

December 13, 2020

CENTENNIAL NEWS



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 to Project AgGrad and UMCOR. Scroll down to the God at Work section at the end of the email for more information.

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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 having a special version of the Roseville traditional family service with an informal sing-a-long at 4:45pm on Christmas Eve and the sharing of Christmas family traditions on Zoom right after the service – there will be a special link for this special version. [\[Click Here\]](#) 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 invite [\[CLICK HERE\]](#)

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 has been shared on Facebook and sent out via email.

• CENTENNIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS •

Roseville Strings Christmas Sing-Along Rebroadcast: December 15 | 7:00 pm. Gather friends and family for a rebroadcast of the 2019 Roseville Strings carol sing from Centennial's sanctuary. It will be broadcast on CTV 15 and will be streamed on the Community Cable TV website. Details are posted as a Roseville String Ensemble Facebook event at <https://www.facebook.com/events/860182064806845> and include a link to the song lyrics.

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.

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.

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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 required 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.

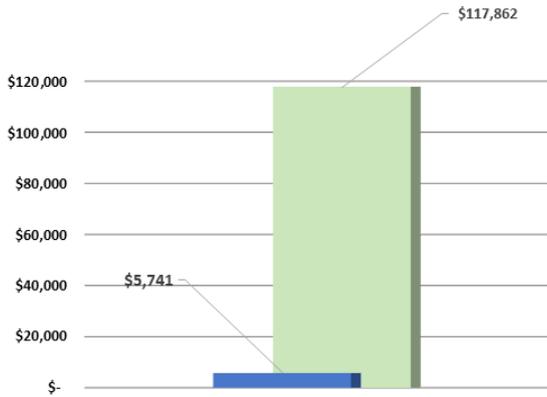


• 2020 MINISTRIES BUDGET AT A GLANCE •

Let's stretch together!

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

Centennial December 2020 Giving



**4 Sundays remaining in December
\$112,121 to reach December Goal**

■ Dec Actual ■ Dec Goal

Centennial Jan-Nov 2020 Giving



**All giving recorded thru Nov 30, 2020
Exceeded Jan-Nov goal by \$54,871**

■ Jan - Nov Actual ■ Jan - Nov Goal