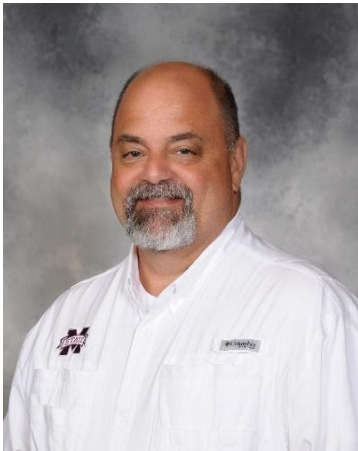


THE CIRCUIT RIDER

Centenary United Methodist Church Newsletter

February 2022

NOTES FROM PASTOR CECIL



“The best laid plans of mice and men often go awry”

Robert Burns, Scottish poet, 1759-1796

I was reminded of this quote this past week. The line is taken from a poem by Burns titled “To the Mouse”. The quote and poem remind us that oftentimes our plans are futile in the larger scheme of life.

I have a friend who took a trip this past week to the Holy Land. Scott is a United Methodist pastor and has always longed to venture into the land where all of scripture takes place. He saved and paid for the trip. He was all packed and ready. He took his COVID test prior to departure and was negative. He survived the 10 plus hours of flight into Tel

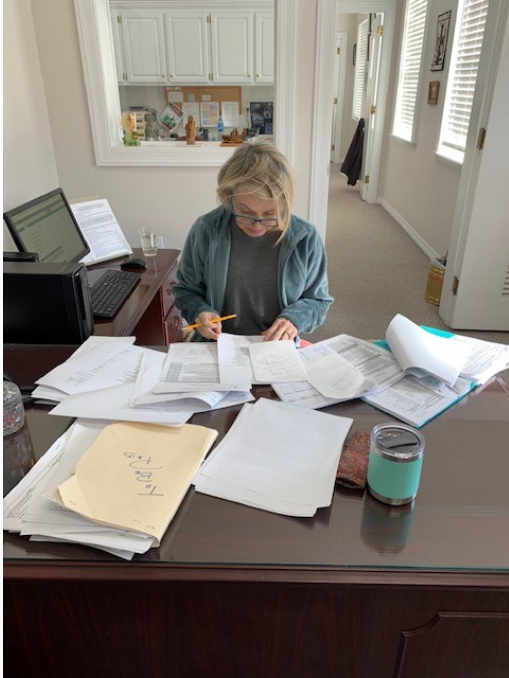
Aviv. Upon arrival the Israeli government requires all persons entering the country to take a COVID test. Scott tested positive. He was returned to Jerusalem for quarantine. I saw him post this morning on Facebook that he would be able to rejoin his group today for the journey back home. Instead of visiting Bethlehem, Jericho, Capernaum, the temple mount, Gethsemane, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, or any of the other numerous spots of interest to Christians, Scott counted people walking along the side street near his hotel from his window in his room. I hate that Scott didn’t get to experience all that Israel has to offer. I pray that one day, after all this CoronaVirus stuff has passed, Scott gets the opportunity to return to the Holy Land.

We often make plans that get interrupted. I’m not saying that God didn’t want Scott to see all the sights of Israel. Sometimes life is interrupted by the brokenness of creation. In either event, I’m reminded that God has more in store for me than my plans. Jeremiah 29:11 says, “For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

In short, God knows what he’s doing. He is intervening in our lives and working through the brokenness of this world to work something great for us. Keep your eyes on him during times of change or disappointment and he will give you hope.

Have a blessed day and y’all pray for my friend Scott. I’m sure he needs it right now,

Bro Cecil



ANNUAL CHURCH AUDIT

The annual church audit has been completed! Julie Foret, our church treasurer, was so busy she was unaware this picture was taken. Julie spent about 15 hours completing the financial part of the audit. Please be sure to thank Julie for her behind the scene service to this church. Thanks to Jessica Walker for her Trustees report for the audit and Robert Tilghman for his financial analysis.



Eileen Pepperman

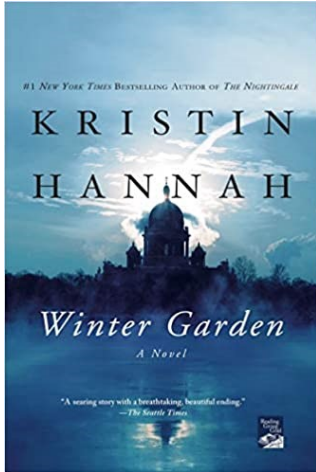
IN MEMORY OF EILEEN PEPPERMAN

The ladies of our church may remember this former member of Centenary. She was active in UMW while here. Evidently this church was important to Ms. Eileen during her tenure here as she left Centenary in her will.



LAW ENFORCEMENT SUNDAY

Sunday, January 9th, was Law Enforcement Day. Centenary invited the Franklinton Police Department to worship with us. Brother Cecil presented those present with a Law Enforcement Bible.



BOOK CLUB

February 21st at 11:00 a.m. the club will discuss "Winter Garden" by Kristin Hannah. Come join the discussion!

March-'Seven Perfect Things' by Catherine Ryan Hyde.

April-'Stars of Alabama' by Sean Dietrich

May-The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah

June-'The Reckoning' by Janna Delon



GREEN LEAVES



On January 18th, Green Leaves met for the first time since the COVID virus outbreak. Brenda Locke is coordinating the activities. Brenda gave an inspiring program comparing us to coffee cups. A delicious meal of soup and king cake was served. We invite you to join us on February 15th at noon for our next meeting. Faith Bahm and Dick Richardson will provide the meal and program. Invite a friend or stranger!

UNITED METHODIST MEN'S CLUB

The Centenary UMM met for breakfast on Sunday, January 2nd, and listened to Joe Kelly, South Central District President, give us an update on what the National United Methodist Men are doing and goals for 2022. He ended his presentation with a personal testimonial based on a letter from one of his Grandsons.

Our next meeting will be on February 6th and the speaker will be Patty Alford. She is the Office Manager for the Washington Parish Tourist Bureau and Parish Representative on the Zachary Taylor Memorial Highway Project. She will be updating us on what Washington Parish is doing to attract more visitors to visit the parish.

Please mark your calendars for Thursday, March 17th, to attend the United Methodist Men's Supper at St. Timothy United Methodist Church in Mandeville. This is an annual event with over 400 men attending and presenting an outstanding speaker. We will carpool from the church and have a table reserved for us.

The Bickham's (Barry, Jack and Ben) will be back in the kitchen preparing their usual great breakfast so make plans to attend the February breakfast.

ACK CHEPKOYO MISSION SCHOOL UNIFORM BENEFICIARIES.

NO	NAME	GRADE/CLASS	PARENT NAME	SIBLINGS
1	MARION JERONO	1	BOAZ KURGAT	TWO
2	EMMARINE JERUTO	1	MARK SEREM	FIVE
3	IVAN KIPRUTO	1	SAMSON MUTAI	SIX
4	CALMAX KIPCHUMBA	1	LYDIA JEROTICH	TWO
5	FAITH JEROP	2	IRINE JEBET	FOUR
6	ANNALINE JEBET	2	BEN TARUS	FIVE
7	DANCUN KIPTOO	2	WILLIAM ROP	FOUR
8	EMMANUEL KIPNGETICH	2	WILLIAM SEUREY	FIVE
9	VICTOR KIBIWOT	3	SARAH JEROP	FOUR
10	LYNE JEPKORIR	3	ELIUD KOSGEI	THREE
11	SHANNEL JEPKIRUI	3	JOHN SURTAN	SEVEN
12	COLLINIS KIPKEMNBOI	3	LINUS MURGOR	SIX
13	DAMARIS JEPKEMEJ	4	RONALD NGETICH	FIVE
14	PURITY JEPLETING	4	GLADYS JEMELI	FIVE
15	RABIAN KIPCHUMBA	4	ELIUS KOTUT	FOUR
16	JOYLINE JEPKIRUI	4	PETER MAIYO	EIGHT
17	MAXWEL KIPNGETICH	4	ERNEST KOSGEI	SEVEN
18	NAZLINE JEPCHIRCHIR	5	WILLIAM SITIN	FIVE
19	CARLOS KIPLAGAT	5	ELKANA KARONEI	EIGHT
20	DENNIS KIPKETER	5	WILLIAM SEUREY	FIVE
21	DENNIS KIPKEMBOI	5	SARAH J	THREE
22	FAITH JEBET	5	ELIZABETH SAINA	TWO
23	DENNIS KIPKEMBOI	6	ISAAC SITIENEI	FIVE
24	FREMMY JEPKEMBOI	6	JAMES SAINA	SIX
25	SHERIL JEPCHUMBA	6	SUSAN BUSIENEI	THREE
26	TITUS KIBIWOT	6	MARK KARAN	EIGHT
27	DAPHINE JELAGAT	7	ELIUD RUTTO	THREE
28	CYNTHIA JERUTO	7	EMILY NGETICH	SIX
29	DENNIS KIPTANUI	7	ENDA JEBICHII	TWO
30	BONIFACE KIPROP	7	PHILEMON TANUI	FOUR

ACK CHEPKOYO MISSION SCHOOL
P. O. Box 60, KABIYET.
Date:.....

KENYA UNIFORM

DRIVE REPORT

Selline Korir sent Centenary this report showing the details as to who received school uniforms because of our financial contribution. Selline is the wife of Brother Paul who is the minister. Brother Paul and Brian Ridgedell attended seminary together. Our donations allowed 30 students to attend school. Selline's accountability of the money received is outstanding! She sends her love and thanks to the people of Centenary!

MISSION TEAM

Centenary's Mission Team is preparing for the first project of 2022. The desire is for all of our members to be involved! Whether you spread the word, help prepare the meal, help prepare the plates at the Farmer's Market or purchase a meal-we urge everyone to get involved. Please call the church office or contact Mike McCormick to volunteer your service!



February 12, 2022

11:00 a.m.-till sold out

Franklinton Farmer's Market

Centenary United Methodist Church

Mission Team

**All proceeds are for the Louisiana Methodist
Children's Home**

***No tickets will be sold**

***Spread the word and notify your friends. \$10/plate**

PIECEMAKERS

On Tuesday, January 25th, the quilting ladies met. Square by square, they work piecing together happiness for someone!



Join us on
February 22nd
at 9:30 a.m.



OFFICE DRESS CODE



YOUTH NEWS

The youth are meeting on Wednesday nights during Triple F. Brother Cecil is leading them through a confirmation class. They are learning about the beliefs of Methodism, what it means to be a member, what commitment they are making, and the basics of the Christian faith. Some of the youth have already been confirmed and for these, it is a great review. They appear to be having fun along with their study. Brother Cecil is also teaching the youth Sunday School Class on Sunday mornings. They are studying the book of Revelations.

On March 18-20th, The youth will attend the Aldersgate Youth Retreat at Camp Wesley Pines outside of Hazelhurst, Mississippi.





5:00 p.m.

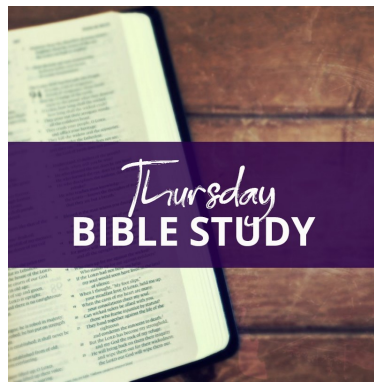
Choir Practice



5:30 p.m.



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BIBLE STUDY UPDATE

The bible study, 'Epic of Eden' has had a wonderful response from those attending. We have 22 persons attending. Wednesday, February 2nd will be the fifth week. It is not too late to join this study.



**ON WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 2ND**

**THE PREACHER HAS A
BIRTHDAY!!**

**HELP HIM CELEBRATE
WITH LOTS OF
BIRTHDAY WISHES!**

- 2/2 Cecil Locke
- 2/2 Cecilia Morgan
- 2/7 Debbie Brock
- 2/11 Julie Foret
- 2/11 Rosemary Reedy
- 2/11 Graham Thomas
- 2/15 Frazier Bahm
- 2/15 Sarah Bahm
- 2/15 Cameron Bell
- 2/20 Dick Richardson
- 2/27 Brent Duncan
- 2/28 Mike Henley





TEDDY BEAR BABIES

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

Baby Thomas-Parents: Chris & Stephanie Thomas, Brother: Graham Thomas, Grandparents: Sherman & Yvonne Thomas and Julie & Bill LaCroix.

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

FAMILIES OF:

Tammy Richardson

Tre Allen

Joel Fussell

Gilbert McMurray

Heyward Ard

Irvin Andre, Terrance August, Clara Jo Beaushaw, Jay Beverly, Fiona Bono, Al Bontrager, Debra Boudreaux, Ezekiel Brodie, Michelle Brodie, Margaret Burch, Bob Burris, Doris Calhoun, Polly Carter, Roland Carter, Pat Dier,, Don Durr, Margaret Falcon, Holly Fazekas, Wayne Fazekas, Prentiss Forrest, Vickie Gill, Paul Givens, Lonnie Hamilton, Mike Henley, Tiffany James, Lisa Jenkins, Marilyn Kelley, Vicki Knight, Hal Ladner, Betty Logan, Ed Lyles, Peggy Lyles, Fantasia Magee, Andrew Mains, Griselda Marin, Margie McInnis, Lindsey P. McIntosh, Amanda McKenzie, Debbie Meyer, Mike Mobley, Nile Neeley, Kaitlyn Passman, Sally Pollard, Meridith Rodgers, Fred Spears, Bill 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



FEBRUARY DATES TO REMEMBER

Triple F/Bible Study-2, 9, 16, 23
Thursday Bible Study-3, 10, 17, 24
Chicken Dinner-12
Greenleaves-15
Book Club-21
Piecemakers-22

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