



*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**



Centenary is a Stephen Ministry Congregation.

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Rev. Bill Sherman, Pastor Emeritus  
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# Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

**December 16, 2018  
Xperience 8:50 a.m.**

## ***The Third Sunday of Advent***

### **GATHERING MUSIC**

*\*Glorious Day*  
(congregation sings)

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SINGING GOD'S PRAISES**

*\*Angels We Have Heard On High*

*\*God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*

### **LIGHTING THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE**

### **SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

### **CALL TO PRAYER**

*Sanctuary*

### **+PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

### **+THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **GIVING**

*While You Were Sleeping*

## **Christmas at Centenary**

### **December 22**

**7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

Living Nativity

### **December 23**

**8:30 a.m.**

Worship - Chapel

**8:50 a.m.**

Xperience Worship - Sanctuary

**11:00 a.m.**

Worship - Sanctuary

**7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

Living Nativity

### **December 24**

**4:00 p.m.**

Christmas Eve Worship  
for families with children

**6:00 p.m.**

Christmas Eve Worship  
with Communion & Candle lighting

**7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

Living Nativity

**7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

Open Table Communion

**11:00 p.m.**

Christmas Eve Worship  
with Communion & Candle Lighting

**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](mailto:dadboni@outlook.com)

**2018 Gifts That Help Children! Twizerane Group, Muhambo, Rwanda-31 households and a total of 101 children**-Gifts that Help Children provides the funds to make spiritual and life changing events which transform the lives of our working group members over our three year relationship. Look for the ZOE Christmas trees in the Education Wing and the Narthex with bookmarks ranging from \$10 to \$500. Select your book mark(s) and the gift card holder(s). Place a check annotated ZOE in the offering plate for the amount of Gifts That Help or drop it by the church office. For questions, contact Patti Peebles, at [pmpeebles@earthlink.net](mailto:pmpeebles@earthlink.net) or call 252-571-2421! Thank you again for helping to change so many lives of vulnerable African children.

**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 mark donations "Music Designated Fund".

**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 PM. 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 call or text Beckie McClay at 671-1395.

**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 17. Thank you for your generous gift to this Christmas Love Offering. Larry Cumbo, Chair Staff Parish Relations Committee

**American Red Cross Blood Drive**—Monday, December 24 8:30 AM—2:30 PM in Classroom One at CarolinaEast Medical Center. Sign up online at [www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive](http://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive)

## ***LISTENING FOR GOD'S VOICE***

Old Testament Lesson	Zephaniah 3:14-20
Time With Young Disciples	
*The Gospel Lesson	Luke 3:7-18
Proclamation	<i>Merry Christmas, You Brood of Vipers!</i> The Rev. Rick Moser

## ***SONG OF BLESSING***

*\*Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

## ***SENDING OUT***

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

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

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

**Centenary United Methodist Church Music Ministries  
and Trent River Orchestra  
Present  
*Sing Christmas*  
December 16th 3:00 PM  
Centenary Methodist Church Sanctuary**

## TODAY'S HELPERS

**Altar Guild:** Linda Taylor, Sue Harrell, Barbara Teed, Sheila Weibert, Mary Hudson

**Ushers:** Paul Tingle, Ann Fulcher

**Lay Reader:** Ginny Mangum

### Sunday

8:30 AM Worship-Chapel  
 8:50 AM Xperience Worship  
 10:00 AM Sunday School  
 11:00 AM Worship  
 12:30 PM Choir lunch  
 3:00 PM Cantata  
 6:00 PM CentYouth

### Monday

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

### Tuesday

6:30 PM Carillon Choir

### Wednesday

6:30 PM Men's Prayer Breakfast-  
 Country Biscuit  
 12:00 PM Wednesday Worship  
 12:30 PM Preschool Advisory Board lunch  
 4:30 PM Children's Choir  
 5:00 PM Facilitator's meeting  
 6:00 PM Chapel Choir  
 7:00 PM Praise Team  
 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir  
 7:00 PM Troop 13

### Thursday

5:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 4813

### Friday

### Saturday

7:00 PM Living Nativity

### Next Week's Scripture

Micah 5:2-5a  
 Luke 1:47-55  
 Hebrews 10:5-10  
 Luke 1:39-45

### Attendance Last Week

8:30 Worship	44
8:50 Worship	99
11:00 Worship	170

### Giving Report

2018 Budget	\$821,320
Year to date giving	<u>\$747,167</u>
Balance needed	\$ 74,153

## PRAYER CONCERNS

### Centenary Family

Peggy Armstrong  
 Sandy Armstrong  
 Gil Barrett  
 Diane Best  
 Kristin Bonforte  
 Pam Bonina  
 Bart Brinson  
 Julie Brinson  
 Barbara Brosnan  
 Alex Burnette  
 Phyllis Burton  
 Ted Burton  
 George Davis  
 Hadylene Davis  
 Joann Dillon  
 Frank Duffy  
 Roseanne Duffy  
 Clint Duke  
 Marshall Faulkenberry  
 Bryan Genez  
 Brenda Harding  
 Sue Harrell  
 Dianne Hawkins  
 Paula Hodge  
 Bea Honnet  
 Georgie Jackson  
 Rosa Johnson  
 Suzanne Kaylor  
 Mokey Lasitter  
 Edwina Long  
 Carol Martin  
 Mary Ann Minton  
 Chuck Ontiveros  
 Marilyn Ontiveros  
 Charlie Parker  
 Linda Russ  
 Jeanette Saik  
 Ann Scott  
 Eileen Shalhoub  
 Karla Thompson  
 Ronnie Watson

Billy White  
 Jennifer Wright  
**Centenary Friends**

Davey Altman  
 Susan Arthur  
 Jackie Badger  
 Earl Berry, Jr.  
 Guy Buckman  
 Jack Callsen  
 Jim Cayton  
 Bryan Coker  
 Vinnie Cusick  
 Dee Dricks  
 Stuart Duke  
 Bobby Faulkner  
 Ronnie Gilliam  
 Morgan Hartman  
 Will Howard  
 Deanna Jarvis  
 Sarah Johnson  
 Genell Keown  
 Patricia Loffredo  
 Bruce McLamb  
 Don Meador  
 Sarah Miller  
 Fred Mills  
 Ken Morris  
 Anne Navario  
 Ken Potterton  
 Dylan Quick  
 Ken Rice  
 Melinda Robinson  
 George Rodriguez  
 Mike Roed  
 Katie Sember  
 George Smith  
 Sherry Springer  
 Pam Stevens  
 Judy Szychowski  
 Paul Szychowski  
 Mike Twichel  
 Patti Urick

Amy White  
 Rick White  
 Pierce Williams  
 Stephanie Williams  
**Military**  
 Colin Boyle  
 John Christie, Jr.  
 Gray Harris  
 Joseph Hunt, V  
 Brandon Oliver  
 Kim Ontiveros  
 Chris Polo  
 Joseph Wiley