From the other side of the hall.....

On the Saturday before Easter two years ago, Craig and I stopped by the church (after playing golf) to do a few things for the next day. His friend, Rudy, was with us. Rudy is Jewish. After we did what we thought had to be done, I was leaving when Craig called me; the Easter lilies were not out. Rudy helped us and we were finished in a short time. Then this Jewish guy, in a most gracious way, wished me a blessed Easter. I thought this interesting considering that the church took great pains to separate Easter from the Jewish Passover.

The formula developed in the fourth Century was that Easter would fall on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox. Constantine had no good words about the Jewish faith and, in coming up with this formula, it almost guaranteed that Maundy Thursday and Good Friday would never fall on the day of Passover. So I found it very interesting that it was a Jew who spoke a most gracious Easter greeting to me. You may have noticed a full moon on March 20, which was the vernal equinox. However the same council (Nicea) that determined this day of Easter also said that Spring began on March 21, no matter what. (It’s called ‘ecclesiastical spring’.) The most common date of Easter over the next centuries is April 19. The least common date is March 22.

Easter gets its name (perplexingly enough) from the pagan deity of the dawn, Oestra (or Eoster). The bunny brings eggs (oddly enough) because of another pagan tradition which had a child praying for a freezing bird so it wouldn’t die, and the goddess turned it into a rabbit so it could survive the cold. So the bunny...is really a bird...and brings eggs.

Our Easter greeting to one another goes like this: “He is risen.” And the response is “He is risen, indeed.” Some years ago the final four fell on Easter weekend. Duke was in it that year and at the scheduled breakfast on that Sunday morning, the president of Duke greeted the basketball coach with this same greeting. It warmed my heart when I heard it. Easter is our time. It’s our day. He is risen; he is risen indeed. As Dad always said, “I’ll see you in church.”

Christ is risen.

He is risen, indeed.

Alleluia!
## HELPERS THIS MONTH

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Free Income Tax Return Preparation

Free income tax return preparation is being offered by the IRS sponsored Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program in Craven, Pamlico, and Jones Counties. This free tax service is being offered for low to moderate income and elderly taxpayers at the Harrison Community Center, 311 Middle Street, New Bern on Mondays and Tuesdays through April 16. The hours are 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM and 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.

Shoes For God’s Children

“Heeling Our World”

A workshop where volunteers make shoes for barefoot children in Africa

Saturday, May 11
First Presbyterian Church
J. Murphy Smith Center
508 Middle Street
1:30 PM—4:00 PM

Join other members of our community as we work together to make shoes for barefoot children. 300 million children in the world have no shoes and are at great risk of infection or death due to soil-transmitted diseases. “Heeling Our World” is teaching mothers and caregivers in Africa how to make shoes for their barefoot children.

At the workshop, you will be making shoes for children in African orphanages who have no one to make shoes for them.

We currently have programs in Uganda, Mali & DR Congo.

For questions, please call Mitch Lewis at 252-670-1339.

GriefShare

GriefShare Winter/Spring Sessions will run every Monday, 10:00 AM until noon in Room 206, until 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.

Heeling Our World is a project of Arts to End Genocide, a 501(c)3 not for profit based in New Bern, NC. Sponsored by Faith Connection of New Bern.
## Gifts and Memorials

### Memorial Fund

*In memory of*
- Earl Butler
- George Bullock
- Phyllis Burton
- George Bullock
- Dr. George Bullock
- Dr. George Bullock
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- George Bullock
- George & Mary Bullock

*Presented by*
- Doris Johnson
- Frank & Dana Crayton
- Joyce Morris
- Barbara Huddle
- Newsom & Sandy Williams
- Jean & Ray Hemphill
- Joe & Annette Hunt
- Paul & Marie Tingle
- Larry & Nancy Gilliam
- Maggy Costandy
- Jerry & Mary Carpenter
- Bill & Anne Squire
- Dorothy Webb
- Dallas & Janet Sutton
- George & Beth Chadwick
- Ben & Beth Woodruff
- Jimmy & Sarah Bass
- Mike & Mary Jo Searson
- David & Elizabeth Ward
- Carolyn Fish

### Music Fund

*In memory of*
- Mary Ann Minton
- George Bullock
- Alex Burnette
- Karla Thompson
- Mary Ann Minton
- Billy White
- Earl Butler
- Ellen Ringle

*Presented by*
- Zelda Dardzinski
- Moses & Paula Lasitter
- Richard & Mary Peeler
- P.D. & Pamela Scott
- Tom & June McClay
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### Caring Cooks Fund

*In memory of*
- Phyllis Burton
- Revonda Ferreira
- Ellen Ringle
- Mary Ann Minton

*Presented by*
- Donald & Katie Hodges
- Dallas & Janet Sutton
- Carolyn Fish
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### Thru-The-Week School Fund

*In honor of*
- Elaine White
- Linda Taylor

*Presented by*
- Peter & Mary Louise Leavitt

### Bereavement Fund

*In memory of*
- Alex Burnette
- Alex Burnette
- Earl Butler

*Presented by*
- Jerry & Mary Carpenter
- Faye Proctor
- Dallas & Janet Sutton

### MOPS

*In honor of*
- The MOPS Moms of Centenary UMC

*Presented by*
- P.D. & Pamela Scott
Save the date...

Glenda Trenholm Memorial Concert for a Cause
(RCS BEE Campaign)
Featuring Paul Saik
Saturday, May 4
7:00 PM
Centenary Sanctuary

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Do you think that Box Tops for Education only applies to food products? In 2006, non-food products started to participate. Here are a few of the non-food products that qualify:

**Hefty:**
Blackout Tall Kitchen Drawstring Bags,
Hefty Cinch Sak Large Trash Bags and Lawn & Leaf bags
Hefty Odor Block Tall Kitchen Drawstring Bags
Hefty Renew Tall Kitchen Bags and Trash Bags
Hefty Steel Sak Trash Bags
Hefty Twist Tie Tall Kitchen Bags and Trash and Lawn & Leaf Bags
Hefty Ultimate and Hefty Ultra Flex Trash Bags.

**Ziploc:**
Ziploc Big Bags XL (4 ct.)
Ziploc Freezer Bags
Ziploc Smart Snap Containers
Ziploc Storage Bags
Ziploc Twist ‘n Loc containers
Ziploc VersaGlass Containers
Ziploc Vacuum Freezer System

A full list of eligible products can be obtained at [www.boxtops4education.com/earn/participating-products](http://www.boxtops4education.com/earn/participating-products).

We encourage all members of the congregation to participate. You may deposit your box tops in the envelope on the UMW bulletin board or in the designated mailbox by the church’s administrative office.

What happens to the box tops we collect? We send them to the Red Bird Mission in Beverly, Kentucky which is located in the second poorest zip code in the U.S. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Colette Maple at 252-671-2333.
Centenary United Methodist Church

April, 2019

1st Wednesday Community Dinner
Wednesday, April 3
5:30 PM
Fellowship Hall

Menu: meatloaf, au gratin potatoes, green beans
prepared by Robert & Kit Jordan & Judy Morton

This will again be a free dinner for the Centenary family and for the community.

Invite your friends and those you know who could use a good meal and might enjoy sitting down and relaxing with us.

Centenary MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) is a place for every mom. 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!

Meeting Schedule:
April 12
May 10

For more information, contact Katie Saik at 208-850-9573

Centenary United Methodist Men’s Meeting
Monday, April 8     6:00 PM
Fellowship Hall

All Centenary men are invited to attend this meeting and enjoy a delicious meal prepared by Centenary Methodist Men and an informative program. You may sign up on the reservation inserts in the bulletin or call the church office at 637-4181.
Centenary United Methodist Church

Lenten Worship Schedule

Wednesday, April 3
12:30 PM Lunch prepared by Missions Committee

Wednesday, April 10
12:30 PM Lunch prepared by Caring Cooks

Sunday, April 14
8:30 AM Worship in the Chapel
8:50 AM Xperience Worship in the Sanctuary
11:00 AM Worship in the Sanctuary—"Cry of the Whole Congregation"
At 11:00 worship only

This sanctuary drama is a Passion play drawn from the gospel of Luke; it takes us from the Triumphal Entry of Christ to the hours after his death on the Cross, using the spoken word, song and dance to portray the events of Christ's passion and death.

Wednesday, April 17
12:30 PM Lunch prepared by Chadwick Sunday School Class

Maundy Thursday Worship
Lord, Is It I?
Thursday, April 18 7:00 PM

This drama is a recreation of Leonardo da Vinci’s painting, “The Last Supper” using live actors. At the conclusion of the drama, the “Living Last Supper” will unfold as Jesus serves communion to the disciples. Communion will then be served to those who wish to receive it, as we all become part of the Living Last Supper.

Good Friday Worship
Tenebrae Service
Friday, April 19 7:00 PM

The word "Tenebrae" means "shadows" in Latin. This service moves from light to darkness as scripture readings take us through the last days of Jesus' journey to the Cross, concluding with only the light of the Christ Candle to represent the hope of the Resurrection.

Easter Sunday
Easter Worship (8:30, 8:50, 11:00)
Don’t forget to bring flowers to decorate the crosses.

Lenten Offering: This year’s Lenten offering will be given to Reviving Lives Ministry. Reviving Lives Ministries of New Bern (RLM) assists men and women who are dealing with the devastating consequences of substance abuse and addiction to find and maintain recovery. RLM provides separate clean/sober and substance-free residential home environments for both men and women. Participants live within a structured environment, have responsibilities within the houses, are engaged in faith-based 12 Step Classes, daily AA/NA meetings, and required to meet certain educational, vocational, spiritual, wellness and life skills training. Participants may remain in the program for up to two years as long as they continue to adhere to the rules of the program, work consistently on substance abuse issues and assist in paying for program services. If donating by check, please denote Lenten offering on the memo line. You may also make an on-line donation via the church website. If you have any questions, please contact Colette Maple at 252-672-2333 or e-mail: maplecd@suddenlink.net.
Centenary’s Easter Celebration

Food, Fellowship, and of course candy!

When: April 20th from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
   Hunt starts at 10:20
Where: Fort Totten Park, 490 Fort Totten Dr. New Bern
What to Bring: A covered dish to share, a basket for candy, and a chair

Questions? Contact Amber at AmberHarr@centenarychurch.com or 808-344-8254
Easter Lilies—$10.00 each

Please order your Easter lilies for Easter Sunday. They will be placed in the Chapel and Sanctuary in honor or in memory of your family members. They include green foil and will be delivered to the church. Please include your check made out to Centenary UMC and designated “lilies”.

Order deadline is April 8.

Donor’s Name

Phone #

Given in HONOR of:

Given in MEMORY of:

Total # ordered ______________

Total paid ______________
Faith We Sing Hymnals for Sanctuary

Our music director, Paul Saik, has expressed a desire to have the *Faith We Sing* hymnals in the Sanctuary. There are contemporary paperback hymn books like we have in the chapel. They sell for $10 in quantity. Having these hymnals in the sanctuary will save a lot of paper and copying time, eliminating the need for bulletin inserts, and will provide more options for our music.

If you would like to donate one or more hymnals in honor or memory of someone, please fill out this form designating the donor and the recipient and put in the offering plate with your check made out to Centenary or bring it to Kathy in the office. You may also mail the form and payment to Centenary UMC, PO Box 1388, New Bern, NC 28563.

We will put book plates in the hymnals detaining the gifts. Thank you in advance for your generosity!!

Donor’s Name                     Phone #

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Given in HONOR of:

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Given in MEMORY of:

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Total # ordered _____________    Total paid _____________
Hello again with news of another exciting month at preschool. We have experienced many delightful moments and look forward to many more in the short time we have left this school year.

We began the month still celebrating “DR. SEUSS” and his Birthday! We made hats like the “Cat and the Hat”, read lots of Dr. Seuss books, and had a week full of silly rhyming. You may have even seen the teachers dressed as Dr. Seuss characters at preschool!!

Next, we learned all about life on the farm and all the animals who live there. We had lots of silly laughs trying to imitate all the animal sounds.

Our 3 and 4 year old classes went to See Aladdin Jr. at the Civic Theater, it was so much fun watching the actors sing and dance on stage!

We spent the rest of the month getting ready for SPRING & EASTER. Our caterpillars have arrived! We watched them grow big and fat, and crawl to the top of the container to spin a chrysalis... and we are waiting very patiently for them to emerge from their chrysalis into a beautiful butterfly! To help us get extra ready for Spring, we have transformed our rooms beautifully with all of our brightly colored artwork.

Our Bible Verses for the Month of March:
“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your being, and all your strength.” Deuteronomy 6:5

Registration for the 2019/2020 Preschool year
Ages: 6 months – Pre-Kindergarten
9:00am – 12:00 noon
Early Risers 8:05am – 9:00am       Lunch Bunch 12:00 noon – 2:00 pm

If you, or someone you know, are interested in preschool for your child, please contact Katherine Muse at the church (637-4181) or at home (671-6460). Children will be accepted on a first come first serve basis.

Centenary Preschool’s 10th Annual Art Show & Auction
Tuesday, May 7th 5:00pm – 7:00pm
You are all invited to come for an evening of Art and Fun! The preschoolers have worked very hard to create some wonderful masterpieces to be displayed in our Art Show. Each age group has a canvas painting that each child helped to create. We will be holding a Silent Auction and highest bidder wins the beautiful artwork! The teachers have also begun putting together some awesome gift baskets that will be part of the Silent Auction as well!! If you have never been, you are missing out on quite a treat...not only do you get to see all of the creative work the children have done, but you also get the opportunity to bid on some amazing items and baskets donated by our friends in the community!

**If you, or someone you know, have any items or services that you would like to donate to help with our gift baskets we would greatly appreciate it!!
This year’s fundraiser profit will be used to update, repair, and beautify the hallways and classrooms of our preschool.
CELEBRATING OUR MOTHERS

Centenary’s United Methodist Women will use the traditional flowers for Mother’s Day (red and white roses) to decorate our church on Mothers’ Day, May 12. The roses will be $5.00 for each named honoree (for example, if you donate a flower to “our mothers” $5.00, but if you donate flowers to “Sue Smith and Dorothy Jones,” the cost would be $10.00.) Please print on the order form! We would appreciate it if you would order both Mothers’ Day and Fathers’ Day flowers at the same time (by May 5.)

Please put the form and check in the offering plate, send by mail or drop off at the church office. All orders and checks for Mothers’ Day roses are due by Monday, May 6. Please note “UMW Flowers” on the check.

Donor’s Name

Phone #

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Given in HONOR of:

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Given in MEMORY of:

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Number of Mothers’ Day roses ($5 each) ordered _________ Check amount ________

Immediately following the 11:00 service on May 12, you may pick up your donated roses or allow Centenary’s UMW to distribute them in our community.
CELEBRATING OUR FATHERS

Centenary’s United Methodist Women will use the traditional flowers for Father’s Day (red and white roses) to decorate our church on Father’s Day, June 16. The roses will be $5.00 for each named honoree (for example, if you donate a flower to “our fathers” $5.00, but if you donate flowers to “Bob Smith and Joe Jones,” the cost would be $10.00.) Please print on the order form! We would appreciate it if you would order both Mothers’ Day and Fathers’ Day flowers at the same time (by May 5.)

Please put the form and check in the offering plate, send by mail or drop off at the church office. All orders and checks for Father’s Day roses are due by Monday, June 10. Please note “UMW Flowers” on the check.

Donor’s Name

Phone #

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Given in MEMORY of:

Number of Father’s Day roses ($5 each) ordered _________ Check amount ________

Immediately following the 11:00 service on June 16, you may pick up your donated roses or allow Centenary’s UMW to distribute them in our community.
National Child Abuse Prevention Month

The blue pinwheels in the flower beds by the steps to the sanctuary are in recognition of National Child Abuse Prevention Month. National Child Abuse Prevention Month recognizes the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect. It also promotes the social and emotional well being of children and families.

We all play a role in the healthy development of our community’s children.

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