

JULY 2022

# CROSSTALK

## Centenary United Methodist Church

It has been enriching and enjoyable to take some of our youth and college students to visit different houses of faith in Louisville. I was excited when a few of them told me that they had always wanted to visit religious services for other faiths and that they had not yet had the chance. I believe that learning about world religions and visiting our neighbors of other faiths both helps us be a good neighbor and helps us to better articulate what we believe. We can be good neighbors when we have a baseline of knowledge about what our neighbors believe and can speak respectfully to them around holy days and customs. It is also helpful to be knowledgeable and have examples when someone might say that all faiths are the same. It is lovely to be able to identify commonalities, but also important to know and recognize differences.

So far, we have been to a prayer service at Louisville Islamic Center of Compassion and a Shabbat service at The Temple. We have been welcomed warmly in both places and had great discussions following our visits about similarities and differences.

At the Islamic Center of Compassion, we heard the Imam speak to his congregation about how they are called to turn toward Allah in challenging times and how to include more moments of thanks and prayer in their day. The youth and college students were especially interested in the very plush carpet we were sitting on.

At The Temple, one of the rabbis (who is also half of a clergy couple at the temple, something cool we have in common) gave us a tour and took out a Torah scroll for us to see. He told us that young people are always nervous about taking out the Torah for their Bar/ Bat Mitzvahs as tradition says if you drop a Torah scroll everyone must fast for 40 days. We talked to Rabbi Simone, who had face-timed with our group previously, and she reassured us that the 40 day fast is split among all people present, though she cannot think of a time it has actually happened. That would have been quite the challenge as only 6 of us were present at that time.

Our youth and college students will next be visiting the Hindu Temple of Kentucky and the Drepung Gomang Center for Engaging Compassion. These visits have been a great time of conversation and learning from our neighbors and how we can be better neighbors.



## *Sunday Morning Services*

### *Summer Worship*

*10:00am One Worship Service*

### *Virtual Information*

#### *Facebook Live at*

*<https://www.facebook.com/centenaryshelbyville>*

*&*

#### *YouTube*

*<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFQ7gRUEwCTavSK9UvqiMaQ>*



We keep everyone updated about our programs and events by email and Facebook. Please contact the church office with any questions or if you would like to be added to the email list.

Church office hours are Monday-Friday 8:00am-2:00pm.

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

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Deadline for the August 2022 Crosstalk will be  
Wednesday, July 20, 2022





4<sup>th</sup> Fourth of July- church office closed.

10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> VBS

13<sup>th</sup> Lunch Bunch meeting at 10:30

Mountain mission pick-up

18<sup>th</sup> Ministry Team Meeting at 7:00pm

20<sup>th</sup> Crosstalk Deadline



The Lunch Bunch will meet on Wednesday July 13th. They will be going to the Blind Squirrel restaurant in Middletown. The group will leave the church at 11:15am. Please let Ms. Eleanor Warford know if you will be attending.



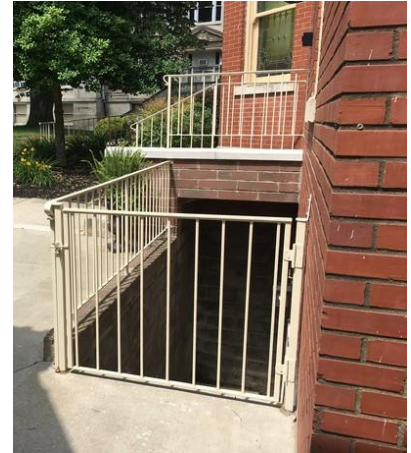
### Picking up on July 13th

Donations can be brought to the church Starting July 1st. Please stack donations neatly in the former Bible Sunday School room in the Youth Building. Remember we will have VBS July 10th-14th. If you have large items or need to drop off during the week, please call the office to arrange a time.

- 2 Lenora Headley
- 3 Kate Raisor  
Allison Shafer
- 5 Sydney Lawson
- 8 Arlene Yount
- 9 Emily Henderson
- 10 Sabrina Pratt  
Margaret Tuttle
- 12 John Foster
- 13 Aynia Bishop  
Leynia Bishop
- 14 Lynda Tharp
- 15 Jessica Ruddy
- 18 Brenda Creamer
- 19 Keith Nethery  
Matthew Gruelich  
Chance Marthaler
- 20 Savannah Stovall  
Cathy Hobart
- 23 Jim Cleveland  
Brianna Isa
- 24 Tanner Brown  
Candice Isa
- 25 Emily Stovall  
Levi Shinabery  
Eliza Lloyd
- 26 Danielle Crowe  
Wyatt Shafer
- 28 Amanda Shirley  
Mary Hudson
- 30 Jillian Gayle  
Suzanne Gayle

## CHURCH EXTERIOR PROJECTS

The office entrance railings have been upgraded to meet current codes and painted to match existing railings. A gate was added at the top of the stairs to the basement for added security.



Security cameras have been added to monitor church and youth building entrances, as well as the parking lot.

Overgrown shrubs in the front and rear of the church building have been removed. New shrubs have been added.



New benches for the side of the youth building were donated by *Dickie and Pam Phillips*.



The newly finished stone walls in our parking lot have been designed, built and donated by *Doug Butler*. Future planned additions to the stone walls includes a city bench and a historical marker installed by the city and historical commission; a paved walk through at the end of the stone wall near the Justice Center; protective barrier inside the walls on the parking lot side.



## **Assistance Program**

By Amanda Shirley

The month of May was another record month for food assistance. In May 118 bags of food were given to people in our community, feeding 230 individuals. As costs of everything continue to increase our numbers will as well. Centenary received donations for ground beef from Farmers Feeding Families, Hens helping Humans donated fresh eggs, and Dare to Care donated 1,438lbs of food estimated value of \$2,142.62. Some food and household items were also purchased, using the grant money we received last year, totaling

\$351.66. The service we provide to our community is invaluable to those that receive the assistance.

Financial assistance continues to be a need in our community as well. Centenary received 17 applications for assistance in May. Centenary was able to offer assistance for 16 of those requests with a total cost of \$2,127.20 impacting 33 individuals. As requests for financial assistance continue to come in sometimes the maximum amount, we can assist with needs to be adjusted. Lately we have had to adjust those levels to help as many people as possible. Centenary offers rent or utility assistance. We do receive requests for various other things as well, such as gas for vehicles, hotel rooms, ID's, household repairs, prescriptions, etc... The list could go on and on.

Each month a different small group assembles the food bags to be handed out. If you are interested in helping to assemble the food bags or help the assistance program in any way, please contact the church office.



### **Assistance days are Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am-1pm.**

For financial assistance applicants need to bring:

- Photo ID
- Proof of Income
- Lease or current disconnect notice for electric, water or gas
- Financial Assistance is available once in a 12-month time frame. Meaning if you get assistance in January 2022, you would not eligible again until February2023.
- Referrals to other agencies and programs are available For

Food assistance applicants just need an ID

**Assistance is available to all Shelby County residents!**



--Matthew 25:37-40 (The Message)

Thank you, CUMC Ministries Team, for your work in planning this event!



## **Redwoods' Members Bag Stuffers**

The members of Centenary's small group, the Redwoods, devoted their ministry activity time in June to helping with the church's food assistance program. The more than 10 members attending filled over 100 grocery bags with canned vegetables, pasta products, cereal, and more for the sometimes nearly 200 individuals that Centenary assists in a month.



The meeting was opened by a devotional given by Trisha Hobbs. The members discussed future service opportunities in their home church and the community.

Emme Harrod will give the group's devotional message for August 8th, Barb Hansen has the message for September 12th. Redwoods will not meet in July. To learn more about Redwoods email Bonnie Burks Gray, 502-633-6941.



On May 25th, our Children welcomed summer vacation by participating in our annual Hello Summer Bash! Between bouncy houses and loads of cotton candy, these kiddos never slowed down. We had a lot of happy children running around our front lawn. We are thankful for Sweet As Can Bee for coming out and providing spun sugar for our guests and Herras Bouncy House for setting up and taking down the inflatable entertainment. Overall, we had a very successful event! Thank you for those that helped and were able to come out and enjoy this event.

COME JOIN US AT CENTENARY  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
FOR VBS

JULY 10TH-14TH  
5:30PM - 8:00PM  
PREK - 5TH GRADE

PRE-REGISTER AND GET A FREE CD OF THIS YEAR'S VBS MUSIC!  
CAN REGISTER AT [CENTENARYSHELBYVILLE.COM](http://CENTENARYSHELBYVILLE.COM) UNDER  
CONNECT/CHILDREN'S PAGE OR IN THE OFFICE.



Please contact the church office for more information at 502-633-4510.



# SHOE DRIVE

We will be collecting shoes during the month of July  
for WaterStep. Every 5 pairs of shoes collected pays  
for one person to be able to access safe water.

Any shoes in any condition!



# Did you know that you can donate to Centenary's children's and Youth groups by connecting you Kroger Plus card!



## To Connect your Kroger card to CUMC:

Under Rewards click on community rewards Centenary UMC- Shelbyville or enter our new code **KL824**. Then just use your card as normal. This does not affect your fuel rewards. Kroger will send Centenary a check every quarter for just using your card. The funds received from Kroger are split between youth and children's funds.

Dear Centenary UMC-Shelbyville  
(KL824),

The Kroger Co. Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to the local neighborhoods we call home. Our stores are on a mission to not just part of, but to help create a stronger community. We recognize that every community has unique causes that need support. Thank you for being such an important organization in our community.

We encourage you to ask your supporters to link their rewards card to your organization. Community Rewards is easy to use, The more your supporters shop with us, the more money your organization will earn!

We are committed to carefully protecting our customer's personal information. In order to meet their expectation of privacy, we have adopted a simple policy to never share a customer's personal information. Our privacy policy applies to Community Rewards participation as well.

Thank you for being such an important organization in our community,

Community Rewards Staff

27-Feb-2022 to 28-May-2022

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Households

\$ 166.15

Total Donations



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