



OCTOBER 2025

# CROSSTALK

## Centenary United Methodist Church

This fall at Centenary, we have so much to celebrate. Each Sunday brings new faces and returning friends, and our sanctuary is alive with energy, conversation, and connection. We are also ahead of budget for the year. This is a clear sign of your generosity and God's provision at work among us.

Our children are asking to be baptized, one of the greatest joys we share as a church family. We are about to launch a new Sunday school class on Mere Christianity, and in October we will offer a Connections class for anyone ready to take the next step into the life of Centenary.

Like the church in Acts, we are growing not only in numbers but also in devotion and service. Recently, volunteers built a new wheelchair ramp for someone in our community, and we have given thousands of dollars to local ministries. In the coming weeks, you will see us at the Jeep Invasion, the Halloween Celebration, and Light Up Shelbyville, showing our neighbors that Centenary is **the** downtown church, not just a church downtown.

In November, we will launch our Stewardship Campaign, inviting everyone to support God's work here through their prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. This is a chance to grow deeper as disciples while fueling the ministry that is already changing lives.

All these signs of life are visible. We have new visitors. We have growing ministries. We have outreach projects. We have strong financial health. These blessings remind us of the early believers who shared everything, cared for one another, and brought the good news into their communities. Thank you for praying, serving, giving, and inviting others. Together, we are creating a space where people experience Christ's love in real and tangible ways.

As Acts 2:47 says, "And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved." May we continue to live out that same spirit of joyful growth and service this fall at Centenary.

Pastor Patty

## Sunday Morning Services

Coffee and Doughnuts in the Fellowship Hall

9:00am

Sunday School at 9:30am

Worship at 10:30am

CYF Bible Study 11:30am

### **Join us online:**

Facebook Live @ [centenaryshelbyville](#)

&

YouTube @ [Centenary UMC Shelbyville](#)

Two ways we try to keep everyone updated about our programs and events are by email and Facebook.

Please contact the church office at 502-633-4510 with any questions or if you would like to be added to the email list.



Deadline for the  
November 2025 Crosstalk  
is Wednesday, October 22, 2025

## Service Opportunities

Sunday Mornings:

- Greeters
- Children's Dept
- Youth Bible study

Community:

- 10/1 Dinner Church
- Donate Candy for Trick or Treating on Main St
- 10/19 Bring donations for Mountain Mission
- 10/25 Main St Trick or Treating



Lay Leader: Renee Clark

Council Chair: Heather Hood

Chair of SPRC: Holly Husband

Chair of Ops Team: Tracy Bertram

Chair of Trustees: Jim Sharp

Chair of Finance: Jeff Gaither

Treasurer: Michael Watts

Children's Ministry Chair:

Amanda Ethington

Youth Ministry Chair: Jill Baker

## Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:00am-4:00pm  
and Friday 8:00am-11:00am (remotely)

Assistance days and hours are Tuesday & Thursday  
9:00am-1:00pm. Centenary offers financial  
assistance for rent or utilities and food assistance.

Assistance is available to all  
Shelby County residents

## STAFF

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### **Music Director**

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# October

1 <sup>st</sup>	CYF Worship	5:30pm
	Dinner Church	6:00pm
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm
5 <sup>th</sup>	Launch of new Sunday School Class in the Youth Building	9:30am
	Celebration of Lights Chorial Practice after worship	
	CYF Devotional Hike	12:00pm
8 <sup>th</sup>	Lunch Bunch	11:30am
	Getting Connected Class	6:00pm
	Choir	6:15pm
13 <sup>th</sup>	Office Closed	
	Redwoods	10:00am
	Ops Team	6:30pm
15 <sup>th</sup>	November Crosstalk Deadline	
	Choir	6:15pm
19 <sup>th</sup>	Start Collecting Donations for Mountain Mission	
20 <sup>th</sup>	Church Council	6:30pm
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Choir	6:15pm
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Missions Team Meeting	5:30pm
25 <sup>th</sup>	Trick or Treating on Main St	12-2pm
26 <sup>th</sup>	Celebration of Lights Chorial Practice after worship	
27 <sup>th</sup>	SPRC Meeting	6:30pm
28 <sup>th</sup>	Flu Shots	9am-1pm
29 <sup>th</sup>	Choir	6:15pm

# Happy Birthday

1	Cinda Compton
	Karen Warford
4	Rena George
6	Marty Hickman
8	Bonnie Coffee
12	Aiden Nelson
	Fernando Isa
18	Jane Bailey
19	Simon Kovach
24	Dianne Frazier
25	Sterling Headley

## New Sunday School Class

**Beginning October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
In the Youth Building  
from 9:30-10:15am**

**Mere Christianity  
By CS Lewis**



**OCTOBER 1ST**

## DINNER CHURCH

**Free Community Meal + Worship**  
**Join us at our dinner table  
on the Lawn at 6:00pm**

**Everyone is welcome!**

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## New to Church?

### Join Our "Getting Connected" Class!

Whether you're brand new to Centenary or just curious about what it means to be United Methodist, this class is for you. Together we'll explore ways to get connected in our church family, learn about our beliefs and traditions, and discover what it means to live out faith as a United Methodist. Come with your questions, meet new friends, and take your next step in faith.



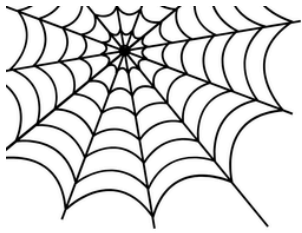
**Wednesday October 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm dinner  
and Child Care provided**





# CANDY COLLECTION

We are collecting candy and non-candy treats for the Main St. Trick or Treating event on **Saturday October 25<sup>th</sup>**. Bins will be outside of 206 and the children's area office, or you can scan the QR Code and items will be delivered.



## TRICK or treat

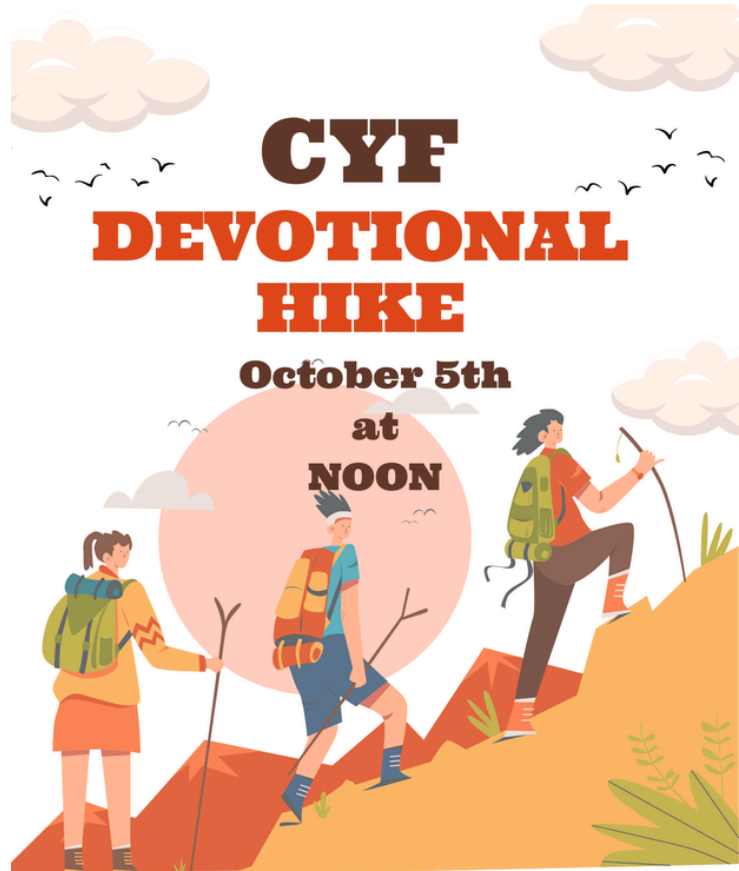
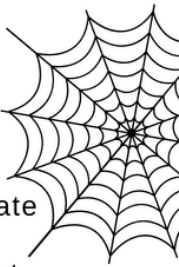
Please join us as we participate in this Main Street Event. Decorate a table and hand out candy and treats at CUMC.

**..25 October**

**START AT 12PM-2PM**

**RSVP**

**Reesa Headley**  
[rheadley@shelbycumc.org](mailto:rheadley@shelbycumc.org)



## CYF DEVOTIONAL HIKE

**October 5th  
at  
NOON**

**Tiffany Rainey** [trainey@shelbycumc.org](mailto:trainey@shelbycumc.org)

## Mountain Mission Pick-up

**November 4, 2025**

Donations can be dropped off starting  
**October 19<sup>th</sup>** in the **Youth building**.

Go in the door with the ramp and please stack items neatly.





# Celebration of Lights Music

Dear Church

We have been invited to participate in the Celebration of Lights event in Shelbyville on November 8th, 2025. Our church will sing at 6 pm, just before the lighting of the tree. Our vision is that we show up in big numbers to celebrate the season and introduce the exciting things happening at our church, starting with our people! Everyone is invited to participate with your family. We will have 3 rehearsals after church. Our first rehearsal is October 5th after the service in the sanctuary from 11:45-12:05. WARNING: If you don't leave quickly after the service, you will be recruited and handed a songbook! The 2nd rehearsal will be October 26th, and the final rehearsal will be the Sunday before the event, November 2nd.

The songs are: The Choir will learn these, but you are more than welcome and encouraged to learn them and sing them with us:

- *It's The Most Wonderful Time of The Year*
- *Sleigh Ride*



It's The Most  
Wonderful Time  
of The Year



Sleigh Ride

The Youth and Children will sing:

- *Frosty the Snowman*
- *Rudolph*
- *Here Come Santa Claus*
- *Santa Claus is Coming to Town*



Angels We Have  
Heard on High



Joy to The World



We Wish You a  
Merry Christmas

The Mass Choir (that's you!)

- *Angels We Have Heard on High*
- *Joy to The World*
- *We Wish You a Merry Christmas*

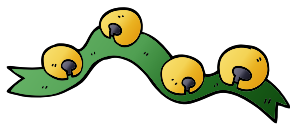
Use the QR Codes to hear exact arrangements we are using.

Please wear red scarfs and caps, sweaters and jeans to unify us as a group. Red is the preferred color and blue jeans. See you at practice, October 5th!

There might be other opportunities around town to sing this same 20-minute concert, so let me know of places you would like to go, and I'll will try to book it! Remember, this is an OUTREACH opportunity for our church to reach our community!

Jingle those bells!

Damaris Nevitt



## Assistance Program Update

Each week, families walk through our doors carrying different burdens — some are worried about how to keep the lights on, others are wondering how they'll put food on the table. Thanks to your generosity, Centenary's Assistance Program is able to meet those needs with both compassion and practical help.

In August, we provided 141 bags of food, feeding 307 people in our community. Each bag represents peace of mind for a parent and full bellies for children at the dinner table.

We also received 11 requests for financial assistance, and we were able to help with 8 of those, supporting 20 people with a total of \$1,139.90. That means rent was paid, utilities stayed on, and families were able to breathe a little easier.

One story that stands out this month is of a dad of three young children. Earlier this year, he lost his wife, and the grief of that loss has been compounded by the daily struggle of keeping up with expenses on a single income. When he fell behind on rent, Centenary was able to step in with assistance. That support helped him catch up and gave him the space to focus on caring for his children and rebuilding stability at home.

Every number tells a story of hope — and every story is possible because of you. Thank you for your faithful support, prayers, and giving that allow us to continue serving as the hands and feet of Christ in Shelby County.



# October



## Lessons

October 5	Fruits of the Spirit (pt 1)
October 12	Fruits of the Spirit (pt 2)
October 19	Jacob and Esau
October 26	Jesus Calms The Storm

## Dinner Church

Nursery care is available for children 5 and under during dinner church. We do have snacks and drink alternatives if your child doesn't eat the menu being served.

## Important Note

Please make sure your pager is held in your hand or in your lap during service. They are very discreet and you may not hear/feel them through a purse or bag. Thank you!



# FOAM PARTY





# CENTENARY YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Dear Church Family,

It's been an exciting month for our youth group! We've been busy making memories and growing together. We celebrated the beginning of a new school year at our Pool Party and made bead crosses with the children's ministry at Dinner Church. We also gathered for a night of fun and s'mores at our bonfire! Our group loves to have fun, but we also work hard — not just physically, but spiritually, too. We even had a chance to come together to help on a local ramp build and youth building workday. Two dumpsters full later, our storage shelves are much lighter and ready for a new purpose!

We have lots of exciting things planned for the upcoming months! We're looking forward to our **Devotional Hike, Celebration of Lights, and Rake N Run.**

Starting on November 2, we'll return to our **9:30 a.m. Bible Study** time, where our new series, "**The Word: Unpacked,**" will be a "back to basics" approach to getting to know our Bibles better. This series will explore the history and origins of the Bible and its powerful stories, from the Old Testament through the New Testament.

We are so excited for all that is coming up! If you need to be added to the **Youth Text thread** to get details about events and reminders for ongoing programs, please reach out to me.

In Christ's Love,  
Tiffany

