

December 6, 2020

CENTENNIAL NEWS



We are still doing Church

The Centennial Flames group is still meeting monthly on Zoom! Right now during COVID-19 we focus on our spiritual lesson and socializing. The Flames are adults with intellectual disabilities. Pre-COVID the Flames did a wide range of things—ringing at the Salvation Army Christmas giving sites, lighting the Advent candle in Sunday worship, having retreats and monthly classes and service projects.

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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 •

Christmas Eve services are coming! Watch for online services: SAP's contemporary service (with a special kids' portion), Roseville's traditional family service (with a special kids' portion), and Roseville's contemplative service (usually our late service). We are also testing a special version of the Roseville traditional family service...watch for more information on all of these! Christ Is Born!

Special Church Conference on Anti-Racism Tuesday December 15 at 7:00 pm on Zoom: The church council is considering adding a new seat on the council, which calls for the church conference to approve. The new seat in this case would be for the chairperson/team leader of the new antiracism team, which has been at work since June to help Centennial seek racial justice. All members and clergy of Centennial are welcome to participate in this Zoom church conference. Click [\[HERE\]](#) for more info About the CUMC Antiracism Team. Zoom details are forthcoming.

Anti-Racism Podcast and discussion - December 10th 7:00 pm- 8:30 pm - We will listen to a 45 min podcast by author Resmaa Menakem, and discuss themes and thoughts immediately following. Resmaa Menakem is a healer, trauma specialist and New York Times best-selling author. His latest book, "My Grandmother's Hands," focuses on the historical and racialized trauma carried in our bodies from one generation to the next. All participants who would like a copy of his book will receive one via mail or drop off as a free gift for participating in this important discussion. To Sign up [\[CLICK HERE\]](#)

Advent at Home: How will you engage in the upcoming Advent season of expectation, waiting and preparing this year:

- 1) Join a small group. We'll be using Jorge Acevedo's book *Sent: Delivering the Gift of Hope at Christmas* "Two thousand years ago, a baby was born who changed the world. God sent Jesus, and today, you and I are sent to be his hands and feet, delivering God's gifts of hope to a world in need." Sign-up [\[HERE\]](#).
- 2) Follow along with the Advent Calendar which will be shared on Facebook and sent out via email.

• CENTENNIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS •

Covid-19 Preparedness Plan Approved by the Trustees. This calls for very gradual reopening [\[CLICK HERE\]](#) starting with small groups and then in-person worship very gradually after that. For the whole plan, which will evolve as needs and conditions change, go to [\[CLICK HERE\]](#).

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.

RARES: Thursday, December 10 | 1:00pm | Zoom Christmas program featuring the "Christmas Crooner" Todd Anderson, performing holiday classics such as Silver Bells, O Come All Ye Faithful, Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer, White Christmas and many more. Contact Julia Nordling at parishnurse@centennialumc.org to be included on the email list to receive the link.

The Church and Society Committee would like to thank the congregations for their response to the Kids in Need/School Tools campaign. Church donors contributed \$990 and Faith Walk contributed \$100 for a total of \$1,090 for this drive to support our school children in need of school supplies. Thank you!

Thank you: Church and Society thanks CUMC members who contributed food gift cards to the November 21st Keystone Community Services food distribution project in Roseville. Distribution of 43,512 pounds of food and \$12,750 in grocery food cards to 1,000 households/4,650 individuals was accomplished with the help of Second Harvest Heartland and six local churches, including Centennial.

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.

• God At Work •

Christmas Offering

Mission Committee is happy to announce this year's Christmas offering recipients.
On behalf of the mission committee, thank you for your generosity.

Project AgGrad

How do we feed 10 billion people? Given that the world's population will reach 9 or 10 billion people by 2050, can you imagine how much food is requirement to feed so many people? Some believe that meeting this need for food is our greatest human challenge for the next 30 years.

Project AgGrad is a step toward solving this dilemma. Project AgGrad provides funding to bring students from developing countries to obtain a graduate degree in production agriculture at the University of Minnesota. The students then return to their home developing countries to work on food production for the rest of their careers.

So far, Project AgGrad students are working in South Africa, Zimbabwe, Uganda, Kenya, Nigeria, Ghana, and India (Nagaland).



UMCOR

Where do you turn when a disaster ruins your community? The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) responds to disasters in the United States and around the world by working with communities and local partners. When a disaster overwhelms a community's ability to recover on its own, UMCOR provides essential relief supplies and supports long-term rebuilding efforts.

While UMCOR is not a first-response organization, it stands ready to accompany communities in need over the long haul of their recovery until a "new normal" is established after a crisis.

Current initiatives include, but are not limited to, responding to flooding in Nepal, Flooding in East Congo, a volcanic eruption in the Philippines, several hurricanes, and wildfires in the western states of the US.

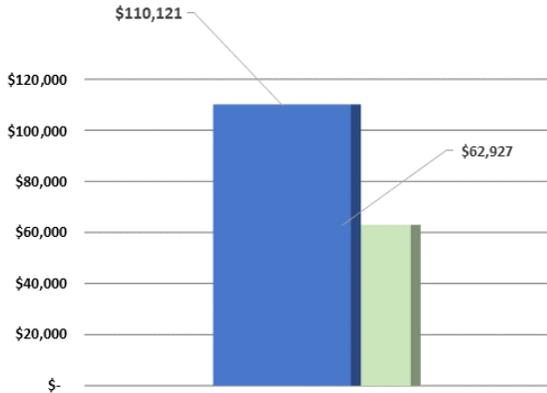


• 2020 MINISTRIES BUDGET AT A GLANCE •

Let's stretch together!

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

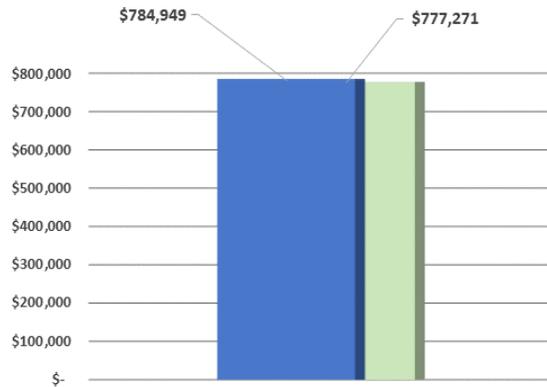
Centennial November 2020 Giving



0 Sundays remaining in November
\$47,194 over November Goal

■ Nov Actual ■ Nov Goal

Centennial Jan-Oct 2020 Giving



All giving recorded thru Oct 30, 2020
Exceeded Jan-Oct goal by \$7,6772

■ Jan - Oct Actual ■ Jan - Oct Goal