

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

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



Centenary is a Stephen Ministry Congregation

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

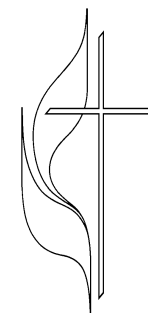


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 Patrick Riddick, Music Associate-8:50
 Dana Riddick, Children's Ministries

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



**Centenary
 United Methodist Church**

*The First Sunday in Lent
 February 18, 2018*

8:30 AM

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

GATHERING OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

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!

Prelude *Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross*

*Introit # 369 *Blessed Assurance (v. 1)*

*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.

*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.

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

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*

*Affirmation of Faith # 881

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

Hymn Sing

THANKSGIVING

Intercessory Requests and Thanksgivings

Call to Prayer # 351 *Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior* (v. 1)

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

The Offering

The Offertory

Prayer For Healing
 Chapel Choir

James

Lord of this barren land swept by the flame, Here in my wilderness I call Your name. Refuge of wounded hearts bend low to hear. Binder of the broken things, Father, draw near. Friend in my sorrow, Knower of all my grief. Tenderly bringing relief. Be to my weary soul quiet repose. Be in my desert place, blossoming rose. Come like a gentle wind bringing the rain; Come like a healing touch and soothe my pain. Fill with your presence this desolate waste; Lord of this barren land, make of these ashes, a beautiful place. Amen.

*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.

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn # 2105 *Jesus, Tempted In The Desert*

*Benediction

*Sending Forth *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*
 Chapel Choir

*Postlude *More Love To Thee, O Christ*

**Please stand as you are able.*

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

A Stephen Minister will be at the altar after the service to listen and to answer questions.

Assisting in Worship This Morning

Altar Guild: Deb Barrett, Teresa Risty, Sandy Moser, Ann Fulcher, Maryanne Brinson

Greeters: Evelyn Saunders

Ushers: John Harding, Linwood Johnson

Lay Reader: Ron Bonina

Prayer Concerns

Centenary Family	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	Centenary Friends	Bruce McLamb	Stephanie Williams
Harold Forshey	Davey Altman	Tommy McLaughlin	Military
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	
		Dylan Quick	

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

United Methodist Men's Annual Pancake Supper- 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. Proceeds from the bake sale will go to the RCS Bee Campaign.

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 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 or www.runtheeast.com. **Volunteers** We are currently looking for both RUNNERS and VOLUNTEERS for the Bridge Run. Contact Susan Lucas as slucas@rcsnewbern.com

RCS needs-Warehouse/Food – RCS is in need of 11lb bags of rice, spaghetti o's, canned meat and helpers.