From the Other Side of the Hall:

We are coming down to what may well be the final weeks of the initial hurricane response work. Houses (some of them have been yours) have been cleared out and walls and floors removed. In some places the roads are still filled with materials and possessions and storm debris. We have the unenviable task now of waiting. We have to wait for things to dry out. Rebuilding too soon can create massive problems down the road. We have to be alert for those who would take advantage of us, push us along too quickly, or take shortcuts. Many have to navigate the pathways through government red tape and, for some people, this is an almost impossible task.

We know some bad things: our lives are forever changed. Forever. We will never look at the world the same way again. Some of our souls are permanently scarred. Some people have lost almost every tangible reminder of any memories they might have. We know that some people (mostly the poor) will fall “through the cracks” and fall even more into poverty. Even more, some have not and will not be able to physically survive.

On the other hand we know some good things: I’ve met some of the kindest, most gracious and willing people. People have arrived on work teams from all over the eastern half of this country to help clean up. They’re still coming, too. We have been given wonderful resources to help people through these coming months…and even years. We have seen the incredible strength of the human spirit. I’ve been amazed at how people have been knocked down and gotten back up. We have seen the faith community respond as it always has. When I had some people (yes from this very church) on a work team after Katrina, a pastor from a local church stopped to thank us for our work and said, “I don’t know what we would have done without the response of the faith community.” It’s been the same here. You should be proud of that.

So we have to stay in touch, stay alert, and continue the work. A storm like Florence presents a lot of challenges but it also presents a lot of opportunities to make our lives and the lives of people around us so much better. It has given us great opportunities to put our faith in actions. It will continue to do this. The Harvest Table of books for Oaks Road will be replacing books these children have lost and giving them the gifts of knowledge and entertainment and fulfillment. It’s always good to be the church. As we continue to recover and rebuild from a major storm, it will be even better that we are part of the church of Jesus Christ. As Dad always said, “I’ll see you in church.” (RM)

Thanksgiving Sunday Book Tables

For the past two years, Centenarians have exceeded all expectations and shared the joy of reading with the students at Oaks Road Academy. We brought well over 500 books both years, for the children to choose and take home to read. It has been an exciting project for everyone involved! This year, we are asking you to bring books again on Thanksgiving Sunday, November 18, to place on the tables that will surround the altar rail at all three services.

Please bring books that are appropriate for children ages 5-11 years old and place them on the tables when you come to church on the 18th. The books will be delivered to Oaks Road where the children will be able to choose the book that interests them the most.
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>helpers</th>
<th>November 4</th>
<th>November 11</th>
<th>November 18</th>
<th>November 25</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Altar Guild</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Linda Taylor, Sue Harrell, Barbara Teed, Sheila Weibert, Mary Hudson</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Acolytes (11:00)</strong></td>
<td>Daniel Hester, Rissa Duckworth</td>
<td>Alex Stott, Sydney Kleinwolterink</td>
<td>Grant Leary, Emilie Friesen</td>
<td>Daniel Hester, Rissa Duckworth</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Greeters (8:30)</strong></td>
<td>P.D. &amp; Pam Scott, Bryan &amp; Linda Genez, Larry &amp; Treacy Cumbo</td>
<td>Glenda Sewell, Diane Best</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Greeters (11:00)</strong></td>
<td>Mike &amp; Susie Harrell, Marge Marshall, Tom McClay, Gayle Midyette, Cindy Scott</td>
<td></td>
<td>Oscar &amp; Barbara Teed</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Ushers (8:30)</strong></td>
<td>John Harding, Dan Jenkins, Dave Duane, Linwood Johnson, Glenda Sewell, Bob Whitley</td>
<td>John Harding, Linwood Johnson</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Ushers (8:50)</strong></td>
<td>Larry &amp; Sandy Moser, Dick &amp; Pattie Peebles, Jazz Woodward, Danny Bullock</td>
<td></td>
<td>Paul Tingle, Ann Fulcher</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Ushers (11:00)</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td>W.C. Chadwick Sunday School Class</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Lay Reader (8:30)</strong></td>
<td>Karen Duke, Benny Thompson, Ron Bonina</td>
<td></td>
<td>Bill Lindquist</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Lay Reader (8:50)</strong></td>
<td>Joanna Davis, Ron Bonina, Jazz Woodward</td>
<td></td>
<td>Ginny Mangum</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Lay Reader (11:00)</strong></td>
<td>Waid Keene, Julie Brinson, Eloise Collins</td>
<td></td>
<td>Andy Acasio</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
GriefShare "Fall Sessions" run every Monday from 10:00 AM until noon in Room 206, until 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

GriefShare's "Surviving the Holidays" is being presented Saturday November 10th from 10am till noon at Centenary. It is for those who have lost a loved one and are concerned about the upcoming holidays. ALL ARE WELCOME!!

You’ll learn:
• How to deal with the many emotions you’ll face during the holidays
• What to do about traditions and other coming changes
• Helpful tips for surviving social events
• How to discover hope for your future

We will meet at the Centenary Church offices at 309 New St. New Bern in Room 206. For more information, contact Pam or Ron Bonina 252 497-8489. There is a charge of $5.00 for a work book.

Centenary United Methodist Men’s Christmas Dinner
Monday, December 3
6:00 PM
Fellowship Hall
Cost: $15.00 single or $30.00 per couple. Reservation and payment required by December 1. No refunds if canceled after December 1, but substitutions are okay.
Make check payable to Centenary UMM.
Make your reservation on the reservation insert in the bulletins or call the church office at 637-4181.
Centenary United Methodist Church

**Pastor’s Discretionary Fund**
*In honor of*
Donald & Katie Hodges

Presented by
Peggy & Ken Littlewood

**Thru-the-Week School Fund**
*In honor of*
The Pastors

Presented by
Peter & Mary Louise Leavitt

**Local Hurricane Relief**
*In memory of*
Jean Estes

Presented by
Bryan & Linda Genez

*In honor of*
Rita McCain

Presented by
Closs Gilmer

Ernie & Sara Porter

John E. Davis, Jr.

---

**Gifts and Memorials**

**Pastor’s Discretionary Fund**
*In honor of*
Donald & Katie Hodges

Presented by
Peggy & Ken Littlewood

**Thru-the-Week School Fund**
*In honor of*
The Pastors

Presented by
Peter & Mary Louise Leavitt

**Local Hurricane Relief**
*In memory of*
Jean Estes

Presented by
Bryan & Linda Genez

*In honor of*
Rita McCain

Presented by
Closs Gilmer

Ernie & Sara Porter

John E. Davis, Jr.

---

**Centenary United Methodist Women’s Christmas Brunch**
*Saturday, December 1*
*9:30 AM*

Tickets: $13.00

Tickets may be purchased from circle leaders or in the church office.

**Advent Greenery**

It is time to order the wreaths that are placed on the church doors during Advent. Traditionally, the wreaths on the doors are given in memory of or in honor of someone special. If you would like to donate a wreath, please call the church at 637-4181 and let Marshall know.

**Centenary Caring Cooks Fundraiser!!!**

Centenary Caring Cooks will be doing our annual fundraiser on Saturday, December 15th from 8am-noon. We will have our famous **Cinnamon Rolls and Quiche** for sale. There will be no preorders. First come, first serve on December 15th in the fellowship hall.

Save the date and come out and stock up for the holidays - great to pop in the freezer to enjoy during the holidays or for gift giving.

Thank you to all for your generous support of our ministry! Because of your continued support, we will be able to donate the proceeds from this fundraiser to RCS.

**Centenary Charge Conference**
*Monday, November 19*
*7:00 PM     Garber UMC*

Centenary Church Council members are expected to attend. Centenary members are welcome to attend.

---

**1st Wednesday Community Dinner**
*Wednesday, November 7*
*5:30 PM*

**Fellowship Hall**

Menu: Brunswick stew, cornbread, dessert prepared by Robert Jordan and his crew

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

Last month we served almost 300 dinners. Invite your friends and those you know who could use a good meal and might enjoy sitting down and relaxing with us.
Hello again with news of another busy and exciting month at Preschool. This sure has been a FUN month, with many creative experiences, learning center activities and lots of laughter and smiling faces.

Our 3 and 4 year old classes enjoyed a fieldtrip to the Pumpkin Patch at Christ Episcopal. They played games, arts & crafts, listened to a story, and picked out a pumpkin of their very own to take home! All of our classes have been enjoying our Music & Movement fun in the Sanctuary...singing, dancing around, & being silly!

We have learned all about Fall and the beautiful colors that come with it! The children have been very creative with all of their artwork and our halls and classrooms are full of precious masterpieces. We will the month of October with Halloween! We have sang lots of fun little songs full of silly ghost, pumpkins and witches. And this week all of the classes will get a chance to Trick-or-Treat the church office, going from room to room laughing and shouting “Trick-or-Treat”!

Thank You to all our preschool families who came out and celebrated Trunk or Treat with us! We loved having you join the Fun!

Please remember to download the REMIND APP and join CENTPREK1
You must rejoin each year under the new group name (last year’s school group is deactivated)

**SPAGHETTI SUPPER** - Thursday, November 8th

5:00pm - 7:00pm

A night of delicious food, prepared by the preschool staff & spectacular decorations, created by our preschoolers! Dine in or take out

Tickets are $7.00

**Upcoming Dates:**

November 12th – No School
November 21st – 23rd – Thanksgiving Break
November 30th – Parents Night Out
6:00pm – 9:00pm $15 per child

Centenary Preschool teachers will be offering child care for children (birth – elementary school) while you enjoy a fun evening out!!

December 20th – Jan 4th – Christmas Break
Centenary Preschool

Spaghetti Supper

Thursday, November 8
5:00 PM—7:00 PM

Tickets: $7.00
Tickets may be purchased from preschool parents, church office, or at the door.

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
November 9th & 30th
December 14th

Contact Katie Saik:
208-850-9573
POINSETTIAS - $10.00 EACH

CentYouth are once again selling the poinsettias that will be in the sanctuary and the chapel for Christmas this year. Price is $10.00 per poinsettia. Please fill out the form. Order deadline is November 30.

Donor’s Name

Phone #

Given in HONOR of:

Given in MEMORY of:

Total # ordered _____    Total paid ______________