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# CENTENNIAL NEWS

All Are  
Welcome

COMMITMENT  
*are you all in?*

## • • GET CONNECTED • •

This is a copy of our Email Newsletter, all links referred to can be found at [www.centennialumc.org](http://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  
SUNDAY WORSHIP  
IN-PERSON & ONLINE



### Join us for our Sunday Worship services:

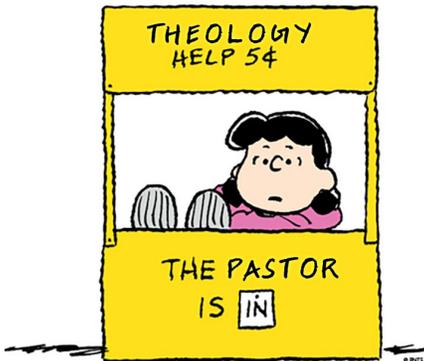
Worship at Roseville Campus is at 9:00am and will be live streamed on our Youtube Channel [\[CLICK HERE\]](#).

St. Anthony Park Worship is at 10:30am and is live streamed on our Facebook Page [\[CLICK HERE\]](#).

**Preaching this week:**

Pastor Dave Comstock

# WHITNEY'S WONDERING...



Hello Church!

“Why don’t we share our name, how long we’ve been associated with Centennial, and what your favorite worship song or hymn is.” These were our instructions at the latest Staff Parish Relationship Committee meeting (Centennial’s version of HR) when onboarding our newest members. We heard some usual suspects: *Be Thou my Vision, How Great Thou Art, Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (“But the way Eric and the band sing it at SAP”). And then someone answered, “*Here I Am, Lord.*”

*Here I Am, Lord* is one of mine and AJ’s favorite songs. We had it sung at our wedding. It was and continues to be an important song in the discernment to my call to ordained ministry. The song beckons us back to the story of Samuel being awoken from sleep by God’s voice calling out to him. Eli, Samuel’s mentor, instructs Sam to wait for God’s voice again and when it comes to say: “Here I am, Lord. Your servant is listening.”

*I have heard you calling in the night/ I will go, Lord/ If you need me/ I will hold your people in my heart.*

Family of faith, as you have heard repeatedly in worship, we have been through a lot. We have survived an extraordinary season, and we are slowly emerging from our homes to assess the damage and to begin to rebuild our community together with God. Our strategic plan has identified six goal areas where you would like your church to grow: Togetherness as a two-campus church, our communication strategies, discipleship and faith formation, inclusiveness, mission and outreach, and worship and music. There is much to do, and it is going to take all of us leaning in and stepping up now more than ever to see our church transform.

In Pastor Dave’s last article, he urged us all to assess not where we’ve been but where we are now; to ask ourselves what safety precautions are still necessary and where in our lives is it ok to start showing back up. Covid was a big adjustment. We all had to pull back, let our worlds get small, and control what we could while the world around us was so uncertain. We are now emerging and looking to God to help us rebuild. We are slowly coming back to regular worship. Pastor Jen and Amanda Schultz are gearing up to kick off our children’s ministries and youth ministries. Our ministry teams, racial justice, church and society and more, have been working hard to put together opportunities for spiritual growth and learning for the coming year. Collectively we’ve run into a common roadblock: we need more people; we need more help.

Church family, it’s time to lean in, to invest and commit in the ministries of our church again. We need more people signing up and showing up to make our church go. I encourage you to consider what ministries are important to you. What ministry are you proud that we as a church offer? Where is God calling you to lean in, to raise your hand, to say, “Here I am”?

## • TOP ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS •

**State Fair Park & Ride Service:** 8/25-8/26 and 8/29-9/2 | Each year we provide volunteers for the State Fair Park & Ride Service. This is a great fundraiser for your church group. We need to fill 6 volunteer time slots each day. The State Fair compensates CUMC for each volunteer that works a shift. That income is deposited into your group's dedicated account. During this year's Fair our parking lot will only be used on weekdays. Please sign-up [HERE](#) or use the sign-up sheet at the Connection Center.

**Welcome Sunday Cookout St. Anthony Park Campus:** Sunday, September 11th 11:30am St. Anthony Park Campus Lawn | Join us on Sunday, September 11th for a Welcome Sunday cookout following the worship service at the SAP campus! Hotdogs, brats and vegetarian/vegan dogs. No need to bring sides, all provided! Bring a lawn chair or picnic blanket and join us! If you would like to help prep or serve, email Amanda Schultz at [mandaroo112@gmail.com](mailto:mandaroo112@gmail.com)

**The Visual Arts Ministry Team has a new exhibit in Linden Court at Roseville:** See how our church is doing God's work in pictures from mission trips to Sierra Leone. Relationships have grown with the people in the village as a team from our church returns every summer. In mid-September these pictures will be moved to permanent locations at the St. Anthony Park campus.

**Connect Cards:** SO... how important is it that I fill out a connection card?? IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT!! As we slowly emerge from the pandemic it is critical for the pastoral staff to know who is still with us and who may have slipped away during the time when normal church life was interrupted. One of the best ways to know that is to pay attention to who is regularly participating in worship in person and via the internet. So please fill out either a paper or electronic connect card [\[CLICK HERE\]](#).

## • SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES •

**Roseville FaithWalk Room Repainting:** Sunday, August 28, Roseville campus, starting at 1pm | If you're handy with a paintbrush, we'd love all the help we can get giving a couple of the kids FaithWalk rooms at Roseville a fresh coat of paint. We'll start at 1pm and plan to wrap up no later than 6pm. Let Pastor Jen ([janderson@centennialumc.org](mailto:janderson@centennialumc.org)) know if you can make it for all or part of the afternoon so we can have plenty of painting supplies on hand.

**Mentors needed!** Confirmation classes are starting up this September and we would love to partner each student with a mentor from our congregation. Each mentor needs to take our Safe Gatherings training beforehand which includes a background check prior to starting. Commitment is two Sunday evenings a month for the school year, full calendar provided upon request. For more information or to volunteer for this or other youth ministry opportunities, contact Amanda Schultz at [mandaroo112@gmail.com](mailto:mandaroo112@gmail.com)

**Help Centennial be good Earthkeepers:** In an attempt to take a step to do our best job to save the planet and be good stewards of the earth as God would want, we have started a new composting program and need volunteers at Sunday morning coffee hour and other church events to guide people at the new composting, trash recycling bins that are now in place throughout the church (Roseville Site). Contact Carole White at 651-343-2847 or [cjwdew1@comcast.net](mailto:cjwdew1@comcast.net)

**Food Insecurity Help:** More than 300,000 children in Minnesota live with food insecurity. Some of these children attend Edgerton Elementary in the Roseville Area School District. For several years, Church and Society has provided volunteers to pack nutritious food in backpacks for weekends when children don't have access to school prepared meals. Bags of food include those with East African, Latino and Southeast Asian dietary preferences and those with ready to eat items for students in transitory housing situations. Distribution is generally once a month on Friday with occasional Thursdays or Wednesdays depending on the school calendar and take less than an hour. Starting date is still to be determined but will occur in September. If you would like to volunteer, contact Bonnie Koch, [toouray@aol.com](mailto:toouray@aol.com).

## • COMMUNITY RESOURCES •

**Free Farmers Market Drive Thru Events:** All are welcome! You will receive free, fresh fruits and vegetables. Multiple days and locations. Please register through the website. Learn more at: <https://keystoneservices.org/>

## • THANK YOU •

**THANK YOU - Simpson Shower:** Our UWF (UMW) want to thank all who contributed to the Simpson Shower. Collected was \$850 in cash and \$500-\$550 in products. Simpson Services sends their Thanks. Thank You!  
[www.simpsonhousing.org](http://www.simpsonhousing.org)

**Thank you:** A big thank you to Centennial church members for the care and support I have received during the past few years: transportation to church from Susan and Leon Godeke, Randy and Jen Oelschlager for friendship and help with decision making, cards sent to me while recovering from back surgery. And especially the women of UMW, who have shown such love and concern for me. I could never repay your kindness. I can no longer attend services but wanted to express my appreciation. - Denise Nordland

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