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CENTENARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, January 6, 2019

8:30 am

FOCUS FOR WORSHIP:

God with us, God revealed in us, God come to us, Emmanuel:
Long hidden within our heart's barren womb;
Too often explained away by our mind's idol of reason;
and so many moments kept captive in our soul's chains of doubt.
Show forth among us, bread of Life!
Be manifest here this day,
Cup of Salvation! Great God of the Epiphany, this day reveal your salvation
to the poor who hunger for your nourishment,
to the seekers who travel across deserts for your drink,
to us gathered here, who desire you.
Great God of the Epiphany,
this day reveal your salvation
Through the one who saves us, Jesus Christ, Amen.

Artwork
Epiphany ~ John August Swanson

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

OUR VISION

Striving to be a vibrant Christian community, loving God and loving neighbor downtown
and throughout the region.

Centenary
UNITED METHODIST
WINSTON-SALEM

LET US WORSHIP

Epiphany of the Lord • 8:30 am • January 6, 2019
The Reverend Dr. P. Glenn Kinken III, *preaching*
The Reverend Bret Cogan, *liturgist*
Band Member, *lector*

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

We welcome you to worship today! Our deepest desire is that you have come to encounter the living, loving God and find yourself knowing His great love for you.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME/
ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE
Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: " 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.' " Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him." After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route. (NIV)

This is the word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Our Best"

SONG

JOYS & CONCERNS

OFFERING OUR GIFTS/SONG

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HOLY COMMUNION *You may follow along with the Communion liturgy on page 4.*

CLOSING SONG

BENEDICTION

Come to the Lord's Table, all you who love him. Come to the Lord's Table, confess your sin. Come to the Lord's Table, be at peace.

CONFESSION OF SIN

We have not believed you or trusted in your power.

Lord, help our unbelief.

We have stained our souls by our action and inaction.

Cleanse us, Lord.

We are broken by disease, bruised by the sins of others, weakened and unable to repair ourselves.

Heal us, Lord.

We ignore your call to center our lives in you, we fail to care for the earth, and we ignore the hopes and cries of people we encounter every day and people far from us who are poor, sick, or immigrants, or prisoners.

Ground us, Lord!

When we confess our sinful ways, God abundantly pardons. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are all forgiven. Glory to God!

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be always with you!

And also with you.

On the night of your betrayal, Lord Jesus, you took bread, blessed it, broke it, gave it to your disciples and said,

"This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

You did the same with the cup after the supper, saying,

"This cup that is poured out is the new covenant in my blood."

Blessed Trinity, in remembrance of all you have done to save us, we offer ourselves to you in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has come among us. Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ abides with us. Christ will come again.

Even so, pour out your Spirit on us.

Pour out your Spirit on us.

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts.

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts.

Make these gifts the body and blood of Christ.

Make us, through them, Christ's body alive and at work in all the world.

Lord we give you thanks for these gifts given to us by Your measureless grace. May this gift call us back to You. May we find forgiveness through the shed blood of Christ. May you embrace us as Your children as even now we experience Your presence at this table. We ask it all in the name of the One that broke the bread and offered the cup - even Jesus, the Christ. Amen!

All is prepared, come and taste and see that the Lord is good...

WELCOME GUESTS, VISITORS & FRIENDS

The congregation and staff of Centenary welcome you to today's worship. It is our honor to have you with us today. If we can be of assistance to you, please visit with one of our friendly ushers, located by the Narthex entrance. They will gladly answer your questions and help you with any needs you may have during your visit.

We welcome all our visitors as special guests. At the conclusion of today's worship, we invite you to speak to one of our ministers who will be in the Narthex or transept exits. We want to address any questions you may have and provide you with pertinent information about Centenary. Should you get home and have an immediate question, please text 336-682-8591.

We invite you to visit with us again soon.

FELLOWSHIP

There is always something happening at Centenary and we invite you to join us. Learn more about Centenary offerings by visiting centenary-ws.org. You may also find us on Facebook by searching "CentenaryMethodist."

MEMBERSHIP

We are eager to share Centenary's story with you. If you are interested in learning about church membership, please contact Rev. Jeremy Pegram (336-724-6311 ext. 1361)/jpegram@centenary-ws.org to schedule a time to meet.

WATCH

Each Sunday morning, our 11:00 am worship service is broadcast on the Internet through our Live Stream. Visit www.centenary-ws.org. Once there, scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on either the Live Stream cloud logo or the Live Stream button.

CONTACT US

To learn more about life at Centenary, contact the church office (336-724-6311) and ask to speak with a minister.



HEARING LOOP

Our Sanctuary is fitted with a Hearing Loop system. Please switch your hearing device to T-coil. If you need a listening device, please contact one of our ushers.

RENOVATION WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays

8:30 am

9:00 am

11:00 am

Simplify Worship

Rejoice! Worship

Traditional Worship

Memorial Auditorium

Sanctuary

Sanctuary

Wednesdays

7:00 pm

Roots Revival

Memorial Auditorium

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

The Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Mary Elizabeth Boggan Palermo by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Boggan, Jr.; and also in loving memory of William (Bill) Hohman and Wanda Martin by his wife and her sister, Doris Hohman.

The flowers in the Narthex are given in loving memory of John William Burwell by his family.

Sympathy is extended to John Tripp in the death of his mother, Mary Humphrey Tripp, on December 12, 2018.

EVENT REGISTRATIONS

To register for events at Centenary, please visit the church website at www.centenary-ws.org. Once there, choose the engage tab at the top of the page and select the sign-up link. Should you need assistance, please contact our church receptionist, Juana Jasinto (ext.1300)/jjasinto@centenary-ws.org.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Your IRA Required Minimum Distribution – How to Make the Most of It and Benefit Your Church

Per the IRS, people 70½ and older are required to take a minimum distribution from their IRA or be faced with a hefty tax penalty. If you must take a required minimum distribution, but don't need the funds and don't want to pay income taxes on it, please consider gifting it to the Church as part of your annual support. To qualify for the tax credit, you must have your retirement plan administrator direct the distribution **DIRECTLY** and payable to Centenary United Methodist Church; it cannot pass through your hands or it will trigger an income taxable event for you.

ALTAR GUILD

Serve in Worship

On the first of Sunday of each month we celebrate the sacrament of holy communion at our three morning services. During the 11:00 am Traditional service, we have opportunities for laity to be involved as communion servers. If you would like to assist in serving holy communion, please visit centenary-ws.org/sign-up or contact Jauna Jasinto at (ext. 1300)/jjasinto@centenary-ws.org.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Nursery Drop-off and Pick-up

All nursery rooms are in their renovation space in *The Hub* on the second floor. This is just up the steps from *Glad Tidings*. As always, we will have nurseries for infant through pre-kindergarteners from 8:30 through the end of the 11 am worship service.

Children's Worship during 9:00 & 11:00 Services

Each week, our kindergarten through third graders are invited to children's worship during the 9 am & 11 am services. Kids start the service with their parents and then, part-way through the service, are invited to Room 216 with our children's ministry staff for a special time of worship created especially for them. We return before the service is over. Pews are reserved at the front of the Sanctuary. Children should be picked up there when the service has finished. Contact Rev. Kate May (ext. 1331)/kmay@centenary-ws.org for more info.

YOUTH MINISTRY

January 6	
8:30 am	Simplify Worship (Memorial Auditorium)
9:00 am	Rejoice! Worship (Sanctuary)
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
Noon-2 pm	Love Thy Neighbor

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Seeing help right in front of you . . .

"Even if you know intellectually that God is there, sometimes it feels like it doesn't matter because there is no one there to help you. I think Stephen Ministry is a way to actually see help right in front of you. Receiving care from my Stephen Minister began the process of me being able to receive care from God."

Could you or someone you know benefit from a Stephen Minister's help through a difficult time? If so, contact Judy Ingram (336-407-3986), Phil Ashley (336-766-0196), or Rev. Craig Ford (ext. 1353). Trained and caring help is available through Centenary's Stephen Ministry.

Grief Share

GriefShare is a video seminar series that features some of the nation's foremost Christian experts on grief and recovery topics as seen from a biblical perspective. The video seminars are combined with support group discussion of the information presented during the video and of how group participants are dealing with the death of their loved one. The 13 weekly seminars will begin on Monday, February 4, 2019, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm, and continue on Mondays through April 29, 2019. The *GriefShare* group will meet in the conference room on the first floor level of *The Haven* at CUMC, entering on 4 ½ Street. For registration and questions, please contact Sandra Gramley (ext. 1352)/sgramley@centenary-ws.org. Additional information about *GriefShare* in on the Centenary website, www.centenary-ws.org/congregational-care.

EVANGELISM & ENGAGEMENT

Starting Point

February 3 • 5:00-6:30 pm • Dining Room

Begin your journey to Centenary membership with Starting Point, a 90-minute class that will give you the information needed to form a deep connection to the church and complete the membership process. Centenary clergy and staff will be in attendance, so they can get to know you and you can get to know them. During the session you are invited to enjoy dinner while learning about Centenary's history, mission and vision. You will also learn how you may engage in missions and ministries and take a tour of the facility. To register for Starting Point, visit centenary-ws.org/sign-up. Childcare is available with a reservation: please arrange when you register to attend.

Group Exercise Class

Saturday Mornings • 9:30-10:30 am

Come experience REFIT®, a fitness community, with instructor Betsy Richter. REFIT® meets most Saturdays in the Dining Room. Enter through the 4 ½ Street entrance. For questions, please contact Rev. Jeremy Pegram (ext. 1361)/jpegram@centenary-ws.org.

ADULT FORMATION

Breaking Bread • Wednesdays • Noon • Dining Room

Adult Formation Bible Study *Breaking Bread* begins again for 2019! We will resume our study of Mark's Gospel on Wednesday, January 9 at noon. We will be in chapter 10 and when we finish Mark will we begin a Lenten look at the letters of the Apostle Paul... a "Pauline Trifecta" so to speak. Please come and join us and if you have any questions contact Bret Cogan (ext. 1334)/bcogan@centenary-ws.org

DAYBREAK/RESPITE CARE

Respite Care Openings

Respite Care has openings for older adults with memory impairment. Socialization, fun and stimulating activities and lively conversation are the norm among the participants and volunteers in the DAYBreak room on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. Schedule a visit or bring your loved one to experience a few hours with this fun group. Contact Debbie Pilson (ext. 1345)/dpilson@centenary-ws.org.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Register Today

Join us March 22 - March 24 at the Montreat Conference Center, for Centenary's annual Women's Retreat. Our guest speaker will be Jenny Beaumont, who is the Director of Adult Formation at Christ Episcopal Church in Charlotte. The cost will be \$205/\$405 through January 20. After January 20 it increases to \$250/\$450. Registration deadline is February 17. After February 17, we can take late signups, but rooms will be available based upon room at the resort. All registrations are nonrefundable after February 17. To register, please visit centenary-ws.org/sign-up or contact Juana Jasinto (ext. 1300)/jjasinto@centenary-ws.org.

MISSIONS

Loaves & Fishes January Food of the Month

Loaves & Fishes offers support and sustenance to our neighbors each Tuesday morning, and your donations help keep our food pantry stocked. For the month of January, we are collecting breakfast items (e.g. oatmeal, cereal, breakfast bars). Please bring your food donations to the Missions bins, located just inside the 4 1/2 Street Entrance.

Samaritan Inn

On the second Friday of each month (except December), Centenary provides six overnight volunteers to Samaritan Ministries' homeless shelter. Volunteers arrive at 6:15 pm on Friday and help serve dinner to guests, receive an orientation and participate in nightly devotions, socialize with and/or play games with guests, and then take two-hour shifts in pairs watching the security monitors overnight. Volunteers will get some sleep, help serve breakfast, and be done before 7:30 am on Saturday. If you would like to participate in this ministry visit centenary-ws.org/sign-up. For more information, please contact Rev. Jeremy Pegram (ext. 1361)/jpegram@centenary-ws.org.

Winter Overflow Shelter Now – March 31

This vital ministry provides persons experiencing homelessness a meal and a warm place to sleep, and we are honored to be a partner with City with Dwellings in this effort. Centenary furnishes transportation from the check-in site to overflow shelters on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evenings. We are in need of drivers and ride alongs. Ride alongs help with boarding the busses and serve as an extra pair of eyes for drivers. To volunteer as a driver or a ride a long, please contact Rev. Jeremy Pegram (ext. 1361)/jpegram@centenary-ws.org.

MUSIC & THE ARTS

Devotional Expressions and Prayers

Bill Gramley's latest edition of his beloved devotional book is now ready for the new year. Copies are available in the information centers located just outside the Sanctuary, the Memorial Auditorium lobby, or in the music suite. The devotional book is free to all who would like one. Be sure to pick up copies for your friends and family.

Faith in Films Sundays • January 13 & 20 • 4 pm

Centenary Music and the Arts Ministry is proud to host screenwriter and director, Angus MacLachlan who will present two of his films in Memorial Auditorium. On January 13, *Abundant Acreage Available* will be shown and on January 20 we will feature *Junebug*. A question and answer with Mr. MacLachlan will follow each screening. For questions, contact Jacob Patrick (ext. 1336)/jpatrick@centenary-ws.org.

The Music and Arts Ministry Presents

FAITH IN FILMS

Two films by Angus MacLachlan
All films begin at 7pm • Memorial Auditorium
Enter at 4 1/2 Street

January 13

Abundant Acreage Available

January 20

Junebug



Angus MacLachlan

Angus MacLachlan will guide us through the moralistic and spiritual aspects of both films.

RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS

December 18-24

Worship Attendance

11:00 am Traditional	746
9:00 am Rejoice!	153
8:30 am Simplify	59
Christmas Eve 3:00 pm	116
Christmas Eve 4:00 pm	405
Christmas Eve 6:00 pm	121
Christmas Eve 11:00 pm	600
Nursery & Children's Worship	54
Centenary Live Stream	192
Roots Revival	94

Contributions

Offering	\$220,319
Special Gifts	112,147
Centenary Fund	1,180

Total \$333,646

Sunday School 130

10 Total 2,540

CENTENARY LEADERSHIP CONNECTIONS

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RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS

December 25 - December 31

Worship Attendance

11:00 am Traditional	318
9:00 am Rejoice!	102
8:30 am Simplify	38
Nursery & Children's Worship	40
Centenary Live Stream	226
Roots Revival	N/A
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Total	724

Contributions

Offering	\$115,300
Special Gifts	35,852
Centenary Fund	3,422
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Total	\$154,574

Sunday School 85



Commission on a Way Forward

INFORMATION SESSIONS



In February 2019, the United Methodist Church will convene a special General Conference to settle the United Methodist Church's 40 plus year debate on the subject of the church and human sexuality.

In January 2019, we will host four identical information sessions about the work of the Commission, the proposals, and General Conference. The dates, times, and locations for the sessions are:

- Sunday, January 6 at 4:00pm in Memorial Auditorium
- Monday, January 7 at Noon in Memorial Auditorium
- Thursday, January 10 at 10:00am in Robinson Hall at Arbor Acres
- Thursday, January 10 at 6:00pm in Memorial Auditorium

You are encouraged to come learn about what the General Conference will be considering. Depending upon what General Conference decides, there may be follow-up action that local congregations must take. There will be a timeline for that action and there will be plenty of time for churches to adequately discuss the ramifications and implications of the decision made. Our time in January will be focused on education and awareness.

Regardless of what the General Conference decides, our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world and vision of striving to be a vibrant Christian community, loving God and loving neighbor downtown and throughout the region will not change.

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