

MAY 2025

CROSSTALK

Centenary United Methodist Church

Christ is Risen...He is Risen Indeed! What joy filled the sanctuary on Easter morning as we worshipped the Risen Lord! What joy we felt as the children joined with the Adult Choir to sing "Celebrate the Cross." What joy we felt as we sang ALL our favorite Easter hymns! What a joy to see families worship together! What joy to see visiting families join in the celebration! What joy to see our little ones hunting eggs and our youth standing guard as they pitched in to help. God is blessing Centenary UMC, and we are responding with joy, kindness, love and hospitality.

As I began this journey with you in July, I looked at our mission statement and together we remembered what it meant to "Love God." We found joy as we affirmed the commandment to "Love People" as we reached out through VBS, Dinner Church, the Assistance Program, the ramp ministry, sharing flood buckets, communion to the shut ins and so many other ways. And now, after this Easter Celebration we must remember Jesus' words to go into all the world and "Make Disciples." Let me say that again God is blessing Centenary UMC, and we must expand our hospitality, with not only words of welcome but also words about the power of Jesus Christ to make a difference in our lives. As we look around us, there are so many people who are hurting, disappointed, lonely, discouraged. The message of Jesus Christ is HOPE and we need to share it. I Peter 3:15 says *"Quietly trust yourself to Christ your Lord, and if anyone asks why you believe the way you do, be ready to tell them, and do it in a gentle and respectful way."* (Living Bible)



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 at

<https://www.facebook.com/centenaryshelbyville>

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YouTube

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

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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Deadline for the
June 2025 Crosstalk
is Wednesday, May 14, 2025



1	Sue Covert
6	Nola Ann Ethington
11	Lois Newton
15	William (Shug) Hickman
17	Bonnie Burks Gray
20	Aspen Ethington
27	Elisa Rice
28	Troy Hood
	Ashton Stovall
	Reesa Headley
	Jim Sharp



May



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| 4 th | Confirmation Class following worship | |
| | CYF | 5:30pm |
| 7 th | Dinner Church | 6:00pm |
| | Choir rehearsals | 7:00pm |
| 11 th | Mother's Day | |
| | Have a Heart for Seniors Offering | |
| | Confirmation Class following worship | |
| | CYF | 5:30pm |
| 12 th | Redwoods Meeting | 10:00am |
| | Ops Team Meeting | 6:30pm |
| 14 th | June Crosstalk Deadline | |
| | Lunch Bunch | 11:30am |
| | Choir Rehearsal | 6:15pm |
| 18 th | Confirmation Class following worship | |
| | CYF | 5:30pm |
| 19 th | Church Council Meeting | 6:30pm |
| 21 st | Choir Rehearsal | 6:15pm |
| 25 th | Confirmation Class following worship | |
| | CYF | 5:30pm |
| 30 th | Choir Rehearsal | 6:15pm |

Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will be departing the church at **11:00am** heading to **Rumors in Middletown** on **Wednesday May 14th.**

RSVP to Ms. Eleanor by noon May 13th

REDWOODS

Will meet in the Fellowship Hall at **10:00am** on **Monday May 12th.**

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

MAY 7TH

DINNER CHURCH

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

Everyone is welcome!

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Assistance Program

Where has the time gone?

It's hard to believe we're already heading into May! As many of you know, I'm usually a month behind in reporting assistance statistics since I prepare the next month's newsletter in advance. So, here's the update for March and the first quarter of the year.

March Report

In March, we received 17 applications for financial assistance. Of those, we were able to fulfill 11 requests, serving 19 individuals at a total cost of \$1,328.89.

For the 6 requests we couldn't fulfill:

- 4 lacked the required paperwork
- 2 applicants were not eligible at the time of their request

In terms of food assistance, we distributed 136 bags of food, feeding 306 people.

First Quarter Summary

During the first quarter, Centenary received 46 requests for assistance. We were able to fulfill 25 of those requests, totaling \$3,443.48 in support.

Of the 21 requests not fulfilled:

- 14 requests (approximately 30%) came from individuals who had already received assistance within the past 12 months and were not yet eligible for further support
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- The remaining 7 were due to incomplete paperwork, failure to return with a letter of intent, or not completing a referred financial counseling course

Notably, a majority of this year's assistance requests have come from individuals who have previously received help from us.

Centenary also distributed 397 bags of food, feeding 887 individuals in our community. We spent \$2,116.86 on food supplies and additional items not donated by Dare to Care.

This food assistance program is open to all Shelby County residents and is only possible because of the generous support of our congregation and community partners. Thank you!

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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,

Spring Break kicked off for our youth with a Bowling Outing. Congratulations to round one winner, Isaac C., and round two winner, Lenora! We have some excellent bowlers in our youth group. We were also so pleased to have their help during our Palm Sunday service. And, what an Easter morning we shared! Our youth did a fantastic job setting up and assisting with the children's ministry annual egg hunt!

Our Spring-themed lessons in April explored the concepts of being "Planted in God's Word" and "Rooted in Faith." Just as Psalm 1 describes those who meditate on God's word as "trees planted by water"—healthy and strong—1 Corinthians 16:13 urges us to "stand firm in our faith," like a tree with deep, unwavering roots. We discussed how cultivating a daily spiritual practice strengthens this connection with God, a practice our youth have been diligently working to integrate into their busy lives.

Our Confirmation Classes are ongoing until June. Pastor Mark, Pastor Becki, and I have truly enjoyed this special time with our students, sharing our church history and the foundations of our faith. We extend our sincere thanks to Chelli Gaither and Amy Waggener for generously providing lunches. If anyone else would like to volunteer to provide lunch for a class, it would be greatly appreciated! Summer Plans and other special events will be announced soon. Join the youth text group to receive the most current event updates.

In Christ's Love,
Tiffany



Treehouse NEWSLETTER

May

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

05/04-Jonah
God has a plan
05/11-Joseph and Pharaoh's Dream
Trust God
05/18-The Fiery Furnace
Obey God even when no one else does.
05/25-Rahab and Jericho
When you get to know your enemies, you can sometimes find common ground.



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

VBS

ON THE GO WITH GOD

JULY 13-17

Memory Verse

MAY GOD OF HOPE
FILL YOU WITH
JOY AND PEACE.
ROMANS 15:13





