

SEPTEMBER 2022

CROSSTALK

Centenary United Methodist Church

Psalm 102: 25-27 (NRSVUE)

*Long ago you laid the foundation of the earth,
and the heavens are the work of your hands.*

They will perish, but you endure; they will all wear out like a garment.

*You change them like clothing, and they pass away,
but you are the same, and your years have no end.*

For most people, Labor Day marks the unofficial end of Summer. Pools normally close, kids and college students are back in school, and all of our attention is turned toward fall. We start buying pumpkin spice lattes, decorating for Halloween, and mums go on sale at Lowes. The problem is, fall doesn't start till September 22nd, almost October. So, what do we do with September? Is it the end of summer stretching on for an extra month, or the beginning of fall?

Summer ending and fall beginning is a time of transition and change. Promise of rest, vacation, and fun over the summer is coming to an end as a new season begins. But we also look ahead to a new year of school, a new season of work, a new season of life with grand kids, or simply a change in the weather, and life may not look the way we thought it would. Summer had hope and promise, but the world has continued to change. From the continued effects of COVID, to a war in Europe, to political and religious division, to devastating flooding in our state, we can feel ourselves wearing and changing, slowly, like a rock worn down by water pouring over it.

Which is why I think September provides a great opportunity to reset and refocus as we set new rhythms for the fall. We will start our September with an "End of Summer Pep Talk" as we focus ourselves on the Hope and Peace that is offered us in Christ. Yes, the world has changed and continues to change. But as the Psalmist says, "you are the same, and your years have no end".

As we look to the fall, we are invited to center ourselves, even in the changes, on a God who promises His presence with us, an abiding and hope-filled presence. You are invited to join us each Sunday, either online or in-person as we look with expectation and hope to a new season and new possibilities for our lives and our church.

Grace + peace,
Pastor Trent

Sunday Morning Services

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>



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 October 2022 Crosstalk will be
Wednesday, September 21, 2022





HAPPY
 Birthday

- 5th Labor Day Office closed
- 6th Volunteer Training for Health & Resource fair 6:30pm
- 7th Children's Wednesday Night programming 6:30pm
- Single Mom's Shining Class 6:30pm
- Bible Study 6:30pm
- Choir 7:45pm
- Zoom Book Study 8:00pm
- 8th Lunch Bunch leaving the church 10:45am
- Set up for Health & Resource fair 5:30pm
- 10th Health & Resource fair 10:00am-2:00pm
- 12th Redwoods 10:00am
- Ops Team meeting 6:30pm
- 14th Children's Wednesday Night programming 6:30pm
- Single Mom's Shining Class 6:30pm
- Bible Study 6:30pm
- Choir 7:45pm
- Zoom Book Study 8:00pm
- 24th Children's Wednesday Night programming 6:30pm
- Single Mom's Shining Class 6:30pm
- Bible Study 6:30pm
- Choir 7:45pm
- Zoom Book Study 8:00pm
- 28th Children's Wednesday Night programming 6:30pm
- Single Mom's Shining Class 6:30pm
- Bible Study 6:30pm
- Choir 7:45pm
- Zoom Book Study 8:00pm

- 21 Linda Sanford
- 2 Elizabeth Hisle
- 3 Lauren Fitch
- 5 Julia Price
- 6 Sarah Krauss-Robinson
- 7 Bill Hisle
- 10 Brandon Hobbs
- 14 Patty Ethington
- 15 Pam Hickman
- 17 Dan Hardesty
- Pam Abshire
- 18 Sierra Ethington
- London Reeder
- 20 Renee Clark
- 21 Carol Furrow
- 22 Edward Hayes
- James Stovall
- 24 Amanda Ethington
- Jacob Hisle
- 25 Suzanne Insko
- 26 Sean Dreher
- 29 Jason Whisman
- 30 Bill Fraizer (Sr)
- Meg Hughes
- Nanette McCarty



The September gathering of the Lunch Bunch will be a trip to Bedford, KY enjoying lunch and fellowship at the Little Town Country Cafe & Restaurant. Anyone wishing to go is welcome. Join us on Thursday, September 8th we will be leaving the church at 10:45am. Let Ms. Eleanor know if you are planning on going.

My Good Samaritan

By Mary Lou Smith Madigan

“Who Is My Neighbor” has been the sermon theme for several weeks. Who might I help, or maybe who might help me are thoughts that brought back a memory.

Years ago, before cell phones with GPS, my daughter and son-in-law had to take an overnight trip. They asked me to come babysit. Bill and I had made the trip from Shelbyville to Owensboro many times; and after he passed, I had made it several times alone. I always went the same way: I-64 to a couple of smaller state roads. Everything went like clockwork as usual, until I encountered a detour sign a few miles from Owensboro. I followed it, but the road was leading away from my destination.

Turning around, I headed back the way I had come. I pulled over and noticed the beginning of twilight. The plan was to arrive before dark. My hands were shaking. I was alone, except for Jed, my Chihuahua, in the back seat. I prayed for a solution.

Getting lost is one of my recurring fears. With almost no sense of direction, I depend on landmarks. A crazy thought came to me. What if I head back to the gas station about 20 miles away, speeding? Maybe a state trooper will see me and give me directions.

The speed limit on this road is 55 mph. I glanced back at Jed and muttered, “Hold on tight, boy!” I set out, the speedometer climbing to 70+ mph. The road usually has little traffic. After a few moments, I spotted a rotating blue light behind me. I pulled over.

An Indiana state trooper was striding toward me, looking grim. His expression changed to surprise when he saw my tears of relief.

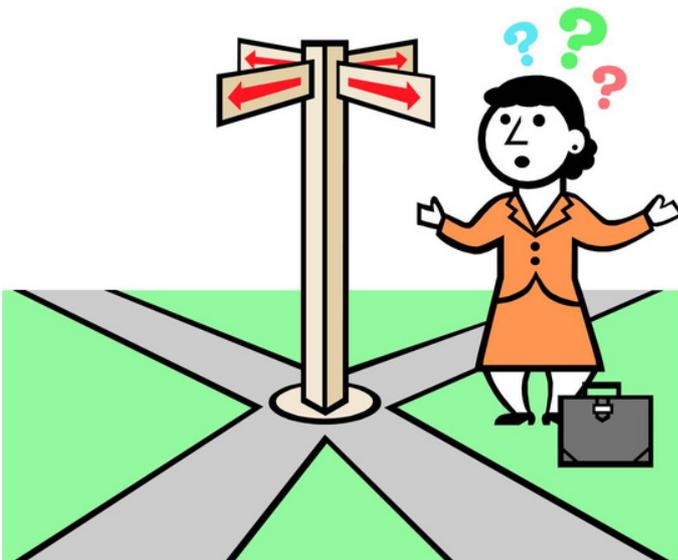
“Oh, thank you, officer. Thank you so much for stopping me. I’m trying to get to my daughter’s house in Owensboro to babysit, and there’s something wrong with the detour. I came back to this road and hoped if I went over the speed limit, a trooper would catch me.”

I stopped to wipe my eyes.

“Can you tell me how to get there? It will be dark soon, and they’re depending on me!”

Now his expression was one of compassion. Turns out the detour was misleading; he would see that it was corrected. Then he gave me instructions. They led to a vaguely familiar road, one that Bill and I had taken years before.

As I pulled into Lucy and Dale’s driveway, I gave thanks for that sympathetic trooper, my good Samaritan. I guess he had an unusual story to tell his family when he got home that night: about the woman who thanked him when he caught her speeding.



When we see someone
"lost" or new during service
we can welcome them offer
a friendly smile, or
directions to help them feel
at ease



Redwoods' members (l-r) Trisha Hobbs, Bonnie Burks Gray, Pauletta Stovall, Lynda Tharp, Annette Stephens, Jane Bailey, Lois Bradford, Rena George and Geri Roberts visited Northside Early Childhood Center in



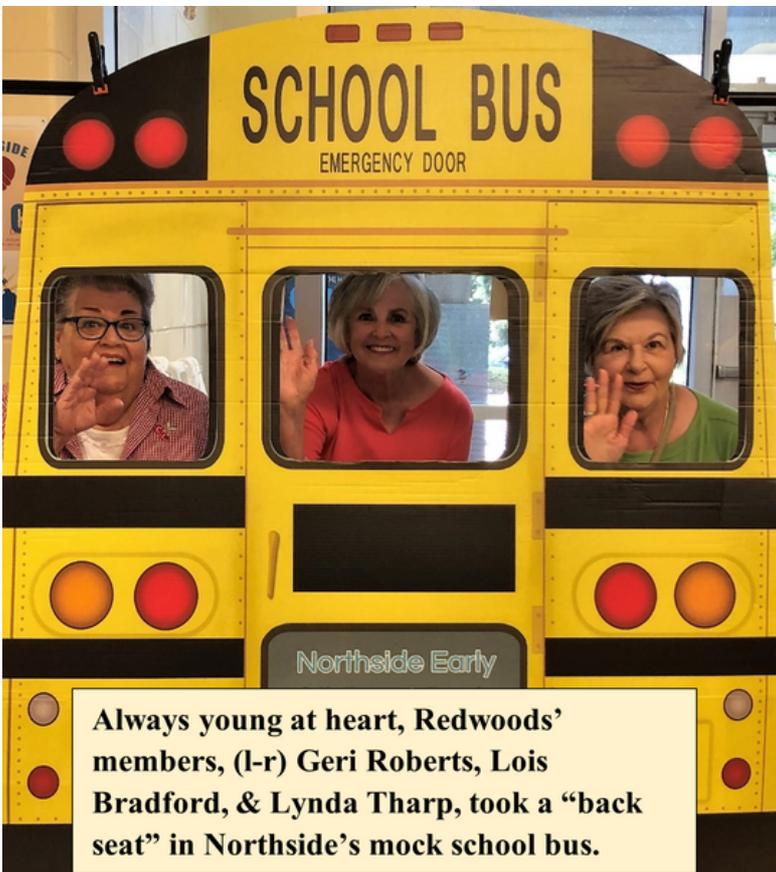
The Redwoods Went Back to School Carrying Backpacks, Shoes & Clothes

It was a sweet exchange in August. For toddler and little kids sized shoes, backpacks and clothes, members of Centenary's small group, The Redwoods, were each given a Honeybee pin. The Honeybee is the mascot for Northside Early Childhood Center's Preschool, whose moto is: **"Be Safe Be Kind Be Helpful."**

According to Northside's website: "In Kentucky, half of the state's children do not arrive at kindergarten ready to learn." The mission of the early childhood center is "To provide a safe, loving community that encourages children to be confident, independent problem solvers who have mastered Kindergarten Readiness Skills." Its services are based on a family's income eligibility and the child's developmental delays or disabilities from speech or language skills to motor, social or cognitive proficiencies. The center is fulfilling its purpose providing:

"Inspired Learning, Leading, and Living"

The Redwoods' donations will help meet students' needs. It was an opportunity to help children, parents and teachers that Redwoods enthusiastically embraced giving more than \$300 worth of items.



Always young at heart, Redwoods' members, (l-r) Geri Roberts, Lois Bradford, & Lynda Tharp, took a "back seat" in Northside's mock school bus.

Future ministries the group is planning include: ♥ A visit to and possible program for residents of Crescent Place. ♥ Assisting with Centenary's September Health Fair Ministry. ♥ Taking orders later this year for homemade Methodist Casseroles to help with future fundraising for Eastern Kentucky flood victims who are still struggling at year-end. ♥ Donating to Reading Reindeer in memory of Redwoods' founder Duanne Puckett.

Redwoods' next meeting is 10 AM, September 12th, Fellowship Hall. Email questions to Bonnie Burks Gray, bawg45@gmail.com.

Assistance Program

By Amanda Shirley

Centenary continues to reach out to our neighbors through the assistance program each month. The assistance program offers financial assistance to Shelby County residents for rent or utility assistance, and food assistance. In July Centenary received 11 applications for financial assistance, of those requests we were able to assist 9 of them. Total amount for financial assistance for July was \$1,254.10 impacting 29 individuals in our community. For food assistance Centenary handed out food to 107 households feeding 229 individuals. When people come in for food assistance, they normally leave with 3 bags of food and household items. We have some shelves set up in the library that people can choose items from. This allows them to pick items that they need and will use.

Centenary has various small groups that rotate building the basic food assistance bags that are handed out. Those bags are just the beginning of what is given out. Various dry goods are added to them before they are given out, plus each person gets meat and various other frozen or refrigerated items depending on what we get from Dare to Care on Wednesdays when Pegasus Packaging delivers our order. Then they get to pick up to a total of 5 items from the shelves in the library, 2 household or personal care items and 3 food items. We do our best to help everyone in the best way possible. If you have any questions about the program or how to help please contact the church office.



Rent or Utility Assistance

You will need:

- Valid Photo ID
- Proof of income- check stub or Award letter for SSI or Unemployment, food stamp letter, ect.
- Current copy of utility bill must be in a disconnect status
or
- Lease agreement with contact information for landlord. Please bring any current receipts for payments with current balance due.

Financial assistance is once a year.

Meaning 12month minimum since applicant last received assistance.

Food Assistance

Food assistance is available for bi-weekly pick up per household. Meaning it can be picked up every other week as needed. Just need ID showing Shelby County Residency.



NOTES FROM KAY



The Ministries Team has worked diligently to prepare for our first Health and Resource Fair. Our guests will have options for medical, dental, and vision screenings, vaccines, and a vast number of resources detailing services available in the community. THANK YOU to all who are planning and volunteering to make this event a meaningful ministry to our neighbors. Please be in prayer for all guests and volunteers.

Health and Resource Fair Saturday, September 10

10am-2pm

Volunteers arrive at 9am

It's not too late to volunteer!

Please attend the

Volunteer training

Tuesday, September 6

6:30pm in the sanctuary

ADULT CHOIR REHEARSALS RESUME

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31

7:45 PM

You are invited!

No auditions, no previous experience necessary,
and you will not be put on the spot.

Simply join us to sing praise with friends.

LET'S SING!

Single Mom Shining Fall 2022

CENTENARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

6:30 PM

Beginning August 31st
CHILDCARE PROVIDED

AN 8 WEEK WORKSHOP FOR SINGLE MOMS:
to help you find your new normal as we
explore

- **Building a tribe of Love and Support**
- **Freedom in for Forgiveness**
- **Personal Growth in many areas**
- **Healthy Dating Habits**

No cost to you!

Taught by Libby Nethery
Questions: 270-304-7423



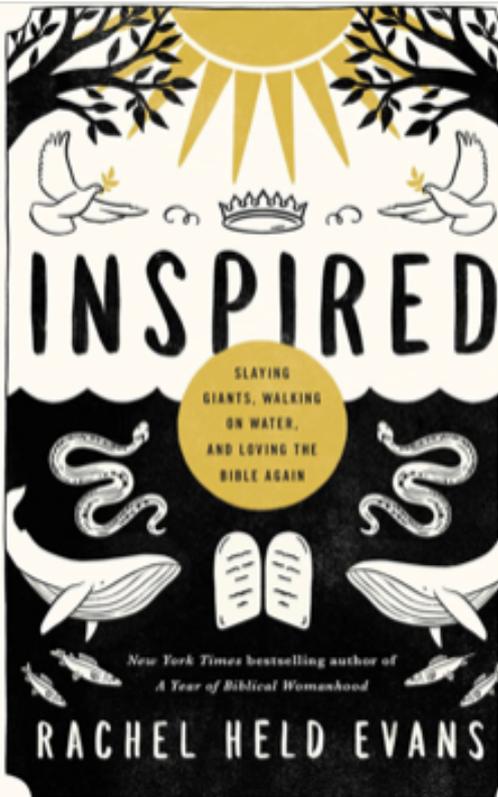
Wednesday
August
31st
at 6:30pm
in the Friendship
Classroom
In person or by Zoom

Journey to the Heart of God

A study of the Psalms of Ascent

a Six week Study

Led By Meg
Hughes



COLLEGE STUDENT & YOUNG ADULT
ZOOM BOOK STUDY

STUDYING INSPIRED BY RACHEL HELD EVANS

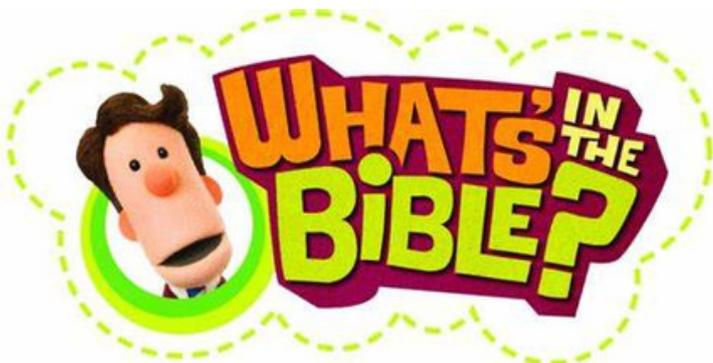
STARTING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST
31 @ 8 PM

RSVP TO PASTOR KATIE

Check the weekly email blast or contact the church office for the Zoom links.

Children's Ministry

On August 24th, our Children's Ministry had our annual Back to School Luau. This event kicks off our Wednesday Night Programming. We enjoyed food, games and fellowship! We are so excited to have our kids back and learning with us. More fun is yet to come.



Starting Wednesday August 31st, our Children's Program will be learning about What's in the Bible. The Bible Made Easy! Buck Denver and his friends take your children through the WHOLE Bible. We know the stories of Moses, Noah, David, and Jesus, but in this groundbreaking new series, we learn how they all fit together to tell one big, redemptive story. This is one journey through the Bible you won't want to miss! Please join us at 6:30pm on Wednesday Nights!

Barnabas Pal 2022-2023 is coming soon...

Another college school year has just kicked off. My least favorite thing about August is that our college students start disappearing. But one of my favorite parts of fall is sending our college kiddos off for a new school year with our prayers, our love, and our best wishes. So, I am happy to announce that it is once again time for our Barnabas Pal program to be kicked off for the new school year. This is an important ministry of Centenary U.M.C. in keeping our college students connected while they are away from home. Some of our students are returning to a familiar campus. Some of them are heading out for the first time or for a semester of co-op experience. They may not yet have a mentoring figure at college, and they need to know that we are still in their corner. All of them can use a little extra prayer support and encouragement right about now.

When we have a child brought to us (or come to us during Confirmation) for baptism, we pledge to help them grow in their faith. You can probably repeat this with me...

“With God’s help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that this child, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal”

There are many simple ways for each of us to be involved in the lives of the children and youth while they are growing up here at Centenary. We can teach Sunday School, we can serve a meal on Wednesday nights with programming starting back soon, we can hopefully soon share a table with them at fundraiser luncheons, we can once again sit in the pew with them and share our recently reappeared hymnal during worship, we can help chaperone a youth group trip, we can help with Vacation Bible School or the Back to School Bash, we can thank them for their participation after they sing or read scripture during worship, we can let them know we are praying for them when they need prayer, we can ask them how their week is going when we see them at church, and the list goes on and on.

Now it is time to love on our college kiddos some more.

But how do we stay involved once they have graduated from high school and head off to college? I have an easy list for that as well! We can keep in touch with them via texting, calling, sending e-Mail messages, via social media, and by sending letters. We can keep in touch with them, letting them know that we continue to keep them in our prayers. We can keep in touch with them, asking if they have something they specifically would like for us to pray for them about that week. We can keep in touch with them, checking to see how their classes are going and how they are adjusting to campus and living with their roommates. We can keep in touch with them, letting them know that we want to see them when they are in town from campus. We can keep in touch with them, letting them know what is happening at Centenary that they may want to come home to see or participate in occasionally. We can keep in touch with them, asking if they have found a church to attend near campus or a Bible study group to join. We can keep in touch with them, asking about mission trip opportunities they have participated in through a campus group. I can give you more examples if you need them.

I have sent out the informational forms to our college students and as I receive the forms back from them, I will need volunteers to step up as Barnabas Pal Sponsors. While I do not have all the forms back to have a final count of college kids needing to be paired with a sponsor, I believe we will have up to twenty students needing a sponsor. Please be in prayer about whether you wish to continue to be a sponsor, start to be a sponsor, or take a break from being a sponsor. Feel free to reach out to me early, but I will be starting to make calls or send e-Mail/text requests for sponsors by Labor Day.

Thank you for praying about this opportunity!

Trisha Hobbs

Cell 502-802-4146

e-Mail thobbs87@bellsouth.net

College-Age Ministry

If you are of college age and are not receiving text invites from me (Trisha)...send me a text with your name and I'll get you added to my contact distributions. This is a COLLEGE-AGE ministry...you do not need to be enrolled in classes to participate with us. My number is (502) 802-4146.



We want all of our college-age young adults to know they are still loved, they still have our support, and that they are still wanted to be present when they are in town (and every week if they happen to be one of several that are still local). I was very excited to be involved in launching Centenary U.M.C.'s College-Age Ministry in December 2019. We went caroling that month, then had a night of laser tag over the winter break, had three small-group dinners, went to a February Cyclones hockey game, and watched Jillian and Suzanne in concert at EKU...all before campuses shut-down and social distancing was mandated. After campuses reopened, I started plotting events...most of which involved ice cream but also included soccer and hiking. Now that our college kiddos started back to classes for the 2022-2023 school year in August...I'm back to plotting events again.

It is with great sadness that I must tell our college kiddos that our first Louisville back together activity will not be an outing to Dairy Kastle (they closed early this fall). Louisville students...Bellarmine and UofL...be watching for a text invite from me with the details for a meet-up at Graeter's in September (probably 9/16/22). Georgetown, Lexington, and Richmond students...be watching for a text invite from me with the details for a meet up at Graeter's later in September (probably 9/23/22).

I am working on quarterly activities to get our college-age kiddos together. Ideas so far are more day hikes, Bats or LouCity games, and a game night at GraceKids. The hockey night has always been a big hit even though the timing didn't work last year. I will be planning another trip there as it is the easiest outing for our UC students to attend ...but keep in mind that the hockey game (Cincinnati Cyclones) will require advance ticket purchase so watch for your text survey for date options. The date with the most votes will be the game we attend. Some activities may be dinners with Barnabas Pals sponsors near campuses. Other activities may be service projects near a campus or here in Shelbyville. Other activities may be simple fellowship outings for a chance to catch up with each other. You can have a say in what we do together, just send me your ideas. I'm still putting together dates, so...high school graduates from the class of 2017 forward, make sure you are on the look-out for text message invites from 502-802-4146 and join in on the fun! Save my number in your phone! If you are the parent of one of our college-age young adults and you haven't heard them mention any text invites...feel free to send me their information. I want to keep them all engaged as much as possible. Suggestions for a ministry name are also welcome...I was only creative enough to come up with College-Age Ministry and no one gave me other ideas last year.

Church family, I ask you to please be in prayer for us as we work to grow a greater outreach to our college-age young adults. I'm excited about this opportunity and believe that the response from the kiddos will continue to be positive.

In Christ,
Trisha Hobbs

Cleaning Bucket Brigade!

On Sunday morning, August 21st, we lived out our mission and vision.

Our Mission: Love God. Love People. Make Disciples.

Our Vision: To be changed by Christ to love and serve in the streets of Shelbyville and the world.

Since the flooding occurred in Eastern Kentucky, our church has been busy responding to various needs.

David Pratt, Larry Crouch, and Clyde Tharp (forgive me if I missed any helpers) spent a couple of days driving to gather prepared cleaning buckets from various storage sites in our district and then delivered 600 cleaning buckets to Pikeville on the morning of July 31st.

With the stored cleaning buckets delivered, it was time to collect material items and pack more cleaning buckets to have ready for the next disaster response. Our church financial response was wonderful...just look at the numbers reported in the worship bulletin each week. August 7th showed \$ 950 had been received that week. August 14th showed \$ 2,065 had been received that week. August 21st showed \$332 had been received that week. So, our merry trio of David Pratt, Larry Crouch, and Clyde Tharp (forgive me if I missed any helpers) spent a couple of days shopping for the necessary supplies and ordering other items in bulk to assure that we had materials to assemble 100 cleaning buckets.

A small group of about ten mission team members and recruits gathered together on Wednesday morning, August 17th and spent about an hour in fellowship and service to prepare the youth building for our congregation to assemble the cleaning buckets. Most items were taken out of their individual packaging and stacked on tables, scouring pads were rubber-banded together, kitchen gloves were paired up and folded together...all so that the bucket assembly would flow seamlessly. Their efforts made Sunday morning's work much easier, so thank you team (you know who you are).

Sunday morning arrived and there were many t-shirts on display in the morning worship service...many of the white Centenary shirts, several purple Impact Shelby shirts, several navy blue Ramp Ministry shirts, and many others too! Thank you for supporting t-shirt Sunday announced from the pulpit the previous week so that assembling the cleaning buckets was easier (and so our visiting District Superintendent Tina Patterson could wear a t-shirt and worship with us too).

Only twenty minutes passed from the time we unlocked the youth building until we finished sealing the lid on the one hundredth bucket. By my guesstimate, very few worshippers went home without stopping by the youth building to pack a cleaning bucket. We had new members helping alongside long-time members. We had young children, youth, young adults, and seniors helping side by side. It was a collaborative effort and a great time of fellowship.

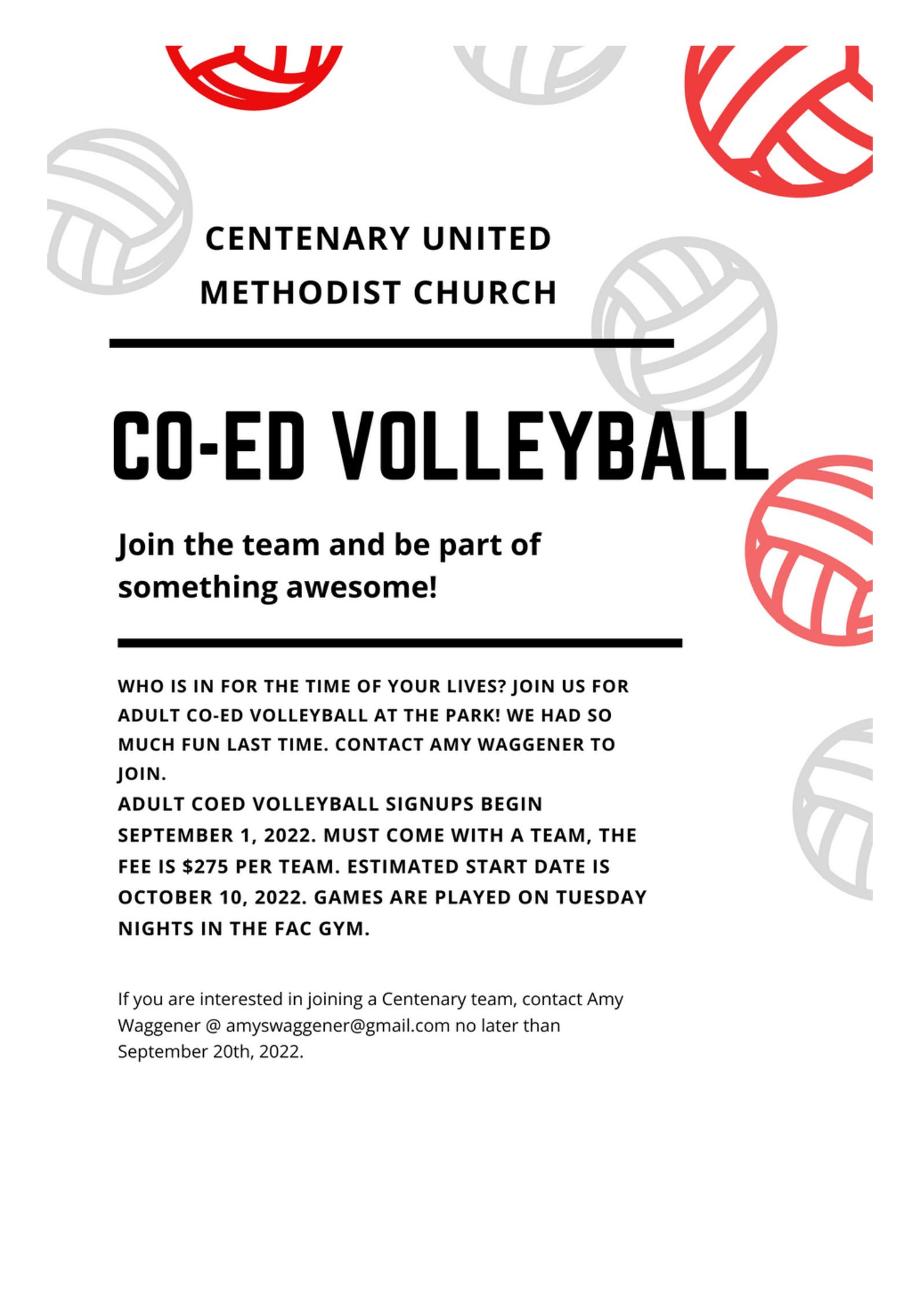
Clara Henderson, one of our newest CYF members, was one of the first to grab a bucket to fill...and she kept filling them until we were done. As they became full, the buckets could get a little heavy...and it was fun to watch the creative ways they travelled around the room from table to table...a kiddo left the bucket on the floor and filled it there, one friend carried a bucket and another filled it, what teamwork! Hopefully everyone had as much fun as I did!

Here are a few of my favorite pictures of our very own cleaning bucket brigade. It was nice to see so many smiles on these faces as we served together. Be sure to watch for our next service opportunity. There are two upcoming opportunities that I know need volunteers. The first one coming up soon is the Health Fair on September 10th. The second opportunity is to join the Centenary Team that is going on the Conference Mission Trip for Tornado Relief building homes in Western Kentucky October 2nd through October 7th. Don't the 100 cleaning buckets fill the front of the sanctuary nicely in the final picture!?!)

In Christ,
Trisha Hobbs

(Any errors and omissions are mine...not the fault of anyone else)





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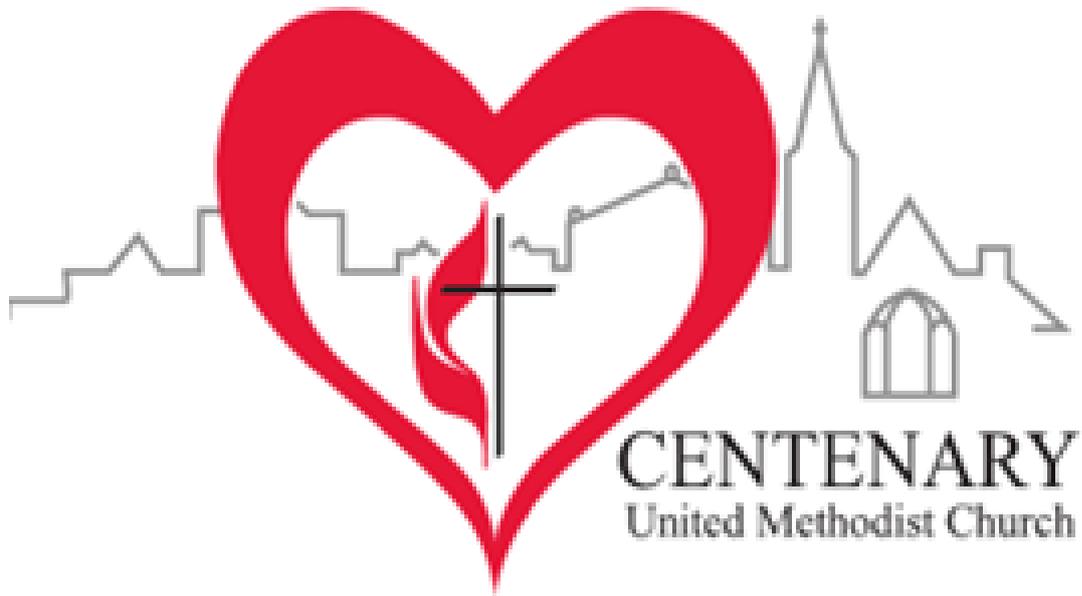
CO-ED VOLLEYBALL

**Join the team and be part of
something awesome!**

**WHO IS IN FOR THE TIME OF YOUR LIVES? JOIN US FOR
ADULT CO-ED VOLLEYBALL AT THE PARK! WE HAD SO
MUCH FUN LAST TIME. CONTACT AMY WAGGENER TO
JOIN.**

**ADULT COED VOLLEYBALL SIGNUPS BEGIN
SEPTEMBER 1, 2022. MUST COME WITH A TEAM, THE
FEE IS \$275 PER TEAM. ESTIMATED START DATE IS
OCTOBER 10, 2022. GAMES ARE PLAYED ON TUESDAY
NIGHTS IN THE FAC GYM.**

If you are interested in joining a Centenary team, contact Amy Waggener @ amyswaggener@gmail.com no later than September 20th, 2022.



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