



*Christ's Love*

**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.

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

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



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# Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



**Corner of Middle & New Streets  
New Bern, North Carolina**

**February 24, 2019  
8:30 a.m.**

# **The Seventh Sunday After The Epiphany**

## **GATHERING OF THE CHURCH FAMILY**

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*I Surrender All*

\*Introit # 176

*Majesty, Worship His Majesty*

\*Greeting

Trust in the Lord and do good.

**May the Lord give strength to the people!**

O taste and see that the Lord is good!

**God is our refuge and strength.**

\*Opening Prayer

**God our Father and Mother, we come to you as your children. Be with us as we learn to see one another with new eyes, hear one another with new hearts, and treat one another in a new way. Amen.**

\*Hymn # 553

*And Are We Yet Alive*

### **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 45:3-11, 15

\*The Gloria Patri # 71

\*The Gospel

Luke 6:27-38

Sermon

*Surprise, Surprise, Surprise!*

The Rev. Susan Pate Greenwood

\*Hymn # 560

*Help Us Accept Each Other*

\*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

**Backpack Blessings** will have their final weekend packing event for this school year on Thursday, February 28 from 6:00 PM til 8:00 PM, Friday, March 1 from 6:00 PM til 8:00 PM, and Saturday, March 2 from 9:00 AM til 11:00 AM at Garber UMC in Morris Hall. Everyone is welcome to come and show support for Oaks Road Academy. You may pick the day and time that works for you. Please call Susan Sawyer at 252-671-3154 if you have any questions.

**Trip to the Israel and the Holy Land and a presentation of the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany in 2020.** Dr. Bob Whitley is leading a trip to visit the Holy Land in Israel and also to attend a presentation of the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany in August of 2020. The Passion Play has been presented once every 10 years by the residents of Oberammergau since 1634. This once in a lifetime trip is being organized through Educational Opportunities Tours, ([www.eo.travel](http://www.eo.travel)) a prominent Christian tour company. The Methodist Conference sponsored a trip to the Holy Land in back in 2011 with E.O. Travels. An informational presentation will be held Wednesday, March 6, after the First Wednesday Community Meal. Anyone interested in this exciting experience is encouraged to attend. There is no obligation to go on the trip by attending the presentation. If there are any questions prior to the presentation, please call Dr. Bob Whitley at 633-1560, email him at [toothdoc@suddenlink.net](mailto:toothdoc@suddenlink.net) or go to the EO website for information.

**New Bern CROP Hunger Walk**-Sunday, March 10th. Registration at Union Point Park @ 2:00 PM. Walk begins at 3:00 PM. 50% of the money collected will go to RCS to assist with hunger & hurricane recovery.

**Stephen Ministers** are positioned at the altar area after services to speak to those who desire prayer and also to recruit new trainees for the 2020 class. If you desire to speak to one of us about your concerns, the Stephen minister will be prepared to listen, in a discrete area if warranted. If you have a heart for this ministry, or would like to know more, please speak to the Stephen Minister at the altar after service. There is a need for more Stephen Ministers. Applications will be made available.

**Free Income Tax Return Preparation** is being offered by the IRS sponsored Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program in Craven, Pamlico & Jones Counties. This free tax service is being offered for low to moderate income & elderly taxpayers at the Harrison Community Center, 311 Middle Street, New Bern on Mondays & Tuesdays, February 4 thru April 16 & Thursday, March 7. (Not open March 5). The hours are 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM & by appointment. Free income tax returns will be prepared by IRS certified volunteers. For more information call 252-772-5245 or email: [NewBernVITA@gmail.com](mailto:NewBernVITA@gmail.com)

**There will be a District Gathering** following the called General Conference on March 3 at 3:00 PM here at Centenary UMC. The gathering will last no more than 1 hour & anyone is welcome to attend. Members of the NC Conference delegation will be at the gathering to review what happened at General Conference & discuss the impact on the NC Conference.

The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the glory of God and in honor of Pack 13 Cub Master Scott Bertling and Troop 13 Scout Master Tim Mitchell by Larry & Treacy Cumbo.

We share our love and sympathy with Elaine White and her family on the death of her husband, Billy White, on February 17. We also share our love with Billy's daughters, Kathy Mitchell and Martha Summers, his grandchildren, Katherine Muse, Emily Drake, Hannah Krueger, Isaac Krueger, and his great-grandchildren, Kendall Muse, Dylan Muse, and Lainey Drake.

We share our love and sympathy with Mary Coble and her family on the death of her father, George Bullock, on February 19.

We share our love and sympathy with Brad Ferreira and his family on the death of his mother, Revonda Ferreira, on February 20.

**GriefShare "Winter/Spring Sessions"** will run every Monday, 10:00 AM until noon in Room 206, from January 28th to April 22nd. You can 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.... ALL ARE WELCOME!! If you know of someone who is hurting, please invite them. For more information, please contact Pam or Ron Bonina at 252-497-8489 or dadboni@outlook.com.

**ZOE Update!** Thanks to your generosity, the "Gifts That Help Children" December Alternative Giving Campaign receipted \$2135 towards our \$80000 commitment to support Centenary's Twizerane, "Confidence", Muhambo, Rwanda Working Group. Thank you to all who contribute monetarily and hold the children in prayer! Also, visit the church's website to see the latest update on the group of 31 families with 103 total children! If you have any questions or want to be more involved in ZOE, please contact Patti Peebles, ppeebles 2393@gmail.com or 252-571-2421!

**Empty Bowls-Thursday, February 28-11:00 AM until 1:30 PM-Temple Baptist Church**-Tickets are on sale now! Purchase a ticket to the Empty Bowls event for \$25 (\$30 at the door). At the event you will select two bowls of soup prepared by participating area restaurants and churches, along with crackers and drink. You will be able to pick out a pottery bowl, handmade by a local potter, to take home! Tickets are limited and are available now at the Bank of the Arts, Fuller's Music, Mitchell's Hardware & Temple Baptist Church. Proceeds go to support the Arts and to feed the hungry.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** - Friday, March 1st is "World Day of Prayer" for 2019. Centenary United Methodist Women encourage you to spend time that day in prayer. We also are encouraging people to come to the Chapel to pray at the Altar. We still have a few open time slots: 9:00 - 9:30 AM, 9:30 to 10:00 AM, Noon to 12:30 PM and 1:30 to 2:00 PM. If you feel led to come to the Chapel and pray at one of those times, please call Jean Stoll at (252) 631-3078 or email to [stolljean45@gmail.com](mailto:stolljean45@gmail.com). There certainly are many people and things to pray for. The Centenary Prayer List is a great place to start. Many other choices, such as family, friends, our Church, our Nation, Our World and it's leaders, the afflicted, the persecuted, the unchurched..... The list goes on and on. Thank you, in advance, for your prayers. Thanks and God Bless, The Women of Centenary UMW

## THANKSGIVING

Intercessory Requests and Thanksgivings

Call to Prayer # 382 *Have Thine Own Way Lord* (v. 1)

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

The Offering

The Offertory *You Shall Love The Lord Your God* Lupinski  
Chapel Choir

\*Presentation of the Offerings with the Doxology # 94

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

**All things come from you, O Lord, and now we return to you what is yours. So follow this offering with your blessing that it may promote peace and compassion wherever it goes, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## SENDING FORTH

\*Hymn # 534 *Be Still My Soul*

\*Benediction

Serve your God with patience and passion. Be deliberate in enacting your faith. Be steadfast in celebrating the Spirit's power. And may peace be your way in the world. **Amen.**

\*Sending Forth *Now May the God Of Peace*

\*Postlude

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*\*Please stand as you are able*

## TODAY'S HELPERS

**Altar Guild:** Deb Barrett, Teresa Risty, Sandy Moser, Ann Fulcher,  
Maryanne Brinson  
**Greeters:** Cherylle Hird, John Harding  
**Ushers:** Linwood Johnson, Glenda Sewell

### Sunday

8:30 AM Worship-Chapel  
8:50 AM Xperience Worship-Sanctuary  
10:00 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Worship-Sanctuary  
4:00 PM Called Church Council meeting  
5:00 PM Middle School Youth  
6:00 PM CentYouth dinner  
6:00 PM Brices Creek Ephesians Study  
6:30 PM High School Youth

### Monday

10:00 AM GriefShare  
10:30 AM Ephesians Bible Study  
5:30 PM Trustees  
6:00 PM Cub Scout Pack 13  
6:30 PM Stephen Ministers  
7:00 PM New Bern Civic Strings

### Tuesday

9:30 AM Voice of God study  
5:30 PM Missions Committee  
6:30 PM Carillon Choir  
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  
5:30 PM Facilitator's meeting  
5:45 PM Ephesians Study  
6:00 PM Chapel Choir  
6:00 PM Praise Team  
7:00 PM Troop 13  
7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir

### Thursday

7:00 PM Downtown Ephesians Study

### Friday

### Saturday

## PRAYER CONCERNS

### Centenary Family

Peggy Armstrong  
Sandy Armstrong  
Mike Barnes  
Gil Barrett  
Diane Best  
Kristin Bonforte  
Julie Brinson  
Barbara Brosnan  
David Brosnan  
Ted Burton  
George Davis  
Hadylene Davis  
Joann Dillon  
Frank Duffy  
Roseanne Duffy  
Clint Duke  
Marshall Faulkenberry  
Bryan Genez  
Brenda Harding  
Sue Harrell  
Larue Harris  
Dianne Hawkins  
Paula Hodge  
Bea Honnet  
Georgie Jackson  
Rosa Johnson  
Suzanne Kaylor  
Edwina Long  
Randy Lovette  
Bob Maple  
Chuck Ontiveros  
Charlie Parker  
Linda Russ  
Jeanette Saik  
Ann Scott  
Eileen Shalhoub  
Dave Stoll  
Karla Thompson  
Ronnie Watson  
Jennifer Wright

### Centenary Friends

Davey Altman  
Susan Arthur  
Jackie Badger  
Alva Barrow  
Earl Berry, Jr.  
Guy Buckman  
Jack Callsen  
Jim Cayton  
Bryan Coker  
Vinnie Cusick  
Stuart Duke  
Bobby Faulkner  
Ronnie Gilliam  
Morgan Hartman  
Will Howard  
Deanna Jarvis  
Sarah Johnson  
Genell Keown  
Patricia Loffredo  
Sarah Miller  
Fred Mills  
Ken Morris  
Joyce Davis Morse  
Anne Navario  
Ken Potterton  
Ken Rice  
Melinda Robinson  
George Rodriguez  
Mike Roed  
Sue Scott  
George Smith  
Sherry Springer  
Pam Stevens  
Jesse Sutton  
Judy Szychowski  
Paul Szychowski  
Mike Twichel  
Patti Urick  
Amy White  
Rick White  
Pierce Williams  
Stephanie Williams

### Military

Dan Belet  
Colin Boyle  
John Christie, Jr.  
Gray Harris  
Joseph Hunt, V  
Brandon Oliver  
Kim Ontiveros  
Chris Polo  
Joseph Wiley

### Next Week's Scripture

Exodus 34:19-35  
Psalm 99  
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2  
Luke 9:28-36

### Attendance Last Week

8:30 Worship	64
8:50 Worship	69
11:00 Worship	147

### Giving Report

2019 Budget	\$819,130
Year to date giving	<u>\$100,304</u>
Balance needed	\$718,826