

FEBRUARY 2023

CROSSTALK

Centenary United Methodist Church

2 Corinthians 9:12-13 - *This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. (NRSVUE)*

This is the time of the year in the United Methodist Church when we talk about numbers. Maybe you're a numbers person or maybe you're not, but as a United Methodist Pastor, we have to be numbers people – at least we have to once a year. Every January we fill out what are called End of Year Reports for the Annual Conference for the previous year. We record information like: membership, baptisms, deaths, giving, demographics, etc. All things we would expect the Conference to want to know about.

We also list some things you may not expect. We list information related to our community impact and the ways that the church is reaching beyond our walls. Sometimes numbers are discouraging. This has especially been the case coming through COVID. But sometimes they are encouraging, and I want to share some things with y'all that show the impact Centenary continues to make in the life of our community and world.

- Through our food assistance, we impacted 3052 people in Shelby County by giving out 1430 bags of food.
- Through our financial assistance, we gave out \$26,951.58 and impacted 550 people through helping pay rent or utility bills.
- We built 10 ramps for people in our community and beyond.
- We hosted a health fair and impacted over 40 people through screenings and referrals.
- We assembled 100 cleaning buckets for disaster relief.
- Through our Easter offering of nearly \$6000 we supported both the people of Ukraine as they fled their war-torn country and helped with the continued recovery for those affected by tornadoes in our own state.
- Through our Christmas offering of \$3133 we supported both the Little Light House and A Place to Sleep.
- Through 5th Sunday offerings and other special giving throughout the year we donated \$30,000 to support United Methodist Ministries in our state and beyond.

These are just a few of the ways that Centenary continues to be a place of hope for our community. One of the questions church leaders will ask is, *"If your church disappeared, would anyone even notice?"* I'm proud to say that yes, this community would truly notice. The impact of your generosity and service are making a tangible difference in people's lives.

As we look to this upcoming year, I'm excited about the ways that we will continue to make an impact by living out our vision to: **Be changed by Christ to love and serve in the streets of Shelbyville and the world.**

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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Lay Leader: Meg Hughes

Chair of SPRC: Robin Chandler

Chair of Ops Team: Tracy Bertram

Chair of Trustees: Larry Crouch & Jim Sharp

Chair of Finance: Jeff Gaither

Children's Ministry Chair:

Amanda Ethington

Youth Ministry Chair: Nick Headley

**Notes from Ops Team & Church Council available upon request from the church office.*



Deadline for the March 2023 Crosstalk will be Wednesday, February 18, 2023



FEBRUARY

1st	Choir Rehearsal	6:00pm
3rd & 4th	Winter Blitz	
8th	Choir Rehearsal	6:00pm
	Children's Ministry	6:30pm
12th	CYF	6:30pm
13th	Redwoods	10:00am
	Ops Team	6:30pm
15th	Crosstalk Deadline	
	Choir Rehearsal	6:00pm
19th	CYF	6:30pm
20th	Church Council	6:30pm
22nd	Ash Wednesday Service	6:30pm
26th	CYF	6:30pm



- 6 James Ellis Lloyd
- 8 Diana Beaton
- 9 Bob Ethington
Jon Riggs
Lorrie Hawkins
Ashley Chacon
- 10 Raegan Stovall
- 11 Charlotte Bond
Jamie Jarboe
- 12 Patty Burks
Ashley Ethington
Ronnie Freels
Cheryl Gibbons
David Leo Greulich
- 13 Tracy Gayle
- 14 David Price
Michael Watts
- 15 Harold Hawkins
- 18 John Andrew Greulich Jr.
- 20 Paul Gayle
Nancy Angell
- 21 Caroline Husband
- 24 Leigh Burnett
Ronnie Vanarsdale
- 25 Donna Meador
Pauletta Stovall
- 26 Mark Knowles
- 28 Shirley Luttrell

Thank you 

To my Centenary family,
I want to thank you for the many cards, calls, visits, texts, and prayers during my surgery and recovery process. Your expressions of love and caring have touched my heart and have been so very uplifting. I am so happy to be back with my church family.

In loving praise,
Larry Crouch

Lunch
Bunch

This year we are planning on some different events. On March 9th, we will gather at Eleanor's home for a potluck luncheon at 11:00am. We will discuss where our luncheon/events will be for the year. For example, "April Showers which brings May flowers" will bring a Progressive Luncheon to start the monthly luncheon. Anyone in the church is welcome to come for these outings.

Thank You,
Ms. Eleanor

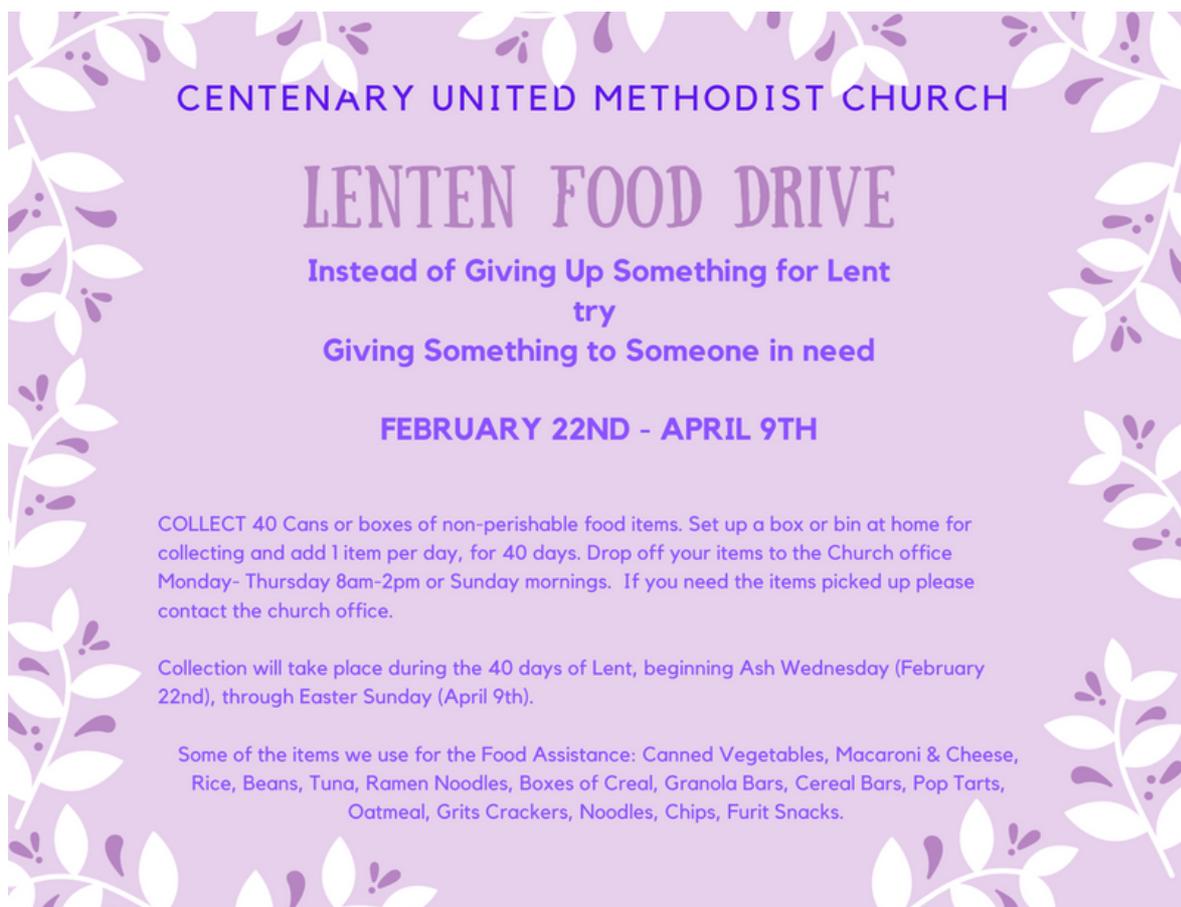
Assistance Program

By Amanda Shirley

Centenary had a busy year with requests for financial assistance and food assistance. Before we look at the end of year numbers, I'll cover what Centenary did in December. Centenary received 14 requests for financial assistance in December and we were able to assist each one. Total cost was \$2,015.73 impacting 31 individuals. For food assistance we handed out a total of 187 bags of food including the 60 Christmas meal bags, feeding 415 people. December was the highest month yet for food assistance.

For 2022 Centenary received 234 applications for financial assistance. We could not meet the needs of every applicant for various reasons. Centenary did spend \$26,951.58 on financial assistance impacting 550 individuals in our community. Compared to 2021 when Centenary received 143 applications and spend \$22,647.57 impacting 320 people.

Food assistance for 2023 Centenary handed out 1430 bags of food, including special meals, feeding 3052 people in our community. Dare to Care donated 28,606lbs of food estimated cost of \$44,339.1; and Centenary spend \$8,248.45. Compared to 2021 when we handed out 621 bags of food feeding 1255 people. That year Centenary spent \$7,544.90 on food and when we became a Dare to Care partner in Oct, they donated 3,602lbs of food worth \$5,583.10. Through the generosity of our congregation and partnerships with community partners we have made a difference in so many lives.



CENTENARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

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

FEBRUARY 22ND - APRIL 9TH

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-2pm or Sunday mornings. If you need the items picked up please contact the church office.

Collection will take place during the 40 days of Lent, beginning Ash Wednesday (February 22nd), through Easter Sunday (April 9th).

Some of the items we use for the Food Assistance: Canned Vegetables, Macaroni & Cheese, Rice, Beans, Tuna, Ramen Noodles, Boxes of Cereal, Granola Bars, Cereal Bars, Pop Tarts, Oatmeal, Grits Crackers, Noodles, Chips, Fruit Snacks.



NOTES FROM KAY



February finds us observing Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday in close proximity. While the celebration of love and the acknowledgement of our mortality and sinfulness might seem to be in opposition, they actually have commonality. As we contemplate our mortality and our need for God's grace, we are repentant before our God whose love for us is patient, kind, and unconditional. This explanation of Ash Wednesday is from "Ask the UMC," a ministry of United Methodist Communications:

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Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent, a time when many Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, moderation and spiritual discipline. Ash Wednesday emphasizes two themes: our sinfulness before God and our human mortality. The service focuses on both themes, helping us realize that both have been triumphed through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Ashes are an ancient symbol. Throughout scripture, ashes are part of rituals when people seek forgiveness and mourn their sin. Ashes are an "accessory" that demonstrates an awareness of mortality and an intent to repent. The actual awareness and the corporate and personal acts of repentance are the substance of services for the first day of Lent.

As the ashes are placed on the forehead, words such as these are spoken: "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return," recalling God's words to Adam in Genesis 3:19, or "Repent, and believe the gospel" recalling the message of both John the Baptist and Jesus (Mark 1:15).

Through the service of ashes on the first day of Lent, we come before God recognizing our humanity, repenting of our sin, and remembering who we are and who we can be.

Join us for our Ash Wednesday service February 22, remembering the words from James 4:8, "Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you."





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Children's Ministry



We are so glad to have children back in church. However, with the growing numbers on Sunday morning during Continued Worship, we are in need of volunteers to come help during our lessons. If you would like to help out in our area, please reach out. Also, we are looking for some new faces to be on our Children's Moment videos. If you or any child that can read and expresses interest in being in front of a camera, we would love to have you. If you have any questions, please reach out to Reesa Headley at reesa.headley@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING

Childrens Wednesday Night
Progammimg

Evey other Wednesdayat 6:30 pm
Starting January 11th

CHILI COOKOFF

A perfect day for some chili. We had a great turn out for the Chili Cookoff on January 22, 2023 during some snowy weather. There were 9 different chilis to eat from and all that came to vote did not leave hungry. However, one stood out the most and won the trophy. Congratulations to Whitie Gray! If you missed out on this event, don't worry, we will have one next year. And maybe the winner will be you.



Centenary United Methodist Church
Leadership 2023 (updated 01.18.2023)

Church Council

Meets quarterly

Chair	Heather Hood
Lay Leader	Meg Hughes
Lay Delegate to AC	Bill Tuttle
Lay Delegate to AC	Scott Cunningham
Atl. Lay Delegate to AC	Sydney Lawson, not member of Church Council
Pastor	Trent Lloyd
Recording Secretary	Trisha Hobbs
Treasurer	Michael Watts
Operations Team Chair	Tracy Bertram
Going Team Chair	Joy Freeman
Gathering Team Chair	<i>Open</i>

Age Level Team Representatives

Children	Amanda Ethington
Youth	Nick Headley
Youth Rep	<i>(Open)</i>

Administration Teams

Operations Team

Meets monthly on the 2nd Monday

Chair: Tracy Bertram

2023	2024	2025
Shelley Goodwin (Finance) Kate Raisor (Finance) Kim Aitken (Finance) Tony Husband (Trustee) Larry Crouch (Trustee) Abby Siemen (SPRC) Sara Henderson (SPRC) Bill Tuttle (SPRC)	Nancy Angell (Finance) Barb Hansen (SPRC) Jim Sharp (Trustees) Tracy Bertram (Chair Ops)	Pam Phillips (Trustees) Ronnie Vanarsdale (Trustees) Vance Burnett (Trustees) Meg Hughes (Lay Leader) Robin Chandler (SPRC) Jeff Gaither (Finance) Steve Meador (Finance) Heather Hood (Ch. Ch Council)

<p>Ex Officio: Lay Leader: Meg Hughes Lay Delegate to AC: Bill Tuttle Lay Delegate to AC: Scott Cunningham Ch. Church Council: Heather Hood Pastor: Trent Lloyd Associate Pastor: Katie Lloyd Treasurer: Michael Watts</p>

SPRC	Finance	Trustees
Robin Chandler (Chair) Sara Henderson Abby Siemen Bill Tuttle Barb Hansen	Jeff Gaither (Chair) Kimberly Aitken Shelley Goodwin Michael Watts Kate Raisor Nancy Angell Steve Meador	Jim Sharp (Co-chair) Larry Crouch (Co-chair) Tony Husband Pam Phillips Ronnie Vanarsdale Vance Burnett

Vision Team

Chair: Pastor Trent Lloyd

2023	2024	2025
Robin Chandler Kenny Gardner	Shelley Goodwin Bill Tuttle	Nick Headley Amy Waggener

Ex Officio: Lay Leader: Meg Hughes
Pastor: Trent Lloyd
Lay Delegate: Scott Cunningham

Nominations/Lay Leadership Committee

Chair: Trent Lloyd

2023	2024	2025
Karen Crouch Tracy Bertram	Trisha Hobbs Annie Gardner	Brandon Pratt

Endowment Committee

Chair: Karen Crouch

2023	2024	2025
Wayne Tummonds	Steve Henderson Karen Crouch	Tracy Bertram

Ex Officio: Treasurer, Michael Watts (non-voting)
Pastor, Trent Lloyd
Chair of Finance, Jeff Gaither
Trustees Rep, (needs selected)

Scholarship Committee – Emily Henderson, Chairperson

Nick Headley

Abby Burks Siemen

Tanya Reeder

Ministry Teams

Going Team: Ministries focused outside the church
Chairperson: Joy Freeman | **Staff Contact:** Kay Burney

Joy Freeman
Barb Hansen

Renee Clark
Amy Waggener

Gathering Team: Ministries focused on building up the church
Chairperson: *Open* | **Staff Contact:** Kay Burney

Jamie Jarboe
Margaret Tuttle

Annette Stevens
Terry Coots

Sydney Lawson
Redwoods Rep

Bereavement Meals: Louise Pratt & Barb Hansen

Missions Team

Larry Crouch, Chair – Kay Burney, Staff Contact

Lynda Tharp
Katharyn Tummonds
Dickie Phillips

Sydney Lawson
Wayne Tummonds
Pam Phillips

Karen Crouch
Larry Crouch
Louise Pratt

David Pratt – Ramp Ministry Coordinator, Disaster Relief Coordinator

Children's Ministry

Amanda Ethington, Chair – Reesa Headley, Staff Contact

Amy Waggener
Amanda Nalley

Heather Hood
Jeremy Nalley

Emily Henderson

Youth Adult Leadership Team

Nick Headley, Chair – Katie Lloyd, Staff Contact

Brandon Pratt

Kimberly Aitken

Sean Reeder



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