

NOVEMBER 2025

# CROSSTALK

## Centenary United Methodist Church

It doesn't take long to see that the world feels unsettled. The headlines remind us daily of conflict, division, and loss. Fear seems to hang in the air; fear of the future, fear for our safety, fear that things may never be the same again. And yet, in the middle of it all, God's people are still called to give thanks.

Thankfulness is not pretending everything is fine. It's remembering that even when the world trembles, God does not. Gratitude reorients our hearts from what's wrong around us to what's right within God's care. The psalmist writes, "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His steadfast love endures forever" (Psalm 107:1). That's not a suggestion for when life is easy, it's a declaration of faith for when life is hard.

When we practice gratitude, we begin to see the fingerprints of God in ordinary places: the kindness of a friend, the laughter of a child, the beauty of fall leaves, the warmth of a church family that prays for one another. Gratitude doesn't erase fear, but it does shrink it. It reminds us that God's faithfulness outlasts every storm.

So as we move toward Thanksgiving, let's be a people who choose to give thanks not because everything is perfect, but because God is present. Let's praise Him for the ways He is working through our church, through acts of service, through moments of worship, and through the quiet assurance that we belong to Him.

Even in a world full of fear and upheaval, we have every reason to say, "Thanks be to God."

Rev. Patty Groot



## Sunday Morning Services

Coffee and Doughnuts in the Fellowship Hall

9:00am

Sunday School for all ages 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 at 502-633-4510  
with any questions or if you would like to be added  
to the email list.

**DEADLINE**

Deadline for the  
December 2025 Crosstalk  
is Wednesday, November 12,  
2025

## Service Opportunities

- 11/5 Dinner Church
- 11/8 Assist with Celebration of  
Lights:  
S'mores Station  
Opening the Sanctuary and  
welcoming the performers.  
Performing with the Choir



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

## STAFF

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# NOVEMBER

# HAPPY Birthday!

2<sup>nd</sup> All Saints Sunday  
4<sup>th</sup> Mission Team Meeting 5:30pm  
SPRC Meeting 6:30pm  
5<sup>th</sup> CYF Worship 5:30pm  
Dinner Church 6:00pm  
Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm  
8<sup>th</sup> Celebration of Lights 2:30pm-6:30pm  
10<sup>th</sup> Redwoods 10:00am  
Ops Team 6:30pm  
11<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day- Office Closed  
12<sup>th</sup> December Crosstalk Deadline  
Lunch Bunch 11:30am  
Choir 6:15pm  
16<sup>th</sup> Celebration Service  
17<sup>th</sup> Church Council 6:30pm  
19<sup>th</sup> Choir 6:15pm  
27<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Day  
30<sup>th</sup> Hanging of the Greens  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent- Build your own  
Advent Wreath activity after worship

2 Kim Brown  
6 Judy Knowles  
7 Betty Ann Bowles  
13 Tracy Bertram  
14 Al Brown  
15 Brandon Pratt  
19 Sean Reeder  
24 Rebecca Abbot  
27 Mary Lou Madigan  
Clyde Tharp  
29 Heather Hood  
Cruz Isa

**NOVEMBER 5TH**  
**DINNER CHURCH**  
**Free Community Meal + Worship**  
**Join us at our dinner table**  
**in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00pm**

**Everyone is welcome!**

**Centenary United Methodist Church**  
**429 Main St.**  
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# Free S'mores Station

## AT THE

### CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS

### SATURDAY NOVEMBER 8TH

### 3PM-6PM

Hosted by: Centenary United Methodist Church  
429 Main St  
On the corner of 5<sup>th</sup> and Main



**PLEASE SUPPORT THE REDWOODS AS WE  
REMEMBER OUR DEAR FRIEND DUANNE  
PUCKETT.**



We are taking monetary donations in her memory to the Shelby County Public Library for their Bug's Books program

If you would like to donate, please have your donation turned into the church office no later than Sunday November 30<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure you notate that it is for "Bug's Books". The Redwoods will take the donation to the library on Monday December 8<sup>th</sup>.

## Help Us Provide 200 Christmas Meals!

### How It Works:

- Kroger is collecting sides for the meals.
- Centenary will purchase 200 small hams and turkeys to complete each bag.
- Together, we can serve 200 families for around \$2,000 total—a huge increase of those served from past years!

### How You Can Help:

- Your financial gift will help many families with a holiday meal.
- Please mark your donation: "Assistance Program Holiday Meals"



# Assistance Program Update

As the seasons begin to change and the air turns crisp, our Centenary Assistance Program continues to be a steady presence for families in need throughout our community. September was another month of faithful service and meaningful impact, made possible through your generosity, prayers, and support.

During the month of September, we assisted 158 households, providing food for 347 individuals. Each number represents a real person or family—a reminder of the importance of this ministry. Compared to this time last year, we are 74 households and 242 people ahead in the number of neighbors we've been able to serve. The need continues to grow, and thanks to your support, our response continues to grow with it.

While food assistance remains the heart of our program, we also provide limited financial help for rent, utilities, and other urgent needs when possible. September was lighter than usual in this area. We received 13 requests for financial assistance, but only two were able to be helped. The remaining requests either did not meet eligibility requirements or were unable to provide the necessary paperwork. We continue to do our best to guide each family through the process while remaining faithful stewards of the resources entrusted to us.

We're excited to share that Centenary has been awarded a \$10,000 grant from the 100 Women Who Care organization in Shelby County! While we have not yet received the funds, we are prayerfully discerning how best to use them to help those most in need. We are deeply grateful for this generous support and remain committed to using every dollar responsibly to make a meaningful difference.

Looking ahead, we anticipate an influx of families seeking help in November as EBT benefits may remain on hold until the government reopens and federal SNAP funds are released. Many area organizations have had to reevaluate or limit their programs, so we expect to see more requests for Thanksgiving assistance than usual. How Centenary will answer this call is still being finalized, but we are confident that, together, we will find a faithful way forward.

Plans are also underway for our annual Christmas meal outreach. This year, we're partnering with Kroger to provide 200 meal bags for local families! Kroger has been collecting the side items since September, and Centenary will purchase 200 small Private Selection hams and turkeys to complete each bag. In past years, we were able to provide 50 meal bags—including a \$25 gift card—for around \$1,300. Thanks to this new partnership and community effort, we'll be able to serve 200 families for about \$2,000 total!

If you would like to help with our Thanksgiving or Christmas outreach, please include a note on your check or envelope marked "Assistance Program Holiday Meals." Every gift—no matter the size—helps bring nourishment, hope, and dignity to a neighbor in need.

We remain deeply grateful for our volunteers, donors, and community partners—including Farmers Feeding Families, Dare to Care, and Kroger—whose ongoing support makes this ministry possible. Together, we are truly living out Christ's call to "feed my sheep" and to love our neighbors in both word and action.



# CENTENARY YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Dear Church Family,

We've had a busy month of service and fellowship! Our youth played a key role in the recent Jeep Invasion outreach, serving our community with enthusiasm and energy. It was a great opportunity for us to put our faith into action. We also continue to gather for Dinner Church, enjoying a casual evening of shared food and worship that strengthens the bonds of our church family.

We're building a strong faith foundation in our weekly Sunday morning Bible Study. We delved into three areas: exploring how we can be The Wise Investor by stewarding our time and talents for eternal value, examining the depth of The Lord's Prayer, and discussing the crucial need for grounding our faith in God alone. This essential foundation helps us remain strong and centered, regardless of life's circumstances.

God is actively working in our CYF program! To get event details and reminders, please reach out to me to be added to the Youth Text thread.

In Christ's Love,  
Tiffany





# Treehouse NEWSLETTER

November

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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.

11/2-Nehemiah

Do the job God gave you

11/9-Elisha and the Syrians

Show mercy and kindness to your enemies

11/16-Lazarus

Wait on the Lord

11/23-King Solomon

Ask God to give you wisdom  
and guidance

11/30-Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

speak to God through prayer



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

Nov 8th-S'more Event

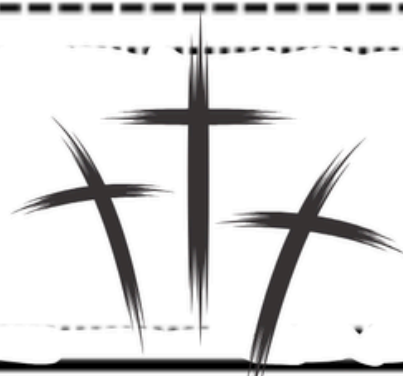


December 21-Christmas Party



## Memory Verse

GIVE THANKS TO THE  
LORD FOR HE IS  
GOOD.  
PSALMS 107:1



# November



- Nov 2 - Beatitudes
- Nov 9 - God Finds Us
- Nov 16 - Pray to God
- Nov 23 - Thanksgiving
- Nov 30 - Bible Babies

Happy Thanksgiving!



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