

March 27, 2022

CENTENNIAL NEWS

Apportionment Drive During Lent:

Perhaps you have heard the quote attributed to John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement, that says, "If your heart is as my heart, give me your hand." That spirit of connectedness is a hallmark of the United Methodist Church. Because of this connectional system, did

you know that a portion of every dollar you give to our local church fulfills Centennial's mission to be "followers of Jesus who go out and build loving and just communities?" It is true! Your generous giving helps to respond to emergencies in the United States and internationally, to support higher education, and to provide services locally and throughout Minnesota. We want to keep our long-standing record of paying our apportionments intact in 2022, which comes to \$115 per member for our 962 members. Go here to see videos & learn more: [CLICK HERE](#)



• • GET CONNECTED • •

This is a copy of our Email Newsletter, all links referred to can be found at www.centennialumc.org when you click on the button that says "Upcoming Church Events."

You can also find information on our website about Small Groups, Care Teams, Service Opportunities, Kids & Youth Activities, Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Adult Music Groups, and other Support.



Join us for our Sunday Worship services:

Both campuses are reopened for in person worship - 9:30am at Roseville campus, 10:00am at SAP campus.

Along with group meetings and other services if approved and scheduled through the church office.

Preaching this week:

Roseville Campus: Pastor Brian Hacklander

St Anthony Park: Pastor Whitney Sheridan

• TOP ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS •

Join us for a screening of the film, Stranger/Sister, Today, March 27 at 3:30 p.m. at Saint Anthony Park campus!

This event is sponsored by Centennial for Racial Justice. The film is 39 minutes. An invitation to group discussion will follow. Invite your neighbors and friends. This is a community event. There will also be an online option for those not able to join in person. Stay tuned for more details. To watch the trailer, go to <https://strangersister.odyssey-impact.org/> *Stranger/Sister is the story of two ordinary women, one Muslim and one Jewish who dare to believe they can join hands to stop the wave of white supremacist hate surging across the US. With both their communities threatened, they overcome a long history of distrust between their two religions, and build a movement that turns strangers into sisters.*

Church and Society March Food Drive: Minnesota food shelves are running at capacity with 3.7 million visits during 2021. Church and Society is working with the Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign to help stock our local Keystone and Ralph Reeder food shelves. You can donate by dropping off items between March 1 and 27 near the front entrance at SAP or near the east entrance at the Roseville campus. Items most needed at Keystone include milk alternatives, boxed meals, canned meat/fish, fruit and veggies, baby food and formula, cleaning supplies, and personal hygiene items. Items most needed at Ralph Reeder include chili and stew, cereal, snack crackers, mayonnaise, detergent, and toilet paper. You can also send a donation to Centennial United Methodist Church by March 27 with 'March FoodShare' 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.

Easter Fest 2022: Saturday, April 16th 3-5pm | Roseville Campus | Join us for a fun and FREE community Easter event! A petting zoo, games, crafts, family photos and this year we will be offering an Easter Scavenger hunt! Pick up a card, find all the items listed around the church lawn/ parking lot and bring back your completed card to receive a bag of 10 eggs!

Easter Fest candy donations and Volunteers needed: Pick up empty eggs and bring them home to fill or drop off candy to help us fill eggs at church! Eggs will be available to be picked up at either campus starting Sunday, March 13th. Filled eggs or candy donations must be dropped off by Sunday, April 10th. Also if you wish to volunteer [\[SIGN UP HERE\]](#). Thank you for helping to make our Easter celebration a success!

• CENTENNIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS •

Giving to Refugee work in Ukraine through UMCOR: The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is on the ground in eastern Europe responding to the needs of Ukrainian Refugees. If you would like to give to this effort, please go to [\[CLICK HERE\]](#). This is another example of our apportionments at work.

News for An Inclusive Church – The United Methodist Commission on the General Conference has announced that the 2020 General Conference cannot be held in 2022 due to COVID-related and governmental policies/constraints on visas. The gathering is postponed until 2024. [\[Read press r elease\]](#) The Minnesota Annual Conference has announced that “Regardless of the outcome of the next General Conference, we will be unwavering in our commitment to full inclusion and laser focused on furthering Jesus’s ministry of extending abundant life to all of God’s children.” More at [What this postponement means for us / Extended Cabinet statement on LGBTQIA+ inclusion](#) For more information, contact the Reconciling Welcoming Team at debdietzman@gmail.com.

Journey with Centennial through Lent (Ash Wednesday, March 2 – Easter, April 17):

- Pick up a 2022 Lenten Calendar and/or follow along on Facebook.
- Pick up “Full to the Brim” a Lenten devotional from the Roseville Sanctuary pews or the SAP coffee bar.

Participate in Faithful Lent: Connecting the Practices of Lent and Anti-racism. This is a General Council on Religion on Race (GCORR) resource and is available to all Centennial members, sponsored by Centennial for Racial Justice. Click [HERE](#) to read more about the study itself. And click [HERE](#) to access a PDF of the full material. We currently have two options for small groups. Join anytime!

- Wednesdays at noon over Zoom beginning March 2, facilitated by Karensa Fischer.
Zoom Meeting Link: [CLICK HERE](#) | Meeting ID: 851 4394 6904 | Passcode: 790113
- Thursdays at 7 p.m. over Zoom beginning March 3, facilitated by the Centennial for Racial Justice team.
Zoom Meeting Link: [CLICK HERE](#) | Meeting ID: 862 6027 7295 | Passcode: 597891

Information on Centennial's Strategic Plan: You can choose to read the overview in the [executive plan](#), or you can read the [full plan](#) in-depth. The foreword will describe our process in more detail. We also have more information as well as informative videos on our [website](#). As you read the strategic plan, or as you watch the three videos, we invite you to share any questions you may have by emailing them to cumc@centennialumc.org. Our Church Council and/or Strategic Planning Team members will seek to respond to frequently asked questions in a future video or other ways.

Mission Committee News: Rev. I.(Israel) Painit has been selected by our Mission Committee at Centennial to be supported. He is a native of the Philippines in Mindanao and an Elder in that Conference. He received a call to ministry at age 16 and has had various jobs since his ordination. Some of these have been Pastor, District Superintendent, and Director of the Davao Mission Center in Davao City, Southeast Philippines. He took a Roundtable Facilitators' course in South Korea, and later an advanced course in Atlanta, Georgia, USA. He witnessed the courageous work of three young missionaries (Global Mission Fellows) and writes, "If these foreign missionaries were used by God to defend the rights and help the plight of the poor people in Mindanao where I live, could I not be a missionary, too?" He was commissioned in 2018 by the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries and serves as country director in Laos, Southeast Asia.

Holy Hammers Habitat for Humanity Project for 2022: The Holy Hammers coalition of churches is helping build affordable housing again this year. We will be working on two St. Paul projects sequentially from April 25- July 15. The first is finishing up a new home already underway at 1297 Woodbridge Street and the second is the rehab of an existing home at 564 State Street. Sign-ups for the project are done electronically. For more information, go to [Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity \(volunteerhub.com\)](#) or contact Jack Griffin: jacklgriffin@hotmail.com

RARES: Thursday April 14 at 1pm Travels in Wild Country presented by Gordon Dietzman. Wild places have an allure for the adventurer. Some of those adventures in wild country can be "soft" or "hard." Gordon will share some of his experiences and take us to distant places where few people go but also pockets of wildness in places that are nearby.

Growing Through Loss spring series provides an opportunity for individuals to obtain information and support for a variety of loss and grief issues. Location: St. John the Baptist Catholic Church 835 2nd Avenue NW, New Brighton. Date: Thursdays April 21 to May 26, 6:45-9:00pm. Visit www.growingthroughloss.org for more details. Brochures are available at the Welcome Center and the Connection Point.

Free Drive-Through Grocery Event: Saturday, April 9 | 10:00am - 1:00pm | Location: Roseville Public Works Building, 2660 Civic Center Dr, Roseville, MN 55113. You will receive fresh fruits, vegetables and pantry foods. Each household will receive 30 - 45 pounds of food. Register at keystoneservices.org or call 651-645-0349.

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 [CLICK HERE](#). 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.

Text the amount of your donation to:
844-945-2571
 Then follow the directions on your phone to complete the donation.

QR code if you would like to give online.
 Thank You.




• God At Work •

At youth social justice night students learned about poverty, privilege and intersectionality. They participated in a poverty decision making simulation activity, discussed intersectionality, and assembled snack bags for homeless folks in our community, a need specifically requested by the SAP campus for the neighborhood. We made 24 snack bags and ended up with a great amount of donations for the March food share drive at church!



OUR EASTER LILY TRADITION:

It is a tradition to decorate the chancel area of Centennial both campuses with lilies and other seasonal decorations on Easter. Please fill out the form below and mail it with your donation to the Roseville campus office, attention Julie Elholm, or place in Julie's box in the church office (please, **do not place in the offering plate.**) Forms and payment must be received no later than **March 27**.

Name(s) of donor _____

Given in memory of _____

Given in honor of _____

Number of lilies _____ @ \$11.00 each = \$ _____ Donation

___ Roseville Campus ___ St. Anthony Park Campus

If no campus choice is made, the lily will go to Roseville.

Payment must accompany your order.

Make checks payable to Centennial UMC and mark Lily in the memo line.

You are encouraged to take your lily home after the worship service on Easter Sunday