

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
 3:00 PM Cantata for the community

Monday
 10:00 AM GriefShare
 12:00 PM GriefShare lunch
 6:15 PM Pack 13

Tuesday
 4:15 PM Men's Ensemble
 7:00 PM NAMI Support Group

Wednesday
 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast @ Country Biscuit
 12:00 PM Wednesday Worship
 4:30 PM Children's Choir
 6:00 PM Brass Ensemble
 6:00 PM Chapel Choir
 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir
 7:00 PM Praise Team
 7:00 PM Troop 13
 8:00 PM CentYouth Lock-in

Thursday
 11:30 AM PrimeTimers lunch
 5:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 4813
 5:45 PM Girl Scouts

Friday
 7:00 PM Living Nativity

Saturday
 7:00 PM Living Nativity

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 your 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 Wednesday 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



Centenary is a Stephen Ministry Congregation

Altar Guild-The Altar Guild for 2018 greatly needs volunteers! This includes women/men! The major duty is setting up and cleaning up after Communion on the first of each month. The Saturday before Communion is when Altar Guild sets up. Clean-up happens after/between all 3 services on the day of Communion. There is a sign-up sheet on the Sacristy door (beside Library and Chapel entrance) for anyone wishing to sign-up. We would like to have 5 volunteers on each month and would like to have a representation from all 3 services. All current Altar guild volunteers, please check schedule of the month you are on and change if you would like a different time. Please call Maryanne Brinson (252-638-8636), Julie Brinson (252-637-4151) or church office (252-637-4181) for more information or to add your name to the list. Blessings in Christ
 Maryanne/Julie Brinson

Giving Report	
2017 Budget	\$827,646
Year to date giving	\$773,914
Balance needed	\$ 53,732

Attendance Last Week

Sunday School	100
8:30 Worship	78
8:50 Worship	82
11:00 Worship	247



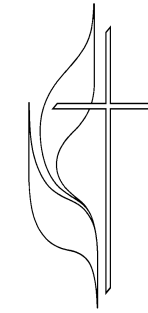
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Office hours:
 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM
 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM (Friday)

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
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**Centenary
 United Methodist Church**

*The Third Sunday in Advent
 December 17, 2017
 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
 Prelude *A Joyful Gathering of Carols* Martin
 Trent River Chamber Orchestra

*Greeting (Psalm 24:7, 10)
 Lift up your heads, O ye gates!
And be lifted up, O everlasting doors!
That the King of Glory may come in.
 Who is this King of glory?
The Lord God of Hosts,
He is the King of Glory!

*Hymn # 206 *I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light*

*Opening Prayer
Holy God, the mystery of your eternal Word took flesh among us in Jesus Christ. At the message of an angel, the virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your will. Filled with the light of your Spirit, she became the temple of your Word. Strengthen us by the example of her humility, that we may always be ready to do your will, and welcome into our lives Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lighting the Third Advent Candle-Isaiah 35:10
 And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.
*We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Joy.
 May the joyful promise of your presence, O God,
 make us rejoice in our hope of salvation.
 O Come, O come, Emmanuel.*

Response # 211 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (refrain)
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Invitation to Children

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

THANKSGIVING

Intercessory Requests and Thanksgivings

Advent Bidding Prayer

Beloved in Christ, as we await the great festival of Christmas, let us prepare ourselves so that we may be shown its true meaning. Let us hear, in lessons from Holy Scripture, how the prophets of Israel foretold that God would visit and redeem the waiting people. Let us rejoice in our carols and hymns, that the good purpose of God is being mightily fulfilled. Let us celebrate the promise that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, will bring all peoples and all things into the glory of God's eternal kingdom: the blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them. But first let us pray for the

world that God so loves, for those who have not heard the good news of God, or who do not believe it; for those who walk in darkness and the shadow of death; and for the Church in this place and everywhere, that it may be freed from all evil and fear; and may in pure joy lift up the light of the love of God. These prayers and praises let us humbly offer to God, the words that Christ himself taught us...

The Lord’s Prayer

The Offering

The Offertory *Away In A Manger*
Paul Saik, soloist

*Presentation of the Offerings with the Doxology # 94

Cantata *And Glory Shone Around*
(see insert)

SENDING FORTH

*Benediction

*Chiming of the Trinity

*Postlude *Carillon Sortie* Mulet

**Please stand as you are able.*

+Worshippers are invited to kneel for prayers as desired. (11:00)

Assisting in Worship This Morning

Altar Guild: Maryanne Brinson, Melissa Trask, Sheila Weibert, Beth Rankar, Julie Brinson

Acolytes: Luke Laughinghouse, Lily Laughinghouse

Greeters: Harold & Marge Marshall

Ushers: W.C. Chadwick Class

Prayer Concerns

Centenary Family	Bob Maple	Vinnie Cusick	Mike Roed
Centenary Family	Harold Marshall	Stuart Duke	Sherry Springer
Peggy Armstrong	Chuck Ontiveros	Mike Edwards	Judy Szychowski
Alex Burnette	Ann Scott	Bobby Faulkner	Nancy Thompson
Phyllis Burton	Sam Stenger	Ronnie Gilliam	Patti Urick
Ted Burton	Laird Stubbings	Morgan Hartman	Stephanie Wil-
George Davis	Billie Swain	Stephanie Hender-	liams
Hadylene Davis	Karla Thompson	son	Allison Wolfer
Ann Forshey	Jennifer Wright	Deanna Jarvis	Military
Jim Gronosky	Centenary Friends	Edella Johnson	John Christie, Jr.
Sue Harrell	Davey Altman	David Leary	Gray Harris
Dianne Hawkins	Jennifer Anderson	Patricia Loffredo	Kim Ontiveros
Bea Honnet	Guy Buckman	Bruce McLamb	
Dot Lee Jernigan	Sean Bunn	Sarah Miller	
Edwina Long		Dylan Quick	

Advent Greenery

The wreath above the altar is given to the glory of God and in memory of Tom Ragland & Ryan Ragland by Kay Ragland.

The garlands that decorate the outside of the church are given to the glory of God and in honor of Centenary’s pastors and staff by Janet & Dallas Sutton.

The wreaths that decorate the doors of the Chapel are given to the glory of God and in appreciation and honor of the Centenary staff by Larry and Treacy Cumbo.

The wreaths that decorate the doors of the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and

in memory of Bob Armstrong by his family
in memory of Alex & Rose Linko by Jerry & Mary Carpenter
in memory of their parents by P.D. & Pam Scott
in honor of Emerson Grace Faulkenberry and Marshall Reade Caudle
by Marshall Faulkenberry

The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the glory of God and in honor of Jacqueline Fritsch, who will celebrate her 90th birthday on Wednesday, December 20, by her children. Jacqueline joined Centenary Church in 2002 and enjoys living her independent life in her beloved community of New Bern. Congratulations to her on achieving this impressive milestone. Please join us, her children, Susanne Brown, Carol Hodges, Diane Pullis and Carl Fritsch, in wishing her a very “Happy Birthday!”

Stephen Ministry-a new Stephen Minister Training Class will begin in early January 2018. If you have an interest in becoming a Stephen Minister or would like to discuss this opportunity, please see one of the Stephen Ministers that will meet you at the altar following each Sunday worship service. We would love to have folks join us in this wonderful ministry outreach.

Stewardship & Electronic Giving..If you currently make contributions to the church online, or have set up recurring transactions, your Estimate of Giving card is still needed to assist the Finance Committee in planning for the coming year.

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 Christmas and Easter. Anyone wanting to contribute to this special fund is invited to make donations. Mark checks “Music Designated Fund”.

Staff Love Offering-Every year at Christmas time the congregation has the opportunity to give a love offering to our church staff, a total of fifteen people. You may mail your offering or leave it at the church office. You may also place it in the offering plate during the regular worship services. Make your check payable to the church and designate it for the “Christmas Love Offering”. Return your gift no later than Monday, December 18. Thank you for your generous gift to this Christmas Love Offering.
Larry Lovvorn, Chair
Staff Parish Relations Committee

Nativity Helpers are needed-On December 22, 23 & 24, Centenary will present the Living Nativity. Volunteers are needed. Hours are 7:00 til 8:00. There are three 20 minute shifts each night. Please consider volunteering for 1 shift. This is a gift that Centenary gives the community each year and is a great experience for all who participate. Please contact Katie Saik to sign up. 208-850-9573

Come to Primetimers on December 21 to get in the Christmas Spirit. Smithfield chicken is the entree and Glenda and Mary Ann are the hostesses. Please bring a salad, side or dessert to accompany the chicken. Eloise Collins, pianist extraordinaire, will lead us in the singing of Christmas Carols. Please fill out the reservation form in the bulletin or call the church office so we know how much chicken to order.

2017 Gifts that Help Children! Our ZOE alternative gift giving fund raiser is ready! Look for the ZOE Christmas trees with book marks ranging from \$10 to \$500. Select your book mark(s) and book mark holder(s). Place a check in the offering plate, annotated “ZOE” or drop it by the church office. All proceeds support our newest Rwandan Working Group-- Twizerane Group, Muhambo, Rwanda made up of 31 households and a total of 101 children! In just three short years, these orphans become: secure, healthy, connected and prepared for life! Since beginning our ZOE partnership in 2012, CUMC has supported and graduated 133 households and 306 children. Simply amazing! Praise God! Thank you for helping change so many lives of vulnerable African children.

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