

September 13, 2020

CENTENNIAL NEWS



WE ARE STILL DOING CHURCH!

Centennial kids stretching before our last yoga zoom class of the summer. Watch for more yoga stories to do on your own schedules on our centennial children and families fb group!

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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 •

Both Campuses in One Online Welcome Sunday Worship for September 13th! To celebrate Welcome Sunday this fall, the Roseville and SAP worship teams will be sharing music, children's time with Pastor Jen & Amanda, prayer, Scripture, and video artistry. Pastor Whitney & Pastor Brian will share in a dialogue sermon together. Invite a friend to watch—get your family together...the Church's doors may be closed, but the Church is open to share God's love in the world!

Online Worship to continue for 2020: the Church Council has decided out of an abundance of concern for the health of our worshipers that there will be no in-person worship for the remainder of 2020. With no singing allowed, no hugs or handshakes which are so important to church being church when we are in person, and social distancing which would reduce the size of any worshipping group to fifty or fewer in the Roseville or SAP sanctuary, we believe that we can offer better worship experiences online, and we welcome your continued feedback on what we are presently doing from each campus. Of course, if conditions greatly improve we would look forward to reversing this announcement. We strongly encourage all Centennial members and friends to join a small group or class, as well as worship with us online regularly. Please focus all the more on praying for one another and our world. The buildings' doors may be closed, but the church is open to share the love of Jesus wherever God's people go every day. - Church Council Person Derek Vandenburg

Sign up for new Small Groups! Missing your church family? We are too! Join a small group this fall to engage with your community, continue to develop your faith and grow in the love of God and neighbor. This fall's small groups are especially focused on anti-racism. Let us commit once again to being authentic, thinking and active disciples of Christ who go out and build loving and just communities. Check the website or [CLICK HERE] to sign up!

Minnesota Annual Conference Love Offering: Each year, churches in the Minnesota Annual Conference take a Love Offering for missions in conjunction with the Annual Conference Session, which was held last Saturday via Zoom. As we do each year at Centennial, we receive a Love Offering to send to Annual Conference. The Love Offering provides the opportunity to be light and hope for those crying out for love, compassion, justice, and grace in their lives. The funds from this year's offering will go to four projects: Simpson Housing Services (40 percent), Emma Norton Services (40 percent), Joyce Uptown Foodshelf (10 percent), and the Committee on Native American Ministry Diaper Drive (10 percent). If the Spirit moves you to give, you can find out more about these important ministries at <https://www.minnesotaumc.org/loveoffering>.

• CENTENNIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS •

Prayer Buddies 2020-2021: Sharing life, stories, and prayers between generations for the year ahead. Sign up [HERE](#) by Wednesday September 16th and we'll match you with a Prayer Buddy. Each month you'll receive a prompt inviting you to share a piece of your life story (maybe your favorite holiday tradition, a funny joke, or things you're thankful for), along with a suggestion of how you can be in prayer for your Buddy. Letter writing is strongly encouraged! Thank you to all the Roseville Prayer Buddies who jumped in last fall. We'll be mixing things up and assigning new Prayer Buddies for this year, so be sure to re-sign up if you'd like to participate again.

School Supplies: Church and Society is teaming up with Kids in Need Foundation again this year to provide school supplies for those in need. The Kids in Need Foundation serves students and teachers in schools with a population of 70% or more enrolled in the government's free and reduced lunch program. In a recent survey to their network of educators, 95% of respondents indicated that access to basic school supplies resulted in an equitable learning environment for students. No matter where students are learning from, a traditional classroom or the kitchen table, basic school supplies are necessary for education to continue. Due to COVID19, in lieu of actual school items, the Church and Society Committee is collecting donations only this year for the Kids In Need Foundation. Please send your donation to Centennial United Methodist Church with School Tools on the memo line. Thank you for any help you can give to this program.

The Church Re-Opening Task Force is at work! Last week it was announced here in the Centennial News that the church council would not be planning on having worship services at either campus until at least January 2021. While this may not be the news we wanted to hear, this decision was reached with the safety and welfare of our congregation and staff in mind. Since mid-June, we have received calls from congregation members and groups regarding use of the church facilities at both campuses. As much as we wish that we could open our doors, the church building at both campuses remain closed. Use of the church facilities is limited to staff and essential volunteers. The pre-school is open at SAP, as they are classified as an essential business under the Governor's Executive order 20-04. Other uses of the facilities are not allowed at this time. The COVID-19 Steering Committee and the Trustees are aware of these requests, and when they feel that it is safe for our staff and our congregation members to begin using the facilities again, we will slowly reopen for small groups and other purposes. Thank you for your patience during these difficult times. Questions should be directed to Dennis Webster, the Director of Operations at 651-633-7644.

Zoom Parent Info Night: Wednesday, September 16 | 6:30-7:30pm | Come hear about calendar plans, ask questions provide feedback and get excited for a new year of ministry. Zoom link will be sent out in the weekly youth e-newsletters. Email Julie Elholm if you are not receiving them and would like to: jelholm@centennialumc.org.

Confirmation Drive Thru Parade: Sunday, September 20 | 1:30-2:30pm | The congregations are invited to celebrate our confirmands and this next step in their faith through a parade! Honk, wave, make signs and congratulate the teens! The building will not be open, and we ask parade participants to remain in their cars.

Youth Fall kick-off: Wednesday, September 23 | 6:30-7:30pm | A night of escape room virtual fun to start our school year together! Zoom link will be sent out in the weekly youth e-newsletters.

UMW Clothing/Household Collection: On October 17 & 18 in the Roseville campus parking lot we will be collecting items for the Department of Indian Work. Needed are WINTER clothing for children and plus sizes for women as well as men and other sizes. Household items such as towels, bedding, toilet paper, cleaning supplies, personal hygiene items and masks for all ages. PLEASE place items in paper grocery bags and label contents. No donation hours as yet. The Collection will be a drive by and drop off. Questions? Contact Bonnie Bougie 612.916.9851 or Pauline Richards 651.324.4655

Habitat for Humanity/ Holy Hammers 2020 Project

The Holy Hammer 2020 project has completed its modified 8 week schedule. Centennial was well represented at the building site that saw a number of changes due to the COVID-19 situation. We had an 8 instead of 10 week build time, all volunteers worked shorter hours, were masked, kept social distancing when possible, disinfected a lot and provided their own food and beverages. Because of changes in scheduling there were no specific days with just Centennial members on site but many did coordinate times to be together. We were able to contribute monetarily from our special Easter offering and other congregational donations. To see pictures of the progress on the twin homes at 588-90 Wells Street, St. Paul go to the following link: [\[CLICK HERE\]](#)

We are still doing Church! Here's just a glimpse of what is happening in these stay-at-home times at Centennial:

- Children's activities & devotions from Pastor Jen and Amanda shared online with children & parents.
- Middle school & senior high online activities and gatherings from Amanda and Derek.
- Sunday online worship from both campuses—huge thanks to our invaluable tech coordinators, John Misa & Vicki Griffin at Roseville and Hal King & Eric Bjorklund at SAP.
- Sunday morning Zoom adult classes continue from Roseville campus—Connectivity through the Houses & DeLongs, and the Twenty-Something group with Pastor Brian.
- Sunday morning Zoom Bible study continues from SAP campus with Pastor Whitney.
- Video devotionals continue from Pastor Brian.
- Our various ministry teams are still meeting via Zoom (or Google Docs)—Missions, Church & Society, Children's & Family Ministry, Church Council, Finance, Trustees, Staff—just to name a few! (By the way, all of these include members from both campuses.)
- Be watching for NEW initiatives...and keep checking in with each other one-on-one and in your circles, small groups, and classes!
- We may not be able to worship in-person yet, but as the song goes, *Yes, we're the Church together!*

Updates on the Wider United Methodist Church: The denomination-wide General Conference has been postponed to August 29 through September 7, 2021 in Minneapolis with delegates from around the world. General Conference is the only body which can speak for the entire denomination. See [\[CLICK HERE\]](#) for more.

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. with your prayer request and indicate if it is to be shared with the congregation or just the pastoral staff.

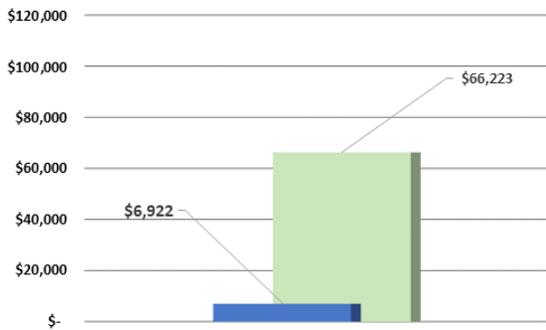
Giving Remotely: We continue to value your gifts during this time, which allow staff and ministry to continue on in creative ways. There are multiple ways to give while you are away from the church building. Go to the website at <http://centennialumc.org/index.php/go-serve/giving>. And yes, we are happy 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.

• 2020 MINISTRIES BUDGET AT A GLANCE •

Let's stretch together!

(The goal on the graphs include our challenge goal and all giving for both campuses)

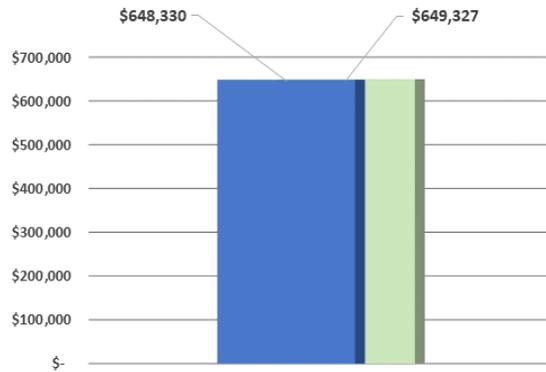
Centennial September 2020 Giving



3 Sundays remaining in September
\$59,301 remaining to reach September goal

■ Sep Actual ■ Sep Goal

Centennial Jan-Aug 2020 Giving



All giving recorded thru Aug 31, 2020
\$996 remaining to reach Jan-Aug goal

■ Jan - Aug Actual ■ Jan - Aug Goal