



NOVEMBER 2022

# CROSSTALK

## Centenary United Methodist Church

I'm not sure when I started this practice, but I've done it for as long as I can remember — I do not write on the front page of a new notebook or journal — not even the back of that front page. The whole front page is always blank. At some point along the way I decided that when I opened my journal or notebook I didn't want to see messy handwriting or maybe work I wasn't proud of or a less than artistic drawing. I would rather there be nothing there, then it to be something I was less than proud of.

This is probably from some sort of perfectionism, but for me it also comes from my desire to use special or new things only for special occasions. The front page was special, what I was going to write was not special enough to merit that space.

This sounds a little odd, but I can't be the only one (ok, I guess I could) who saves new shirts or outfits to wear until the right 'special occasion' comes along. After it's been worn the first time it's ok, but that first time needs to be special. Or saving the good silverware or dishes or the nice towels just for guests and other people. I have found this to mean they don't get used.

Because the truth of the matter is, there may always be a more special occasion. We can always wait for a better day, more important guests, when we really feel good about ourselves to wear that one shirt... And the list goes on and we end up missing out on gratitude. Gratitude for the object, the people who gave it or who are involved, and gratitude for the day.

Because the thing is, life is a special occasion. We are told **"This is the day that the Lord has made."** And our response is "We will rejoice and be glad in it." Or some say, "Let us rejoice and be glad in it." We are invited to live in gratitude, to rejoice in the day, but we won't be dragged into it kicking and screaming.

What if we woke up with that reminder? What if we remembered that to be alive is a gift, and instead of always being on the look out for the best days, the important occasions, the special people, we create better days through our gratitude and joy.

Up until some point in college I wore pigtails on days I expected to be really great and also days I thought might be bad but where I was hoping for the best. My freshman roommate suggested that pigtails were not helping that fact that I looked like I was 12 and told me to wear a favorite outfit instead.

But you get the idea, maybe we wear that new shirt for a date night we're looking forward to, or also that random Tuesday when we're looking for joy in a hard week. Maybe we eat on the nice dishes after a long week when our family is the best company we could ask for. Maybe we live into gratitude on the slow days and the hard days because we choose to rejoice in the day God has made, even if circumstances don't make the joy come naturally.

Comparison is the thief of joy, and it doesn't have to be comparison with others for this to be true. Sometimes we need to not compare our special days with our normal days, or our old job with our current one, or how we feel today with how we feel yesterday. Maybe today, we live in gratitude for the special occasion that it is — today. Even if only for the reason that it is a day that the Lord has made, and we are invited to rejoice in it. That sounds like a pretty good invitation to me...

- Pastor Katie

## *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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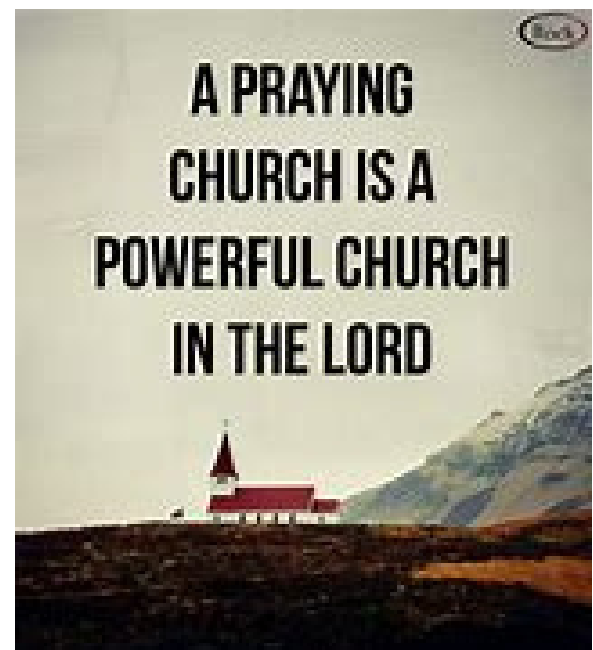
Amanda Ethington

Youth Ministry Chair - Nick Headley

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



Deadline for the December 2022 Crosstalk will be  
Wednesday, November 16, 2022





12nd	Choir	6:00pm
	Children's Wednesday Night programing	6:30pm
	Bible Study 6:30pm	
6th	All Saints Sunday	
	CYF	6:30pm
9th	Mountain Mission Pick-up	
	Choir	6:00pm
	Children's Wednesday Night programing	6:30pm
13th	CYF Outing- Ice Skating	
14th	Redwoods	10:00am
	Ops Team	6:30pm
15th	Lunch Bunch	5:00pm
16th	Crosstalk Deadline	
	Choir	6:00pm
	Children's Wednesday Night programing	6:30pm
20th	Friendsgiving following worship	
	CYF	6:30pm
24th	Thanksgiving	
27th	First Sunday of Advent	
30th	Choir	6:00pm
	Children's Wednesday Night programing	6:30pm

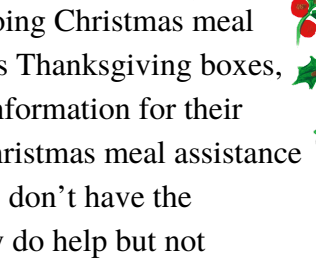
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	Beverly Worley
7	Kim Aitken
	Betty Ann Bowles
	Christy Coleman
10	Todd Freeman
11	Doug Butler
13	Tracy Bertram
	James Insko Jr.
14	Al Brown
15	Brandon Pratt
19	Sean Reeder
20	Callie Aitken
21	Alex Henderson
22	Carla Gerding
24	Natalie Hickman
27	Mary Lou Madigan
	Clyde Tharp
29	Lori Greulich
	Heather Hood
	Cruz Isa
	Kimberly Reese
30	Gabe Dreher



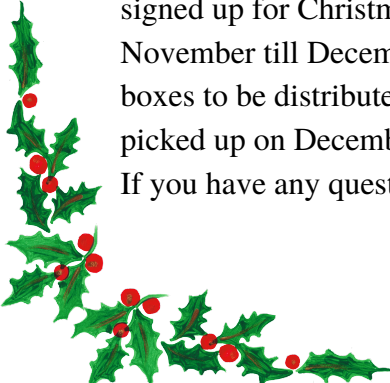
The Lunch Bunch will  
gather at Claudia  
Sanders on November  
15th at 5:00pm.  
Everyone is invited to  
join.



# Help our neighbors have a Merry Christmas



This year Centenary will not be doing Thanksgiving meal boxes; we will be doing Christmas meal boxes instead. Reason behind this the Salvation Army Shelby County unit does Thanksgiving boxes, and they will be doing them again this year. Currently still waiting on all the information for their distribution to share with everyone. Last year I noticed people asking about Christmas meal assistance on social media. The Salvation Army is doing Angel tree at that time, and they don't have the availability to do Christmas meal assistance. A few churches in the community do help but not heavily advertised. So, this year we have been reaching out to those that are already coming to Centenary for food assistance to help them have a Christmas meal. Currently there are 41 households signed up for Christmas meal assistance. Below you will see a list of items we will be collecting in November till December 11th. On December 18th the collected items will be assembled into bags or boxes to be distributed on Tuesday December 20th to those that have signed up. Any Meals not picked up on December 20th will be distributed on December 22nd on a first come first served basis. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.



## Christmas Food Drive

Help Centenary UMC  
Provide a Christmas  
meal for Families in  
our community.

**Donations needed**  
**no later than December 11th.**

needed items:

- Canned Vegetables
- Stuffing
- Canned Cranberry Sauce
- Boxes of Potatoes
- Boxed desserts

**Monetary donations are  
needed to get main dish.**

**Donations can be dropped off  
outside of 206 or at the top of  
the ramp to the fellowship hall.**



# Assistance Program

By Joy Freeman

Hello, my name is Joy Freeman. I have had the pleasure of working with Amanda on the assistance program for the last year. I wanted to write this month article to brag on her and this amazing ministry. Amanda has worked tirelessly to grow this program into serving our community and in just the year I have worked with her the ministry has doubled. For those who don't know what an average community member receives once a week, here is what goes into an average bag:

- Two cans of vegetable
- A box of cereal
- package of pasta/ramen noodles
- Potted meat/tuna/canned pasta/soup
- box of macaroni and cheese
- sleeve of crackers/ tortillas

In addition to the premade bags, the community member is allowed to shop for a couple of items from the office as well perishables and frozen meats from Dare to Care. These items could be milk, juice, cheese, deli meat, frozen meals and meats.

This month we handed out over 1,000 bags of food which have fed over 2,000 households in Shelby County!

The utility and rental assistance it's not just giving household financial assistance once a year. Amanda fields many calls every day with questions about the program. Total amount given this month is \$ 1,968.78

The next time you see Amanda please thank her for all her hard work.



## 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.

## 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.**



## NOTES FROM KAY



The Ministries Team invites you to FRIENDSGIVING, a potluck celebration of gratitude and fellowship. Bring a dish according to the list below, and bring plenty to share! This is a wonderful opportunity to invite guests as we break bread with old friends and new friends





## **Treats!**

### **No Tricks From Redwoods**

**October's mission project** for Centenary's small group, the Redwoods, was focused on residents of Colonial Hall Manor. Redwoods' members made an assembly line to fill 49 trick-or-treat bags (for 31 men & 18 women) with requested toiletries and a few pieces of candy. Armed with body wash, toothpaste, deodorant and lots more the 13 members of Redwoods loaded (his and her) trick-or-treat bags with the requested items as they talked about other opportunities to serve and bless others in the community.

**November plans** to cook and sell Methodist Casseroles to raise money to help an Eastern KY family striving to recover from the flood have been canceled. Members will make personal donations, seek churchwide support of the ministry and consider other fundraising projects. If you would like to donate to help an Eastern KY family recovering from the flood, please make a check to CUMC and indicate on the check "Redwoods Eastern KY Fundraiser".



Photos taken during the October meeting of Centenary small group, the Redwoods. The 13 members were please to have Diana Beaton's granddaughter, Abby Adams, join them. Photos by Trisha Hobbs

**Another November ministry** the Redwoods is adopting is to help residents of Veteran's Village on Bradshaw. Redwoods' will contribute items to the village's silent auction scheduled for November 12th. They especially hope to find sports memorabilia that local fans can bid on. If you would like to contribute, please email Bonnie at, [bawg@bawg.biz](mailto:bawg@bawg.biz) for more information. The Redwoods' November 14th meeting will be in the Veteran's Village community center. Members will meet in Centenary's parking lot at 10 AM to carpool or take the van to Bradshaw Street where parking options are limited.

**The October devotional**, given by Barbara Scott, was pulled from her archives and may have been originally presented by Redwoods' founder Duanne Puckett. Redwoods will honor its founder with a donation to Bug's Books, another initiative created by Duanne originally named Reading Reindeer. Redwoods' meeting on December 12th will be held in the Shelby County Public Library and include a tour of the newly renovated facility followed by the group's Christmas luncheon. Location to be announced.

# 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 need volunteers to come help during our lessons. If you would like to help 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](mailto:reesa.headley@gmail.com).

## HAPPY HALLOWEEN!



Halloween is fast approaching. Finally, out of the worst of the pandemic, this year we decided to bring back Trunk or Treat! On October 23rd we put on a wonderful community event. With beautiful weather, decorated vehicles, games for the kids and even donkeys! This event is a huge hit. Lots of families made their way through our church parking lot. This event allows us as a church to interact with our Shelbyville community. We are so blessed to have the support of the church and Shelbyville during a time where we are all trying to get back to normal. We hope you were able to make it out this year, whether to bring the kids or decorate a trunk and pass out candy, we hope you had fun.



**A HUGE THANK YOU TO THOSE  
THAT DONATED CANDY AND OR  
CAME OUT TO MAKE THIS EVENT  
A SUCCESS!**





CENTENARY YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

# Schedule of Fun

A quick overview of field trips & events

**NOV. 13TH  
ICE SKATING**

**DEC. 18TH @ 6 - 7:30 PM  
CYF CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**JAN. 13TH-14TH  
WINTER RETREAT**

**FEB. 3-4TH  
WINTER BLITZ**

For more information or to RSVP, email Pastor Katie  
at [revkatielloyd@gmail.com](mailto:revkatielloyd@gmail.com)





# COME OUT AND SUPPORT OUR TEAMS!

## CENTENARY UMC VOLLEYBALL TEAMS

### Centenary Team #1

Trisha Hobbs  
Tracey Mahoney  
Jessica Mahoney  
Justin Mahoney  
Trent Lloyd  
Nick Headley  
Sara Henderson  
Alex Henderson  
Asher Myatt  
Sterling Myatt  
Stone Smith



### Centenary Team #2

Amy Waggener  
Tiffany Tingle  
Anna Marie McNutt  
Lynn Grober  
Leah Hall  
Kira Hall  
Alex Coffey  
Garyson Cary  
Judah Hall  
Savannah Robinson  
Sierra Seaton

1. Spike Girls Plus Adam
2. Centenary United Methodist #1
3. Rock & Block
4. Centenary United Methodist #2
5. The Eye of the Striker

10/25

6pm 4 vs 1  
7pm 5 vs 1  
8pm 2 vs 3

11/1

6pm 5 vs 3  
7pm 4 vs 2  
8pm 2 vs 1

11/8

6pm 2 vs 5  
7pm 3 vs 4  
8pm 1 vs 4

11/15

6pm 4 vs 2  
7pm 5 vs 1  
8pm 5 vs 3

11/22

6pm 1 vs 2  
7pm 5 vs 4  
8pm 4 vs 3

11/29

6pm 1 vs 3  
7pm 2 vs 5

DOUBLE ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT TO FOLLOW

## Volleyball Season has begun...

Once again this year we have sponsored teams in the parks league this fall. Games began on Tuesday, October 18th. Once again...outreach, fellowship, fun, sportsmanship, and NO INJURIES are the goals.

Centenary Team #2 (4 on the schedule) is captained by Amy Waggener and is our outreach team, with the other ten team members all being from outside the church membership and only Tiffany returning from the previous season. They played the first match and are shown in the first three pictures below.

Centenary Team #1 (2 on the schedule) is captained by me (Trisha Hobbs) and is a blend of church members and friends/family. Pastor Trent, Nick Headley, and Sara and Alex Henderson are also on this team. Returning from the previous season are Asher and Sterling Myatt. Other newcomers to the team are Stone Smith as well as my sister, niece, and nephew.

With rosters of eleven, we should have subs available each match. The first night had a variety of cheerleaders in the stands. If you aren't busy on Tuesday nights, there is more room in the bleachers so come on out to watch and cheer!

Trisha Hobbs





## Western Kentucky Conference Mission Trip

I know that several of you reading this article will have already seen the pictures that I texted to Amanda to post on the church Facebook page while our team was in Madisonville and Dawson Springs. I'm only including a couple of pictures because I sent her a variety and most of my favorites. I do want to share a brief report from the trip though, so you know what happened during the week, how much your prayers were appreciated by the team, and how we need to continue to pray for and help the people there. Pastor Trent is allowing me to share more with you as part of a Ministry Moment in a November worship service as we approach our Stewardship Sunday so you will hear more soon.

Just over two dozen of us arrived at First United Methodist Church on Sunday afternoon/evening, Sunday, October 2nd. Over the course of the week, we had closer to three dozen different volunteers working with us. This would be our home and base of operations for the week. First U.M.C. in Madisonville has been hosting volunteer groups almost from the beginning of the clean-up and recovery efforts.

Gary Baker led the trip as the Conference Volunteers in Mission (VIM) team coordinator. Each morning following breakfast, we had a brief group meeting to assure teams had the tools needed and addresses for their work sites. One devotional shared by Wade Arp of the Pennyryle District was about his experience from the night of the tornados and the morning after. He shared about the urgency in trying to contact family members afterward to find out if they were safe. He shared about the process of cleaning up and of now being able to begin rebuilding. And he shared thanks from the people of his district for our group being there to help with the rebuilding. Several of the people who talked to our group stressed that if the homeowners wanted to share their stories, we should allow them to do so, even if it slowed down work on the project. Sharing their stories and talking about their experiences during and since the tornadoes allows the people to process and work through their emotions and is a large piece of their healing.

Also during our meetings we would share "God Sightings" or "Yay God" experiences from our day. There were many...and if you get a chance you will want to ask David Pratt the one he shared about the experience of the homeowner for our Thursday project. I didn't hear the story directly from the homeowner as I was crawling around under the house while she was talking with our team. Part of the story was about losing her husband and had two lights coming into the room and the other part of her story was about her son (or maybe son-in-law) driving during/through the tornados to get to her house.

For the week, my parents (Bill and Pat Short) were part of our Centenary team consisting of David Pratt, Bill Tuttle, and myself. When projects were assigned on Sunday evening, our team was also joined by Doug Skaggs who had come from his church as a lone representative of Memorial U.M.C. of Elizabethtown. He had recently retired from where he worked at Fort Knox and his wife thought he would enjoy the mission trip. He was an excellent addition to our team and we want to recruit him for any ramps near that part of our building territory.



Back row, left to right...Bill Short, Bishop Leonard Fairley, Doug Skaggs, Trisha Hobbs, Gary Baker, Bill Tuttle  
At the table, left to right...Pat Short, Dawn Sparks Fairley, Tina Patterson (our D.S.), and David Pratt

At our first house on Monday, we were to fix a bi-fold door in the laundry/side entry area, remove a vent fan to make room for a new one with the new stove being delivered by others, fix another closet door, and hang some shelving. The list didn't seem like much work to us...but what a difference it made to the homeowners. These were punch list items needed to complete work on their new home. They had been displaced when their house was destroyed last December, and they were moved into this house before everything was fixed and in working condition. Not only did we complete those tasks, we added a couple of other items to our list...we also replaced a broken light fixture on the front porch, we hung the second light fixture from the box at the side door, and we helped the team from Praying Pelican Mission navigate bringing in the refrigerator. Being too big for the kitchen space, we also helped them to take it back out and onto the truck. The case worker (Melinda) had stopped by during this time and David was able to give her good measurements so that an appropriately sized refrigerator could be ordered and she hoped to have it delivered on Wednesday. It was at this house that God answered your prayers for safety for the team. My dad cut his wrist on a metal bracket at the back of the stove. After an ambulance ride and visit at the ER, my dad had six stitches, a wrist brace, and the doctor's permission to continue working with the team as able. Thank you for being such faithful prayer warriors.

Our other houses on Monday were much less eventful. At the second house, we needed to climb onto a roof to replace a chimney cap. We were unable to replace the chimney cap that day as the cap the homeowner had for us was the wrong size and shape. Also, whatever the tornado had blown through to knock off the original chimney cap had also damaged the concrete to where work was needed to rebuild the top so it would hold a new cap. Gary was able to get measurements and pictures of the needed concrete work so that Joe Workman would be able to get the appropriate materials and skilled labor back to the site later. At the third house, we simply needed to cover the attic opening in the laundry area. The homeowner shared a little bit of her story from the night of the tornadoes with Doug and Gary while we were getting the measurements. Her uncle had walked through a doorway from one room to another, and the roof was blown off the part of the house he had just left. We sent the measurements to Joe and when he brought us a cover, it fit. At the fourth house, we were simply to assess whether it would be possible to make improvements to an existing ramp for a couple. He had been diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer and was due to start chemo the following week. He currently used a walker, but his wife expected that he would need to switch to a chair as soon as his treatments began. With the combination of the distance between the house and sidewalk, the slope of the yard, and the direction of the storm door opening we did not find a quick solution. He was a veteran and had a case worker assigned, so we advised the wife to contact his case worker as to the possibility of the Department of Veterans Administration (VA) building the necessary ramp. David also updated Joe as to a couple of options if the VA would not build a ramp.

Tuesday and Wednesday our team had a project that was added to the week's list of projects specifically for us to complete. While talking with Joe on Monday morning when a fencing job didn't happen, he heard us talking about our work with the Ramp Ministry. He had a ramp needed, but not yet approved. Joe was able to get the approval on Monday, along with having the materials delivered to the site for us to begin what he estimated to be a 36' long straight ramp with posts every 6' and spindles. The gentleman had COPD and used oxygen. He had lost his home in Dawson Springs to the tornadoes, and had been relocated to a mobile home park in Madisonville. His new home had two exits, both with steps. Once at the site, David was able to take measurements and make assessments to lay out the ramp we would build. No material was ordered for spindles, so we changed to handrails. With the slope of the yard toward the driveway, and the slant of the driveway, we ended up needing to build a 32' long ramp with a landing turned toward the driveway. On Tuesday, our four-person team of David, Doug, my dad, and me built the frame. The homeowner had a construction background and would come outside periodically to check on our progress. Wednesday, Bill Tuttle arrived in Madisonville early that morning so our team grew to six to finish the ramp since my mom was also on-site that day. The homeowner was very pleased with the completed ramp.



On Wednesday evening, First U.M.C. hosted us for dinner along with their regular Wednesday Night Alive programming. Following dinner, rather than the adult Bible studies offerings, we remained in the dining hall/auditorium for a program on the tornadoes and recovery in the area. With welcomes and prayers from the Co-Lead Pastors (John and Loletuth Kalz), a brief message from Bishop Fairley, and a presentation from Kim Gilliam, we were given a much better understanding of what transpired in Western Kentucky, both in December and in the months since that night. Kim Gilliam was brought onto the staff at First U.M.C. in the aftermath of the tornadoes as the Disaster Recovery Coordinator. The pictures from December in her presentation that evening, and the progress we saw for ourselves traveling between Madisonville and Dawson Springs to the various work sites, supported Kim's statements on the progress made in the recovery efforts. Recovery efforts are expected to span at least four years (or it may have been 4-6 years), so help is still needed. I don't have her statistics or her written guidelines to determine progress from phase to phase in the steps through recovery...but it was encouraging and believable to hear that they are being told that with most of the clean-up done and rebuilding well under way they are months ahead of where most recovery efforts would be expected. Prayers, financial assistance, and volunteer work teams are still needed. The back of the evening's program listed the area churches that have helped to host various work teams...one of those listed on the back is pastored by Shelley Caulder for those of you here who remember Shelley, Amy, Erin, Allie, Ben, Zoe, Annie, and Mattie.

On Thursday morning, our team was assigned to assess an issue at a house in Dawson Springs where a floor joist had been cut when the ductwork was run under the house. Joe was hoping for a second opinion of how to correct the issue for this homeowner. We checked around inside so we could see the issue there first. The pictures show clearly what a gap and trip hazard she hides under an area rug to make walking through her living room slightly safer.



On Friday, our morning meeting included a devotional from Gary Baker. He encouraged everyone to go back to their churches (and the D.S.'s to go back to the pastors in their districts) and talk about the week. There will be a spring mission trip planned for the conference to help the flood victims in Eastern Kentucky as they begin rebuilding. As the Conference VIM team coordinator, Gary is willing to conduct team leader trainings if area churches or districts wish to put together their own mission trips. This team leader training would allow you to organize and lead a trip in much the same way as Gary led our trip...working with the local/area disaster recovery team to pick projects, assign work teams to the projects, check in with each work team as to material and tool needs, and assist with project work as timing allows (Gary had arrived shortly before my dad's injury and helped our team on Monday...he spent time making sure the team doing the linoleum flooring got off to a good start...he helped the team putting in ceiling tiles...and I'm sure he stopped in at various other sites too). I had an amazing week and will happily share stories with anyone interested in hearing more about what we saw, heard, or did while we were there. I'm looking forward to seeing an announcement of dates for the spring trip to help with the flood recovery and hope that my work schedule will again allow me to participate. I encourage you to be praying for both areas as well as how/if you can participate too. Even if you are unable to go do the physical labor there are ways to help, both at home and on the trip. I'll be happy to brainstorm ideas with you.

In Christ,  
Trisha Hobbs



# Something's new at CUMC

