

**This Week at Centenary**

**Sunday**  
 8:30 AM Worship—Chapel  
 8:50 AM Xperience Worship-Sanctuary  
 10:00 AM Sunday School  
 11:00 AM Worship-Sanctuary  
 5:00 PM Middle School Youth  
 6:00 PM CentYouth dinner  
 6:00 PM Brices Creek Psalms study  
 6:30 PM Sr. High Youth

**Monday**  
 10:00 AM GriefShare  
 10:15 AM Psalms study  
 6:15 PM Pack 13  
 7:00 PM New Bern Civic Strings

**Tuesday**  
 9:30 AM A Woman's Heart study  
 3:00 PM Ladies Ensemble-Chapel  
 4:15 PM Men's Ensemble-Chapel  
 4:30 PM Children's Choir  
 6:30 PM Carillon Choir

**Wednesday**  
 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast @  
 Country Biscuit  
 12:00 PM Lenten Noon-Day Worship  
 12:30 PM Lenten Lunch  
 3:15 PM After School Program  
 5:30 PM MidWeek meal  
 6:00 PM Brass Ensemble  
 6:00 PM Chapel Choir  
 6:15 PM MidWeek study  
 6:15 PM Facilitators meeting  
 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir  
 7:00 PM Praise Team  
 7:00 PM Troop 13

**Thursday**  
 5:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 4813  
 5:45 PM Girl Scout Troop 560  
 6:00 PM New Bern Civic Theatre  
 rehearsal-Fellowship Hall  
 7:00 PM Downtown Psalms study

**Friday**  
 5:00 PM UMM Pancake Supper til 7:00

**Saturday**

**MidWeek Meal**-Wednesday at 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. This week's meal will be prepared by the Caring Cooks. Price: \$5.00 for adults, children under 10 eat free. Please sign up on the reservation insert.

**Backpack Blessings** provides 32,000 weekend food bags for kids in Craven, Jones and Pamlico Counties. Kids who receive "snack bags" are identified by school personnel as being at risk for hunger. Centenary sponsors the children at Oaks Road School. The next packing event will be Saturday, February 24 at Garber UMC from 9:00—11:00 AM. If you would be interested in helping out with packing the backpacks, please sign up on the reservation insert. We need to let them know how many will be coming. (There is also a youth packing event from 1:00—3:00 PM at Garber. Please let Rick know if you would like to participate.)

**Free Income Tax Return Preparation**-Free income tax return preparation is being offered by the IRS sponsored Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program in Craven and Pamlico counties. This free tax service is being offered for low to moderate income and elderly taxpayers at the Harrison Community Center, 311 Middle Street, New Bern on Mondays and Tuesdays, February 5 thru April 16 plus February 22 and April 12 and 13. (Not open February 13 & 19 and April 2 & 3) In Pamlico, free tax service will be offered at the Pamlico County Senior Citizens Center, 800 Main Street in Alliance on Wednesdays, February 7 thru April 11. Both sites will be open from 9 am to 3 pm. Free income tax returns will be prepared by IRS certified volunteers. For more information call 252-772-5245 or email: NewBernVITA@gmail.com.

**Interfaith Refugee Ministry needs:** Dish detergent, unscented laundry detergent, 13 & 30 gallon trash bags, towels, bed linens (No king size), blankets, 60 W light bulbs, Windex, Clorox wipes, Comet powder or Soft Scrub, sponges, deodorant, razors, shampoo, diapers, baby wipes, bar soap, liquid hand soap, calendars, umbrellas, wrench, hammer, screwdriver, tape measure, school supplies, stamps. Please bring your gifts to the office.

**Welcome New Friends!** We are glad we can worship God together this morning. As we can be helpful, we look forward to doing so, When you are ready to make Centenary you new church home, please speak with either of our ministers or indicate your desire on the pew registration pad.

✝ Invite a friend or neighbor to come to worship with you.

✝ Take a bulletin to someone who you noticed was not in church this week and let them know they were missed.



Please remember to turn off your cell phone during worship.

**Join us for Lenten Noon-Day Worship  
 Wednesday-12:00 PM—Chapel**

Centenary's 11:00 worship service is broadcast each Sunday on radio station WNBB, 97.9 FM. Please worship with us on the radio if

**Next Week's Scripture**

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16  
 Psalm 22:23-31  
 Romans 4:13-25  
 Mark 8:31-38

**Attendance Last Week**

Sunday School	99
8:30 Worship	74
8:50 Worship	78
11:00 Worship	212

**Giving Report**

2018 Budget	\$821,320
Year to date giving	<u>\$125,016</u>
Balance needed	\$696,304



Centenary is a Stephen Ministry Congregation

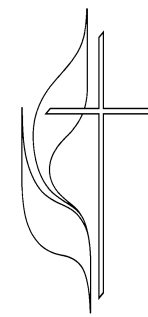


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Office hours:  
 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM  
 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM (Friday)

Rev. Susan Pate Greenwood, Senior Pastor  
 Rev. Rick Moser, Associate Pastor  
 Rev. David Brosnan, Pastor of Visitation  
 Rev. Bill Sherman, Pastor Emeritus  
 Paul Saik, Director of Music Ministries  
 Amanda Kennedy, Asst. to Director of Music Ministries  
 Patrick Riddick, Music Associate-8:50  
 Dana Riddick, Children's Ministries



**Centenary  
 United Methodist Church**

*The First Sunday in Lent  
 February 18, 2018*

**11:00 AM**

*Experience Christ's love - Grow in Christ's love—Share Christ's love*

**GATHERING OF THE CHURCH FAMILY**

Chiming of the Trinity

Welcome and Announcements

*Please register your attendance in the pew pads (found at the end of the pew) and pass it to your neighbor. When it reaches the end of the pew, pass it back and learn the names those sitting near you!*

Boy Scout Recognition

Prelude *Shall We Gather At The River* Krug  
 Carillon Choir

Introit *Give Thanks*

\*Greeting

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses,  
**But we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet was without sin.**

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness,  
**So that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.**

\*Hymn # 269 *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

\*Opening Prayer

**Almighty God, your blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan. Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations. And, as you know the weakness of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. Amen.**

Invitation to Children

The Children's Time  
*(Children in Kindergarten – 3rd grade will leave for Children's Church.)*

**PROCLAIMING AND RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

**Lord, open our hearts and minds to the power of the scriptures; silence in us any voice but your own, and grant us grace to embrace and to do what you say to us today; through Jesus Christ your Living Word we pray. Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson Genesis 9:8-17

\*The Gloria Patri # 70

\*The Gospel Mark 1:9-15  
 \* Sermon *Lead Us Not*  
 The Rev. Susan Pate Greenwood

\*Hymn # 467 *Trust and Obey*

**THANKSGIVING**

Intercessory Requests and Thanksgivings

Call To Prayer *Redeemer Come*

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

The Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**People: And also with you!**

The Offering

The Offertory *Psalms of Devotion* Martin  
 Sanctuary Choir

*Lord, You have searched me, Father You know me, Your Spirit knows when I rest or rise. My every care is known, I never walk alone, I cannot wander from Your eyes. Where can I hide from Your Spirit? Where can I hide from Your Spirit? I am surrounded by Your boundless grace. If I ride the wings of dawn, You are my Morning Song. I rest secure in Your embrace. You are my Maker. You are Creator. You spoke the Word and there was life! You are my Maker, my Keeper and Sustainer. I am Your design formed by Your love divine. Lord, I am Yours and You are mine. Lord, You created me in my mother's womb, You knit me with infinite care. In such amazing ways, you crafted me for praise. You gave me love and life to share. Come, now, and search me, Lord, I surrender all. Come, and speak to me Your perfect Word of love. Look deep within my heart, and let the healing start, Raise me to higher things above! You are my Maker. You are Creator. You spoke the Word and there was life! You are my Maker, my Keeper and Sustainer. I am Your design, formed by your love divine. Lord, I am Yours and You are mine. Lord, I am Yours and You are mine. Lord, I am Yours. You are mine.*

\*Presentation of the Offerings with the Doxology # 95

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us to render to you all that we have and all that we are, that we may praise you, no with our lips only, but with our whole lives, turning the duties, the sorrows, and the joys of all our days into a living sacrifice to you; through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Reception of New Members-Covenant I-p. 38

*Charles and Kathy Patton*

Transfer from First Congregational Church, Hudson, Ohio

**SENDING FORTH**

\*Hymn *Jesus, Tempted In The Desert* (see insert)

\*Benediction

\*Sending Forth *Depart In Peace*

\*Chiming of the Trinity

\*Postlude *Trumpet Tune* Setchell

**Assisting in Worship This Morning**

**Altar Guild:** Deb Barrett, Teresa Risty, Sandy Moser, Ann Fulcher, Maryanne Brinson  
**Acolytes:** Grant Leary, Alex Stott  
**Greeters:** Tom McClay, Sandy Armstrong  
**Ushers:** Ed Guirkins Sunday School Class  
**Lay Reader:** Eloise Collins

**Prayer Concerns**

<b>Centenary Family</b>	Edwina Long	Vinnie Cusick	George Rodriguez
Peggy Armstrong	Linda Lovvorn	Stuart Duke	Mike Roed
Gil Barrett	Bob Maple	Mike Edwards	Scott Schultz
Lois Bell	Harold Marshall	Bobby Faulkner	Sherry Springer
Alex Burnette	Mary Ann Minton	Ronnie Gilliam	Pam Stevens
Phyllis Burton	Chuck Ontiveros	Morgan Hartman	Judy Szychowski
Ted Burton	Jim Polo	Deanna Jarvis	Clark Taylor
George Davis	Ann Scott	Edella Johnson	Nancy Thompson
Hadylene Davis	Billie Swain	Sarah Johnson	Mike Twichell
Clint Duke	Karla Thompson	David Leary	Patti Urick
Karen Duke	Jennifer Wright	Patricia Loffredo	Jacob White
Ann Forshey	<b>Centenary Friends</b>	Bruce McLamb	Stephanie Williams
Harold Forshey	Davey Altman	Tommy McLaughlin	<b>Military</b>
Sue Harrell	Jennifer Anderson	Sarah Miller	John Christie, Jr.
Dianne Hawkins	Guy Buckman	Fred & Dottie Mills	Gray Harris
Bea Honnet	Sean Bunn	Ken Morris	Kim Ontiveros
Dot Lee Jernigan	Jack Callsen	Kathy Parke	Jason Wright
		Nora & Blake Powell	

**Lenten Noon-Day Worship**

February 21	12:00 PM	Scripture: Mark 6:1-20 Preacher: Jason Leighton
	12:30 PM	Lenten Lunch prepared by Balko/Gaskill Circle
February 28-	12:00 PM	Scripture: Mark 5:25-34 Preacher: Rachel Moser
	12:30 PM	Lenten Lunch prepared by Caring Cooks
March 7	12:00 PM	Scripture: Mark 1:29-34 Preacher: Maren Sonstegard-Spray
	12:30 PM	Lenten Lunch prepared by Susan Miller Circle
March 14	12:00 PM	Scripture: Mark 8:22-26 Preacher: David Brosnan
	12:30 PM	Lenten Lunch prepared by United Methodist Men
March 21	12:00 PM	Scripture: Mark 2:1-12 Preacher: Don Hodges
	12:30 PM	Lenten Lunch prepared by Chadwick Class
March 28	12:00 PM	Scripture: Mark 3:1-6 Preacher: Rick Moser
	12:30 PM	Lenten Lunch prepared by Missions Committee

*The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the glory of God by David and Jean Stoll in memory of Jean's brother, Jerry Kenneth Kendzora.*

**We share our love and sympathy** with Pam Pittenger and her family on the death of her mother, Ione Danner, on February 10.

**GriefShare is in session** and will run every Monday from 10:00 AM until noon. They will continue through April 23rd in Room 206. You are welcome to join us at any time. GriefShare is a support group for people who have lost a loved one: spouse, family member, relative or friend. It is open to Centenary members and our community, If you know of someone who is hurting, please invite them. For more information, please contact Pam Bonina at 252-497-8489 or pambonina@gmail.com

**Mark your calendars for the United Methodist Men's Annual Pancake Supper** on Friday, February 23 from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM. Menu is pancakes & sausage. Coffee will be served. Tickets are \$5.00 and may be purchased from Centenary Methodist Men, Troop 13 Boy Scouts, or at the door. The UMW will also be having a bake sale during the Pancake Supper.

**Altar Flowers**-If you would like to put flowers on the altar in honor of or in memory of someone during 2018, please call the church office at 637-4181 to reserve your Sunday. Openings: March 4, 11, 18, April 8, 15, 29.

**Centenary is collecting new or "gently" used ties** for an event in March that Dr. Patrick at Oaks Road Elementary School is planning for approximately sixty 4th and 5th grade boys. This event will include breakfast and an opportunity to learn how to tie a tie. There are collection boxes in the Narthex, on a table outside of the Chapel, and in the Chadwick classroom. If you have any questions, please contact Colette Maple, 671-2333.

**Designated Music Fund**-This fund was established, more than a decade ago, to defray Music Ministry costs not covered by the operating budget, such as the cost of musicians and orchestra at Easter. Anyone wanting to contribute to this special fund is invited to make donations to "Music Designated Fund".

**Fill the empty bowls of those in need by filling your own on Thursday, February 22 from 11:00 AM until 1:30 PM at Temple Baptist Church.** For \$25, you'll get a hearty lunch, prepared by local restaurants and church groups, along with a handcrafted bowl to take home and use again. Proceeds benefit Religious Community Services and the Craven Arts Council and help us nurture the creative process and feed hungry people in Craven, Jones and Pamlico Counties. Tickets are on sale in the hallway of the Education Building this morning or at the Bank of the Arts during the week.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**-The United Methodist Women are encouraging members of the congregation to participate in World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 2nd. Please prayerfully consider signing up for a half hour time slot devoted to prayer on that day. You may come to the Church to pray at the altar in the Chapel or Sanctuary between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM or choose to pray in the comfort of your own home. There will be a sign up sheet at the end of the hall in the education building between services on Sunday, the 11th and the 18th. You can also email Jean Stoll at [stolljean45@gmail.com](mailto:stolljean45@gmail.com) or call at (253) 631-3078. If you don't feel called to sign up for a prayer slot, but have someone or some situation that you would like us to pray for, please let us know. Names will be kept confidential if you prefer. Let's all take time that day to be Prayer Warriors! 🙏

**Neuse River Bridge Run**-March 24, 2018 at 6:45am-Union Point Park  
 The Annual Neuse River Bridge Run includes a half-marathon, 10K or 5K race. Participants who wish to walk may choose the 5K route only. RCS is a beneficiary of proceeds raised from this amazing event. More information available online at [www.bridgerun.org](http://www.bridgerun.org) or [www.runtheeast.com](http://www.runtheeast.com). **Volunteers** We are currently looking for both RUNNERS and VOLUNTEERS for the Bridge Run. Contact Susan Lucas as [slucas@rcsnewbern.com](mailto:slucas@rcsnewbern.com)

**RCS needs-Warehouse/Food** – RCS is in need of 1lb bags of rice, spaghetti o's, canned meat and helpers.

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

*+Worshipers are invited to kneel for prayers as desired.*

*Hearing assistance devices are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.*