

February 14, 2021

CENTENNIAL NEWS



We are Still Doing Church!

Ash Wednesday is February 17! [\[CLICK HERE\]](#) to watch the Ash Wednesday services and to learn about more Lent related church activities!!

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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 •

Mardi Gras virtual dinner show: Tuesday, February 16 | 5:30pm | All ages of Centennial Church are welcome! Prepare your Fat Tuesday pancakes at home, pull up the zoom link and join us for a talent show while you eat dinner, all from the comfort of your home! If you are interested in demonstrating a talent or hobby please email Amanda Schultz at mandaroo112@gmail.com to get on the list of acts. People interested in demonstrating a talent or hobby can have something prepared for the night to perform live, or can email a video link of their talent if they are not available to perform live on that day/time but still wish to participate. [\[CLICK HERE\]](#) for the zoom link. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82602252192>

Lengthen Your Faith this Lent - Many have joked that 2020 felt like the longest, Lentiest-Lent ever. With all that's been lost or taken away this past year, turning the calendar to see the season of Lent again might cause us to groan if we think of this season primarily as one for fasting, giving things up, or making sacrifices. While all of those traditions are certainly a part of Lent, there are other ways to think of this season too. Lent is a time when the days lengthen and when we think about seedlings stretching down deep into the soil to find nutrients for growth. Many Christians choose to add in a new spiritual practice or lean into one that's already working for them. There's no one 'right way' to do Lent! Consider leaning into one or more of these Lenten practices this year:

- **Lenten Small Groups.** Several small groups will be reading and talking through Bishop Michael Curry's book "Love Is The Way". Find a group to join by clicking [HERE](#).
- **2021 Lenten Calendar.** Journey through Lent with suggested spiritual practices and familiar faces sharing Scripture each day. Click [HERE](#) to follow along. Doors cannot be opened until midnight of the designated day, or any time after.
- <https://calendar.myadvent.net/?id=f7581c7145f012f0bdc58eca2a85a7b3>

Family Diversity Book Party: Sunday, February 21 | 1:00pm | Kids and families are invited to participate in a virtual book party! This event will include book related crafts, story time featuring books from our Diversity book bag books that were voted on, a mystery reader and a time for all to share something from their own culture/ backgrounds with the group. Craft Supply pick up will be on February 14th, please RSVP to Amanda Schultz at mandaroo112@gmail.com so we have enough supplies and to ensure you receive the zoom link for the event. Participants will also be entered into a drawing to win free books and gift cards.

• CENTENNIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS •

Trustees Move to Phase 1 Reopening for Groups of Three or Fewer: On Tuesday evening February 2nd, the Board of Trustees (both campuses) voted to move to Reopening Phase 1 for the church buildings. Beginning Monday February 8th the church buildings will be open to individuals and very small groups (up to 3 people). Please contact Julie Elholm at jelholm@centennialumc.org to arrange for building entry because the doors will remain locked during this phase of reopening. Everyone is required to complete a health screening survey and use a hand sanitizer upon entering, wear a mask at all times, and maintain social distancing.

Taking Action for Racial Justice: Thursday, February 25, 7-8:30pm via Zoom
Centennial's Antiracism team is hosting a discussion about concrete ways we can turn our awareness into action to stand up for racial justice, both individually and as a church community. Do you wonder if protests are helpful? Do you have questions about what happens at protests and rallies? Are you not sure what to do when you show up? Join us and bring your questions! Zoom link [\[CLICK HERE\]](#)

It's Cookie Time! The Girl Scouts from our church will be having a socially distanced, drive-up Cookie Booth this year. Simply place and pay for your order via the link below. We will have your order packaged and ready for you for pick-up at the times below.

Ordering Link: [\[CLICK HERE\]](#) Available Cookies: [\[CLICK HERE\]](#)

Pick up times: February 21, 10am-11am, February 28 10am-11am

If you are unable to order online/pay with a credit card or need the cookies dropped off at your home, please contact Megan Grommes at 612-747-8158 or megangrommes@gmail.com to make arrangements.

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'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 •



Good morning Centennial Church,

I hope this finds you all well and staying warm! Pastor Whitney here with some really exciting news. Many of you know that for the past couple of years my husband, AJ, and I have been in the process of adopting a baby. Two weeks ago we received our much awaited phone call about a little boy about to turn one. After a whirlwind collection of meetings and paperwork, he is set to join our family forever on February 16th. We couldn't be happier.

And so, beloved Church family, I wanted to first ask for your prayers for our new little one- Nehemiah, AJ, and myself as our lives change in what feels like a snap of our fingers.

I also want to let you know that I will be out of the office on maternity leave starting Monday, February 15th and set to return on Monday, June 14th. The Rev. Amanda Lunemann will be providing pulpit supply for the SAP worship services. Other responsibilities will be graciously covered by our existing staff team.

If you have any questions, I'll be checking my email up until the 15th. Feel free to reach out at wsheridan@centennialumc.org. Later inquiries can be directed to Senior Pastor Brian Hacklander at bhacklander@centennialumc.org.

Blessings to you all! I can't wait for you to meet him!
Pastor Whitney Sheridan