



Crosstalk

April 2022

A common refrain, said in jest, in our house is “what is time anyways?!” With two young children, who’ve spent most of their lives in this pandemic, and aren’t the biggest fans of sleeping, we have lost track of time. Did that event happen a month ago or three months ago? Was that in 2021 or 2019? To which we respond, “what is time?”

It feels like we’ve been in a global pandemic for 12 years, but I was just reminded that it has been two years since the world changed in this way. Back then, many of us, myself included, thought we’d shut down for two weeks and then pop right back up into our normal patterns of life. Instead, our country has lost 944, 830 persons to Covid-19. We’ve seen divisions in families, churches, and communities around responses to the pandemic. People are still grieving the loss of loved ones, loss of trust, and the division between friends and family.

And all the while a “return to normal” is held before us as the end goal. Let’s get this behind us and get back to, like it never happened, as quickly as possible. But as people of faith, especially in the season of Lent, that’s not how we are invited to experience time and grief. The writer of Ecclesiastes wrote:

To everything *there is* a season,
A time for every purpose under heaven:

A time to be born,
And a time to die;
A time to plant,
And a time to pluck *what is* planted;
A time to kill,
And a time to heal;

A time to break down,
And a time to build up;
A time to weep,
And a time to laugh;
A time to mourn,
And a time to dance;

We are invited to not skip over the time to weep and mourn. One might suggest we’ve already had time to do that, but honestly it is hard to mourn when we are all in survival mode. We often have to be in a time and place where we can breathe out to process all that we’ve been through.

So this Lent, I invite us not to rush the time of weeping and mourning if that’s where we are. We can mourn for the huge tragedies of life around us and the loss of life from this pandemic. We also may need time to mourn the milestones missed, the grandchildren’s’ birthday parties celebrated via Zoom, missed time with family, graduations, etc. As Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber expressed, “It’s also now a pandemic of human disappointment. Cancelled trips, art openings, sporting events, book tours, concerts. Things folks have been planning for, working toward, and excited about - that’s a lot of grieving on top of sickness.”

So as we continue in Lent and head toward Easter, may we take the time to weep and mourn with a God who draws near to the weary and the brokenhearted. May we not rush ourselves toward laughing and dancing just because the world celebrates a “new normal” as our ultimate end goal. May we spend time in prayer to reflect on the unimaginable number of lives lost and pray for their families and friends. May we pause to consider the people, especially those with children under 5 and those who love someone with health concerns and disabilities who often feel left behind in the rush to “normal.”

For everything there is a time, and Lent provides space for it all. May we slow down, and rest at the feet of Jesus, and allow ourselves to prayerfully feel it all, in the presence of a God who is beyond time.

Sunday Morning Services

8:48am- Contemporary
10:00am- Sunday School
11:00am- Traditional

Virtual Information

Facebook Live at
<https://www.facebook.com/centenaryshelbyville>

&
YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFQ7gRUEwCTavSK9UvqiMaQ>



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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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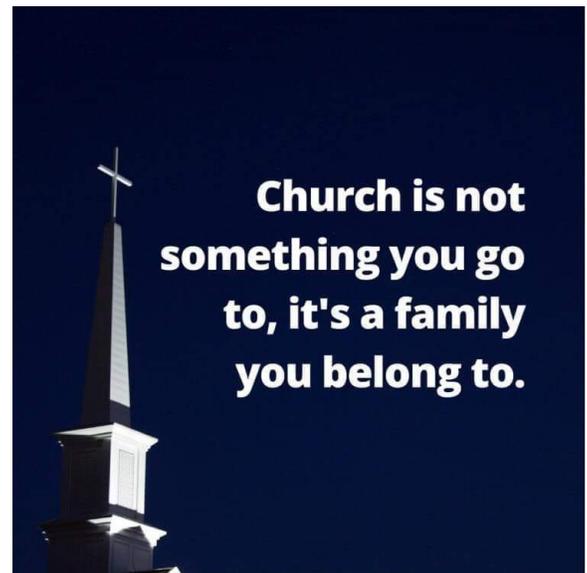
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Deadline for the May 2022 Crosstalk will be
Wednesday, April 20, 2022





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| 4 th -8 th Spring Break for SCPS | |
| 6 th Ephesians Zoom Bible study | 12:00pm |
| Choir Rehearsal | 7:35pm |
| 10 th Palm Sunday | |
| CYF | 6:30pm |
| 11 th Redwoods | 10:00am |
| Ops Team Meeting | 6:30pm |
| 13 th Ephesians Zoom Bible study | 12:00pm |
| Children's Programming | 6:30pm |
| Choir Rehearsal | 7:35pm |
| 14 th Maundy Thursday Services | 12:00pm & 6:30pm |
| 15 th Good Friday Service | 6:30pm |
| 17 th Easter Sunday | |
| Easter Egg Hunt | 12:00pm |
| 20 th Deadline for May Crosstalk | |
| Ephesians Zoom Bible study | 12:00pm |
| Children's Programming | 6:30pm |
| Choir Rehearsal | 7:35pm |
| 24 th CYF | 6:30pm |
| 27 th Ephesians Zoom Bible study | 12:00pm |
| Children's Programming | 6:30pm |
| Choir Rehearsal | 7:35pm |

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- 5 Doug Cassin
- 8 Katherine Cleveland
Megan Viniard
- 9 Danny Goodwin
Alexis Smith
- 13 Barbara Erway
- 18 Chuck Cicchella
- 19 Stephanie Crouch
Thomas Gaither
William(Whitie)Gray
Stephen Meador
- 21 Barbara Scott
- 30 Ronald Worley

The Children's Area is collecting empty wipe canisters they can be any type of empty cylindrical wipe canister. They will be used for a project for VBS. We are needing 80 canisters. Please see Reesa Headley for more information.

The Children's Area is currently collecting candy donations for our Easter Egg Hunt on April 17th. Please drop off any donations at the church office or children's area.

Assistance Program

By Amanda Shirley

April marks the 2-year anniversary of food assistance being added to the assistance program. We are making a difference in our community one bag of food at a time. Each month we have a small group assemble the food bags to be handed out. If you or your small group would like to help with this, please contact the church office. I try to schedule the groups two months out.

Over the past couple of months, we have all seen an increase in the prices of everything. Gas prices have shot up, electric bills regardless of your provider have increased and food costs have continued to rise. Along with those numbers we have seen an increase of people needing help with food. Centenary has seen an increase of 84% from our numbers at the end of February last year to the numbers at end of February this year. There is 20+ people/families needing help with food and household items each week. This is a trend that other providers are experiencing as well. In February Centenary handed out 83 bags of food feeding 200 people in our community and March looks like it will be even busier. Each bag provides several meals, but at a minimum 200 meals were provided through this ministry in one month! Dare to Care donated 2,788lbs of food for us to distribute. The value of the donated food is estimated at \$4,154.65. Centenary purchased \$322.50 worth of food and Farmers Feeding Families donated another 100 lbs of ground beef.

The financial side of the assistance program has seen an increase in requests as well from last years numbers. In February, Centenary received 13 applications for assistance. Of those requested we were able to fulfill the request of 10 of those applications, helping 24 individuals. Total cost of the assistance for February was \$1,793.59. Centenary will continue to assist people in our community until funds run out. Fortunately thanks to the generosity of our congregation and community we have not ran out of funds for financial assistance if a few years. Even though the assistance program has grown and changed in many ways since I first started at Centenary, it is one of my favorite parts of my job. I have always been the happiest in my work when I am helping people. This was true even before working for the church. I do try to assist the people that come in, in the best possible way. People are referred to other programs for financial counseling, jobs hiring or the career center and sometimes other places for financial assistance. Shelby county doesn't have a lot of places that offer financial assistance so sometimes people have used all the resources in our county, and they just must figure things out for themselves. The programs are here to help people, not enabling abuse of the system.

Assistance days are Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am-1pm.

For financial assistance applicants need to bring:

- Photo ID
- Proof of Income
- Lease or current disconnect notice for electric, water or gas
- Financial Assistance is available once in a 12-month time frame. Meaning if you get assistance in January 2022, you would not eligible again until February 2023.
- Referrals to other agencies and programs are available

For Food assistance applicants just need an ID

Assistance is available to all Shelby County residents!



NOTES FROM KAY



April is one of my favorite months in Kentucky! The dogwoods, redbuds, and spring flowers burst into blossom. The days are warmer and longer, neighbors stop to visit on our street while out for walks, and baseball is back! More importantly, we also get to observe Holy Week in April, remembering Jesus' journey from Palm Sunday to the cross and ultimate resurrection. I pray that this year we will each take time to reflect deeply the meaning of these amazing events.

Some of us were raised in faith traditions that did not observe Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, or Good Friday. We only celebrated Easter. However, I have learned over the years the richness of the resurrection experience is far greater when time is taken to remember the path Jesus took during the week preceding that glorious morning. The graphic on the following page is a good overview of the significance of the days of Holy Week.

Below are some suggested passages for each day of Holy Week for personal reflection:

- **Palm Sunday:** Read and pray through Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. ([Mark 11:1-11](#))
- **Monday:** Begin reading the account of Jesus' final week in John. Today, read and pray through Jesus' anointing at Bethany, when Mary pours perfume on his head. ([John 12:1-11](#))
- **Tuesday:** Read and pray through Jesus' prediction of his death. ([John 12:20-36](#))
- **Wednesday:** Read and pray through Jesus' prediction of his betrayal. ([John 13:21-30](#))
- **Thursday:** Read and pray through the Last Supper ([John 13:1-17, 31-35](#)) and Jesus' prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane. ([Matthew 26:36-45](#))
- **Friday:** Read and pray through Jesus' arrest and crucifixion. ([John 18:28-19:37](#))
- **Saturday:** Read and pray through the burial of Jesus. ([Matthew 27:57-66](#))
- **Sunday:** Read and pray through the resurrection of Jesus. ([John 20:1-18](#))

You are encouraged to participate in worship services on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. Perhaps we can all make it a priority to turn our thoughts and hearts to an intentional observance of the meaning of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection throughout Holy Week. I pray that we will be drawn closer to Christ and one another as we worship together.

The Sunday following Easter, April 24, we will enjoy a church-wide fellowship on the lawn immediately following the 11:00 worship service! Come and be a part of a church family party! Our Ministries Team is planning a fun time, so watch for more details!

May the peace of Christ be with you.

Guide to Holy Week



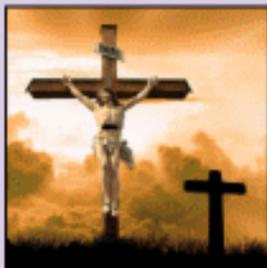
Palm Sunday

Sunday before Easter. Celebration of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Observed with palm branches, parades, and celebration.



Maundy Thursday

Thursday before Easter. Commemorates the Last Supper. Often observed with foot washing, stripping of the altar, and overnight prayer vigil to keep watch with Jesus in the garden.



Good Friday

Friday before Easter. Most solemn day of the church year. Observes the day Jesus was crucified. Observed by praying the Stations of the Cross and three hours of silent prayer while Jesus was on the cross.



Holy Saturday

Saturday before Easter. Observes the day Jesus was in the tomb. This is a day of somber reflection, reflecting on what we'd miss in a world without Jesus.



Easter Sunday

Hallelujah! Christ has risen! This day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Sing hallelujahs and celebrate with great joy.



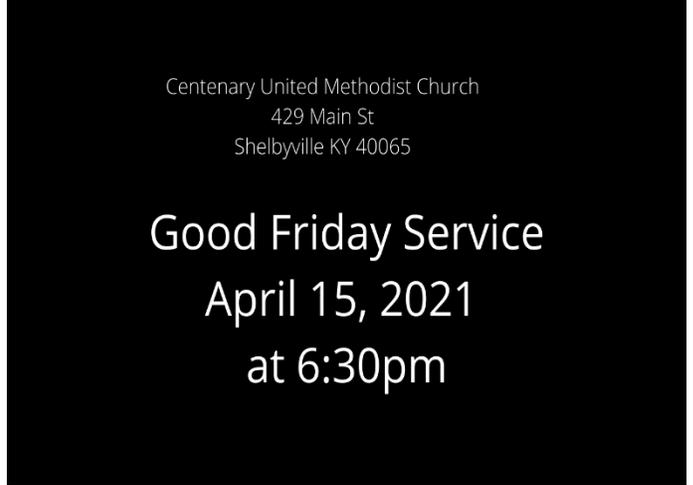
Maundy Thursday
services
April 14
12:00pm
&
6:30 pm

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Good Friday Service
April 15, 2021
at 6:30pm

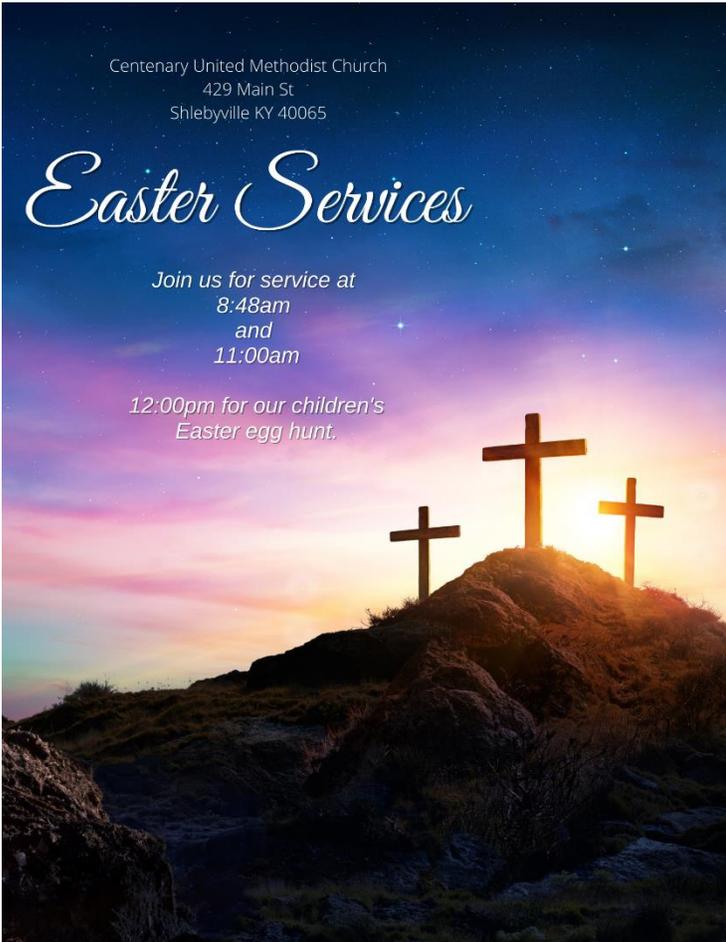


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Easter Services

Join us for service at
8:48am
and
11:00am

12:00pm for our children's
Easter egg hunt.



The Wire Cross

The Wire Cross is a tradition at Centenary UMC. Families bring flowers on Easter Sunday to decorate and use for a Family photo opportunity. The cross will be placed outside of the Sanctuary doors Easter Morning.



Mad Hatters & Redwoods' March Madness

Centenary's small group, The Redwoods, enjoyed some fun while serving, working and worshipping during their March meeting. In honor of National Women's History Month & International Women's Day the group dedicated the devotional to sharing members' favorite biblical female heroes. Priscilla, Miriam, Ruth, Naomi, and Esther were just some of the inspiring women of the Bible that were honored.



Following the devotional members skipped a formal business meeting to break into two groups to do service projects. These included, organizing and spring cleaning in Fellowship Hall and the second floor History Corner. CUMC's history cabinet was straightened, fellowship hall cabinets organized, and tables decorated for lent and Easter.

Members brought Northside Early Childhood Center the much-needed sizes 4T to 7T underwear that had been requested by the facility's Family Resource Center Coordinator, Maria Andrea Thomas, pictured below. Over \$300 in new clothing was donated by the group and delivered to the center the following morning. Following the meeting the members broke bread together at a local restaurant sharing stories and the love of

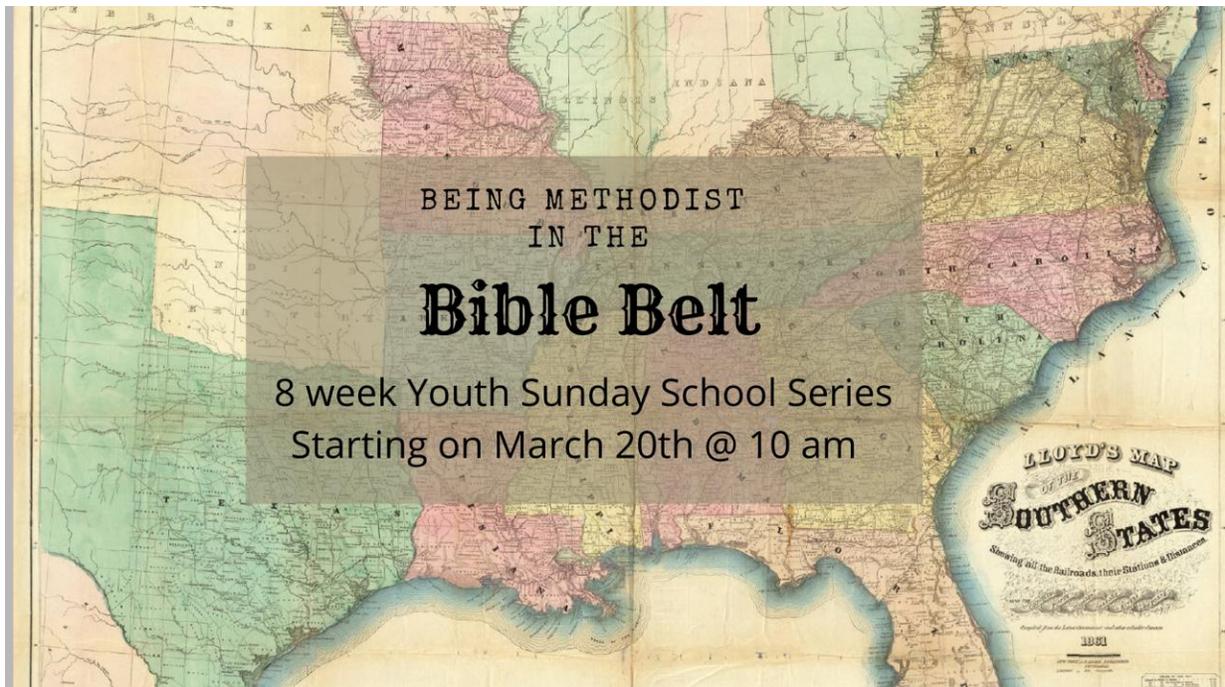
sisters in Christ.



Future projects still in planning are a possible trip to Redbird Mission, members reading to Northside and other schools' students, serving local nursing or assisted living facilities, fund raisers for future ministries and more. You are invited to join and serve with the Redwoods. Next meeting, 10 AM, Monday, April 11th, Fellowship Hall. To learn more contact one of the ladies pictured on this page.

Top two photos: Barb Hansen donned a fuzzy hat discovered while Redwoods did some spring cleaning. Taking a break after doing some organizing, are left to right Pauletta Stovall (hidden by her blue mask and one of the table center pieces created by Charlotte Pridmore,) Brenda Snawder, Barb Hansen, Geri Roberts and Jane Bailey. Not shown are Diana Beaton, Eleanor Shrader, Rena George and Bonnie Burks Gray.

Youth Climb Null



Children's Ministry



Our Wednesday Night Programming, To Mars and Beyond, has ended. However, our kids are starting a new series. Maker Fun Factory! *Where do we come from? And why? With Maker Fun Factory, our kids will tap into their creativity as inventors in a fascinating, hands-on workshop where they'll discover they we're lovingly created by God for a unique purpose.* Maker Fun Factory's Bible point drives home that each one of us was "Created by God!!" All week, students are introduced to animal friends who help them understand the Bible point. God created each one of us with unique talents, abilities, and features – and we were made for a purpose. If your kids missed out on our previous Wednesday Night, don't let them miss this series! If you

have any questions, please reach out to Reesa Headley reesa.headley@gmail.com.

The Children's Team has decided to try something new this year. Since our numbers are down in our Sunday School class due to the pandemic, we have decided to add a continued worship to the 11 o'clock worship service. The Kids will be invited down after the Children's Moment video and will either be instructed into the large Treehouse class area or the Children's Chapel which is located past the nursery. Because this is a new change and we want to make sure that our children our safe, we are asking for any volunteers to be floaters once a month or every other month. This ensures that we are following the safe sanctuary guidelines and providing an opportunity for our children to learn and grow together. We will still meet at 10 o'clock for Sunday School for our kids. We hope that all our kids get the opportunity to join us at one or both times! If you would like to volunteer to be a floater, please contact Reesa Headley or our church office.



Ramp Ministry

by David Pratt



This past month we received a call from a member of another church in our community. The information was that they had a member with a 12-year-old son having an operation that day. This was scheduled as an outpatient surgery, but he will be in a wheelchair for 4 to 6 weeks. His mother was going to need a way to get him in and out of the house so he could continue to attend school during this healing process. They didn't know where to turn and asked if we could help.

This was late Thursday afternoon. On Friday, the temporary on the left was placed for use over the weekend until a more suitable ramp could be put in place. On Tuesday afternoon, a team of four men met and provided one of our aluminum ramps for use by this family during their son's healing process.

When I spoke to the mother, she said her pastor asked if there was anything they could do. She mentioned that if they had a wheelchair ramp laying around, they sure could use it. She was very thankful to us for this ramp. She loved this community for the way the people help each other.

As spring is here, we currently have three inquires for ramps. The applications and assessments are in process and more information will be provided when build dates are scheduled.

Thanks be to God for this ministry and thank you for our support of this ministry. Volunteers are always welcome to join us in this ministry, no special skills required. Just contact the church office or me.



Need for new space for CUMC

After 8 years in our current storage location, CUMC Ministries are in need of a new home. The property has been sold and we must be out by 5/14. We are seeking a space of about 1500 square feet or more to house our ramp and firewood ministries and storage for church items. If any of our church family has a building that will accommodate our needs, please contact the church office or Larry Crouch at 502-321-1724 for details.

We also have several items to sell. This includes a rototiller, lawn mower, gas grill, heater and more.

A special thanks to the Ethington family for their support the past 8 years.

Thank you

Thank you to all of you, our church family, for all the calls, cards and prayers that have been sent our way. Jim and I are holding on strong to our faith in our Lord and know that prayer has a very valid part in the healing process. He was told they couldn't cure the cancer, but they could prolong his life long enough that he would die of something else. So, please keep up the prayers and positive vibes.

Love, Jim and Terry Coots

