From the Other Side of the Hall:

We love sadness. In fact, we embrace it much more in our souls than we embrace happiness. We all know the stories (I think they are urban legend) of the news company that only published good news and people didn’t watch it. We know that people do not freely contribute to hurricane relief until there’s actually a hurricane and we see people suffering.

Well, now science has confirmed that sports make us miserable. Using some kind of happiness app that U.K. researchers said would calculate the happiness factor of some 3 million British soccer fans, they said fans’ happiness jumped up 3.9 points on this scale when their team won. That’s to be expected. However, this same scale dropped 7.8 points when their team lost. So even if your team wins, the thrill of victory is STILL not going to outweigh the agony of defeat.

This makes human sense, doesn’t it? Preaching people will tell you that if 99 people come out of church and say the sermon was great, they will STILL feel bad if only one comes out and says it was horrible. We will obsess over that negative comment. The woman kept telling her pastor that his sermons were “warm” and he felt pretty good about it…until he looked up “warm” and saw the definition was “not so hot.”

People who tend to see the bright side of life are called Poly Anna’s. If people are generally happy, they’re thought to be in a protective bubble that’s just waiting to burst. Even worse, they are told that they really haven’t lived long enough to encounter the bad.

But sadness has a major role in our lives because it allows us to experience joy. We know the thrill of victory ONLY because we’ve tasted the agony of defeat. When I first learned to ski, I was SO frustrated. My wise friend said to get off the beginners’ slope and hit the more difficult one. I did. I fell at LEAST 20 times going down that slope. Three hours later, I made it down that slope without falling once. The thrill was overwhelming…but because the agony had been there.

Sadness teaches us as only sadness can. The lessons learned are far more valuable, far more lasting, far more profound. Life is going to be what it is. Woe to the preacher (or the church) who preaches that Christ is only about joy and good things. Christian movies tend to be just awful: the coach loses games, his wife, and his truck. He finds Jesus and wins the championship, reclaims his wife, and they give him a new truck. We are so taken in by that balderdash!

At the same time, it’s good to be in church. It’s good to be in worship. It’s good to be together no matter where we are. Sadness is much more pervasive in our souls…but goodness is, too. Life in the church does tend to be better. Life in faith tends to bring good things to us. But we live our like this not to be happy…but to be faithful. You know, that’s not bad at all. As Dad always said, “I’ll see you in church.” (RM)
**Stephen Ministry Resource Series**

One of the resources available through your Stephen Ministry is a four book series on experiencing grief. These books are available to anyone, and can be discussed with any of your Stephen Ministers. We try to keep an available supply for you. You may want to explore the entire series or any one of the books individually.

Please note that this resource in NOT a substitute for all that is available through GriefShare, but is intended as a resource that can help as you determine what is best for you.

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**Calling All Female Rising Seniors! Scholarship Opportunity**

The P.E.O. Organization recognizes Young Women of Stellar Achievement through the STAR Scholarship program. This is a non-renewable, merit based $2,500 scholarship for graduating high school senior women which must be used in the academic year following graduation. Eligibility for this scholarship is as follows:

- Exhibits excellence in leadership, academic, extracurricular activities, community service and potential for future success.
- Is in the final academic year (Senior Year) of her secondary education and is 20 years of age or under at the end of the calendar year.
- Has a minimum cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Is a citizen or legal permanent resident of the USA or Canada.
- Plans to attend an accredited post-secondary educational institution in the USA or Canada, full time or part time, in the fall of the academic year following high school graduation.
- Is recommended by and receives the vote of a P.E.O. Chapter.

The process of selection begins early in the senior academic year. The prospective candidate must be selected, interviewed and recommended prior to November 1st. If you are interested in being considered for this scholarship, please call or email Jean Stoll at (252) 631-3078 or email at stolljean45@gmail.com.

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**GriefShare**

GriefShare "Fall Sessions" will run every Monday from 10:00 AM until noon in Room 206, from September 24th to December 17th. 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 dad-boni@outlook.com

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Dear Friends from Centenary UMC,

A little over three years ago, the ZOE Rwanda staff gathered together two groups of orphans and vulnerable children who were entrenched in extreme poverty. They had little hope that things could improve, but you knew that they deserved better and led by God you stepped out in faith to provide resources and prayers so they could realize a different future.

It worked!

The support you provided enabled the youth to establish businesses and became food secure. You helped ensure that the children had adequate housing, access to medical care, returned to school, and had opportunities to experience God's love. These groups have now graduated and are ready to continue creating a brighter future for their families and their community.

Attached is the final report on this partnership. It contains all previous reports and an overview of the youth's three-year accomplishments.

Thanks for transforming the lives of these children!

With warmest regards,
Laura Nemecek
Director of Program Communications

To access this report, go to centenarychurch.com, scroll to bottom of page and click on ZOE Ministry.
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Mark Your Calendar...

5th Sunday Celebration
Sunday, September 30
11:00 AM
Sanctuary

One Service Only
No Sunday School
Dear Centenary Church Family:

It is very hard for me to believe that Katie, Blakely and I have been a part of the Centenary Church Family for 6 years as of this past June (Blakely was negative two months, but still here!!). In those six years, I have been blessed to see how God has worked in me as a new father and first time Church music director, but I have also seen how God has worked in the Music Ministry of Centenary. As we enter the Fall season of kick offs for Music Ministry ensembles, I am again amazed how God is moving and working through the Music Ministry. Dora Bullock joined our Music Staff Team this summer with VBS and will be leading our Children’s Choir Ministry this year. I believe God has brought Dora to lead the children with her many wonderful ideas of not only singing in worship, learning music skills, but a passion for children to grow their Faith while being a part of the Children’s Choir. This choir will also now be taking on a mission project each Fall and Spring School Semester. I am so thankful to God for placing Dora in the Music Ministry and Dora’s willingness to accept the call to serve. Not only has God placed a new Children’s Choir leader into the Music Ministry Team, but also has called Janet Sutton to return to the Music Ministry to lead the 4 and 5 year olds in learning music through Orff instruments. What a blessing that is going to be for the younger children!!!!!

Chris Johnson, a present Music Ministry Team Leader, has felt led to start a new Jr. High/High School Brass Ensemble. Chris presently is a Trumpet player in the Cherry point Marine Band as well as Assistant Director of the Centenary Brass Ensemble. Chris has a Music Education Degree background and is so excited to be offering this new ensemble to the young people of our Church and community. AGAIN, God is working in and through the Music Ministry of Centenary. Our motto has become – “There is ALWAYS a place for YOU!”

May God continue to use Centenary’s Music Ministry and it’s leaders to bring others closer to a relationship with and love of God. **Psalm 95:1-2** says “Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our Salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol HIM with MUSIC and SONG!!”. I sincerely pray that this scripture will ring true for all of us here at Centenary on Sunday mornings and all other times we gather to worship. May each of you BE BLESSED and BE A BLESSING!

With a song in my grateful heart,
Paul

**SPECIAL DATES:::**

*August 29th* 7:00 p.m. - Choir Room  Introduction of 2018 Christmas Cantata – Sing Christmas!!

*September 5th* 4:30 p.m. – Choir Room—Children’s Choir Kick-Off Party

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FIND YOUR FIRE

Centenary MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) is a place for every mom – the mother of all Sisterhoods! We are a place of support, laughs, and relationship building, with studies on relevant topics, crafts, service, and more. Come get uplifted, filled-up and recharged!

MOPS is a program designed to encourage and equip moms of children realize their potential as mothers, women and leaders! This year’s theme is Find Your Fire!

Fall 2018 Schedule

Location: Upstairs @ Centenary UMC
Time: 9:30am – 11:30am
Dates: September 14th & 28th
October 12th & 26th
November 9th & 30th
December 14th

Contact Katie Saik:
208-850-9573
1st WEDNESDAY

The MidWeek Meals have now become 1st Wednesdays. We will meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall for a Fellowship Meal. This will be a great time for us all to unwind and get to know each other a little bit better. Children will have their own menu and will meet in their own space on the 2nd floor.

**Wednesday, September 5**

5:30 PM

Menu: seafood, chicken prepared by Don Midyette

Please sign up on the reservation insert in the bulletins or call the church office at 637-4181 to let us know that you will be here.

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**OAKS ROAD ACADEMY SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE**

Centenary is having a school supply drive for Oaks Road Academy from Sunday, August 19 – Sunday, September 30th. We have been asked to collect the following items:

1.) Ear buds
2.) Dry erase markers
3.) Hi-Liters
4.) Composition books (not spiral notebooks)
5.) Sheet protectors.

There are collection containers for these items in the Narthex, in the hallway outside the Chapel, and near the volunteer desk. If you have any questions, please contact Colette Maple at 252-671-2333.

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**Issues Sunday School Class**

The Issues Sunday School Class will begin Adam Hamilton’s *Unafraid* starting September 9 in the library at 10:00. Dick Peebles will facilitate and can be contacted at rpeebles@earthlink.net or 252-571-3666. The study also has an accompanying video which he will use. Books are available at www.cokesbury.com for $12.99 or Amazon electronically for $12.99 or hardcover for $16.32 (Prime). Here’s a brief synopsis of the study:

*Americans are anxious people. A recent study found that one in five of us has an anxiety disorder and we spend over $2 billion a year on anti-anxiety medications. Often our life events play a significant role in our worries and fears. In this study based on his book *Unafraid*, Adam Hamilton explores the most common worries and fears experienced by Americans today. He considers practical steps for overcoming these fears, and reflects upon fear in the light of Scripture and a faith that promises again and again that we don’t need to live in fear. We can live with courage and hope.*

Past experiences with Hamilton’s materials have shown them to be interesting, thoughtful and stimulating great conversations.

Hope to see you in the Library on September 9!
YARD SALE SEPTEMBER 22: Sara Porter Rejoice Circle will hold a yard sale in support of the Bee Campaign-raising money for the new family area at RCS. Help us help our homeless families by contributing any useful, decorative, or pre-loved items you no longer need or want.

Sale items will be collected
Sunday, September 16—Friday, September 21.

Questions?
Call or email Susan Cook
at 636-1621, jcook16@suddenlink.net