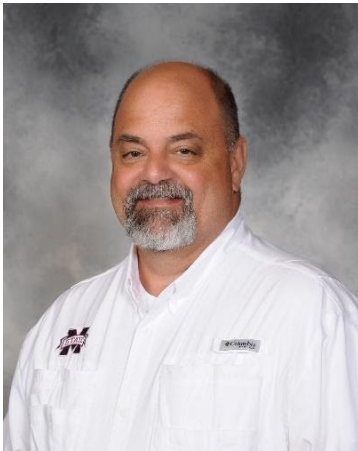


THE CIRCUIT RIDER

Centenary United Methodist Church Newsletter

April, 2022

NOTES FROM PASTOR CECIL



We will start this month's article with a shout out to Faith Bahm. I hope all of you appreciate all she does for our church. I know how much she does for me in my role as pastor. Thank you, Faith, for keeping me out of trouble.

Faith has been struggling these past couple of weeks with our monthly newsletter. Some months the struggle is finding enough information to fill all the space in the newsletter. This month it's the exact opposite. The volume of information is so much, she is having to carefully edit all of it to make enough room for it. What a wonderful problem to have. It is certainly frustrating for Faith the editor but also quite edifying for Faith the Christian Disciple. We have so much stuff because we as a church have been quite busy as of late. The Word of God is being proclaimed and people's lives are being changed because of all that you do.

Paul writes to the church at Corinth "Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain (1 Cor 15:58). Please be assured that all that we are doing is not just busy work. Every youth or children's outing, every meeting or get together with our seasoned members, every mission team project, every council meeting, every improvement to our facilities, every phone call or conversation is edifying and drawing someone closer in their relationship with a God who loves them. All you do is not in vain; it produces results in God's Kingdom whether we physically see them or not.

Keep up all the good work,

Bro Cecil

CONGRATULATIONS ELLIE & GRIFF

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

On Sunday, March 6th, Ellie Ganley & Griff McCormick were confirmed into Centenary UMC. Both had completed a confirmation class under the direction of Brother Cecil. Following the worship service a covered dish dinner was enjoyed.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

UMW met on Mardi Gras Day. The next meeting is April 5th at noon. Bring a brown bag lunch and join the ladies.



**In Loving
Memory**

Margaret Stafford Burch

March 16, 1930-March 28, 2022

PIECEMAKERS

The Centenary sewers enjoyed a March outing away from the sewing machine. The group traveled to Loranger to visit Cindy Ridgedell.



METHODIST MEN'S NEWS

March has been a very busy month for Centenary's United Methodist Men's Club.

On March 6th, at the Monthly Men's Breakfast, Doug Hall of the Methodist Children's Home, gave a very informative presentation on the construction progress and the opening of the new Children's Home and grounds in Robert, Louisiana. At some time in the future, there will be a Grand Opening Celebration that Doug will advise all of us about.

On Thursday, March 17th, eight of our members traveled to Mandeville to attend the annual Men's Dinner sponsored by St. Timothy United Methodist Church where we heard a very inspiring program by Ron Childers, Guest Services Director of the Pacific Garden Mission of Chicago, Illinois.

Our next breakfast will be held on April 3rd and will feature local author, Jon "Jerry" Laiche, who will entertain us with some of the stories of his latest book and also his efforts to establish a museum based around the original one-room branch library in Folsom where he serves as Curator/Librarian of the project.

Make plans to attend on Sunday, April 3rd, for a good breakfast, inspiring presentations, and fellowship.



REPORT FROM KENYA

Dear Faith and all the wonderful people of Centenary United Methodist Church in Franklinton

We send you christian greetings from Kenya. We continue to pray for you that our God in his faithfulness continue to keep you all in good health and perfect peace

I am happy to let you know that on 27th, February 2022, we provided the 100 children with uniforms. What a joy !

Attached please find the pictorial report that you can share with the rest of the congregation. Also a few pictures in case you may wish to use on your website

May our good Lord continue to bless each one of you

Many Blessings

Selline Korir



GREENLEAVES

Greenleaves met on Tuesday, March 15th. The Fellowship Hall was decorated with a St. Patrick's Day theme. The hostesses were Lenora & Percy Frazier and Bill Burris. Bill gave an entertaining talk entitled 'Legal Tales'. He shared humorous stories over his career as an attorney and judge. The next gathering will be on Tuesday, April 19th. Dan & Jane Johnson and Elizabeth Ard will be the hostesses.



MINI-METHODIST

On Sunday, March 20th, the Mini-Methodist enjoyed a picnic at the State Park. Brother Cecil was not to be outdone by the kids as he too enjoyed the slide!



UMCOR—UKRAINE RELIEF INFORMATION

Support the humanitarian response in Ukraine [Give Now](#)

March 1, 2022 | ATLANTA

United Methodists and others wishing to provide humanitarian assistance to the Ukrainian people in the wake of the Russian invasion of their country may contribute to Advance #982450, UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery. This fund will provide direct assistance to those in Ukraine as well as assistance to Ukrainians fleeing to neighboring countries.

Gifts to support the people of Ukraine can be made in the following ways:

- Online at <https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/982450>
- By toll-free telephone: 888-252-6174
- By check made out to Global Ministries/UMCOR with “Advance #982450-Ukraine” written on the memo line, either mailed and addressed to Global Ministries/UMCOR, GPO, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY, 10087-9068 or given at or through any United Methodist church

One hundred percent of all Advance contributions go to the designated cause.

The United Methodist community in Ukraine, though quite small, is actively engaged in assisting neighbors in need. Global Ministries is in touch with the church’s leadership as well as with church leaders in countries welcoming those who are fleeing from violence in Ukraine.

Ukraine

APRIL COMMUNION OFFERING WILL GO TO UMCOR

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR
NEWEST MINI-METHODIST
LINCOLN HARRIS THOMAS**

**Parents: Chris & Stephanie
Thomas**

**Grandparents: Sherman &
Yvonne Thomas**



MINI-METHODIST

EASTER EGG HUNT

**PALM SUNDAY, APRIL
10TH**

**JIM & DIXIE CODY'S
HOME**

**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW-
ING THE SERVICE**

MISSIONS

Wednesday, March 16th, the Centenary Missions Team traveled to Southeastern University to provide a meal for students at the Wesley Foundation. The students were treated to a meal of chicken, green beans, and dessert.



**WORK
DAY**

**SATURDAY APRIL 9TH-8AM
AT CENTENARY. PLEASE COME
HELP!**

**VBS
PLANNING**

**SATURDAY APRIL 9TH
10:30 AM**

ALDRSGATE YOUTH RETREAT 2022

March 18-20th, Centenary youth and leaders attended Camp Wesley Pines. Attending from Centenary were Brenda & Cecil Locke, Debbie Brock, AnaMarie Locke, John Simpson, Madison Logan, Ella Kathryn Oyler, Ellie Ganley, Alexis Meyer, Griff McCormick, Jackson Bryant, Serena Bryant, and Alex Brock.





Thursday, April 14th

6:30 p.m.



If you would like to place an Easter Lilly in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, please purchase it yourself. Call the church office by Wednesday, April 13th with the information to be printed in the bulletin. Thanks.



7:00 a.m.-Community Service at Milebranch Settlement in the Fairgrounds.

10:30 a.m.– Centenary



Please notify Lenora Frazier if you can bring flowers Easter morning to decorate our cross.

4/5 Sarah Henley

4/7 Jeffery Dunnington

4/12 Sherman Thomas

4/15 Cindy Ridgedell

4/22 Alex Brock

4/26 Cissy Draper

4/27 Stephanie Thomas

4/30 Catherine Tiner





TEDDY BEAR BABIES

Keep the families below in your prayers as they anxiously await the birth of their child.

Baby Jennifer Mae Barker-Parents: Claire & Nick Barker, Grandparents: Cissy & the late Bobby Draper, Angela & Lee Barker.

Baby Joseph Ryan Schaubhut, Parents Jenna Beber & Aaron Schaubhut, Great grandparents Don & Sarah Tregre, Great-great grandmother & Uncle Margie & Jeffrey Dunnington.

Baby Boy Stevens-Fonda, Parents Haley Stevens & Luke Fonda, Centenary family, Barry, Hope, Jack & Ben Bickham.

Baby Steven, Parents Drew & Deb Stevens, Centenary family, Barry, Hope, Jack & Ben Bickham.

FAMILIES OF:

Margaret Burch

Warren Bateman

Teresa Simpson

Fred Spears

Al Baker

Larry Rheams

James Bankston

Robert Pierce

Bob Cushing

Jim Richardson

Jeanne Green

Tony Adams, Irvin Andre, Kathy Andre, Terrance August, Clara Jo Beaushaw, Jay Beverly, Jack Bickham, Fiona Bono, Al Bontrager, Debra Boudreaux, Lynn Bourgoyne, Edsel Brock, Michelle Brodie, Bob Burris, Fredrick Brumfield, Doris Calhoun, Polly Carter, Roland Carter, Pat Dier, Margaret Falcon, Holly Fazekas, Wayne Fazekas, Elaine Forrest, Prentiss Forrest, Vickie Gill, Lonnie Hamilton, Mike Henley, Terry Herring, Ronnie Hollen, Lisa Jenkins, Marilyn Kelley Alex Kennedy, Pat King, Vicki Knight, Hal Ladner, Betty Logan, Ed Lyles, Peggy Lyles, Fantasia Magee, Andrew Mains, Sherry Magruder, Griselda Marin, Margie McInnis, Amanda Passman, Sally Pollard, Nancy Pollard, Dick Richardson, Meridith Rodgers, Bill Stager, Virginia Stager, Elliot Trahan, Luke Thomas, Jessica Welch, Lavon Welch, Betty Westmoreland, Duke Williams..

Gavin Beme, Carson Fontenot, Megan McCain, Kelly Reiss, Brody Schilling, Christian Kinzel, Dr. Rebekah Schott, Lee McCain, Jackson Stewart, Chad Penny, T. J. Smith, Jordan Blackwell, Josh Magee, Andrew Darbonne



APRIL DATES TO REMEMBER

- 4/5 UMW-noon**
- 4/6 13, 20, 27-Triple F, Bible Study,
Youth-5:00 pm**
- 4/7, 14, 21, 28-Bible Study-noon**
- 4/9 Church Clean-up Day- 8:00 am**
- 4/9 VBS Planning Meeting-10:30 am**
- 4/10 Mini Methodist Easter Egg Hunt**
- 4/14 Maundy Thursday Service-6:30**
- 4/19 Greenleaves-noon**
- 4/18 Book Club-11:00 am**
- 4/26 Piecemakers-9:30 am**

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