

“Time to Make the Doughnuts . . . “

The ordinary life of Centenary UMC is active and dynamic. Our mission remains “Experience Christ’s Love...Grow in Christ’s Love...Share Christ’s Love.” For 250 years, we have been a beacon of hope sharing Christ’s love in New Bern. We know that God will lead us forward.



Worship: \$222,422

Each Sunday, we provide a variety of worship experiences for our people. We seek to provide ways for all people to **“Experience Christ’s Love”** in worship. Our Chapel Service, with its “Gospel” flare is punctuated by our weekly hymn sing. Our Xperience Service features a top-notch praise band, lifting our spirits in song each week. Our Traditional Sanctuary Service brings together the best of our Wesleyan heritage and the call of a new day.

The Music ministry of Centenary is recognized throughout the area for its excellence and its variety. From choir to praise band, from handbells to the Faith We Sing ensemble, there is a place for everyone in our worship life.

Children & Youth: \$135,897

The scriptures call us to “let the little children come.” The challenges for today’s children, youth, and families require us to seek new ways of bringing young lives to the grace of God. This year, we will be shifting to a block format for our Sunday morning educational opportunities, with both fellowship and lessons offered for our children. From 10:00 to 11:30.

CentKids will be a chance for our children to form lasting friendships and learn the lessons of a lifetime.

Our CentYouth provides fellowship, mission involvement, and learning through weekly programming as well as special trips and experiences.



Outreach: \$183,281

Through our connectional giving, we are empowering communities and lives throughout North Carolina, the United States and around the world. Our North Carolina Annual Conference is involved in over 70 countries. We have begun New Faith communities each year. We provide food and agricultural training around the world. Our efforts have resulted in a 50% decrease in deaths to Malaria. Our Apportionments represent ministry and mission touching the lives of real people around the world.

In addition to our regular apportioned giving, Centenary is an active contributor to both Habitat for Humanity of Craven County and Religious Community Services here in New Bern. We are providing direct assistance to persons throughout our area through these important ministries. We support Oaks Road Academy through a partnership that has lasted through the years.

Beyond our mission outreach, we reach into the New Bern community through our weekly broadcast of our traditional sanctuary worship each week on 97.9 FM. Our radio ministry became a vital part of our life together during the challenges of Covid, and it remains a lifeline for many unable to be with us in person for worship. **“Sharing Christ’s Love”** animates our whole congregational life.

Office: \$111,187

Providing for office and administration is more than just paperclips, copy machines, and phone bills. Visitors to Centenary are greeted friendly and capable servants, ready to provide assistance in all manner of ways. Our office staff provides the backbone for all the ministry areas of the church. More than any other area, the office and administration makes the doughnuts that allows the other areas of our life together to sing.



Care & Nurture: \$146,878

GriefShare, M.O.P.S., Stephen Ministry, Caring Cooks, Fellowship Meals, and so much more are all a part of the ways we provide for the care and nurture of our congregation. Keeping a congregation as active and diverse as Centenary connected task effort and a wide-range of programs. In addition, our pastoral team supports and cares for our congregation during all the challenges of life. We are a family in so many ways and need to care for one another.

In addition to supporting one another through life's journey, the care and nurture of our congregation includes bible studies and classes for all interests and ages. On any given day, a bible study group of our congregation is meeting to explore the Scriptures and **"Grow in Christ's Love."**



Property: \$155,299

Our facilities are both beautiful and functional, providing the space necessary for all the ministry of our congregation. In the coming year, the focus of our attention on property will be in the special projects of our Capital Campaign. Even so, there remain necessary elements of our care for this historic treasure of Centenary UMC.

Revenue	
Projected Revenue from Membership	\$815,000
Projected Designated Revenue	\$140,000
Total Revenue	\$955,000
Expenses	
Office & Administration	\$111,187
Property	\$155,299
Outreach	\$183,281
Care & Nurture	\$146,878
Music & Worship	\$222,422
Children & Youth	\$135,897
Total Expenses	\$954,964

