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Dear Centenary Family,

As I prepare to begin this new chapter with you at Shelbyville Centenary, I want to take a moment to say how grateful and excited I am to be joining this wonderful congregation. From the very first conversations, I have sensed the warmth, faithfulness, and deep love that define this church. I consider it a true privilege to now call Centenary my church home.

A little about me: I grew up in a small farming town in southern Indiana, where my dad still lives. My call to ministry came later in life, and it has been one of the greatest joys of my journey to follow where God has led. I am blessed with four children and five beautiful grandchildren who fill my life with laughter, stories, and plenty of adventures. My family has been a constant source of support and joy as I've answered God's call to serve.

As we step into these first days together, my heart is full of hope. My prayer is that we will continue to grow as a church family — deepening our faith, strengthening our relationships, and following where Christ leads. I'm eager to hear your stories, learn your names, and listen to what God has placed on your hearts for this church and our community.

Transitions bring both excitement and change, but I trust that God's grace is already at work among us. Please don't hesitate to introduce yourself (and reintroduce yourself as needed!). I look forward to Sunday mornings, shared meals, prayers, conversations, and many moments of ministry together.

Thank you for the warm welcome I've already received. I can't wait to see what God has in store for all of us.

With gratitude and joy, Rev. Patty Groot



Little did I know that when I came to Centenary last July I would come to love you as I do. I had always heard about Shelbyville Centenary through Lowell, Derek, Mark and Trent & Katie. It is a revered congregation with a wonderful reputation. I came to you during a difficult time in the life of the church but together we got to work. Leaders floated to the top; new people began to visit; we revived Dinner Church; our retired pastors came to our rescue and shared their gifts; we hired new staff; you began to believe in yourself again and we worshipped and trusted God.







There are too many people to thank but each of you did your part and I could not be more grateful. Clearly God is at work in this church. And oh, my goodness! What a wonderful reception on my last Sunday! Thank you for all the heartfelt cards, the beautiful Stoneware platter, the decorations, food and my "Re-Retirement Cake." It was a joy to share stories, hear your laughter and just be together.



In the Book of Worship there is an Order of Farewell to a Pastor. Allow me to share part of that. "I thank you members and friends of Centenary United Methodist Church, for the love and support you have shown me while I ministered among you. I am grateful for the ways my leadership was accepted. I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made. As I leave, I carry with me all I have learned here. I trust that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God. I release you from turning to me and depending on me. I encourage your continuing ministry here and I will continue to pray for you and your new pastor, Rev. Patty Groot.

Thank you for everything and many blessings, Becki

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 with any questions or if you would like to be added to the email list.



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



Deadline for the August 2025 Crosstalk is Wednesday, July 16, 2025

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Choir rehearsals

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4th	Independence Day Church Office Closed	
6th	Safer Sanctuaries Training following worship	
7th	Mountain Mission Pick-up)
9th	Lunch Bunch	11:30am
	Youth Worship	5:30pm
	Dinner Church	6:00pm
	Choir rehearsals	7:00pm
13th	Rev. Patty Groot's First Sunday	
	Reception For Rev. Patty Groot following	
	Worship in the Fellowshi	p Hall
	VBS	6:00pm-8:00pm
14th	Redwoods meeting	10:00am
	Redwoods Lunch at Shel	by Farms 12:00pm
	VBS	6:00pm-8:00pm
15th	VBS	6:00pm-8:00pm
16th	August Crosstalk Deadlir	ne
	VBS	6:00pm-8:00pm
21st	Ops Team Meeting	6:30pm
23rd	Missions Team Meeting	10:30am
	Choir Rehearsal	6:15pm
28th	Church Council	6:30pm



- 2 Lenora Headley
- 3 Kate Raisor

6:15pm

- 8 Arlene Yount
- 9 Emily Henderson
- 10 Sabrina Pratt Margaret Tuttle
- 14 Lynda Tharp
- 18 Brenda Creamer
- 19 Keith Nethery
- 20 Savannah Stovall Cathy Hobart
- 23 Jim Cleveland Brianna Isa
- 24 Candice Isa
- 25 Emily Stovall
- 28 Amanda Shirley
- 30 Jillian Gayle Suzanne Gayle

REDWOODS

Will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00am on Monday July 14th.

Lunch at Shelby Farms at 12pm

Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship, devotion and service.

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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Redwoods Report

Our CUMC Redwoods opened the year 2025 in February with ice breaker games and an inspiring love devotional. We welcomed interim pastor, Rev. Mark Gibbons, who gave the opening prayer. In remembrance of our devoted Redwood member, Sydney Lawson, we decided to honor her with a plaque displayed in Fellowship Hall.





The March program was an interesting presentation by Bonnie Burks Gray about the 200th Anniversary of Science Hill School and its ties to Centenary. Following our meeting, we assembled bags of food for the church's assistance program. Several members helped assemble bags for the upcoming 1st graders at Northside Preschool. After a busy morning, we enjoyed food and fellowship at PEPPERS restaurant.



In April, we enjoyed a creative time led by Chellie Gaither. Easter cards were made for shutins and church staff.







Geri Roberts opened our May meeting and Lois Bradford followed with a very moving Mother's Day devotional. Our guest speaker was our own Rev. Becki Curry who led with a motivating and uplifting program on our improving our daily devotional practices.

In addition to the named events and activities, many of the Redwoods have participated in four (5) Bereavement Meals in 2025, numerous calls and cards to church community, plus a personal "Happy Birthday" song by Eleanor Warford.

Ladies, if you have not attended a Redwoods meeting, please consider joining us next month. Everyone is welcome! We meet on the second Monday of each month at 10:00 am.



Lunch Bunch, July 9th.

The decision is yours where you want to go, KingFish by the river in Louisville or Pucketts in Eminence..

Let Ms. Eleanor know by Monday, July 7th. A driver will be needed. Please let the church office know if you are willing to be the driver for the bus.

Ww will be leaving the church at 11:30.

Wednesday July 9th
Where will we go?
You decide.
KingFish or
Pucketts Family Restaurant

Assistance Program

Thanks to your continued support, Centenary's Assistance Program remains a vital resource for individuals and families in our community who are facing difficult times.

During the past month, we distributed 151 bags of food, providing meals to 340 people. Each bag represents a household in need, and your generosity helped ensure no one left empty-handed.

On the financial side, we received six applications for assistance. Of those, five were approved and received help totaling \$650.79. The one applicant who was not assisted was not eligible at the time of their request.

Your contributions—whether through prayers, volunteering, or giving—make a real and meaningful difference. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ in our community.



The assistance program is open to ALL Shelby County residents.



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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.





Thank you, Shelbyville Kroger and Kroger Customers for the huge donation!

We want to take a moment to share our deep appreciation for the incredible generosity of the Shelbyville Kroger E-Commerce Pick-Up Customers!

CENTENARY YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Dear Church Family,

Wow! God has truly blessed us this June! We celebrated Pentecost Sunday with joy, witnessing both baptisms and confirmations. A huge congratulations to Aaron Rainey on his baptism! We also extend our heartfelt congratulations to Aiden Nelson, Aaron Rainey, Isaac Cramer, Briana Nelson, and Clara Henderson on their confirmation. We are incredibly proud of these young individuals as they take this

significant step in their faith journey!





CYF wrapped up the school year with an epic water party! Aiden even won the "wettest person" contest, a testament to how much fun we had! Between the sponge relay and water balloon toss, most of us went home absolutely soaking. It was a blast! We also warmly welcomed our rising 6th-grade youth group members, Aspen Ethington and Michelle Rainey. We're so excited to have them join us!



This month, let's reflect on Psalm 126:2 (NIV): "Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them."

Though the school year has wrapped up, it feels like we're just getting started at CYF! The Lord has certainly done great things for us this year, and I know He will continue to bless our youth group. We extend our sincere thanks to Pastor Becki for her encouragement and assistance this year. We will miss having her around!

Check out the changes to our ongoing programs and upcoming events. For the most current information, add yourself to our youth group text thread!

Ongoing Programs

- Jr High Bible Study Sundays 11:30am Youth Building
- Sr High Bible Study-Sundays 11:30am Youth Building
- Youth Worship-First Wednesday Each Month- 5:30pm

Upcoming Events

7/9- Youth Worship 5:30pm
7/13-7/17- Youth Volunteer for VBS
July TBD- Youth Outing
August TBD – Youth Back to School Party

The Youth and Members of the Missions team getting things set up for the cleaning bucket assembly.









Treehouse of July? NEWSLETTER

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

7/6-Job

Don't give up.

7/13-Noah and the Ark

God cares for us in spite of trouble.

7/20-Gideon

God can use anyone who is willing.

7/27-Peter's Denial

You can find forgiveness and restoration with friends no matter how big your mistake.

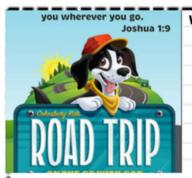


Memory Verse

The Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

Joshua 1:9

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.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CENTENARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

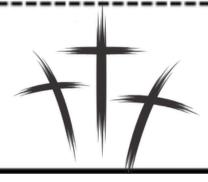
JULY 13-17TH

6 PM-8 PM

LEARN, GROW AND PLAY DINNER PROVIDED

PRE-REGISTER TODAY

ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT OUR
CHURCH OFFICE.







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