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CENTENNIAL NEWS

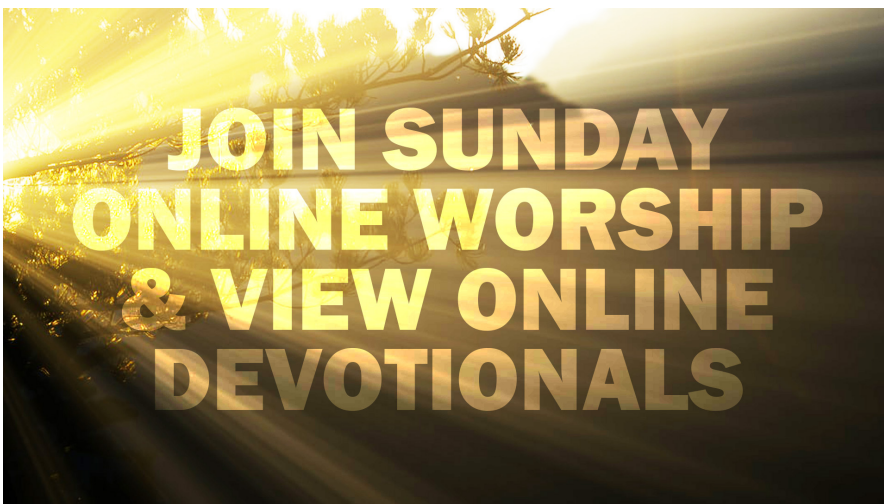


We are Still Doing Church!

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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 •

Discussion of the Netflix documentary "13th": January 14 - 7:00pm-8:40pm: Screening of the 13th documentary | January 21st - 7:00-8:30pm: Discussion of 13th | Join members of the Centennial Anti-Racism committee in a discussion of the Netflix documentary, 13th, a 2016 American documentary film by director Ava DuVernay, The film explores the "intersection of race, justice, and mass incarceration in the United States;" it is titled after the Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, adopted in 1865, which abolished slavery throughout the United States and ended involuntary servitude except as a punishment for conviction of a crime. 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 January 14. 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.

Did you know some of the things that the Missional Church Consultation Initiative (MCCI) accomplished? It provided us with direction & energy so that we created (1) a **new website** for both campuses, (2) a **new outdoor LED sign at each campus** replacing the previous dated signs, (3) **Connect Cards for attendance & prayer requests** in worship, greatly increasing the number of prayer requests shared and increasing the privacy of new guests, and (4) **two new Roseville campus welcoming teams** that were both going strong until Covid hit—a greeting team roving during coffee time which can be lonely for new guests, and an outdoor team opening the main east doors and the north door rain or shine, snow or cold. The MCCI coaching was funded through the Minnesota Annual Conference.

New Adult FaithWalk opportunity, The Parables of Jesus, starting soon - How many times have you read the Parable of the Good Samaritan? Or the Prodigal Son? How many times have you stopped and asked yourself what they meant? Join Josh Melvin for **The Parables of Jesus**, a 15-session FaithWalk course to learn, discuss, and apply 14 famous parables that Jesus taught such as the Parable of the Sower and the Parable of the Ten Virgins. Starting January 31st via Zoom. Sign-up by emailing janderson@centennialumc.org

Church and Society thanks CUMC members: for their support of those with unprecedented needs in 2020. Beyond the school tools collection and hats and mittens, we were able to provide housing support funding through Habitat for Humanity and Emma Norton (transitional housing for women/families). Hunger needs were funded through the Catholic Charities program for feeding homeless, Every Meal (formerly Sheridan) providing food for area students, Keystone Community Services and the Ralph Reader Food Shelf. Stability and life support funds were donated to the Dignity Center, an outreach program at Hennepin Avenue Methodist, the Wesley Foundation addressing the needs of U. of M. students (offices at SAP), Interfaith Action of Greater St. Paul (which includes support for the Indigenous community). This is a caring, inclusive and generous congregation.

• CENTENNIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS •

Altar Flowers: The white roses are celebrating the lives of four Centennial Members. No service information is available.
Charlotte Johnson who passed away on December 16, 2020
Ruth Rose who passed away on December 27, 2020
Mary Lu Carlson who passed away December 27, 2020
Kenneth Rhodes who passed away on January 4, 2021

Disrupting white supremacy small group: A new small group for white bodies looking to disrupt white supremacy from within begins soon. This group will be asked to get uncomfortable and dive deep into how whiteness shows up for them. It will use My Grandmother's Hands by Resmaa Menakem as a guide in doing the work and be facilitated by Sara Metz. The group will meet every third week and be a 6 month commitment. The exact date and time will vary depending on the needs of the group. Please contact Sara Metz at snmetz@msn.com if you have any questions regarding the group.

Adult Anti-Racism Book bag club: Read books at your own pace and at your own time and exchange them for more at the end of the month, connect with other people within the group to further dialogue on what you are reading as you wish. This program is 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 pertaining to anti-racism, 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 about what books will be offered, contact Amanda Schultz at mandaroo112@gmail.com - rotation schedule would be sent out to participants and books exchanged once a month on the last weekend of the month, starting on the weekend of January 30-31st. Please sign up no later than January 17th to ensure we have enough books.

Hats and Mittens: Church and Society would like to thank everyone who donated to the Hats and Mittens project this year. A total of 44 hats and 30 pairs of mittens/gloves were donated to keep children in the community warm this winter. In addition, \$855 was collected for the project. Each \$10 donation will buy a child a hat and mitten set. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

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.

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 •

Holy Hammers 2020 Build Update

Holy Hammers started the build of a twinhome for two low-income families at 588 – 590 Wells Street, St. Paul in July. Up to eight volunteers wearing masks worked on the units for 10 weeks. Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity hired contractors to install the siding on the structure and hang the sheetrock inside – two tasks usually completed by volunteers. The garage is now finished. The staff anticipates they can have families in the home by July 2021.



Twinhome built by Holy Hammers volunteers (as of December, 2020)

Holy Hammers is an ecumenical coalition of 15 churches in north suburban Ramsey County that builds one home or half a twinhome for Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity each year. Centennial has participated in the annual Holy Hammers build since its founding in 1999 by providing construction workers, food, and financial support.

Habitat for Humanity has halted construction work by volunteers at least until May 2021. We do not know what our build schedule or location(s) will be next year as there are many houses that will need to be completed before Habitat starts construction on new houses.