Advent 2012 at Centenary UMC

Wed, Nov 28 thru Wed, Dec 19

“The Journey”
We will travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem in this fascinating look at the birth of Christ

Fri, Nov 30 5 p.m.

Hanging of the Greens
Everyone is invited to come help decorate the church for the Advent season and bring finger foods to share for fellowship time

Sat, Dec 1 5:45 p.m.

“Aaron the Allergic Shepherd”
Aaron, the shepherd boy, is allergic to sheep and there is a sheep that is allergic to wool. Come join in the fun as our kids tell the Christmas Story in a new way for all of us to enjoy.

Sat, Dec 1 6:45 pm

Dessert & Caroling by Candlelight
Women’s Ministry will be sponsoring an evening of caroling and sharing dessert following the Kids Christmas Program. Everyone is invited to come join in the fun as we all get in the Christmas Spirit.

Sat, Dec 2 8:15 & 10:45 a.m.

“Aaron the Allergic Shepherd”
Handbells will be selling cookies by the pound for the Holidays to raise money to purchase new Handbells in the future.

Sat, Dec 8 5:45 p.m.
Sun, Dec 9 8:15 & 10:45 a.m.

Handbells
provide music for all worship services

Sat, Dec 15 5:45 p.m.
Sun, Dec 16 8:15 & 10:45 a.m.

Adult Alleluia Choir
presents “Shout the Good News” Cantata that recounts through scripture and song many of the biblical personalities utilized by God to bring about Christ’s birth.

Sat, Dec 22 5:45 p.m.
Sun, Dec 23 8:15 & 10:45 a.m. Noonish

Preparing for Christmas
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Open House at Pastor Joe’s House, 301 E Grove Ave

Mon, Dec 24 7 and 11 p.m.

Candlelight worship with communion
Painful as those words are, they are even more true. You’ve seen the same things in the news I have that give us increasing evidence of these changes.

There are significant outposts of Christian faith throughout our culture, however.

You and I are blessed to be a part of one such community. We call it Centenary United Methodist Church.

For Centenary Christians, the month of December is packed with opportunities to witness to our faith in the Christ of Christmas. This newsletter has details of each one.

Plan now to make your Christian witness known by your participation this Advent-Christmas season.

Christmas may not be “what it used to be,” as the author I quoted above writes, but I believe that Christians are and that church is. Help prove me right.

See you in worship if not before!

Yours in Christ,

Dr. Joe Scheets

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Grove Street Parsonage Open House,

Dec 23, Noon-1:30pm

Patty and Joe Scheets, our directing pastor and his wife, invite you to their home immediately following our third worship service on Sunday, December 23, between noon and 1:30pm.

“We love being involved in Centenary,” says Joe, “and greatly appreciate the home you provide. Come on in and see recent improvements and help us celebrate Christmas!”
Nothing Gets Past-Her

Thoughts from Pastor Leanne

’Tis the season to be jolly…and excited…and slightly discombobulated. In Luke 2:1-20, a passage of Scripture I have entitled “Jesus and the Not-So-Silent Night,” St. Luke breaks down what we can and cannot expect this Christmas season:

We can expect a bit of traveling (v. 4).
We can expect some family drama (v. 5).
We can expect some visitors (v. 16).
We cannot expect everything to go as planned (v. 7).
We can expect a few surprises (v. 9).
We cannot expect the nights to always be silent (v. 13 & 14).
We can expect a (brief!) moment to ourselves (v. 19).

Above all else, in the midst of the chaos, in the midst of our perfectly imperfect lives, we can always expect Jesus to be born into our circumstances.

Between sips of cider and paper cuts (the dangers of gift wrapping!), I would encourage you to find one of those truly Silent Night moments. Look for God’s handiwork in the midst of the Christmas season, and search for a moment to revel in the idea that a baby, born into chaos, would one day save us all.

Faithfully,

Leanne

Rev. Leanne Noland

YOUTH GROUP HAPPENINGS!

We’re approaching a busy season in the lives of the CUMC Youth Group! After taking an introductory look at social justice issues, including bullying, the Jr. and Sr. High Youth will be focusing on Advent studies and Christmas activities.

Some of the many activities planned for the month of December include decorating the Youth Room for the holiday season, participating in the March to the Manger (Dec. 15th & 16th), as well as creating and displaying luminaries for the Christmas Eve services (to sponsor a luminary, please see the luminary order form found in this newsletter).

In the midst of Advent Season, the Youth will also be hosting a Kids Day Out event on Saturday, December 8th from 9:00am-3:00pm at Centenary UMC. Kids Day Out is basically a chance for adults to have THEIR OWN day out while Youth Group members entertain the youngsters! This is an opportunity for parents/guardians to do some Christmas shopping or to simply have a few hours to themselves. The Youth Group will be accepting free will donations, and all proceeds will help support the annual Youth Ski Trip and annual Mission Trip to Henderson Settlement in Kentucky.

As always, we appreciate your support! Have a blessed Christmas season and a Happy New Year!

**Want to learn more? Visit the CUMC Youth Group webpage at http://www.effinghamcumc.com/YouthGroup for the latest schedule of events. **
Christmas Eve Luminaries are Back!

Pay tribute to those who have brightened your world and support the Youth Group by sponsoring a Christmas luminary! Not only will the luminaries light up the outside of the church building, but you can enjoy the illuminated landscape knowing each luminary is in honor or in memory of those people who have impacted your life.

Each luminary is hand-made by members of our own CUMC Youth Group and will be on display throughout the church grounds during the 7:00 & 11:00p.m. Christmas Eve worship services.

A list of donors and those who are honored/remembered will be highlighted in the bulletin at our Christmas Eve services.

To sponsor a luminary (or luminaries), please fill out the order form below and return to the church office by December 16th, 2012.

This year, we will be accepting free will donations. All proceeds from the luminaries will go directly into the Youth Group fund, which helps our local Jr. & Sr. High School students attend the annual Mission Trip, summer church camp (Aldersgate Institute Redesigned/AIR at Little Grassy), and Y.A.R. events (Youth Annual Retreat).

Thank you for supporting the faith-development of our Youth!

I wish to sponsor _________(number) of luminaries.

In honor of: __________________________________________

In memory of: _________________________________________

Given by: _____________________________________________

Phone: __________________________

To place a free will donation, please include a check payable to Centenary for the amount you intend to donate.

Luminaries are made out of gallon milk jugs. If you would like to donate your milk jugs, please wash them out and place them on the stage in the CUMC Fellowship Hall prior to December 9, 2012.
Jr UMYF Kicked Off!

Jr UMYF met Sunday, November 11th. Kiara Hemrich read from Ecclesiastes and we discussed how even though everything changes like the seasons, God's love for us never will. The kids made fleece scarves for the FISH store and one to keep for themselves!

Our next meeting will be Sunday, December 9th at noon in Fellowship Hall. Tucker Moeller is in charge of bible reading for December. We will eat at Culver’s and go Christmas caroling. (see below)

January’s meeting is TBA hinging on a SNOWY Sunday so we can go SLEDDING!!!

The group in attendance decided the monthly events for the year with a CLOSING CAMP OUT on the church's front lawn in May-HOORAY! The group decided the month of February will be open to inviting friends outside the church to Jr UMYF. Jr UMYF is open to all 3rd-5th graders from CUMC. For more information or to volunteer please call Libby Moeller 663-6709.

Exciting Children’s Sunday School News!

Attending Sunday School SIX Times = FREE Ice Cream!

The Education Team will be passing out Frog Tags to each of the students that go along with our G (Grow) P (Proclaim) S (Serve) theme. Each student will receive a key ring along with an introductory tag with the Grow Proclaim Serve: “Grow your faith by leaps and bounds!” logo on it.

Collect all 13 GPS tags

Angel Star tree

We will have the Angel Star tree in the Connection Area with children’s names from the Effingham Child Development Center.

Take a star from the tree and purchase an appropriate gift for $15 to $20. Wrap the item and return it to the Star tree wrapped with the star attached to the gift.

All gifts need to be returned by Sunday, December 16.
December 1st and 2nd
Centenary Kids present the Christmas Musical

Aaron, the shepherd boy, is allergic to sheep and there is a sheep that is allergic to wool. Come join in the fun as our kids tell the Christmas Story in a new way for all of us to enjoy.

You are invited to our First Advent Dessert and Caroling by Candlelight evening December 1 @ 6:45 p.m.
Fellowship Hall—Centenary UMC

We will share dessert and sing Christmas carols by candlelight. What a great way to get into the Christmas Spirit. Mark your calendar and plan to join us.

“Aaron, the Allergic Shepherd” at all 3 services.

Sponsored by Centenary Women’s Ministry Corner of Third & Grove Effingham, IL
December 8th & 9th
Centenary Handbell Choir
will be playing at all three services
Saturday @ 5:45 p.m.
Sunday @ 8:15 & 10:45 a.m.

December 15th & 16th
Alleluia Choir
will present the Cantata
“Shout the Good News”
during all 3 worship services.
Saturday @ 5:45 p.m.
Sunday @ 8:15 & 10:45 a.m.

During the cantata everyone will be invited
to bring their
March to the Manger gift forward
to honor Jesus birth.

Come join us for this special time of celebration of Jesus birth.
Poinsettia
This Christmas season you will be given the opportunity to purchase a Poinsettia through a special arrangement with Burkland's.

A list of donors and the people honored and remembered will be included in the bulletin on December 15 & 16. To place your order, please include a check for $15.00 made payable to Centenary UMC marked “POINSETTIA”, no later than December 5th.

In lieu of purchasing a poinsettia, if you would like to make a donation to a mission project, please indicate your choice at the bottom of the page, and on your check.

Those wishing to purchase poinsettias on their own are asked to make arrangements for purchase and delivery, using red foil and white ribbon, and giving information about the memorial or honorarium to the church office.

The poinsettias will be displayed in the sanctuary from Dec 8 through Dec 24, 2012
Remember, Poinsettia orders must be in the church office by Wednesday, December 5th.

In honor of __________________________________________________________________________

In memory of __________________________________________________________________________

Given by ______________________________________________________________________________

Telephone ______________________________

In lieu of a poinsettia I would like to make a donation to:

___ Reaching Up Capital Campaign
___ Good Samaritan Fund
___ UMCOR Sandy
___ Other ________________________________

Prayers can be called to Eileen Cumming @ 342-6748 (daytime)
Sharon Wolfert @ 342-4775 (evenings).
The church office @ 342-2030
email Conni at conni@effinghamcumc.com, or
Kim at kim@effinghamcumc.com

CHECK OUT OUR DIRECTING PASTOR’S BLOG:
joescheets.com
From the desk of the Head Ding-A-Ling,

It’s been another wonderful year for handbells and we have all of you to thank. We will be wrapping up the year not only with our usual Handbell Service on December 8th and 9th (we look forward to seeing you all there), but also with our first official fundraiser for the new handbells. I say “Official” because we have already been hard at work raising money to purchase the new set of handbells our choir so desperately needs. And you can rest assured that we will bring you many such opportunities in the future. But on December 1st, after both services, we hope that you will stop by the Connection Area for the “Buy the Weigh” Cookie and Candy Sale. Pick and choose your favorite Holiday Treats and buy them by the pound. All proceeds help get us closer to our five year goal of $30,000 so we can get new handbells and handchimes. We can’t do it without your help and look forward to seeing you at the “Buy the Weigh” Cookie and Candy sale. See you at all of our Christmas festivities.

Chris

Thank You

Thank you to our Centenary friends who sent cards, e-mails, and prayers. And thank you to those who also did so much for us through acts of kindness during our difficult time.

Harry and Alice Brasel

Centenary United Methodist Church,
Thank you so much for allowing us to be married in your beautiful church! Thank you also for letting us use Fellowship Hall for our rehearsal dinner! It is great to be a part of such a wonderful church family!

Love, Marcy & Nate

Beginning Wednesday Nov 28th thru Wednesday, Dec 19th
At Noon and 6:00 p.m.
Our Pastors will lead us on our way to Bethlehem with the help of Adam Hamilton

Journey with Adam Hamilton as he travels from Nazareth to Bethlehem in this fascinating look at the birth of Jesus Christ. As he did with Jesus’ crucifixion in 24 Hours That Changed the World, Hamilton once again approaches a world-changing event with thoughtfulness. Using historical information, archaeological data, and a personal look at some of the stories surrounding the birth, the most amazing moment in history will become more real and heart-felt as you walk along this road.
UMW Reading Program Book of the Month for December

**Because He lives**  
by Catherine Ritch Guess  
276 pages

**Bonus Book**  
counts as two books  
**Education for Missions**

A true and living example of the faith, hope and love that emerged from one of the most horrid genocides in the world’s history, in Cambodia under the Kymer Rouge regime from 1975 – 1979. The story depicts the lives of Joseph and Marilyn Chan, survivors of that period, who eventually fled to a Thai refugee camp where they learned of Christianity.

The drama continues when God opens the door for them to come to America, where both received degrees at San Jose Bible College and Joseph attends seminary classes. Their dream to go back to Cambodia to spread the Gospel and open the doors for mission in their native homeland is now a living, growing and thriving reality. A long journey of childhood survival, faith and mission.

UMW Reading Program information

*Remember you only have December to get your reading in for credit for our U.M.W. certificates. So far we have read 43 books. This is a real improvement over the last few years. Please check the notebook with your inventory sheet to be sure I have listed all the books you have read.*

*New books were ordered in November and we will have them on the shelves for the new year by the end of December.*

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TLC Tuesday Lunch Club

December 11

Everyone age 55 and over is invited to come and share a catered lunch ($5.50 each) in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, December 11, 2012 at Noon.

This month, we'll get to know Pastor Leanne better as she talks about her formative experiences, world travels, and faith journey.

The sign-up sheet is posted in the Connection Area. For more information contact Marge Shubert at 536-6596. Hope to see you on December 11 for this time of fellowship.

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From Joe’s Notebook

“Be careful about reading health books.  
You may die of a misprint.”

— Mark Twain
Esther Circle of UMW

Esther Circle of UMW will gather Wednesday, December 5, for lunch at the Hangar Restaurant on Route 45 south near Watson. We will car pool and **leave at 11:15am** from the south parking lot at Centenary.

There will be no business meeting or program, but there will be a short devotional.

Our members invite all ladies with no "Circle home" to join us for this time of fellowship.

Dorcas Circle of the UMW

Dorcas circle will be having their last meeting on Wednesday, December 19th at 7 P.M. in the meeting room. Roll call will be Joy. We will share Christmas memories. Sharon Wolfert and Hazel Percival will be our hostesses. Recreation will be provided by Marie Delaney.

The Book Club

Christian Women's Book Club will be having a Christmas party and used book gift exchange in December.

The date, place and time will be announced in the bulletin in December.

If you would like more information on book club please contact Wanda Pitcher.

December 2012 DRIVERS

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Women’s Ministry

No regular meeting in November or December – Enjoy your family and friend, and remember to be thankful for something and Jesus is the Reason for the Season

Advent Dessert and Caroling by Candlelight – December 1, at 6:45 p.m.
Everyone is invited to come join in the fun on Saturday, December 1st following the Children’s Christmas program for dessert and caroling by candlelight in the Fellowship Hall.

6 Week Bible Study – beginning January 10th
Beginning January 10th we will begin a 6 week study titled “Finding the Balance”. This is a study designed to help us find our Steadiness in God. More details to come. Leadership of the study will be shared by several women in our group.

Thursday, January 24th regular meeting 6:30 to 8 p.m. Getting ready for the Chili Cook-off

Chili Cook-off – Saturday, February 9th following worship
Libby Moeller, Tracy Maxedon and Kim Blickem will taking charge of this fun evening that is scheduled for Saturday, February 9th. Watch for more details in upcoming newsletters and bulletins. If you would like to help contact one of the three above. Mark your calendar now for Saturday, February 9th and plan to join in the fun.

Thursday, February 28th regular meeting 6:30 to 8 p.m.
No regular meeting in March – Everyone is invited to come to Holy Thursday Worship

Women’s Retreat – Saturday, April 13th at Ballard Nature Center
Mark your calendar now and watch for more details in 2013. We asking for everyone’s prayer support for this event.

Thursday, April 25, 2012 regular meeting 6:30 to 8 p.m.

We can never have too many girl friends and we have several thing planned for the next few months, and we want everyone to feel welcome to participate. For more information contact Sharon White at 663-2313 or Conni Cash at 821-0406. This is a new multi-generational group sharing, learning, growing and becoming the difference in our church and community. Come join in the fun!! We have a great time.
Welcome Team Invitation: Thank you to the 93+ team members. There is still room for new people, too! Please call Conni or Kim in the office at 342-2030.

**December** (one week per team)

**December 2:** 8:15 a.m.
Emily & Luke Quast
Richard & Linda Hampton
Ron & Nancy Reed
Bev & Lee Smith

**December 9:** 8:15 a.m.
Matt & Angie Lappin-Leaders 343-3031
Darin & Kim Blickem
Katherine & Jack Blickem
Calvin & Mary Mitchell
Eileen Cumming (Greeter only)
Dorothy McGregor (Greeter only)

**December 16:** 8:15 a.m.
Don & Shirley Drain-Leader 342-7420
Rosalee Walls
Linda Rose
Kay Groves (in Choir)
Ione Beals (in Choir)
Peggy & Pete Peters

**December 23:** 8:15 a.m.
Janet & Dan Hargis-Leader 342-6832
Bill & Pat McCluney
Bob & Judy Lee
Judy & Larry Stroud

**December 2:** 10:45 a.m.
Laurie King-Leader 347-5658
Bill & Pat McCluney
Kaye Kimpling
Ed & Sue Ann Minor and Jared
Christine & Megan Browne

**December 9:** 10:45 a.m.
Nancy Caldwell-Leader 821-6469
Nicki Mackey
Julie Stephens
Beth & Craig Lindvahl

**December 16:** 10:45 a.m.
Alan & Linda Tryon-Leader 536-5666
Deb & Chelsea Spence
Jean Sporleder
Donetta Martin
Julie Howard

**December 23:** 10:45 a.m.
Bill & Nancy Totten-Leader 342-6468
Terry & Lisa Hoekstra
Jeff & Conni Cash
Jim & Linda Brissenden

**December 30:** 8:15 & 10:45
Everyone: Holiday Sunday

*Due to choir and kids programs, it was necessary to change this December schedule. Hope this works for most everyone. It would be great if everyone could greet and usher and Welcome on December 30 for the holiday season. Thanks*
**TUESDAY BIBLE STUDIES**

9:00 a.m. at Brookstone  
10:30 a.m. at the Glenwood  
*11:15 a.m. Lakeland Rehabilitation and Health Center  
*(third, fourth, and fifth Tuesdays)

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

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**FOOD for Catholic Charities**

We collect food for Catholic Charities each month to help them supply food to those in need in our area. Please bring your donation to church any Sunday, and on the third Monday of the month we will deliver our donations to them.

Items needed are: toilet paper, cereal, crackers, canned meats, pastas and sauce. Since we will be collecting all month, our hope is that more people will participate. We are looking forward to seeing a mound of food in the Connection Area. Thank you for supporting this mission project.

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**INFORMATION FROM A PAST MEMBER**

Good morning. I am a former (long-ago) member and I understand that my Mother never did transfer her membership either to Florida or to Kansas. She left Effingham in the 1970’s (after being there since 1937)! Connie and I both attended CMC long before it was a CUMC and even before the present church was built, at the one on South Fifth Street next to the old Central School. Connie was married in the "new" church and I was married in the "old" one.

In August 2012, Mom celebrated her 100th birthday here in Overland Park, KS, where my sister Connie (Kent Mowe) and I (Margie Whitney) also live. Mom passed away on Saturday morning, 03 November. Because her membership was never transferred, I wanted to notify the church of her death.

Blessings to all.

Margie (nee Schuetz) Whitney  
7200 Hemlock Street  
Overland Park, KS 66204  
913.499.7303
Guide for inserted calendar page

Meeting Calendar Room Description

S = Sanctuary  YR = Youth Room
FH = Fellowship Hall  MR = Meeting Room
K = Kitchen  B + number = rooms on the lower level

END OF THE MONTH = END OF MALARIA

As we begin our three-year participation in our Imagine No Malaria campaign, our directing pastor asks that we take a moment during all three worship services once a month to celebrate our faithful progress.

You may give money any time, and you may turn in a full “I Can Imagine No Malaria” collection can any time, but the last weekend of each month we’ll take a moment in worship and note that this campaign to date contribution total $10,083.37.

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Our Stewardship: November 2012 Attendance

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Contribution Summary—November 2012

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### Weekly Opportunities

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Look who’s having a birthday. Please let us know if we have left someone off and we will make sure we get them added next time. HAPPY BIRTHDAY Everyone!!!
Merry Christmas!

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