Penny Johnson
- May 17** Stan & Bev Rader
- May 24** Gail Smith
- May 31** Heather Emenhiser

Gateways (Grade-school)

- May 03** Carrie Ransom
- May 10** Wendy Bean
- May 17** Kathy Syferd
- May 24** Suzi Boyett
- May 31** Jill Davis

Welcome Center

- May 03** Linda Jones
- May 10** Betty Linn
- May 17** Jane Cassell
- May 24** Joanne Clark
- May 31** Anita Bowen

Sound & Video

- May 03** Bob Bowen & Adam Zell
- May 10** Bob Kline & Colin Walford
- May 17** Jim Maine & Ronnie Nelson
- May 24** Dustin & Amy Tabert
- May 31** Bob Bowen & Colin Walford

Altar Flowers

- May 03** Roger & Tish Harris and Emily
- May 10** Tom & Judy Cunningham
- May 17** Open
- May 24** George & Martha Westfall
- May 31** Rodger & Joanne Clark

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May 2009

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 3 9-10 AM Sunday School 10-10:30 Praise Time 10:30-11:30 Worship | 4 7:00 PM Staff Parish Meeting (Lounge) | 5 | 6 6:30 AM Centenary Men 6 PM Carry In Dinner 6:30 PM Bible Studies | 7 5:45 PM TOPS 7:05 PM Choir Practice | 8 | 9 |
| 10 "Mother's Day" 9-10 AM Sunday School 10-10:30 Praise Time 10:30-11:30 Worship | 11 | 12 7:00 PM Trustees Meeting | 13 6:30 AM Centenary Men 6 PM Carry In Dinner 6:30 PM Bible Studies | 14 5:45 PM TOPS 7:05 PM Choir Practice | 15 | 16 |
| 17 8:30 AM Prayer Pal Breakfast! 9:15 AM Sunday School 10-10:30 Praise Time 10:30-11:30 Worship | 18 6:30 PM Outreach Meeting (Powell Room) | 19 6:30 PM Finance Meeting (Powell Room) 175th Anniversary Planning Team Mtg. 6:30 p.m. (Lounge) | 20 6:30 AM Centenary Men 6 PM Carry In Dinner 6:30 PM Bible Studies | 21 5:45 PM TOPS 7:05 PM Choir Practice | 22 Scroll Deadline | 23 |
| 24 9-10 AM Sunday School 10-10:30 Praise Time 10:30 AM Worship | 25 Memorial Day Office is closed | 26 Faith Circle 7:30 p.m. Margie Smith's home | 27 6:30 AM Centenary Men | 28 5:45 TOPS 7:05 PM Choir Practice | 29 | 30 Share Food (Fellowship Hall) 9-11:00 AM |
| 31 9-10 AM Sunday School 10-10:30 Praise Time 10:30-11:30 Worship | <p>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!</p> | | | | | |



Notes From Your Custodian: Frank Hensley

Last Saturday, we had our "Work day for Christ". I would like to list each person's name here that worked that day. However, just as sure as I do that, I will miss someone. I didn't get around to all the work sites outside the building. About a zillion cubic yards of mulch were spread around the grounds. The glass in the sanctuary was cleaned. The wood was cleaned and old scotch tape removed from the doors. The two huge stumps outside the back of Fellowship Hall were pulled out. The stump by the bell behind the kitchen was chainsawed and removed. The cast iron burners on the range were cleaned with oven cleaner. The range hood was degreased. These are just a few of the projects completed on Saturday. Thanks to all who came and worked. It was a beautiful day.

Things found under the pews One small gold stick pin shaped like two bare feet. It is the custodian's office or just ask me about it.

My 50th high school class reunion will be held this July. I'm on the committee and the first meeting I attended, I thought to myself, "Who are these old people?" I didn't recognize most of them and I kept asking my buddy, Jack, who they were. When I got home I pulled out my class yearbook and started looking some of them up. I saw my class picture and took the book into the bathroom to look into the mirror for comparison. If you ever think of doing something like that, especially after 50 years, DON'T!

Easter Sunday was just a couple of weeks ago. We had 330+ in attendance that day. I was under the pews a couple of days later cleaning up the sizeable amount of matter that had been dropped during the busy service. I was muttering to myself about how "those visitors" should be more careful about dropping their trash when I thought (or God yelled it at me) about how that Sunday was probably the only time during the year when many of "those visitors" heard about how much God loved them. I decided to clean up my act, at least until the next time.

Things that go through Mr. Custodian's head-

Did you ever see a candle extinguished twice? Carly Smith did it during the Maundy Thursday service. Ask her about it. I wonder if Pastor David, when he was a boy, ever said, "Maybe I'll become a preacher. That looks like an easy job with a lot of time off."

I'll close with this piece from the monthly Share Food paper. It is called "**Dancing with God**".

When I meditated on the word Guidance,
I kept seeing "dance" at the end of the word.
I remember reading that doing God's will
is a lot like dancing.

When two people try to lead, nothing feels right.
The movement doesn't flow with the music,
And everything is quite uncomfortable and jerky.

When one person realizes that,
and lets the other lead,
Both bodies begin to flow with the music.
One gives gentle cues,

perhaps with a nudge to the back
Or by pressing lightly in one direction or another.
It's as if two become one body, moving beautifully.

The dance takes surrender, willingness,
And attentiveness from one person
And gentle guidance and skill from the other.
My eyes drew back to the word Guidance.

When I saw "G":
I thought of God, followed by "u" and "I".
"God, "u" and "I" dance."
God, you and I dance.

As I lowered my head, I became willing to trust
That I would get guidance about my life.
Once again, I became willing to let God lead.

That's all for this month.
Frank Hensley

Lebanon Post Office Food Drive is Saturday, May 9

It's time for the Annual Caring Center Food Drive. Please remember to leave canned food goods on your porch /mailbox for the postal carriers to collect as they deliver your mail on Saturday, May 9.

If you would like to volunteer to help with this community event, here is what you can do!

1. Be at the Post Office at 9:00 AM to follow the carriers.
2. Or, be at the Caring Center at 10:00 AM to help unload the food.

“Cast all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you. “ (I Peter 5:7)

There's still time to sign up for Summer Camp!



Outdoor Ministries Brochures are here and available at the Welcome Center and in the church office. 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 (South) and www.impact2818.com (North area). Questions, call Kathy in the North General Office at 1-800-783-5138. (Prices will go up by \$15 after April 1 and another \$15 after June 1.)

Café Centenary in Teams

Beginning in May! One person or a couple will open Café Centenary so it is ready before Sunday school and the other team or person should arrive during the Sunday school time and make sure it is ready for the Worship crowd as they arrive. This is a great way to team up and make it easier to host Café Centenary. Sign up on the bulletin board down by the kitchen window. If you have never done this before why not give it a try.



Upcoming Dates to Remember!

- May 1 Friendship Day
- May 7 National Day of Prayer
- May 10 Mother's Day
- May 17 Honoring our H.S graduates!
- May 24 Aldersgate Day
- May 25 Memorial Day
- June 7 - 11 **VBS** at Centenary 6:30-8:30 p.m.

We need summer subs!!!

No, not sandwiches, silly! Sometimes the regular Sunday school teachers like to have a break in the summer, especially to go on vacation and stuff like that. If you would like to SUB for a Sunday or two or even a month of Sundays, please let Pastor Marcy know when you are available and what age group you would like to teach.

Also, we are working on new policies and procedures that make it so that we need two adults in each classroom during both Sunday school and Gateways. If you would like to be an assistant to the Sunday school teachers or Gateways leaders, please let Pastor Marcy know.

Women's Noon Bible Study, which meets on Wednesday's at 11:00 AM, will be taking a break for a while.

Faith Circle will meet in the home of Margie Smith on Tuesday, May 26 at 7:30 p.m.

Dear Outreach and Church Members,

Thank you so very much for the generous donations toward tuition! Your generosity is helping needy families afford the opportunity for their children to experience essential early childhood educations. Your support is appreciated more than we can express.

*God Bless,
Suzan Norris, Staff and
the Love and Learn families*



Dear Centenary Family,

Thank you for all the special cards, phone calls and visits. I am back home and doing much better.

*Sincerely,
Vivian Smiley*

I would like to thank the congregation for all their help, with my school service project. Together we were able to make 40+ Easter baskets, for the Julian Center. It turned out to be a huge success. Again, Thank You so much.

Emily Stuart-Fehr
6th grader in Lawrence Township

Thursday Evenings "Sports Zone"

has been postponed until further notice. May and June are such busy months for everyone. We will start back up at a later date.



Please Mark Your Calendar for These Important Meeting Dates

- Monday, May 4**
Staff Parish Meeting 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 12**
Trustees Meeting 7 p.m.
- Monday, May 18**
Outreach Meeting (Open to all) 6:30 p.m.
* Meets in the Powell Room*
- Tuesday, May 19**
Finance Meeting 6:30 p.m. (Powell Rm)
175th Anniversary Planning 6:30 p.m.

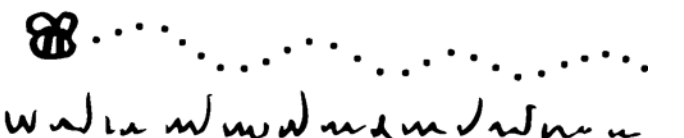
Prayer Pal Breakfast will be on Sunday, May 17

Put this date on your calendar – **May 17** will be the Prayer Pal Breakfast where you find out who your “secret” Prayer Pal has been all year long! Breakfast will be served and you can get your picture taken with your Prayer Pal. Breakfast will begin at **8:30 a.m.** and then off to Sunday school. **Sunday school starts at 9:15 that day.**

Congratulations High School Graduates!

May 17, during the worship service, we will honor Centenary H.S. graduates. College graduates will be honored at a later date.

- Rachel Gramlin**
Graduate of Western Boone
- Stacie Scott**
Graduate of Lebanon High School



Associate Pastor's Page

Well, sometimes you have good days and sometimes you have bad days. Then there are busy days. Now, busy days can be good days, they don't have to be bad days. And then there are days when you need two or three clones of yourself. There are also days when it may not have been "busy", but it was draining.

Every profession or vocation is full of these days. Pick one, any one and it will fit. Then you add in all of your personal stuff: children/youth in your home, aging parents, balancing the check book, checking in with siblings that you know have their own issues, and heaven forbid that we should throw in some type of health issue.

It just gets like that sometimes. As adults, we have to know where we can go to vent, to let down, to cry, to yell, to hide, to rejuvenate, and to reflect. Our kids don't know how to do that. Sometimes, adults don't know how to do that.

Where do you go when life seems to be overwhelming? What do you do?

I am reminding you that you always have a place to go. You can go to another person in the church that you trust. You can go to your Bible. You can go to your knees. You can always go to your pastors to help you sort it all out.

Sometimes we get drained too, but we try to monitor ourselves and we know when we need to step back and rejuvenate, like the week we took after Easter to just "chill". It was very important to us to get to do that and we thank you all for being understanding.

Jesus often took to private times of prayer. The longer I am in the ministry, the more I can relate to Jesus needing to get away and just clear his thoughts and talk to God. Talking to God always makes me feel better. It clears my head and settles my soul.

It is much easier for me to recuperate from physical fatigue from working on a mission project than it is to pull myself back together after listening to teens trying to understand why their friend and classmate cut his own life short. We ponder with them the unanswerable questions. We hear them talk about all of their "overwhelmings."

I am trying to make two points here:

- 1) Thank you for praying for us when you know we are tired (or maybe I should say drained) and facing a difficult time. I had an email today in response to the announcement chain telling of the teen that took his own life. The response said that we were being prayed for today because it would be a difficult day. That means a lot. We are pastors but, first we are just humans like everyone else and we have to muster the courage and wisdom that God gave us when he called us into service. We have to be able to be the non-anxious presence in a very anxious situation.
- 2) 2) Get your kids in church and Sunday school. I know this is not the be all, end all answer, but it sure helps to have a foundation of belief and to have people to talk to when you can't or don't want to go to your parents.

Where do you go when you are overwhelmed? To your church friends, your Bible, your knees, and your pastor. If our kids don't know church friends, if they don't know their Bible, if they don't know how to pray and if they don't know their pastor well enough to talk to him/her, then where will they go?

Blessings,

Pastor Marcy

From the Finance Committee

Oh, happy day! The Finance Committee recently met to discuss the first quarter income/expense report and found that our tithes and offerings exceeded expectations. Comparing total income to total expenses for January and February, we were down nearly \$4000 each month. Your generous giving in March "wiped out" the shortfall for those first two months and put us within \$2500 of a break-even situation at the end of March!! We are well aware the economy has created many difficult situations. Tough choices and some sacrifices are made every day.

THANK YOU for making Centenary a priority in your budgetary decision-making. God provides all things. YOU make the choice to share what He has given you. We are grateful you have chosen to share with Centenary. Remember to share His love and grace with others.

Note: Balance sheets are always available upon request.

Gear Up for VBS Camp E.D.G.E

June 7 - 11

Sunday - Thursday

Time: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

This VBS is not your typical stroll through the woods. **5 days will be packed** with contemporary music, mind-boggling science activities, challenging crafts and larger-than-life recreation games.

Kids...Pick up your registration card on the "Kids Table" in the Narthex.

Grab an extra one or two and bring along a friend!



Step Out in Style this Summer with a CUMC T-Shirt!

If you don't have a Centenary T-Shirt in your collection, here's your chance to add one ... or more!! With lots of fun and exciting activities coming up for our church this summer and fall, we'd love to have you sporting your CUMC wear. Shirts are available in grey and khaki and feature the Centenary name and cross and flame logo on the front. The back has the theme "*A Journey in Faith...Let it Begin and Continue at Centenary*". These shirts are a heavyweight 50/50 blend - unisex style (will be larger rather than smaller).

- Sizes and prices are: S-XL = \$9,
- 2X = \$10, 3X - 5X = \$11
- (4X and 5X available in grey only).

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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| May 01 | Evan Acton Cecelia (Doodie) Crawford |
| May 02 | Aryn Gribler |
| May 04 | Mallory Cunningham |
| May 05 | Dwight Bridge Marcia Wilhoite |
| May 06 | Gail Gilchrist |
| May 07 | Ilena Fitzwater |
| May 09 | Karen Campbell Cierra Colgrove |
| May 11 | Richard Wait |
| May 12 | Robert (Bob) Gould Joel Gramlin |
| May 15 | Wilda Boyd |
| May 17 | Thomas (Bill) Anderson Kary Hill |
| May 18 | Stacie Scott |
| May 19 | Rodger Clark |
| May 20 | Allen Milburn Ronnie Nelson |
| May 23 | Billie Fields |
| May 24 | Peggy Norris Sarah Zell |
| May 26 | John Day Janis Diekman |
| May 27 | Bill Price |
| May 28 | Lisa Garoffolo |
| May 29 | Joanne Clark Robin Kline Eve Wyant |
| May 30 | Adam Zell |
| May 31 | Tom Garoffolo |

Happy Anniversary to Mike & Tricia Patmore - May 30