



JUNE 2025

CROSSTALK

Centenary United Methodist Church

Dear Centenary,

In recent weeks, I have enjoyed reflecting on what God is doing at Centenary. We had such a beautiful Easter Sunday in a beautifully decorated sanctuary, but even more beautiful was seeing so many of you worshiping with your families and greeting so many visitors. Our thanks to Damaris and the choir who blessed us in song. And the children! What joy was in their faces as they rushed to collect eggs from our front lawn. And the family pictures that were taken were “icing on the cake.” He is risen! He is risen indeed!

And speaking of our front lawn, we need to celebrate another wonderful Dinner Church. We had 20 children and youth in addition to our members and guests. Thank you for being here. The interaction between our guests and our members was quite inspiring. We really did reflect the Glory of God. Join us June 4th for our next Dinner Church on the lawn.

Mother’s Day was another Sunday when we welcome former members, family members and visitors. There were smiles and hugs all around.

And now it’s time to look ahead.

June 8th is Pentecost and on this Sunday we will receive members from our Confirmation Class. Please pray for them and for the church as we, too, renew our vows to love and support them. May the Holy Spirit fall on them and us!

June 22nd will be my last Sunday, but more about that later.

June 29th will be a special Sunday as we... make a joyful noise into the Lord. See page 4.

July 6th Our Guest Preacher will be Reverend Scott Woodburn. I know many of you will want to be here to welcome him back into our midst.

July 13th we will welcome Reverend Patty Groot (rhymes with “wrote”) as our new pastor. More about that later, but please be in prayer for Pastor Patty as she prepares to lead Centenary forward.

God is at work at Centenary. Let us follow faithfully.
Blessings, Becki

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 @ *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.

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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Chair of Trustees: Jim Sharp
Chair of Finance: Jeff Gaither
Treasurer: Michael Watts
Children's Ministry Chair:
Amanda Ethington
Youth Ministry Chair: Jill Baker

DEADLINE

Deadline for the
July 2025 Crosstalk
is Wednesday, June 18, 2025



REDWOODS

Will meet in the
Fellowship Hall
at 10:00am on
Monday June 9th.

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

Lunch Bunch

Wednesday June 11th

Pucketts Family Restaurant
in Eminence

Meet at the church at
11:15am

if you want to carpool.



1 st	Confirmation Class following worship	
	CYF	5:30pm
4 th	Dinner Church	6:00pm
	Choir rehearsals	7:00pm
7 th	Safer Sanctuaries Training Online	12:30pm
8 th	Pentecost & Confirmation Sunday	10:30am
	CYF	5:30pm
8 th -11 th	KY Annual Conference	
9 th	Redwoods Meeting	10:00am
11 th	Lunch Bunch	11:30am
	Choir Rehearsal	6:15pm
15 th	Father's Day	
16 th	Ops Team Meeting	6:30pm
18 th	July Crosstalk Deadline	
	Choir Rehearsal	6:15pm
19 th	Juneteenth- Office closed	
22 nd	CYF	5:30pm
25 th	Choir Rehearsal	6:15pm
28 th	Safer Sanctuaries Training Online	12:30pm
29 th	5 th Sunday Offering for	
	UM Children's Home	
	CYF	5:30pm
30 th	Church Council	6:30pm

1	Lois Bradford
3	Allen George
	Dr. Kenny Gardner
7	Sam Clark
8	Aaron Hood
10	Briana Nelson
12	Kevin Spicer
	Sara Spicer
13	Elijah Spicer
14	Evan Waggener
15	Geri Roberts
16	Jeff Gaither
18	Linda Ethington
21	Graycee Pratt
22	Deborah Fitzgerald
23	Sammy Hood
24	Carol Saenger
26	Barb Hansen
27	David Pratt

JUNE 4TH DINNER CHURCH

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

Everyone is welcome!

Centenary United Methodist Church
429 Main St.
Shelbyville, KY, 40065

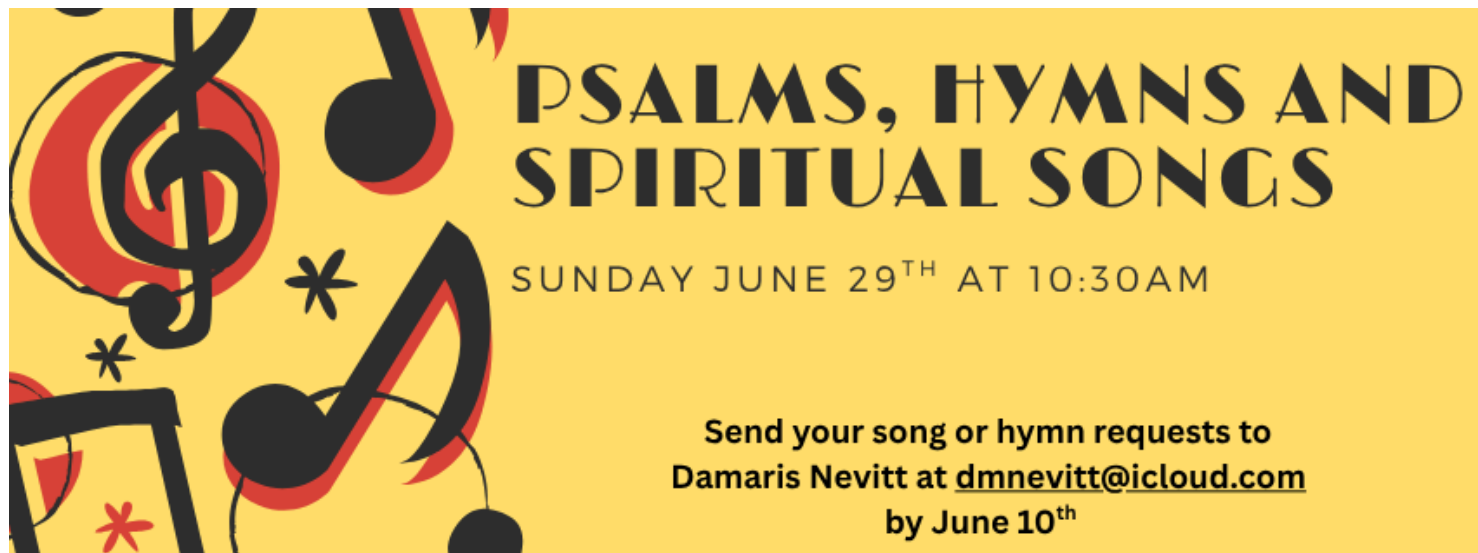
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Mountain Mission Pick-up

July 8, 2025

Donations can be dropped off starting
June 22nd in the **Youth building**.
Go in the door with the ramp and please
stack items neatly.





Mark your calendars for “Psalms, Hymn and Spiritual Songs”, to be held during the service on June 29th. It will be a time of songs, testimonies and worship. We will hear from the choir, your favorite soloists and of course you, singing your favorite hymns and songs. If you have a special hymn or song request, let Damaris know by emailing her at dmnevitt@icloud.com. We will try to include as many requests as we can. Please have these in by June 1st so that we can plan the service. Don’t miss it. Invite your friends and family as we share in this special service celebrating God through His gift of music!

[Missions Update: Local and Global Impact](#)

Thanks to your generosity, the Missions team has been able to support vital work in Shelbyville, Kentucky, and around the world.

We received over \$2,700 in our Easter offering for Little Lighthouse Central Kentucky, a beloved preschool for children with special needs. If you’d like to get involved, consider volunteering with them!

Our Mother’s Day “Have a Heart for Seniors” offering brought in more than \$350 to support residents at our United Methodist Retirement Homes in KY.

This spring, the ramp team completed two ramps in Shelbyville and is working on at least two more. One request is for a woman in Bullitt County who hasn’t left her home in four years, except for a hospital visit. We’re exploring a partnership with a local church to expand this outreach—and yes, we always need more help. If I can do it, anyone can!

At our May, we also approved funds for:

- Nathaniel Mission in Lexington, providing meals to those in need.
- UMCOR/Global Ministries, to help build a clinic in Burundi, East Africa.

Because of your continued support, Centenary is making a difference near and far. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ.

The Gift of Time

By Mary Lou Smith Madigan

Instead of sugar in my coffee, I use Truvia. Each packet has an upbeat saying. One of my favorites is, "There's only one today." I also like "Today is a good day for a good day," and "Have a grateful heart."

I seldom get out of the house except for a doctor's appointment. Seeing the flowering trees and bushes help me appreciate the renewal of life, a reminder of Christ's resurrection.

Time is the one thing we all have equally. How we spend it—witnessing to our faith, loving our neighbor or giving in to temptation, living with regret—will lead to an abundant life or one filled with sorrow.

My father came across an anonymous saying, supposedly from a newspaper: "Lost: two golden hours, each studded with 60 diamond minutes. No reward is offered because they are gone forever."

Each of us is wealthy with 24 hours one day at a time. We should spend them wisely and prayerfully as we remember, "There's only one today!"

Assistance Program

This past month, Centenary's Assistance Program continued its mission of serving our neighbors with care and compassion. We received 22 applications for financial assistance, and we were able to support 15 households with a total of \$1,500 in aid. The remaining seven applications were not approved—five applicants were not eligible at the time of their request, and two were unable to be assisted due to other circumstances.

In addition to financial support, we also saw a significant increase in food distribution. We handed out 177 bags of food, providing nourishment to 379 individuals across our community. Each bag represents one household, meaning 177 families were helped. This is a notable increase from our usual average of 140 bags, reflecting both a growing need and our program's expanding reach.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support this vital ministry—through donations, time, or prayer. Your generosity is helping us respond to real needs with real care.



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,

As our youth wrap up the school year, they are also completing confirmation class. Please continue to pray over these young people on their faith journey.

This past month, our discussions and lessons have centered on significant topics: salvation, the Holy Spirit, and life after death. While these are intense subjects, we focused on the good news that we are never alone and are saved through Jesus. One of the scriptures we studied together was John 5:24: "Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life."

New this Summer, we will begin a series of focused Bible studies. Our Junior High group is for rising 6th and 7th graders, and our Senior High group includes rising 8th graders and above. Each week will feature focused discussion and study tailored to each age group. Check the schedule below for meeting times and locations – we look forward to seeing you there!

In Christ's Love,
Tiffany

Ongoing Programs (Starting June 22nd)

- 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

6/1 – End of Year Youth Party 5:30pm
6/8 - Confirmation Service and Reception
6/15- Father's Day (No Youth Events)
6/18- Youth Outing TBD
7/2- Youth Worship 5:30pm
7/13-7/17- Youth Volunteer for VBS

Treehouse NEWSLETTER June

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

06/01- Pancake Party during continued worship

06/08-Esther

Be brave and ready to do good things.

06/15-John the Baptist

Live truthfully and point others to Jesus.

06/22-Paul and the Shipwreck

Focus on the goal

06/29-Job

Don't give up



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

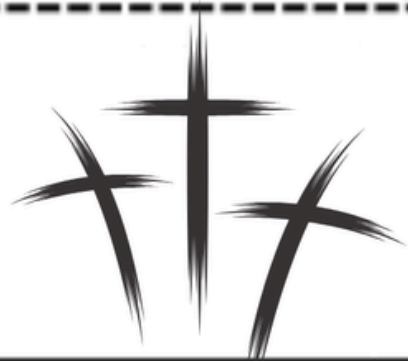
06/01-Pancake Party

07/13-17-VBS



Memory Verse

The Lord your God is
with you
wherever you go.
Joshua 1:9



SAVE THE DATE

Kindergarten-5th grade
for the 2025-2026 school year

The LORD your God is with
you wherever you go.
Joshua 1:9



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.
502-633-4510

June 2025

June will be the last month devoted to studying Old
Testament bible stories for this year.



Old Testament

June 1 The Ten Commandments
June 8 Joshua at Jericho
June 15 Father's Day
June 22 Naomi and Ruth
June 29 The Lord is My Shepherd

happy
**Father's
Day**