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# CENTENNIAL NEWS



## We are Still Doing Church!

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## Join us for our Sunday online services:

Join Sunday worship for both campuses through our website, or our Youtube Channel. You can also join a live watch party for St. Anthony Park's worship with other members of the Centennial Community at 10:00am Sundays on our SAP Facebook page.

## • TOP ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS •

**Did you know some of the things that the Missional Church Consultation Initiative (MCCI) accomplished?** It provided us with direction & energy so that we created (1) a **new website** for both campuses, (2) a **new outdoor LED sign at each campus** replacing the previous dated signs, (3) **Connect Cards for attendance & prayer requests** in worship, greatly increasing the number of prayer requests shared and increasing the privacy of new guests, and (4) **two new Roseville campus welcoming teams** that were both going strong until Covid hit—a greeting team roving during coffee time which can be lonely for new guests, and an outdoor team opening the main east doors and the north door rain or shine, snow or cold. The MCCI coaching was funded through the Minnesota Annual Conference.

**Discussion of the Netflix documentary “13th”:** Thursday, January 21 | 7:00pm | Join members of the Centennial Anti-Racism committee in a discussion of the Netflix documentary, 13th. Come having watched it already to discuss OR if you would like to watch it with a group/ don't have access to it, there will be a group watch party hosted by Pastor Whitney on Thursday, January 14th at 7pm. Please RSVP to pastor Whitney ([wsheridan@centennialumc.org](mailto:wsheridan@centennialumc.org)) for the viewing party so you are on the email list for the link. Zoom link for the discussion will be in the e-newsletter and fb pages.

**Adult Anti-Racism Book bag club:** Read books at your own pace and at your own time and exchange them for more at the end of the month, connect with other people within the group to further dialogue on what you are reading as you wish. This program is similar to a library, just all the guess work of finding books is done for you! Preference is for participants to pick up and drop off their books at the Roseville campus on weekends. but willing to work out other arrangements on a case by case basis. Books would be featuring unique historical biographies, Black liberation theology and other pertinent theological works pertaining to anti-racism, and books written by Black and Indigenous People of Color. If you are interested in being a part of the book bag club, or have questions about what books will be offered, contact Amanda Schultz at [mandaroo112@gmail.com](mailto:mandaroo112@gmail.com) - rotation schedule would be sent out to participants and books exchanged once a month on the last weekend of the month, starting on the weekend of January 30-31st. Please sign up no later than January 17th to ensure we have enough books.

## • CENTENNIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS •

**Hats and Mittens:** Church and Society would like to thank everyone who donated to the Hats and Mittens project this year. A total of 44 hats and 30 pairs of mittens/gloves were donated to keep children in the community warm this winter. In addition, \$855 was collected for the project. Each \$10 donation will buy a child a hat and mitten set. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

### **Todays Flowers Are Given By:**

- Julie Elholm in loving memory of her grandmother Florence Breitenfeldt.
- The Swalley Family in memory of Amy's grandfather Charles Herman Arthur Lund.
- The Swalley family in memory of Amy's mother, Patricia Ann Swoffer Lund.

**Centennial's Meals on Wheels team is short 2 routes.** Drivers Roseville's group is very careful, and has good practices in place. If anyone has an hour or two, to spare, once every 3 weeks, Contact Mary Ann Krinkie at 651-484-2297 or [mjkrinkie@gmail.com](mailto:mjkrinkie@gmail.com).



**Prayer Chain available for your requests:** Do you have a prayer concern for yourself or a loved one? The Centennial prayer chain exists to share your concerns with God and others. Contact Julie Elholm in the church office at [jelholm@centennialumc.org](mailto:jelholm@centennialumc.org). with your prayer request and indicate if it is to be shared with the congregation or just the pastoral staff.

**Giving Remotely:** We continue to value your gifts during this time, which allow staff and ministry to continue on in creative ways. There are multiple ways to give while you are away from the church building. Go to the website at <http://centennialumc.org/index.php/go-serve/giving>. And yes, we are happy to receive your contribution via the postal service. Our address is Centennial UMC, 1524 County Road C2 West, Roseville MN 55113. Thank you for helping us keep ministry strong.

## • God At Work •

### Holy Hammers 2020 Build Update

Holy Hammers started the build of a twinhome for two low-income families at 588 – 590 Wells Street, St. Paul in July. Up to eight volunteers wearing masks worked on the units for 10 weeks. Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity hired contractors to install the siding on the structure and hang the sheetrock inside – two tasks usually completed by volunteers. The garage is now finished. The staff anticipates they can have families in the home by July 2021.



Twinhome built by Holy Hammers volunteers (as of December, 2020)

Holy Hammers is an ecumenical coalition of 15 churches in north suburban Ramsey County that builds one home or half a twinhome for Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity each year. Centennial has participated in the annual Holy Hammers build since its founding in 1999 by providing construction workers, food, and financial support.

Habitat for Humanity has halted construction work by volunteers at least until May 2021. We do not know what our build schedule or location(s) will be next year as there are many houses that will need to be completed before Habitat starts construction on new houses.