



# The Beacon

Centenary United Methodist Church—Bonne Terre,



**APRIL 2024 EDITION**

## THE PASTORS PEN — APRIL

Bittersweet. I remember as a kid attempting to get into some chocolate. Yes, this has been a life-long affection for chocolate. I recall that I went to the pantry and found chocolate! What I didn't know (or understand), was that this was baking chocolate. It is useful when sugar is added, but without it...well, let's say I didn't enjoy my huge handful of treats. Bitter is a good word to describe this taste. But what about sweet? Oh, how I love my sweets! I have managed to abstain from chocolate, cakes, and the like for the entirety of Lent. I miss sweets! I have found out that I am capable of moderation after this grace-filled Lenten season.

Bittersweet. That is the best term to describe the feelings associated with a new appointment. It is a feeling that is hard to describe. Bitter; because there are many things that I will miss. Sweet because of new opportunities. I am working toward excitement, but I confess that this is a challenge. You are all family. To say that serving as you pastor has been a blessing is an understatement. You have loved us and shown us amazing grace throughout our time. We have done some amazing ministry together and there is still more to come! I am excited about the future of Centenary and the wonderful and awesome people that we have in our community of faith. God will certainly continue to bless our faithful work.

I have loved serving as your pastor! We have had many adventures, ministries, and milestones. We celebrated our centennial several years ago with a wonderful community event. We have launched the new small group initiative. We have welcomed new members, and baptized many. We celebrated births, weddings, and serving our community. We mourned our loved ones together. We have worked side by side in ministry in a variety of ways. During my appointment here, we have been blessed by God to get to do all that we have done. Praise God for the awesome work done through our willingness and faithfulness!

The decision to move was a difficult one because of the many wonderful things we have done together at Centenary. We are in a good place. You are a healthy church! We see it in our service to others, through passionate worship, extravagant generosity, and intentional faith development. These practices are those laid out by our former Bishop, Robert Schnase. His contention is that these things will not only serve our community as a partner in ministry, but that we will flourish! That has been our trend here at Centenary. Your faithful participation in the ministries of the church have provided many opportunities for life-changing work! We have helped people who are struggling with a variety of concerns. We have housed homeless, provided meals, contributed to the greater mission of Bonne Terre through our connections to other ministries in the community. Confirmation class is running as we speak and we continue to grow in many capacities. People are coming back to worship! They are engaging in mission and service. We are returning to the powerful and effective church that God knows we can be.



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We have just celebrated Easter. With all the fanfare and celebration, I want to be sure that our work this year has been transformative. Did you find that you came away from Easter with a new perspective? What Jesus did for us overcame the division between us and God. Jesus didn't simply die. No, He sacrificed for us. He payed a price for the sins of all. He wasn't a morally good person we are supposed to follow. This is God in the flesh! The one we are called to follow faithfully. The cross was a penalty paid on our behalf. It is the victory over sin so that we can be set free from the punishment of death. In resurrection, Jesus claimed power of death and ensured for us eternal life in the presence of God. What Jesus did was voluntary. It is the work of God for the people of God! Is the message transformative for you? Do you understand the depth of love that God must have for you to do such a thing? This is the kind of love that changes our lives. We love because God loves us.

In closing, I want to encourage you. Embrace what Christ has done for you! We still have much work to do and through the power of the Holy Spirit, we will move forward with anticipation of God's powerful work. It is still full throttle for us. In the coming months we will hear from General Conference on a variety of topics that will certainly raise questions in our congregation. Our own annual conference will happen in June when the official appointment of Peter Norton will become official. We are planning summer and fall activities and are already thinking about Christmas! (I know, but it comes with the job!) We continue to grow in worship and will need to think about how we are welcoming people into our community. Our Cornerstone Café is a strong outreach ministry and we need to continue the hard work that goes into making this happen.

Basically, we still have work to do! I want to do everything that we can in anticipation of a smooth transition for Peter and his family. By the way, I know that you are just going to love them as much as you loved us! They are wonderful and am so thankful that God has sent just the right person to be here to continue the wonderful ministries of Centenary United Methodist Church.

May God continue to bless us!

Grace and peace to you all! Thank you for letting me be your pastor!

Pastor Dave

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**LITURGISTS: 9:00 am**

- 4/7 - Sue Curfman
- 4/14- Bob Becker
- 4/21 - Debbie Detring
- 4/28 - Loel Hlckman

**LITURGISTS: 11:00 am**

- 4/7 - Nathan Pack
- 4/14- Jeff LaBrot
- 4/21 - Donna Jean Weber
- 4/28 - Patti O'Connor

**GREETERS: 9: 00 am**

- 4/7 - Sheila Hacker
- 4/14 - The Jenkins
- 4/21 - Dalana Mauk
- 4/28 - The Beckers

**CHECK SIGNERS  
WEEK OF**

- 4/7 - Linda Skaggs & Bob Powell
- 4/14 - Bob Powell & Jill Clemons
- 4/21 - Jill Clemons & Donna Bouchard
- 4/28 - Donna Bouchard & Jim Sowers

**MONEY COUNTERS:  
Patti Martin & Lila Williams**

Are you on this list? If so, we look forward to serving with you—and if you cannot, please find a replacement and let the church office know! Thank you!

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

**Office Open Monday & Wednesday**  
**573-358-2238**



**OFFICE HOURS**  
**9:00am - 3:00pm**

Sun	5:00 pm	N.A. Meeting
	6:00 pm	Youth Group
Mon	10:00 am	Table Talk
	6:00 pm	Prayer Shawl
	7:00 pm	A.A. Meeting
Tues	7:00 pm	Men's Al Anon Meeting
	7:00 pm	Bible Basics Study
Wed	5:00 pm	Cornerstone Café
	6:30 pm	Joyful art experience
	6:30 pm	Care Circle Card Ministry
	6:30 pm	Grief Support Group
Thurs	3:30 pm	Bible Study @ Country Meadows
	7:00 pm	Video Series Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Disciple Study Online
Fri	6:00 pm	Faith and Film (Starting April 5 <sup>th</sup> )
Sat	9:00 am	Faithful Footsteps

# April

## Happy Birthday

<i>First Name</i>	<i>Last Name</i>	<i>Birthdate</i>
<i>Judy</i>	<i>McGee</i>	<i>April 02</i>
<i>Anissa</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>April 02</i>
<i>Austin</i>	<i>Wiant</i>	<i>April 02</i>
<i>Kooper</i>	<i>Kekec</i>	<i>April 03</i>
<i>Don</i>	<i>Drochelman</i>	<i>April 06</i>
<i>Chris</i>	<i>Ferguson</i>	<i>April 08</i>
<i>Claire</i>	<i>Ferguson</i>	<i>April 12</i>
<i>Rita</i>	<i>Drochelman</i>	<i>April 13</i>
<i>Linda</i>	<i>Sowers</i>	<i>April 15</i>
<i>Kellen</i>	<i>Weber</i>	<i>April 16</i>
<i>Jeremy</i>	<i>Sowers</i>	<i>April 18</i>
<i>Jenifer</i>	<i>Ferguson</i>	<i>April 19</i>
<i>Chuck</i>	<i>Hubbard</i>	<i>April 25</i>
<i>Jason</i>	<i>Hackworth</i>	<i>April 25</i>
<i>Anne</i>	<i>Bollinger</i>	<i>April 27</i>
<i>Julie</i>	<i>Hackworth</i>	<i>April 29</i>

## Happy Anniversary

<i>Family Name</i>	<i>Anniversary</i>
<i>Ed &amp; Teresa Buck</i>	<i>April 03</i>
<i>Mike &amp; Sonya Gammon</i>	<i>April 12</i>



### CORNERSTONE CAFÉ @ 5:00 p.m.

<b>Apr 3rd</b>	<b>Ham and Mashed Potatoes</b>
<b>Apr 10th</b>	<b>Shepard's Pie</b>
<b>Apr 17th</b>	<b>Old Fashion Goulash</b>
<b>Apr 24th</b>	<b>Meatloaf</b>

All meals are subject to change as needed.



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[WWW.centenarybonnetterre.org](http://WWW.centenarybonnetterre.org)

Church Office, Children's Ministries, Community Events, Music, Office/campus events not public, Outreach, Youth

Apr 2024 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 10am - Table Talk 6pm - Prayer Shawl 7pm - AA Meeting	1 7pm - Al-Anon 7pm - Bible Basics	2 5pm - Cornerstone Cafe 6:30pm - Care Circle Card Ministry 6:30pm - Joyful art experience 6:30pm - Praise Team Rehearsal	3 3:30pm - Bible study-County 7pm - Disciple Bible Study - Zoom 7pm - Video Series Bible Study	4 6:30pm - Faith and Film	5 9am - Faithful Footsteps	6
7 <b>COMMUNION SUNDAY</b> 9am - Contemporary 10am - Sunday School 12pm - PPR Meeting 5pm - NA Meeting 6pm - Youth Group	8 10am - Table Talk 6pm - Prayer Shawl 7pm - AA Meeting	9 7pm - Al-Anon 7pm - Bible Basics	10 5pm - Cornerstone Cafe 6:30pm - Care Circle Card Ministry 6:30pm - Joyful art experience 6:30pm - Praise Team Rehearsal	11 3:30pm - Bible study-County 7pm - Disciple Bible Study - Zoom 7pm - Video Series Bible Study	12 9am - Faithful Footsteps	13
14 9am - Contemporary 10am - Sunday School 5pm - NA Meeting 6pm - Youth Group	15 10am - Table Talk 6pm - Ad Board/finance 6pm - Prayer Shawl 7pm - AA Meeting	16 7pm - Al-Anon 7pm - Bible Basics	17 5pm - Cornerstone Cafe 6:30pm - Care Circle Card Ministry 6:30pm - Joyful art experience 6:30pm - Praise Team Rehearsal	18 3:30pm - Bible study-County 7pm - Disciple Bible Study - Zoom 7pm - Video Series Bible Study 7pm - Video Series Bible Study	19 6:30pm - Faith and Film 9am - Faithful Footsteps	20
21 9am - Contemporary 10am - Sunday School 5pm - NA Meeting 6pm - Youth Group	22 10am - Table Talk 6pm - Prayer Shawl 7pm - AA Meeting	23 7pm - Al-Anon 7pm - Bible Basics	24 5pm - Cornerstone Cafe 6:30pm - Care Circle Card Ministry 6:30pm - Joyful art experience 6:30pm - Praise Team Rehearsal	25 3:30pm - Bible study-County 7pm - Disciple Bible Study - Zoom 7pm - Video Series Bible Study	26 9am - Faithful Footsteps 10am - Emmaus Gathering	27
28 9am - Contemporary 10am - Sunday School 5pm - NA Meeting 6pm - Youth Group	29 10am - Table Talk 6pm - Prayer Shawl 7pm - AA Meeting	30 7pm - Al-Anon 7pm - Bible Basics	1 1	2	3	4

# PRAYER LIST

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Pray for	Reason	Prayer request from
Allison Erpenbach	Brain Tumor	Stephanie Brennon
Virginia Curfman	Liver and Colon cancer	Sue Curfman
Jim Shaw	Heart Surgery	JoAnn Kite
Glen Graham	Stroke after major heart surgery	Pat and Ralph Stamm
Billy Oliver	Health concerns	Pastor Dave
Ralph Stamm's Cousin "Linda"	Major surgery	Pat and Ralph Stamm
Theresa Mattingly	Hospice	Brenda Patt
Leslie Jones	Vision condition	Anissa Jones
Steve Mabery	Health concerns	Vicki Weible
JOYS		
THANK YOU'S		
ONGOING		
Catherine	Health and life Concerns	Diane Moore
Savannah Buscher	Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma	Pastor Dave
Alan Meyer	Cancer	Grace Gillingham
Miller Phillips	Cancer	Diane Moore
Andy Skiles	Cancer	Ronnie & Sally Skiles
Laura Midgett	Cancer	Patti O'Connor
Patti Branham	Cancer	Donna Bouchard
Doris Tomes	Cancer returned (daughter in law's mother)	Dee Krause
Glenda Straughn	Cancer	Pastor Dave
Dale Ryckman	Hospice	Nathan Pack
Stacy Maxwell	Cancer	Wade & Kathy Jones
GREIVING		
Eschenbrenner family	Passing of Jim Eschenbrenner Jr.	Pastor Dave
Cassie family	Passing of Mike Cassie	JoAnn Kite
Skiles family	Passing of Ronnie Skiles	Pastor Dave
Brewer family	Passing of Andrea and Hiley Brewer	JoAnn Kite
ASSISTED LIVING/HOMEBOUND		
NURSING HOME/REHAB		
Pray for	Location	Reason
Loretta Kosar	Cambridge House of Swansea (Swansea IL)	
Sally Lowe	Dougherty Ferry Assisted Living and Memory Care	
Sarah Nichols	St. Joe Manor	
Donna Schmidt	Presbyterian Manor	
SERVING IN THE MILITARY		
Nick Hawkins	Navy	Belinda Straughn - Friend
Jacob Sutton	Air force	Jill Clemons - Grandson
Anthony Verde	Air Force	Dee Krause - nephew
Matthew LaBrot	Army	Jeff and Karen - Son
Andy Vaughan	Air Force	Gillingham - Grandson
Todd Mabery	Navy	Vicki Weible
Rebecca Jones	Virginia-Army instructor	Dean (café diner)
SERVING AS MISSIONARIES		
Pray for	Location	Reason
Rev. Geraldo Nathaniel Matsinhe	<i>Micas Madonele UMC in Mozambique</i>	Our Partner Church
Brian Tucker & Family (cousins)	<i>In Haiti</i>	

**\*\*Please update the Church Office regularly with status\*\***

( Names are on the list for 30 days unless church office is notified)

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**Why have small groups?**

**The relationships formed in small groups form a strong fabric in the church. They make it easy to invite “non-believers” to be a part of the fellowship of the church.**

**Bible Study**-Join in a video series titled “In the dust of The Rabbi” Led by Pastor Dave

**Together in Christ**-Fellowship and fun activities with other Christ-minded couples

**Joyful art experience**-Introduction to multiple art techniques at a slower pace and supportive environment

**Faithful Footsteps**-Join us as we tour several local trails and walks together

**Care Circle Card Ministry**-A fun group that meets and creates cards for our congregation

**Faith and Film**-Loel Hickman leads us on a review of Christian movies

## ONGOING CURRENT GROUPS

**Prayer Shawl**

**“The Chosen” series study**

**Cornerstone Cafe**

**Monday AM Table Talk**

**Sunday sermon recap group**

**Bible Basics**

**Praise Team**

**Adult Bible Study**

**Disciple Bible Study**

## Centenary UMC

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# 2024 Church Committee Members

### SPRC

Lay Member to AC Nathan Pack  
Lay Leader: Diane Moore  
Committee Chair: Marsha Becker

Class of 2024 Bruce Fiala, Marsha Becker, Belinda Straughn  
Class of 2025 Rick Snider, Sue Curfman, Steve Black  
Class of 2026 Kati Hacker, Patti Martin, Chris Ferguson

### Board of Trustees

Chair: Mike Inman

Class of 2024 Bob Becker, Ken Curfman, Bill Young  
Class of 2025 Dennis McGee, Wade Jones, Mike Inman  
Class of 2026 Bill Martin, Austin Wiant

### Nominations and Leadership Development

Chair: Dave Wiant  
Vice-Chair:  
Lay Leader: Diane Moore

Class of 2024 Jackie Berry, Anissa Wiant, Sheila Hacker  
Class of 2025 Rita Drochelman, Brenda Patt, Karen LaBrot  
Class of 2026 Lisa Kite, Donna Bouchard

### AD Board

Chair: Nathan Pack  
Pastor: Dave Wiant  
Lay Leader: Diane Moore  
Vice Chair  
Lay member to AC Nathan Pack  
Finance Chair: Kasey Jenkins  
Treasurer: Judy McGee

Blessing Basket Chair Pat Stamm

Youth Director Kim Gray

### Finance

Chair Kasey Jenkins  
Pastor Dave Wiant  
Lay member to AC Nathan Pack  
Ad Board Council Chair Nathan Pack  
SPRC Chair Marsha Becker  
Trustee Chair Mike Inman  
Lay Leader Diane Moore  
Financial Secretary JoAnn Kite  
Church Treasurer Judy McGee  
Church Business Admin JoAnn Kite  
At Large members Jim Clay

### Blessing Basket

Chair Pat Stamm  
Members Jackie Berry, Ralph Stamm,  
Bruce & Janice Vaughn

### Education

Chair  
Children's Ministries Patti O'Connor, Karen LaBrot  
Youth/Adult Education Jennifer Ferguson, Beth Pack,  
Chris Jenkins, Audra Wiant  
Loel Hickman, Nathan Pack,  
Pastor Dave Wiant

### Kitchen

Chair From the committee

### Worship

Leader Anissa Jones  
Pianist Judy LaBruyere  
Choir Linda Sowers  
Head Usher Bob Powell  
At Large members Belinda Straughn

## Weekly events

### @ Centenary

#### Monday:

6:00 Knitting Shawl Ministry  
7:00 AA Meeting

#### Tuesday:

7:00 Al Anon Meeting  
7:00 Bible Basics Study

#### Wednesday:

5:00 Cornerstone Café  
6:30 Praise Team Rehearsal

#### Thursday:

3:30 Country Meadows  
7:00 Disciple Study Online

#### Sunday:

9:00 am Worship Service in person and FB live.  
(Cornerstone)  
11:00 am Worship Service in person.  
(Sanctuary)  
6:00 Youth Group

## Adult Sunday School

Join us Sundays after the 9 am service to discuss the weekly sermon! There's no lesson to prepare—just listen during worship. The classroom is located in the sanctuary basement. Come Join Us!!!

### Sunday School Class

#### The Chosen

After the 9 am service  
In the Cornerstone

## Office Hours

Monday &  
Wednesday  
9:00-3:00

### Please help keep us with updated information.

If you have a new address, phone number, email address or want to make sure we have birthdate(s) and your anniversary date, please send an email. Or you can update any information of the attendance sheet and place in the offering plate. **Thank you!**

Please remember to pray for our Covenant Church  
MICAS MADONELE UMC in MOZAMBIQUE  
and their Pastor Rev. Geraldo Nataniel Matsinhe