

December 20, 2020

CENTENNIAL NEWS



Centennial Youth Illustrated Nativity Story

Please enjoy an illustrated representation of the Christmas story as depicted by the talented youth artists of our church! Each picture and accompanying scripture passage can be individually viewed on our social media pages or [Click Here](#) to view the whole story. We hope you enjoy and we wish you a Merry Christmas!

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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.

• Christmas Eve Services •

Watch for online services via email or on our website [\[CLICK HERE\]](#).

SAP's contemporary service
with a special kids' portion

Roseville's traditional family service
with a special kids' portion

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.

[\[CLICK HERE\]](#) to join that Zoom Call!



• CENTENNIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS •

2020 Divinity Scholarship Recipients Announced by our Centennial UMC Foundation: Every December the Foundation announces the recipients of the Divinity Scholarships. The Divinity Scholarships began with the Johnson-Kitts Scholarship Fund, which continues as a significant part of our scholarships today. \$531,950 has been awarded to 163 recipients from 1971 – 2020, which includes \$42,000 for this year. This year's recipients are:

Randall Cirksena, Pastor, Ellendale UMC, Albert Lea, MN
Asbury Theological Seminary, Doctor of Ministry, 2022
Goal: Continuing as UMC Pastor

Yves Kinangwa, Full-time student
Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Master of Divinity, 2021
Goal: UMC Deacon

Tapiwa Manyonga, Full-time student
Theological School, Drew University, Master of Divinity 2023
Goal: UMC pastor

Chad Setter, Pastor, Cornerstone UMC Lake Crystal, MN
Asbury Theological Seminary, Master of Divinity, 2021
Goal: Continuing as UMC Pastor

Simbarashe Sigauke, Chaplain fellow, Methodist Charlton Medical Center, Fort Worth, TX
United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, Doctor of Ministry, 2022
Goal: Clinical pastoral educator of chaplains

Amy VanValkenburg, Pastor, Atwater and Rosendale UMC churches, Atwater, MN
Luther Seminary, Master of Divinity, 2025
Goal: Continuing as UMC Pastor

Amanda Zbacnik, Professor at University of Wisconsin – Superior
Saint Paul School of Theology Certificate in Methodist Studies, 2021
Goal: Continuing as UMC Pastor and ordination as UMC Deacon

Altar Flowers:

The white rose celebrates the life of Joyce Nellis, long-time member of Centennial who passed away on Sunday December 6 2020. Joyce is the wife of Mert Nellis. A private memorial service will be held.

Discussion of the Netflix documentary "13th": Thursday, January 21 | 7:00pm | Join members of the Centennial Anti-Racism committee in a discussion of the Netflix documentary, 13th. Come having watched it already to discuss OR if you would like to watch it with a group/ don't have access to it, There will be a group watch party hosted by Pastor Whitney on Thursday, January 14th at 7pm. Please RSVP to pastor Whitney (wsheridan@centennialumc.org) for the viewing party so you are on the email list for the link. Zoom link for the discussion will be in the e-newsletter and fb pages.

Adult Anti-Racism Book bag club: The Faithwalk families have had such fun with their kids diversity book bag program, we want to offer the same idea for adults! Read books at your own pace and at your own time and exchange them for more at the end of the month. (Similar to a library, just all the guess work of finding books is done for you!) preference is for participants to pick up and drop off their books at the Roseville campus on weekends. but willing to work out other arrangements on a case by case basis. Books would be featuring unique historical biographies, Black liberation theology and other pertinent theological works, and books written by Black and Indigenous People of Color. If you are interested in being a part of the book bag club, or have questions, contact Amanda Schultz at mandaroo112@gmail.com - rotation schedule would be sent out to participants and and books exchanged once a month starting on the weekend of January 11-12th. Please sign up no later than January 1st to ensure we have enough books!

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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.

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 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.

