



APRIL 2025

CROSSTALK

Centenary United Methodist Church

Easter Power

As I come to the end of my tenure as interim pastor, I share the following as we anticipate Easter.

Easter is a magnificent day! It is the most significant day of the entire year. It is a day of celebration ... lilies trumpeting their beautiful fragrance, Christian fellowship, joyful greetings ... nothing can be too good. On Easter we celebrate new hope and the possibility of living life to its fullest. God is saying to us that his blessings and love are ours. Good and even great days are now possible for us with the best of days still to come in heaven.

What problems lurk in your life? Are you afraid of death? Are you afraid of life? Easter proclaims that you can be victorious over any problem that you might face. Victory can be yours by believing in Easter and by appropriating Easter into your daily life.

But what is Easter? Easter is power: the power of God released which raised a dead Son after he had been in the grave for three days. Many gravestones carry the inscription, "Here lies ...," but on Christ's tomb are the words, "He is not here." In Joseph's Garden is history's only empty grave. I believe Christ rose from the dead, and I believe the resurrection power of God is still being unleashed today.

God wants to resurrect us from whatever defeat is in our lives and then give us a victorious death. He wants to resurrect us from a life of loneliness and gloom into one of meaning and joy. He wants to resurrect us from a life deadened by fear to a life enlivened by confidence. He especially wants to resurrect us from our own personal death into his very own personal paradise.

So, roll back the stone of any unbelief in your hearts, behold the glory of the empty tomb, and thrill to the power that can now be yours. Place your weak and trembling hand into his and say with Thomas, "My Lord and my God." Faith in Jesus and his resurrection is the key that delivers us from fear and sorrow. Jesus is the key to personal happiness, to peace, and to life everlasting. You can know this peace, you can know this joy, you can have this power, if today you will commit yourself to him, and then say with your whole heart, "I know that my Redeemer lives!"

-- Mark Gibbons

Holy Week Schedule

April 13 – Palm Sunday worship at 10:30 am

April 17 – Maundy Thursday (No special Service)

April 18 – Good Friday; Holy Communion, anytime between Noon-3, in the Chapel

April 20 – Easter Sunday worship at 10:30 am; Easter Egg Hunt following worship

Sunday Morning Services

Coffee and Doughnuts in the Fellowship Hall 9:00am
Sunday School at 9:30am
Worship at 10:30am

Join us online:

Facebook Live at

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

&

YouTube

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

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

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

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Deadline for the
May 2025 Crosstalk
is Wednesday, April 16, 2025



2 Pablo Chacon
9 Danny Goodwin
13 Barbara Erway
19 Thomas Gaither
William(Whitie)Gray
21 Barbara Scott
30 Ronald Worley



1st	Volleyball Game at the FAC	7:00pm
2nd	Dinner Church	6:00pm
	Choir rehearsal	7:00pm
6th	Confirmation Class following worship	
	CYF	5:30pm
7th	SCPS Back to School	
8th	Volleyball Tournament at the FAC	TBA
9th	Lunch Bunch	11:30am
	Choir Rehearsal	6:15pm
13th	Palm Sunday	
	Confirmation Class following worship	
	CYF	5:30pm
14th	Redwoods Meeting	10:00am
	Ops Team Meeting	6:30pm
16th	May Crosstalk Deadline	
	Choir Rehearsal	6:15pm
17th	Maundy Thursday	
18th	Good Friday-Communion in the Chapel	12:00pm-3:00pm
20th	Easter Sunday	
	Easter Egg Hunt following worship	
21st	Church Council Meeting	6:30pm
23rd	Choir Rehearsal	6:15pm
27th	Confirmation Class following worship	
	CYF	5:30pm
30th	Choir Rehearsal	6:15pm

APRIL 2ND
DINNER CHURCH

Free Community Meal + Worship
 Join us at our dinner table
 in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00pm

Everyone is welcome!

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Easter Offering

Little Light House
 CENTRAL KENTUCKY

Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will be
 departing the church at
10:45am heading to Ditto's
 on Bardstown Rd on
Wednesday, April 9th.



Assistance Program

If you visit the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays during assistance hours, please be aware that it is typically very busy. In February, we received 21 requests for assistance, of which we were able to fulfill 9. Due to the increasing number of requests, we have implemented a monthly budget and reduced the maximum assistance amount. Unfortunately, we exhausted our budget before the final week of February, leading to the denial of three applicants. Among the remaining nine requests we couldn't fulfill, seven applicants were ineligible at the time, and the other two were not yet behind on the bills for which they sought assistance.

On the food distribution side, we provided 123 bags of food, feeding a total of 257 individuals. Weather conditions forced us to close for a few days, and even when open, the weather deterred some of our regular visitors. Despite this, we are ahead of last year's numbers by 16 households as of the end of February.

To continue supporting our neighbors, we are currently holding a Lenten Food Drive to help replenish our shelves. Your contributions will allow us to serve our community to the best of our ability.




Lenten food drive



Instead of Giving Up Something for Lent
try
Giving Something to Someone in need

MARCH 5TH - APRIL 20TH

COLLECT 40 Cans or boxes of non-perishable food items. Set up a box or bin at home for collecting and add 1 item per day, for 40 days. Drop off your items to the Church office Monday- Thursday 8am-4pm or Sunday mornings. If you need the items picked up please contact the church office.



The assistance program is open to ALL Shelby County residents.

Assistance days are Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00am-2:00pm.

For financial assistance people must bring: Photo ID, proof of income, current disconnect notice or lease agreement.

Assistance is available once in a 12month time frame.

Food assistance can be picked up every other week.
Just need an ID showing Shelby County residency.

CENTENARY YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Dear Church Family,

In March, we had a wonderful time serving breakfast at Grace Kids, and it was a real blessing to share a meal and connect with folks from other local churches. We also kicked off Confirmation Classes, and the youth are really enjoying learning about our church's history and exploring their faith together.

In March, our lessons centered on preparation for the Lenten season and strategies for overcoming challenges. We explored the concept that giving up something creates space for both ourselves and God to introduce something new. We also discussed the relevance of the Biblical story of David and Goliath to contemporary life. We recognized that everyone encounters "giants" in their lives, and that courage, faith, and trust in God enable us to overcome these challenges.

Stay tuned for upcoming special events. Join the youth text group to receive the most current event updates.

Much Love,
Tiffany



CONFIRMATION

WE WILL HOLD CLASSES FROM
MARCH 9TH-JUNE 1ST FOLLOWING
WORSHIP IN ROOM 206

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE
REACH OUT TO THE YOUTH DIRECTOR
TIFFANY RAINEY

Ongoing Programs

Youth Group Re/connect-
Sunday Nights 5:30pm

Treehouse NEWSLETTER

April

Each Sunday, during Continued Worship, our children are learning the Bible through Superbook. This video series, helps our children get a better understanding of God's word and how we use his teachings in our everyday life. If your child enjoys these videos, Superbook is also available as an app that can download to your device, so they can take, learn and play anywhere.

Lesson Plan

04/06-The Road to Damascus

God can help you change

04/13-He is Risen

Jesus' life is about the
restoration of relationships

04/20-NO CONTINUED WORSHIP

04/27-Revelation

God's forgiveness has made
it possible for all of us to
be saved.



We are looking for volunteers to help out during continued worship. If you would like to help float during a Sunday, Please reach out to Reesa Headley.

Upcoming Events

CANDY COLLECTION

4/20-Easter Egg Hunt

Following Worship

Memory Verse

He is not here:

He is risen!

Matthew 28:6





We are so happy with the growth our class has had. Sunday mornings in the nursery are filled with love, laughter and fun. While we may not always have all children present at the same time, we are so happy to see how many of them are in regular attendance and how much they enjoy growing, playing and learning together.

Thank you for trusting us with the care of your little ones!

~ Staci & Ashley



Be Sure to drop by and see our newly decorated door!

With love.

The Little Fishers





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