

# Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## ***THE CONNECTION***

***June 2016***

### **WELCOME TO OUR SUMMER STAFF**

This summer Kate Hundley will again be our Summer Children's Ministry Intern, teaching the Elementary Children's Sunday School Class. Be sure to find her on a Sunday morning to say "hello," and welcome her back to our summer staff at Centenary.

### **SUMMER SHAKESPEARE UNDER THE STARS**

**Quill Theatre will offer productions this summer at the historic Agecroft Hall.**

**Friday, June 3, at 7:30 p.m.**, a group from Centenary will be attending a performance of ***Twelfth Night***. In this captivating comedy, love is an overwhelming force of nature that sweeps us away in a flood of longing. Shipwrecked on the shores of Illyria, Viola grieves for her lost twin brother, and disguises herself as a boy to serve the Count Orsino, with whom she falls hopelessly in love. The passionate Countess Olivia also falls in love - with what she thinks is Orsino's handsome young page. Life in Illyria is a sublime whirligig of hopes and blunders, disguises and ruses, songs and silliness.

**Friday, July 8, at 7:30 p.m.**, a group from Centenary will be attending a performance of ***The Merchant of Venice***. A controversial, tragic comedy set in the divided world of Renaissance Italy: the glittering golden privilege of the Christian aristocracy and the powerful underworld of the Jewish ghetto. To court the wealthy heiress Portia, Bassanio asks for a large sum from his devoted friend, Antonio, who must borrow the funds. Shylock, the lender, strikes a deadly deal: if Antonio does not repay the loan, he must forfeit a pound of his own flesh. The insidious venom of prejudice poisons all, and mercy's love is held hostage to the mighty sway of justice.

Tickets will be around \$20 per person, depending on the size of our groups. Sign up for either or both performances on the bulletin board across from the kitchen.

### **ASSEMBLY OF SCHOOL KITS**

On **Sunday, June 5, at 12:15 p.m.**, join us as we assemble school kits for the United Methodist Committee on Relief. School kits provide children around the world with basic school supplies such as paper, pencils, and other items. Pizza will be served. Watch for an upcoming announcement with a list of the items we still need to complete the kits.

## SUMMER MOVIE NIGHTS

Centenary's Fellowship Hall is being turned into a movie theatre one Sunday night each summer month. Join us on **Sunday, June 12, at 6:00 p.m.** for a fun movie, and of course popcorn! The featured movie is **Joy**, a biographical comedy-drama film starring Jennifer Lawrence as Joy Mangano, a self-made millionaire who created her own business empire. Mangano was a divorced mother with three children in the early 1990s when she invented the Miracle Mop and became an overnight success, after which she patented many other products, often selling on the Home Shopping Network and QVC. The film is a semi-fictional and inspirational portrayal of how Mangano overcame personal and professional obstacles to rise to the top. Rated PG-13 for brief, strong language.



## TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME!

Join us as Centenary attends a Flying Squirrels Baseball Game on **Saturday, June 18, at 6:05 p.m.** This will be a home game against the Portland Sea Dogs. And there will be a firework display immediately following the game! Tickets will be \$12 each (reserved seating in the front Diamond Club section) or less if we are eligible for a group rate. Please sign up by **Sunday, June 12** on the bulletin board outside of the kitchen or call the church office at (804) 648-8319.



## DISCOVER DOWNTOWN EATERIES

Join us on **Tuesday, June 28, at 6:00 p.m.**, for dinner at Lucca Enoteca at 525 E. Grace Street. Owner Michael Oseguera had always dreamed of opening an Italian restaurant since his days at Patsy's Pizza, located in New York City. Both he and his wife, Chef and owner Maria Oseguera, agreed that the space on the ground floor of the Berry Burk building was the perfect spot. Lucca Enoteca serves pizzas made in a coal-fired oven with temperatures reaching as high as 1,000 degrees, which speeds the baking process. Crispy and topped with a savory red sauce, fresh mozzarella, and basil; it's a step above the usual takeout variety. But, pizza is not the only dish. They also have an enticing Mediterranean menu with fresh handmade pasta and delectable seafood as well. Everyone will order from the menu and we will each pay for our own meal. To make a reservation, sign up on the bulletin board outside of the kitchen by **Sunday, June 26**.

## NOTE FROM THE STAFF

### The Monthly Connection

Due to the new, weekly Constant Contacts email newsletter, the staff and Administrative Council have decided to stop printing the monthly newsletter. We feel that the Constant Contacts is a faster, more efficient and more effective way for us to get in touch with you and keep you up to date with what is happening here at Centenary. Additionally, beginning in July, we will be printing a copy of the Constant Contacts to include in the weekly bulletin mailings that are sent to our homebound members in the hopes that they will have an opportunity to view aspects of the email newsletter, such as Matt's weekly articles. Thank you so much for your continued support.



## THANK YOU!

From Grace Hinchman

I want to thank the members of Centenary for the lovely notes and cards that I have been receiving during this illness. They brighten my days, and I appreciate them very much.





The scripture readings are provided so that you may read and reflect upon them during the days prior to each worship service.



***Third Sunday after Pentecost***

**June 5, 2016**

I Kings 17:8-24  
Psalm 146 (UMH 858)  
Galatians 1:11-24  
Luke 7:11-17

***Fifth Sunday after Pentecost***

**June 19, 2016**

I Kings 19:1-15a  
Psalm 42 (UMH 777)  
Galatians  
Luke 8:26-39

***Fourth Sunday after Pentecost***

**June 12, 2016**

1 Kings 21:1-21a  
Psalm 5:1-8 (UMH 742)  
Galatians 2:15-21  
Luke 7:36-8:3

***Sixth Sunday after Pentecost***

**June 26, 2016**

Kings 2:1-2, 6-14  
Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 (UMH 798)  
Galatians 5:1, 13-25  
Luke 9:51-62



**NOTES FROM THE LAY LEADER**

***Phyllis Stump***



To sing is to confess with heart, soul, and body. It is *prayer, set to music.*

The time came when Martin Luther thought that his *Ninety-five Thesis* was not enough to carry forth the Reformation. It was then he took up his pen and began to compose musical prayers, or *hymns*. At that time, much of the music that worshippers heard was the mesmerizing monotone of Gregorian chants, usually performed by the choir. "My heart bubbles up and overflows when I hear music," Luther would say. He wanted worshippers to experience the same thing. Luther was not a trained composer. According to the medieval curriculum, music was a serious business, taught in conjunction with mathematics. But what he lacked in theory and experience he made up with his sense of tone, lyrics, and melody. For inspiration, he turned to the Gospels and the Psalms. His first missal of hymns was published in 1524.

In 1527, with war looming and the people suffering an outbreak of bubonic plague, Luther comes across Psalm 46, "God is our refuge and strength." He was struck by the force of these words, and he took up his pen and wrote:

\* A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
Our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

As John Wesley reminds us – "Sing lustily and with a good courage. Above all sing spiritually. Have an eye to God in every word you sing."

Singing is *prayer, set to music.*

\*This is the translation that is found in The United Methodist Hymnal on page 110.

# Congratulations Graduating Class of 2016



David Clinton Ashe, son of Reid Ashe & Lisa Frye Ashe, is graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Western Governors University. David is planning on opening a small business with his cousin in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Josie Evelyn Bircher, granddaughter of Bernice Walter, is graduating from Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa. Josie plans to work as a graduate research assistant at Yale University.

Clinton Wyatt Burns, grandson of Phyllis Fox Stump, is graduating from Virginia Tech. He will begin graduate work in the field of mechanical engineering at Virginia Tech this fall.

Nicholas Fox Burns, grandson of Phyllis Fox Stump, is graduating from James River High School. He plans to attend Virginia Tech in the fall.

Lilavati Elizabeth Crick, granddaughter of A.J. and Phil Crick, is graduating from Marvin Ridge High School in Wax Haw, North Carolina. Lilavati plans to attend N.C. State in the fall and study aerospace engineering.

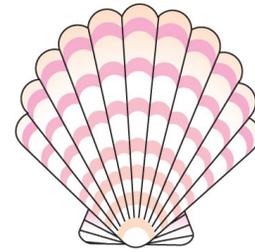
Conna Patricia Davis, member of Centenary and daughter of our Director of Membership Development, Ann Davis, is graduating from Christopher Newport University and will be substitute teaching as she pursues her further education in art education.

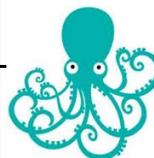
William Clyde Hundley, grandson of Bob & Leah Hundley, is graduating from Liberty University with an M.A. in Professional Counseling.

Sean Phillip Ryan, grandson of A.J. and Phil Crick, is graduating from Virginia Tech and will be working in the field of aerospace engineering.

Monica Lynne Yerby, daughter of John Yerby, is graduating from Varina High School and will be attending Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. Monica plans to study Engineering.





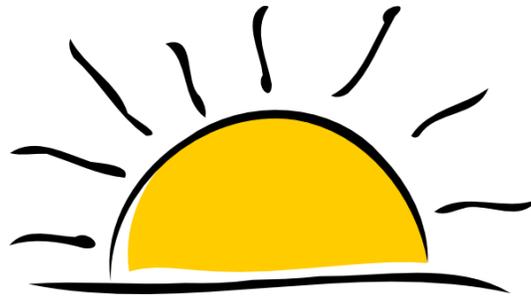
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>Every Sunday</b> 8:40 AM Informal Worship  10:00 AM Sunday School  11:00 AM Traditional Worship	<b>Every Monday</b> 10:30 AM Zumba Class	<b>Every Tuesday</b> 11:30-1:30 P.M. Sanctuary Open for Prayer  12:00 PM Fellowship Group at Aunt Sarah's  12:00 PM - AA	<b>Every Wednesday</b> 10:30 AM Zumba Class  12:00 PM Staff Meeting  7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice	<b>Every Thursday</b>	<b>Every Friday</b> 10:30 AM Walk-In & Bless My Sole Ministries  12:00 PM - AA	
			1	2	3 <b>Theatre Outing to Twelfth Night at 7:30 p.m.</b> 	4
5 <b>Making Kits for UMCOR</b> 12:15 p.m. <i>(Come join us for pizza &amp; fellowship)</i> 	6 <b>No Finance or Admin. meetings in June or July</b>	7	8	9	10	11
12 <b>ROA Orchid Club Set Up 12-2 p.m.</b> <b>ROA Orchid Club Meeting 2-5 p.m.</b>  <b>Summer Movie Night at 6 p.m.</b> <i>(featured movie is Joy)</i>	13	14  <b>Flag Day</b>	15	16	17  <b>ANNUAL CONFERENCE</b>	18  <b>ANNUAL CONFERENCE</b> <b>Flying Squirrels Game at 6:05 p.m.</b> 
19   <b>Happy Father's Day!</b>	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 <b>Discover Downtown Eateries at Lucca Enoteca at 6 p.m.</b> 	29	30		
						

# WHO SAID IT?

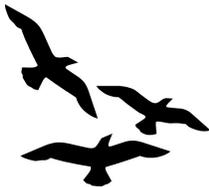
He who has faith has an inward reservoir of courage, hope, confidence, calmness, and assuring trust that all will come out well—even though to the world it may appear to come out most badly.

**Here's the answer:**

B.C. Forbes



"Great is the sun, and wide he goes  
Through empty heaven with repose;  
And in the blue and glowing days  
More thick than rain he showers his rays.



Though closer still the blinds we pull  
To keep the shady parlour cool,  
Yet he will find a chink or two  
To slip his golden fingers through.

The dusty attic spider-clad  
He, through the keyhole, maketh glad;  
And through the broken edge of tiles  
Into the laddered hay-loft smiles.

Meantime his golden face around  
He bares to all the garden ground,  
And sheds a warm and glittering look  
Among the ivy's inmost nook.



Above the hills, along the blue,  
Round the bright air with footing true,  
To please the child, to paint the rose,  
The gardener of the World, he goes."

- Robert Louis Stevenson, *Summer Sun*



# ***JUNE HELPERS***



## **ACOLYTES**

- 05 Christina Kidd
- 12 Nancy Grand
- 19 Christina Kidd
- 26 Katie Shingleton

## **ALTAR GUILD**

- 05 Nancy Grand
- 12 Barrett Brown
- 19 Sylvia Whaley
- 26 Kim Chen

## **BANNER BEARERS**

- 05 Agatha Kidd
- 12 Vic Grand
- 19 Agatha Kidd
- 26 Ryland Bailey, Jr.

## **COMMUNION STEWARDS**

- 05 Goldie Craig & Lorna Leake

## **GREETERS**

- 05 Bob & Leah Hundley
- 12 Lee & Kim Chen
- 19 Agatha & Christina Kidd
- 26 Jim & Mirian Wickham

## **HALL MONITORS**

- 05 Steve Gregory  
Jim Hill\*
- 12 David Pippin  
Neil Shingleton\*
- 19 Jim Wickham  
Charley Webber\*
- 26 Alex Hundley  
Clint Jones\*

## **LAY READERS**

- 05 Susy Meyer
- 12 Ginny Jarvis
- 19 Billie Davis
- 26 Mirian Wickham

## **TELLERS**

- 06 Suzanne Ray & John Dillehay
- 13 Jan Nelson & Bob Hundley, Sr.
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- 27 Barbara Pierson & Barrett Brown

## **USHERS**

- Dean Simpson (Captain)
- Charles Phillips
- Chris Ward
- Jim Armstrong
- Herbert Young

**REMINDER: IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO BE HERE ON YOUR SCHEDULED SUNDAY, PLEASE FIND A SUBSTITUTE AND NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE OF THE CHANGE.**

## **COORDINATORS**

### **Lay Readers:**

Phyllis Stump (330-2544)

### **Greeters and Hall Monitors:**

Sylvia Whaley & Clint Jones  
(795-5492)

### **Tellers:**

Suzanne Ray (262-4854)

### **Ushers:**

Sylvia Whaley &  
Clint Jones (795-5492)



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**CENTENARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Worship.....8:40 a.m.  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Worship .....11:00 a.m.

**STAFF**

Senior Minister.....Matthew D. Bates  
Minister to Senior Adults.....Cheryl Owen-Watson  
Director of Music/Organist.....Stanley M. Baker  
Director of Membership Development.....Ann Davis  
Administrative Assistant.....Mandy Porter  
Senior Accountant.....John Lampe  
Facilities Manager.....Al Richardson  
Sexton.....Saran Yin  
Choir Section Leaders ..... Brittany Brooks  
.....Alexandra Goia  
.....Todd Minnich  
.....Sam Cook  
Early Service Musician.....Lee Covington  
Nursery Worker.....Melissa Martinez  
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