



The Beacon

Centenary United Methodist Church—Bonne Terre, Missouri



THE PASTORS PEN — OCTOBER

OCTOBER EDITION

Honoring the People Who Have Shaped Us

Hello Church Family,

The disciple John writes in 1 John that no one have ever seen God, but that when we love one another God lives in us. Who is someone that radiated love in your life? Who are the people who through conversations, dinners, and time together showed you love? It is through these people that God places in our lives that we catch a glimpse of the love that God has for us.

I would like to invite you to join us for our All Saints Day worship services on November 2, 2025 at 9 am and 11am. We will celebrate the years and honor the saints in our church and community who have gone on to their eternal reward in the last year. This is a special service for all of us to remember and honor the people who have shaped us that are now with God.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. 1 John 4:7-9

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THE PASTORS PEN CONTINUED— OCTOBER

Sept 14 Peter, the Rock
Sept 21 Matthew, the Tax Collector
Sept 28 John, the Disciple Whom Jesus Loved
Oct 5 Thomas, from Doubt to Faith
Oct 12 Judas, who Betrayed Jesus
Oct 19 The Twelve

Matthew 16:13-23
Matthew 9:9-13
1 John 4:7-21
John 20:24-29
John 13:1-20
Matthew 10:1-42

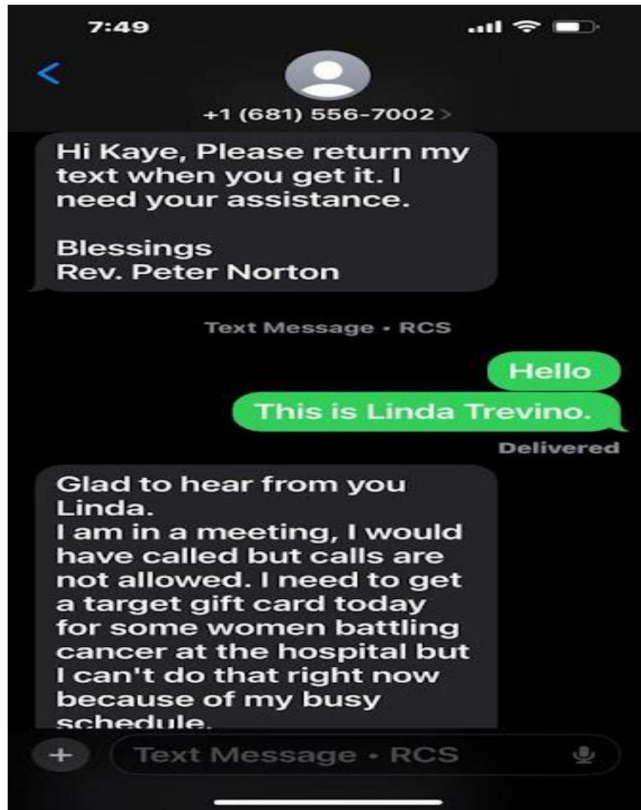
During this series you will hear from Ben LaBrot, Emma LaBrot, and Rev Peter Norton.



Subject: Avoid Church Scammers

Hello church family,

The Missouri Annual Conference recently put out a message encouraging local churches and congregants to be aware of possible financial scams. It is easy for scammers to send emails or text messages that look like they are coming from church staff and members. Several church members received a text message asking for gift cards like the one below.



Email
may look
like this.

To avoid scammers, know that the church staff and congregants will never ask you to buy things like gift cards or make direct cash transfers into a personal account. Also know that we work hard all year to plan in advance and chart a clear and smooth financial course for our church. There should never be a sense of urgency in giving. Additionally, while I have many commitments, I am careful not to become overcommitted and unable to receive and respond to messages in a timely manner.

Our church currently receives donations through our church website and through physical donations sent to our church building at 27 Benham Street in Bonne Terre, MO 63628.

When in doubt, please call and speak with us directly.

Church Office - 573-358-2238

Pastor Peter Norton's number 636-734-3694

Let's pray for those that are resorting to theft as a way of earning income.

Pastor Peter, Centenary United Methodist Church



*Get ready for an evening of mystery, laughter, and small-town fun! We are thrilled to announce our upcoming production of “Murder at the Pie Auction”—a deliciously entertaining show filled with twists, turns, and plenty of pie! To kick things off, we invite you to join us for an **information meeting on Wednesday, October 8th at 6:30pm at The Cornerstone.** Whether you want to be on stage, behind the scenes, or just curious to learn more, this is your chance to get all the details, meet the team, and find out how you can be part of this production. Don’t miss it—this meeting is the first step in bringing the mystery (and the pies!) to life! Once again, this will be a fundraiser for our children and youth ministries at Centenary.*

Ken Curfman 314-853-4347



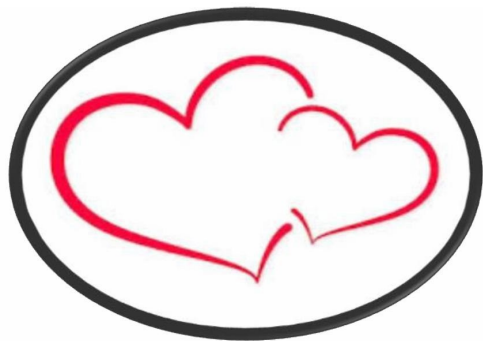
Bible In A Year Reading Plan

October

	Old Testament	New Testament	Psalms	Proverbs
<input type="checkbox"/> 01	Isaiah 62:6-65:25	Philippians 2:19-3:3	Psalms 73:1-28	Proverbs 24:13-14
<input type="checkbox"/> 02	Isaiah 66:1-24	Philippians 3:4-21	Psalms 74:1-23	Proverbs 24:15-16
<input type="checkbox"/> 03	Jeremiah 1:1-2:30	Philippians 4:1-23	Psalms 75:1-10	Proverbs 24:17-20
<input type="checkbox"/> 04	Jeremiah 2:31-4:18	Colossians 1:1-17	Psalms 76:1-12	Proverbs 24:21-22
<input type="checkbox"/> 05	Jeremiah 4:19-6:15	Colossians 1:18-2:7	Psalms 77:1-20	Proverbs 24:23-25
<input type="checkbox"/> 06	Jeremiah 6:16-8:7	Colossians 2:8-23	Psalms 78:1-31	Proverbs 24:26
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<input type="checkbox"/> 09	Jeremiah 12:1-14:10	1 Thessalonians 1:1-2:8	Psalms 79:1-13	Proverbs 24:30-34
<input type="checkbox"/> 10	Jeremiah 14:11-16:15	1 Thessalonians 2:9-3:13	Psalms 80:1-19	Proverbs 25:1-5
<input type="checkbox"/> 11	Jeremiah 16:16-18:23	1 Thessalonians 4:1-5:3	Psalms 81:1-16	Proverbs 25:6-8
<input type="checkbox"/> 12	Jeremiah 19:1-21:14	1 Thessalonians 5:4-28	Psalms 82:1-8	Proverbs 25:9-10
<input type="checkbox"/> 13	Jeremiah 22:1-23:20	2 Thessalonians 1:1-12	Psalms 83:1-18	Proverbs 25:11-14
<input type="checkbox"/> 14	Jeremiah 23:21-25:38	2 Thessalonians 2:1-17	Psalms 84:1-12	Proverbs 25:15
<input type="checkbox"/> 15	Jeremiah 26:1-27:22	2 Thessalonians 3:1-18	Psalms 85:1-13	Proverbs 25:16
<input type="checkbox"/> 16	Jeremiah 28:1-29:32	1 Timothy 1:1-20	Psalms 86:1-17	Proverbs 25:17
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<input type="checkbox"/> 18	Jeremiah 31:27-32:44	1 Timothy 3:1-16	Psalms 88:1-18	Proverbs 25:20-22
<input type="checkbox"/> 19	Jeremiah 33:1-34:22	1 Timothy 4:1-16	Psalms 89:1-13	Proverbs 25:23-24
<input type="checkbox"/> 20	Jeremiah 35:1-36:32	1 Timothy 5:1-25	Psalms 89:14-37	Proverbs 25:25-27
<input type="checkbox"/> 21	Jeremiah 37:1-38:28	1 Timothy 6:1-21	Psalms 89:38-52	Proverbs 25:28
<input type="checkbox"/> 22	Jeremiah 39:1-41:18	2 Timothy 1:1-18	Psalms 90:1-91:16	Proverbs 26:1-2
<input type="checkbox"/> 23	Jeremiah 42:1-44:23	2 Timothy 2:1-21	Psalms 92:1-93	Proverbs 26:3-5
<input type="checkbox"/> 24	Jeremiah 44:24-47:7	2 Timothy 2:22-3:17	Psalms 94:1-23	Proverbs 26:6-8
<input type="checkbox"/> 25	Jeremiah 48:1-49:22	2 Timothy 4:1-22	Psalms 95:1-96:13	Proverbs 26:9-12
<input type="checkbox"/> 26	Jeremiah 49:23-50:46	Titus 1:1-16	Psalms 97:1-98:9	Proverbs 26:13-16
<input type="checkbox"/> 27	Jeremiah 51:1-53	Titus 2:1-15	Psalms 99:1-9	Proverbs 26:17
<input type="checkbox"/> 28	Jeremiah 51:54-52:34	Titus 3:1-15	Psalms 100:1-5	Proverbs 26:18-19
<input type="checkbox"/> 29	Lamentations 1:1-2:22	Philemon 1:1-25	Psalms 101:1-8	Proverbs 26:20
<input type="checkbox"/> 30	Lamentations 3:1-66	Hebrews 1:1-14	Psalms 102:1-28	Proverbs 26:21-22
<input type="checkbox"/> 31	Lamentations 4:1-5:22	Hebrews 2:1-18	Psalms 103:1-22	Proverbs 26:23

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Bags of Love



Calling all knitters and crocheters. We are going to give out bags that will have a hat, scarf, gloves, chap stick, bottle of water, candy bar, etc. to anyone who would like to keep it in their car to hand out to the people you see standing on the corner this winter asking for donations. So we are looking for people to make the hats, purchase or donate towards scarves or purchase and donate. They can be brought to the office. Please call Sandy Cross at 573-330-5714 with any questions.

December 1st Centenary United Methodist Chili Supper

\$10 adult per plate

\$5 kids per plate

4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

**20 Dark Avenue
Bonne Terre, MO
Cornerstone Building**

Come join us and then enjoy the

**Christmas
PARADE**



Centenary UMC

INVITES YOU

CHRISTMAS ADVENT



WORKSHOP

HOLIDAY CRAFTS FOR THE
WHOLE FAMILY

DINNER

SINGING OF CHRISTMAS
CAROLS

HELP MAKE THIS ADVENT
SEASON SPECIAL FOR YOUR
FAMILY

SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 30
4:00-7:00 PM

Cornerstone Building

questions:
Sue Curfman
314-677-5840

JOIN US FOR A TRIVIA NIGHT - OCT 18st

Doors open @ 6:30 PM with a 7 PM start @ The Cornerstone



Teams of 8. \$10.00 each.

Benefits our ministry, "**SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOLS**"

Bring some snacks to go with the popcorn, tea and lemonade
we will provide.

Contact Diane Moore to sign up



You're invited to
HARMONY GATHERINGS
HALLOWEEN PARTY
JOIN US FOR A FUN
EVENING OF LAUGHS
AND FELLOWSHIP.

BRING YOUR FAVORITE
CHILI OR SOUP TO
SHARE

PLEASE COME IN COSTUME
(OPTIONAL)

25 October

6:30pm

At The Cornerstone
Centenary United Methodist
20 Park Ave. Bonne Terre
RSVP

Ken at +(314) 853-4347
email: kcurfman57@gmail.com



Advent & Christmas at Centenary

Hanging of the Greens - November 23rd after Church

**Christmas Advent Worship Memory Makers -
November 30th from 4-7 pm for
crafts, dinner, and singing!**

Chili Supper - December 1st from 4-6 pm

Children's Christmas Program - December 7 at 10 am

**Choir Christmas Concert - December 7 at 5 pm
Cookies and Cider on the Porch at 4:30**

Caroling - December 14 from 3:30 -7 pm

Christmas Eve Services:

**Travelers Christmas
Eve Service -
Wednesday December
17th at 6 pm after
Cornerstone Cafe**

**December 24th in
Sanctuary -
4 pm - Carols
11 pm - Carols with
Praise Team**

Monthly Church News

- ◆ What an amazing day. Joey Eschenbrenner became a member of our church community. God is doing amazing things!!!!



- ◆ Mineral Area College 2025 Alzheimer Walk. Got a few snapshots of several of our Centenary folks taking part. Walk to End Alzheimer's. We are mindful of how this disease has touched so many in our congregation and continue them up is our prayers.



- ◆ We had an opportunity to hear David Engrebretsin's testimony on how God has and is working in his life. It was an amazing testimony. Thank you for sharing.



- ◆ Would like to thank Emma LaBrot for sharing the message on September 21st. Great job!



- ◆ Congratulations to Megan Reed for being a part of the North County Homecoming Court.



- ◆ Homecoming parade was a success. So proud of all of our organizations and community support for our schools.



Happy Birthday

October

Happy Anniversary

First Name	Last Name	Birthdate
Nathan	Pack	October 04
Wes	Straughn	October 06
Kathy	Hubbard	October 11
Chris	Brenon	October 16
Dalana	Mauk	October 20
Andrew	Civey	October 21
Jeff	LaBrot	October 26
Raymond	Hacker	October 27
Robert	Powell	October 30
Mary Lee	Weible	October 30

***No Anniversaries**



CORNERS ONE CAFÉ

October 1st

Ham Salad Sandwiches

October 8th

Hamburger Beef Stroganoff

October 15th

Taco Spaghetti

October 22nd

Honey Garlic Chicken

October 29th

Meatloaf



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*All meals are subject to change as needed.

IS **YOUR**
CONTACT
INFORMATION
CURRENT?



Please update your contact information.

We want to make sure you are receiving all of our information regarding upcoming events, prayer request, etc.

Please use the **QR code** above or fill out the form below to update your contact information. You can drop it in the offering plate or bring it by the office.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Email: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____

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Birthday: _____

Anniversary: _____

LITURGISTS: 9:00 am

10/5 - Megan Reed
10/12 - Dave Mayo
10/19 - Loel Hickman
10/26 - Bob Becker

LITURGISTS: 11:00 am

10/5 - Jackie Berry
10/12 - Jeff LaBrot
10/19 - Donna Jean Weber
10/26 - Patti O'Connor

GREETERS: 9:00 am

10/5- Sheila Hacker
10/12 - Dalana Mauk
10/19 - Donna Bouchard
10/26 - Sheila Hacker

CHECK SIGNERS WEEK OF

10/5- Linda Skaggs & Bob Powell
10/12- Bob Powell & Jill Clemons
10/19 - Jill Clemons & Donna Bouchard
10/26- Donna Bouchard & Jim Sowers

MONEY COUNTERS:

Diane Moore & Tina Schrum

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!

Every Sunday @ 10:00 am

Children's Sunday School
Confirmation Class
Young Adults (The Gap)
Adult - "The Chosen"

Downstairs in Sanctuary
Cornerstone Youth Room
Cornerstone
Downstairs in Sanctuary

Office Open Monday &
Wednesday

573-358-2238



Monday & Wednesday

9:00am - 3:00pm

Centenary Weekly Events

NA Meeting	Every Sunday, 5 pm	Sanctuary
Table Talk	Every Monday, 10 am	Cornerstone
Nursing Home Bible Study	Every Monday, 1:30 pm	Country Meadows
Prayer Shawl	Every Monday, 6 pm	Cornerstone
AA Meeting	Every Monday, 7 pm	Sanctuary
Bible Basics	Every Tuesday, 7pm	Sanctuary
Cornerstone Café	Every Wednesday, 5 pm	Cornerstone
Praise Team Rehearsal	Every Thursday, 7 pm	Cornerstone
Disciples Study Online	Every Thursday, 7 pm	Online

OCTOBER 2025

Church Office							Oct 2025 (Central Time - Chicago)	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
<div>28</div> <div>9am - Contemporary</div> <div>10am - Sunday School</div> <div>11am - Worship Service</div> <div>12pm - PPR Meeting</div> <div>5pm - NA Meeting</div> <div>6pm - Youth Group</div>	<div>29</div>	<div>30</div>	<div>1</div> <div>5pm - Cornerstone Cafe</div> <div>6:30pm - Reed Volleyball Game</div>	<div>2</div> <div>7pm - Disciple Bible Study - Zoom</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>		
<div>5</div> <div>COMMUNION SUNDAY</div> <div>9am - Contemporary</div> <div>10am - Sunday School</div> <div>11am - Worship Service</div> <div>12pm - PPR Meeting</div> <div>5pm - NA Meeting</div> <div>6pm - Youth Group</div>	<div>6</div> <div>10am - Table Talk</div> <div>6pm - Prayer Shawl</div>	<div>7</div> <div>7pm - Bible Basics Study</div>	<div>8</div> <div>5pm - Cornerstone Cafe</div> <div>6:30pm - Play Informational Mtg</div>	<div>9</div> <div>7pm - Disciple Bible Study - Zoom</div> <div>7pm - Trustee Meeting</div>	<div>10</div>	<div>11</div>		
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PRAYER LIST

PRAYER LIST		
Pray for	Reason	Prayer request from
Heather Hite Mitchell	Health Concerns	Hite Family
Betty LaRussa	Health Issues	Grace Gillingham
JOYS		
ONGOING		
Margie Gibbons & Mike Gibbons	Health Issues & Caretaker	JoAnn Kite
Jack Gillam	Cancer	Bill & Patti Martin
Teresa Huff	Cancer	Linda Skaggs/Julie Inman/Belinda Straughn
Rev. Richard Northcutt & Erin	Latter stages of Alzherimers	Donna Hickman
Bruce Fiala	Cancer	Church Family
Pete Sego	Cancer	Jim & Linda Sowers
Derek Wilfong	Cancer	Donna Jean Weber
Melinda Rothlisberger	Cancer	Jackie Berry
Sarah Lawson	Cancer	Heather Bequette
Tracey Anderson	Cancer	JoAnn Kite
Alan Meyer	Cancer	Grace Gillingham
Andy Skiles	Cancer	Sally Skiles
Laura Midgett	Cancer	Patti O'Connor
Patti Branham	Cancer	Donna Bouchard
Doris Tomes	Cancer returned (daughter in law's mother)	Dee Krause
GREIVING		
The Schrum/Adams Family	Passing of Irene Adams (Tina Schrum's sister)	Church Family
ASSISTED LIVING/HOMEBOUND		
NURSING HOME/REHAB		
Pray for	Location	Reason
Dave Dealy	Country Meadows Nursing Home	
Brenda Laws Bennett	Southbrook Nursing Home	
Loretta Kosar	Cambridge House of Swansea (Swansea IL)	
Sarah Nichols	St. Joe Manor	
SERVING IN THE MILITARY		
Riley Schleappe	Marine	Tom & Patti O'Connor - Grandson
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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Centenary UMC**Pastor: Peter Norton**

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Bonne Terre, MO 63628

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2025 Church Committee Members

SPRC

Lay Member to AC	Chuck Hubbard
Lay Leader:	Diane Moore
Committee Chair:	Patti Martin
Class of 2025	Randall Jones, Sue Curfman, Steve Black
Class of 2026	Patti Martin, Chris Ferguson
Class of 2027	Sherry Basler, Jimmy Sansom, Vicki Weible

Board of Trustees

Chair:	Mike Inman
Class of 2025	Dennis McGee, Wade Jones, Mike Inman
Class of 2026	Bill Martin, Austin Wiant, Ken Curfamn
Class of 2027	Bob Becker, Jerry Reed, Paul Butler

Nominations and Leadership Development

Chair:	Peter Norton
Lay Leader:	Diane Moore
Class of 2025	Rita Drochelman, Brenda Patt, Karen LaBrot
Class of 2026	Donna Bouchard, Jackie Berry
Class of 2027	Tina Schrum, Wayne Weber, Sarah Clay

AD Board

Chair:	Nathan Pack
Pastor:	Peter Norton
Lay Leader	Diane Moore
Lay member to AC	Chuck Hubbard
Finance Chair	Angie Black
Treasurer	Judy McGee
Blessing Basket Chair	Pat Stamm
Youth Director	Dustin & Kim Gray

Finance

Chair	Angie Black
Pastor	Peter Norton
Lay member to AC	Chuck Hubbard, Alternate - Loel Hickman
Ad Board Council Chair	Nathan Pack
SPRC Chair	Patti Martin
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, Jean Weber

Blessing Basket

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

Education

Chair	
Children's Ministries	Shannon Sansom, Karen LaBrot, Patti O'Connor, Jenifer Ferguson, Beth Pack, Chris Jenkins
Youth/Adult Education	Loel Hickman, Nathan Pack, Pastor Peter Norton

Kitchen

Chair	From the committee
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Worship

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

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 a email. Or you can update any information of the attendance sheet and place in the offering plate. **Thank you!**

**Office Hours
Monday &
Wednesday
9:00-3:00**

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

