

February 28, 2021

CENTENNIAL NEWS

We are Still Doing Church!

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• TOP ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS •

Drive Through Baby Shower: Sunday, February 28 | 11am-1pm | Roseville campus parking

In celebration of pastor Whitney's joyful news of her 1 year old baby boy Nehemiah's arrival to his forever home, we want to make a way for church members to support her and the family during this time of COVID. You are invited to a drive through baby shower in honor of Pastor Whitney hosted by Amanda Schultz. Drop off well wishes, cards or gifts in one central location, and receive a little baby shower treat bag to thank you for helping to take care of our church family. If you are curious about specific needs the family has, Whitney and AJ Sheridan are registered on Amazon. The family is hunkered down as part of the adoption process and will be unable to attend the gathering itself, but there will be photos of the family to share! Well wishers will remain in their cars for the drive through, please wear a mask if your window is rolled down and do not attend if you or someone in your household are ill. To RSVP or if you have any questions, contact Amanda Schultz at mandaroo112@gmail.com.

Volunteers needed: We need to fill 1,000 eggs for the Easter Bunny Drive Through on Saturday, March 27th in partnership with Saint Paul Parks and Recreation. Volunteers are needed for egg stuffing. Pick up empty eggs and bags to be filled February 28th at the RV campus from 11-1pm. Bring the eggs and bags home to fill and drop off filled bags on Sunday, March 14th from 11-1pm. If you cannot make it then, you can drop them off to the Langford Park Recreation center March 15-19th weekdays from 2-6pm. Contact Amanda Schultz at mandaroo112@gmail.com to sign up for egg stuffing, or if you have any questions. ALL CANDY MUST BE PEANUT FREE!

Volunteers needed: to fulfill costume characters for a bingo card scavenger hunt, make art displays and work traffic control for day of events on March 28th. The volunteer shift will be from 10:30-1pm. Masks are required of all volunteers and social distancing will be enforced while we spread joy to our neighbors this Easter! Sign up [\[CLICK HERE\]](#)

Centennial's Antiracism Team has changed its name! The former "Antiracism Team" is now called **Centennial For Racial Justice**. If you are interested in being included in an opt-in email Listserv to be notified of additional opportunities to take action and other news related to our antiracism work for racial justice as the church, please send an email to Karen Fischer at patinapatina@me.com. We will continue to publicize highlights using Centennial News, the website and Facebook.

• CENTENNIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS •

Lengthen Your Faith this Lent

- **2021 Lenten Calendar.** Journey through Lent with suggested spiritual practices and familiar faces sharing Scripture each day. Click [HERE](#) to follow along. Doors can be opened at midnight of the designated day, or any time after. Door numbers 12 to 18 are for the week of Sun Feb 28 - Sat March 6.
- **Lenten Small Groups.** Several small groups will be reading and talking through Bishop Michael Curry's book "Love Is The Way". Find a group to join by clicking [HERE](#).

Free Food Distribution: Church and Society announces a Keystone Community Services free food drive-through distribution for anyone who is in need of food support. Sponsored by Keystone in partnership with Second Harvest Heartland, it will be held on Sat., March 6, from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Roseville Public Works, 2660 Civic Center Dr. Each household will receive fresh produce, meat, dairy and shelf-stable items. Participants must pre-register at keystoneservices.org or by calling 651-645-0349. The service is offered in a no contact, drive-through distribution model.

March Food Drive: Church and Society is working with Minnesota Food Share to help relieve hunger in our community. A record of more than 3.75 million visits to food shelves were expected in 2020. Children, seniors, and people with disabilities make up 71% of those receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits. This year is the 40th Anniversary of the March Campaign, and over that time donations have provided more than one billion meals. Donations from the Centennial Food Drive will benefit the Ralph Reeder and Keystone food shelves. Items most needed are kid-friendly crackers (fish, teddy grahams, Ritz), pudding cups, tuna, mayonnaise, mac and cheese, hamburger and tuna helper, spaghetti sauce, canned chili, toilet paper, Kleenex, laundry detergent, shampoo, diapers (size 6), and baby wipes. You can donate by dropping off items in the parking lot at the Roseville campus on Saturday, March 13 and Sunday, March 21 from 10:00 am - noon. SAP campus on Sundays, March 7 and March 28 from 11:00 am - noon and 3:00 - 4:00 pm. Or you can send your donation to Centennial United Methodist Church by March 28 with 'March Food Share' on the memo line. Financial donations go further due to access to food banks and discount purchasing programs. Thank you for helping to feed those in our community. Questions? Contact Sally McCarville 651-226-3871.

Growing Through Loss Series: This 6-week series provides an opportunity for individuals to obtain information and support for a variety of loss and grief issues. Each session begins with an educational presentation by a professional from the community, followed by small groups facilitated by leaders who understand the grieving process. Although there is no cost, donations are welcome. Registration takes place each evening before the program. Church affiliation is not necessary. Each session is complete in itself; attend any or all sessions. We will be following Abiding Savior Lutheran Church's facility use policy during this pandemic. Child care will not be provided for safety reasons. You are required to wear a face mask. Call 763-755-5335 or visit www.growingthroughloss.org for more information. The next series will be held Tuesday evenings, April 6th through May 11th, from 6:45 to 9:00 pm at: Abiding Savior Lutheran Church 8211 Red Oak Dr. Mounds View, MN 55112. Contact Julia Nordling at parishnurse@centennialumc.org or 651.633.7644 if you would like a brochure sent to you.

United Methodist Women - The JRLC Virtual Day on the Hill: March 11 | 6:30pm - 8:45pm | Rev Paul Slack will speak on "Trust, Access and Equity". A Panel will present on "COVID-19 —Homeless Outreach, Housing and Health". To learn more and to register, go to: JRLC.org Questions: Carole White | cjwdew1@comcast.net

United Methodist Women - THANK YOU! THANK YOU! From UMW and the residents at Emma Norton. 70 blankets, comforters, and sheets were donated in spite of the cold weather. Centennial is a generous loving community – God's hands and feet at work. Contact: judy-phillips@comcast.net

Trustees Move to Phase 1 Reopening for Groups of Three or Fewer: On Tuesday evening February 2nd, the Board of Trustees (both campuses) voted to move to Reopening Phase 1 for the church buildings. Beginning Monday February 8th the church buildings will be open to individuals and very small groups (up to 3 people). Please contact Julie Elholm at jelholm@centennialumc.org to arrange for building entry because the doors will remain locked during this phase of reopening. Everyone is required to complete a health screening survey and use a hand sanitizer upon entering, wear a mask at all times, and maintain social distancing.

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 •

United Methodist Women Social Action (ZOOM) Program

Sunday, March 7 | 11:00am

The UMW invites all in our church to participate in this Social Action program via Zoom. **Rev. Dana Neuhauser**, Deacon and Minister of Public Witness, New City Church (UMC) in Minneapolis, will speak on "**Race and Grace**" to offer "grounding" in the theological why of antiracism work. Following the death of George Floyd and the renewed call to end racism, Neuhauser heard many say, "**What do we do, what do we do now?**" Neuhauser is focused on finding paths where we can join together to do this work. She said there is energy and activism about what we do now, "**I don't think we can just think our way through this.**" She recently addressed the UMC Annual Conference on how to equip congregations for long term racial justice work, saying "Racial injustice lives in our bodies as well as our institutions and systems... **there is a hunger for what we do now.**" Rev. Neuhauser said this is work she's been called to for a long time, allowing her to step out in faith to be of service to others, to activate and connect, and stand against racism. Plan to attend via ZOOM on March 7. Questions: Anita Mayfield k.anita.mayfield@gmail.com Carole White cjwdew1@comcast.net **ZOOM link:** [\[CLICK HERE\]](#)

