

February 21, 2021

# CENTENNIAL NEWS

LOVE IS THE WAY

## We are Still Doing Church!

We want to know where you might be willing to serve Christ and Christ's church. Our church's Nominations Committee, which has members from both campuses and serves both campuses, is reaching out to you. We're asking every member (and every friend of Centennial who wants to do so) to fill out this [interest survey](#).

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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 •

**Volunteers needed:** We need to fill 1,000 eggs for the Easter Bunny Drive Through on Saturday, March 28th in partnership with Saint Paul Parks and Recreation. Volunteers are needed for egg stuffing. Pick up empty eggs and bags to be filled February 28th at the RV campus from 11-1pm. Bring the eggs and bags home to fill and drop off filled bags on Sunday, March 14th from 11-1pm. If you cannot make it then, you can drop them off to the Langford Park Recreation center March 15-19th weekdays from 2-6pm. Contact Amanda Schultz at [mandaroo112@gmail.com](mailto:mandaroo112@gmail.com) to sign up for egg stuffing, or if you have any questions. ALL CANDY MUST BE PEANUT FREE!

**Volunteers needed:** to fulfill costume characters for a bingo card scavenger hunt, make art displays and work traffic control for day of events on March 28th. Be on the lookout for volunteer shift sign up for the day of, available soon! The volunteer shift will be from 10:30-1pm. Masks are required of all volunteers and social distancing will be enforced while we spread joy to our neighbors this Easter! Sign up [\[CLICK HERE\]](#)

**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. Please RSVP to Amanda Schultz at [mandaroo112@gmail.com](mailto: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 •

**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.

**United Methodist Women Social Action (Zoom) program:** Sunday, March 7 | 11:00am | The UMW invites all in the congregation to join our Social Action (Zoom) program. **Rev. Dana Neuhauser**, Deacon and Minister of Public Witness, New City Church (UMC) in Minneapolis, will speak on "**Race and Grace**". She will offer "grounding" in the theological why of antiracism work. Rev. Neuhauser recently addressed the UMC Annual Conference on how to equip congregations for long term racial justice work, saying "Racial injustice lives in our bodies as well as our institutions and systems... there is a hunger for what we do now." Questions? Anita Mayfield [k.anita.mayfield@gmail.com](mailto:k.anita.mayfield@gmail.com) | Carole White [cjwdew1@comcast.net](mailto:cjwdew1@comcast.net) ZOOM link: [\[CLICK HERE\]](#)

**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](mailto: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.

**Altar Flowers:**

Steve and Pat Torgrimson in celebration of Joyce Markham's 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday

**The Red Rose:**

on the altar announces the adoption of Nehemiah Willie Sheridan who was born on February 14, 2020. Nehemiah is the son of Pastor Whitney and A.J. Sheridan.

**Taking Action for Racial Justice:** Thursday, February 25, 7-8:30pm via Zoom

Centennial For Racial Justice (formerly called the Centennial Antiracism Team) is holding 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](mailto:megangrommes@gmail.com) to make arrangements.

**United Methodist Women - THANK YOU! THANK YOU!** From UMW and the residents at Emma Norton. 70 blankets, comforters, and sheets were donated in spite of the cold weather. Centennial is a generous loving community – God's hands and feet at work. Contact: [judy-phillips@comcast.net](mailto:judy-phillips@comcast.net)

**United Methodist Women - The JRLC Virtual Day on the Hill:** March 11 | 6:30pm - 8:45pm | Rev Paul Slack will speak on "Trust, Access and Equity". A Panel will present on "COVID-19 — Homeless Outreach, Housing and Health". To learn more and to register, go to: [JRLC.org](http://JRLC.org) Questions: Carole White | [cjwdew1@comcast.net](mailto:cjwdew1@comcast.net)

**Growing Through Loss Series:** This 6-week series provides an opportunity for individuals to obtain information and support for a variety of loss and grief issues. Each session begins with an educational presentation by a professional from the community, followed by small groups facilitated by leaders who understand the grieving process. Although there is no cost, donations are welcome. Registration takes place each evening before the program. Church affiliation is not necessary. Each session is complete in itself; attend any or all sessions. We will be following Abiding Savior Lutheran Church's facility use policy during this pandemic. Child care will not be provided for safety reasons. You are required to wear a face mask. Call 763-755-5335 or visit [www.growingthroughloss.org](http://www.growingthroughloss.org) for more information. The next series will be held Tuesday evenings, April 6<sup>th</sup> through May 11<sup>th</sup>, from 6:45 to 9:00 pm at: Abiding Savior Lutheran Church 8211 Red Oak Dr. Mounds View, MN 55112. Contact Julia Nordling at [parishnurse@centennialumc.org](mailto:parishnurse@centennialumc.org) or 651.633.7644 if you would like a brochure sent to you.

**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 •



**Note from the staff: Watch for an upcoming baby shower tentatively set for Sunday afternoon March 7<sup>th</sup>.**

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 16<sup>th</sup>. 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 15<sup>th</sup> and set to return on Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. 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 15<sup>th</sup>. Feel free to reach out at [wsheridan@centennialumc.org](mailto:wsheridan@centennialumc.org). Later inquiries can be directed to Senior Pastor Brian Hacklander at [bhacklander@centennialumc.org](mailto:bhacklander@centennialumc.org).

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