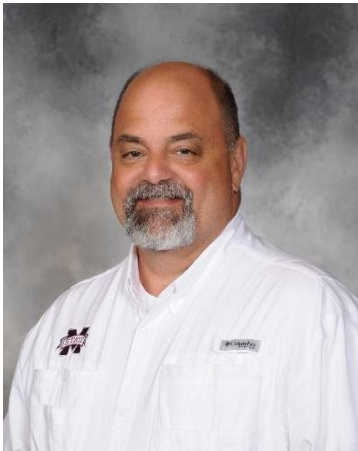


THE CIRCUIT RIDER

Centenary United Methodist Church Newsletter

March, 2022

NOTES FROM PASTOR CECIL



Mardi Gras is in full swing around here. In my younger days, before I became old and cantankerous when dealing with large crowds, I was out in the middle of it all. I attended every parade, waving and shouting for plastic baubles and beads. Mardi Gras can and should be a joyous time. Something happens to some of us when we hear the sounds of the parade drawing near, we get a little crazy in our

enthusiasm and excitement (Y'all know who you are). We jump and wave and shout. As adults we claim we are only helping the young among us to enjoy themselves, but the truth is we like the excitement of catching some good beads for ourselves. In our excitement and exuberance some have even ended up in the Doctor's Office having our minor wounds tended to (again, Y'all know who you are).

I sometimes wish we got that excited to worship God. He has done so many great and wonderful things for us and through us and God deserves our praise and adoration. The Psalmist writes in Psalm 95:1-2 "O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!" We are entering the season of Lent. It is a time of repentance and somber reflection, a season of fasting and prayer. But Sundays in Lent are different, Sundays are not counted in the forty days of Lent. Sundays are a time of worship and joy, a time of excitement to celebrate all God is doing in our midst. I hope you get excited celebrating the blessings of God and the goodness he has poured out on us. I'm even willing to throw some beads and moon pies on Sunday morning if you need me to.

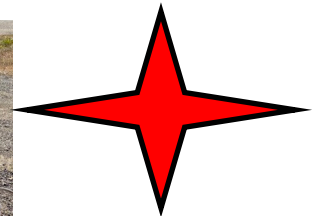
Blessings,

Bro. Cecil



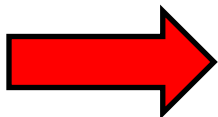
CHICKEN DINNER FUNDRAISER

On Saturday, February 12th, the Centenary Mission Team held a fundraiser to benefit the La. Methodist Children's Home. The event was held at the Farmer's Market in Franklinton. By 12:30 p.m., the dinners were sold. This was the first attempt of sponsoring this fundraiser at this location and with no prior ticket sales. Centenary raised \$2,435 for the Children's Home. Thanks to everyone on the team, those that provided cakes, those that spread the word via phone calls and social media, and all of you who purchased a dinner!



GREENLEAVES FEBRUARY GATHERING

Greenleaves met on Tuesday, February 15th in the Fellowship Hall. Faith Bahm and Dick Richardson provided a meal consisting of chili, loaded tater tots, and birthday cake. Dr. Mark James was the guest speaker. He discussed changes in the medical field over his career. Dr. James also discussed COVID and then answered questions from the audience. February birthdays were recognized for Cecil and Dick. Brian & Cindy joined us as well as other guest.



NEXT MEETING-MARCH 15TH

Percy & Lenora Frazier and Bill Burris will provide lunch.



United Methodist Men

Helping Men Grow in Christ, So Others May Know Christ

METHODIST MEN'S NEWS

CENTENARY UNITED METHODIST MEN'S CLUB MET ON FEBRUARY 2, 2022 AND HEARD AN EXCELLENT PROGRAM BY MS. PATTY ALFORD, OFFICE MANAGER FOR THE WASHINGTON PARISH TOURISM BUREAU. SHE HIGHLIGHTED WASHINGTON PARISH'S MANY FEATURES INCLUDING THE BOGUE CHITTO STATE PARK, THE WASHINGTON PARISH FREE FAIR, THE BOGALUSA MECCA MARDI GRAS PARADE, CHRISTMAS LIGHTS IN CASSIDY PARK AND MANY OTHERS.

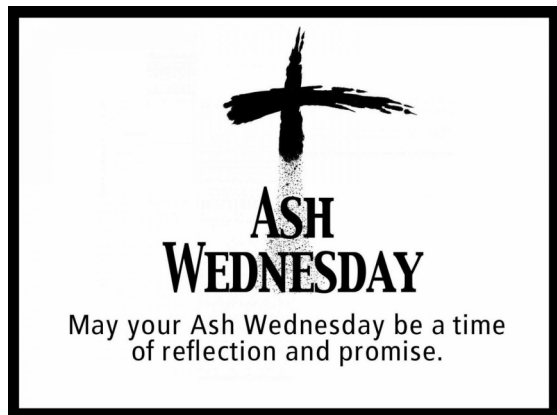
OUR SPEAKER AT OUR MARCH 6TH MEETING WILL BE MR. DOUG HALL, AREA REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOMES. THE NEW HOME IN ROBERT IS NEARING COMPLETION AND HOPEFULLY WILL BE ABLE TO ACCEPT MALE RESIDENTS IN MARCH. DOUG WAS IN FRANKLINTON FOR THE MISSION TEAM'S SUCCESSFUL CHICKEN BAR-B-QUE IN FEBRUARY TO PERSONALLY VIEW ONE OF CENTENARY'S FUND RAISERS FOR THE CHILDREN'S HOME.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 17TH, TO ATTEND THE ST. TIMOTHY UMC'S ANNUAL MEN'S CLUB SUPPER WHICH WILL FEATURE A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED CHRISTIAN SPEAKER. WE WILL BE CARPOOLING FROM THE CHURCH AT 5:00 PM.

IN A RECENT GENERAL CONFERENCE NEWSLETTER, IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT OF THE OVER 35,000 UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES IN THE U. S., ONLY 3200 OF THEM HAD CHARTERED UNITED METHODIST MEN'S CLUBS. CENTENARY IS PROUD TO SAY IT IS HAS BEEN A CHARTERED MEN'S CLUB FOR MANY YEARS.

THE WINNER THIS YEAR OF OUR ANNUAL SUPERBOWL SWEEPSTAKES WAS CRAIG MEYER.

THE MEN'S CLUB IS OPEN TO ANY MALE MEMBER OF OUR CONGREGATION AND WE WELCOME EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU TO COME AND ENJOY A GREAT BREAKFAST, HEAR AN INFORMATIVE AND INSPIRATIONAL PROGRAM, AND ENJOY A LOT OF GREAT FELLOWSHIP. WE MEET AT 7:00 AM THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH.



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

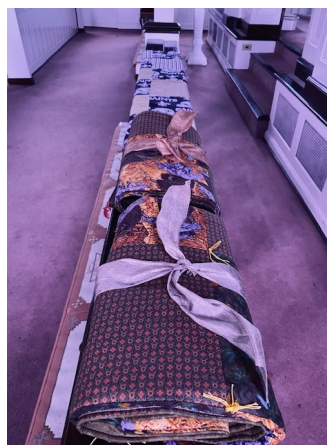
March 2nd

5:30 p.m.

The normal Wednesday night Triple F and Bible Study will not be held. The Thursday Bible Study will also be canceled in order to keep both groups on the same lesson.

QUILTS

These quilts were made by our Piecemakers. They were placed in the sanctuary where individuals came and gathered to pray over them and specifically for the individual recipients. Centenary is blessed to be able to offer this ministry. Thanks ladies!



In February, UMW met for the first time since the pandemic. New officers were elected.: President-Mary Beverly, Vice-President Jane Burris, Secretary Mary Elizabeth Richardson, Treasurer Mercer Brumfield.

Our next meeting is March 1 at noon. Come join us! Bring a brown bag lunch and drink and dessert will be provided.



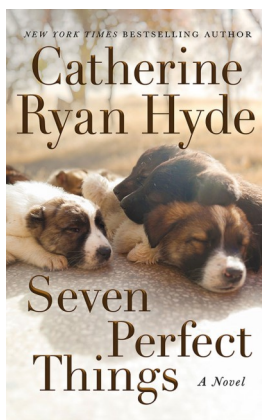
Sunday, March 6th

Some of our youth have spent the last weeks in a confirmation class. They will be confirmed on the 6th. Plan to attend to support these young Methodist!



JOIN US AFTER CHURCH ON MARCH 6TH

We will honor our confirmands and their families with a covered dish lunch. Bring your favorite dish and be part of this special time in the life of our church. The food warmers will be on in the kitchen so your dish will stay warm during the service.



BOOK CLUB

MARCH 21ST AT 11:00 AM

FELLOWSHIP HALL

PEW CUSHIONS

New pew cushions were purchased and placed in the church. Thank you to our Trustees and Jessica McCormick for overseeing this project. Michael Walker drove to Tupelo, Mississippi to get the cushions to save the church an expensive shipping fee. Thanks Michael! The cushions were purchased mostly with memorial gift money. The new cushions will be dedicated during the worship service on **March 27th.**

The old cushions are in the cry room in the sanctuary. If anyone desires to take one or many ,you may do so. If we do not find a home for the old ones, they will be discarded.



MISSIONS

The mission team was scheduled to cook for the Wesley Foundation at Southeastern on March 9, 2022. There has been a change of date.

New Date

March 16th

Wesley Foundation at SELU

Youth news

March 18-20, 2022, our youth will attend Aldersgate Youth Retreat at Camp Wesley Pines in Hazelhurst, Ms. This retreat is in its 39th year. The purpose of the retreat is to be totally committed to leading young people to a vital Christian experience, teaching them to hear the call of Christ, and making of them solid Christian disciples grounded on His Word. Many activities are planned including a ZipLine rope course, karaoke, worship leaders and speaker, Robbie Murdern.

It is projected that 7 youths will attend. They will be accompanied by Cecil & Brenda, Debbie Brock, John Simpson, and AnaMarie Locke. Keep our youth in your prayers that this weekend may strengthen their faith in Jesus Christ.

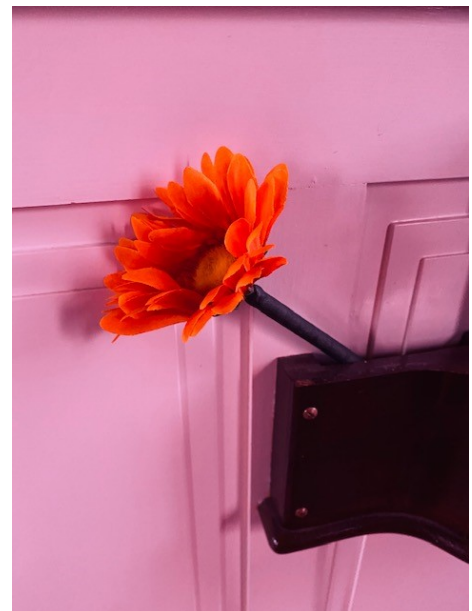




- 3/1 Percy Frazier**
 - 3/3 Dameon Hill**
 - 3/4 Rebekah Hill**
 - 3/5 Kathy Andre**
 - 3/6 Hannah Simmons**
 - 3/9 Griffin McCormick**
 - 3/12 Spencer Green**
 - 3/13 David Hood Burriss**
 - 3/13 Ed Branch**
 - 3/14 Irvin Andre**
 - 3/16 Margaret Burch**
 - 3/20 Stacey Richardson**
 - 3/21 Phillip Morgan**
 - 3/30 Cheryl Tilghman**
 - 3/31 Anna Reedy**
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Elementary Sunday School Class

Our children made pens and placed in the sanctuary. These pens can entertain our children, be used to take sermon notes, play tic-tac-toe, or write checks. Thank You Children!





TEDDY BEAR BABIES

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

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

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

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

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

FAMILIES OF:

Robert Pierce

James Bankston

Bob Cushing

Jim Richardson

Jeanne Green

Len Reid Simmons

Irvin Andre, Kathy Andre, Clara Jo Beaushaw, Jay Beverly, Jack Bickham, Fiona Bono, Al Bontrager, Debra Boudreaux, Lynn Bourgoyne, Edsel Brock, Ezekiel Brodie, Michelle Brodie, Margaret Burch, Bob Burris, Fredrick Brumfield, 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, Sherry Magruder, 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



MARCH DATES TO REMEMBER

UMW, March 1st-Noon
Ash Wed. Service, March 2nd-5:30 p.m.
Triple F March 9, 16, 23, 30-5:00
Bible Study, March 10,17,24,31-noon
Greenleave, March 15th-noon
Book Club, March 21st-11:00 a.m.
Piecemakers, March 22nd-9:30 a.m.
Dedication of Pew Cushions, March
27th-10:30 a.m.

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