



The Beacon

Centenary United Methodist Church—Bonne Terre, Missouri

THE PASTORS PEN — DECEMBER

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The Journey to Bethlehem



Remind me, what is “Advent” about? It’s a strange word we don’t use very often. Is Advent the season when we recognize that we didn’t get enough sugar during the Thanksgiving holiday and so have a tradition of giving people a calendar with a piece of chocolate for each day? No, that’s not it.

The word “Advent” comes from the Latin word *Adventus* which simply means, “coming.” Since the 4th and 5th centuries Christians have prepared themselves to receive the coming of God into the world through 24-28 days of prayer, Bible Study, time together, and worship. During this season of Advent, I would like to encourage us to prepare for God coming into the world by learning more about and reflexing on the people God called to be the family that raised and shaped Jesus as a child. We will discuss Mary of Nazareth, Elizabeth of Ein Karem, and Joseph of Bethlehem. We will reflex on how these people responded to the news that God was coming into the world. We will look for insight into why God choose these people to be the family that raised the savior and what this tells us about the character of God. We will consider how their stories might guide us in our own decisions to be the people God calls us to be.

November 30 – Mary of Nazareth

December 14: Who is Your Mary? Who is Your Elizabeth?

December 17: Traveler’s Christmas Eve Service 6 pm Cornerstone

December 21: Joseph the Carpenter

December 24: The Meaning of the Manger 4 pm, 11 pm Sanctuary

Obtain a copy of *The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem* by Adam Hamilton to get the most out of this series.

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Bible In A Year Reading Plan

December

	Old Testament	New Testament	Psalms	Proverbs
<input type="checkbox"/> 01	Daniel 8:1-27	1 John 2:1-17	Psalms 120:1-7	Proverbs 28:25-26
<input type="checkbox"/> 02	Daniel 9:1-11:1	1 John 2:18-3:6	Psalms 121:1-8	Proverbs 28:27-28
<input type="checkbox"/> 03	Daniel 11:2-35	1 John 3:7-24	Psalms 122:1-9	Proverbs 29:1
<input type="checkbox"/> 04	Daniel 11:36-12:13	1 John 4:1-21	Psalms 123:1-4	Proverbs 29:2-4
<input type="checkbox"/> 05	Hosea 1:1-3:5	1 John 5:1-21	Psalms 124:1-8	Proverbs 29:5-8
<input type="checkbox"/> 06	Hosea 4:1-5:15	2 John 1:1-13	Psalms 125:1-5	Proverbs 29:9-11
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<input type="checkbox"/> 08	Hosea 10:1-14:9	Jude 1:1-25	Psalms 127:1-5	Proverbs 29:15-17
<input type="checkbox"/> 09	Joel 1:1-3:21	Revelation 1:1-20	Psalms 128:1-6	Proverbs 29:18
<input type="checkbox"/> 10	Amos 1:1-3:15	Revelation 2:1-17	Psalms 129:1-8	Proverbs 29:19-20
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<input type="checkbox"/> 14	Jonah 1:1-4:11	Revelation 5:1-14	Psalms 133:1-3	Proverbs 29:26-27
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<input type="checkbox"/> 17	Nahum 1:1-3:19	Revelation 8:1-13	Psalms 136:1-26	Proverbs 30:7-9
<input type="checkbox"/> 18	Habakkuk 1:1-3:19	Revelation 9:1-21	Psalms 137:1-9	Proverbs 30:10
<input type="checkbox"/> 19	Zephaniah 1:1-3:20	Revelation 10:1-11	Psalms 138:1-8	Proverbs 30:11-14
<input type="checkbox"/> 20	Haggai 1:1-2:23	Revelation 11:1-19	Psalms 139:1-24	Proverbs 30:15-16
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<input type="checkbox"/> 22	Zechariah 2:1-3:10	Revelation 13:1-13:18	Psalms 141:1-10	Proverbs 30:18-20
<input type="checkbox"/> 23	Zechariah 4:1-5:11	Revelation 14:1-20	Psalms 142:1-7	Proverbs 30:21-23
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<input type="checkbox"/> 30	Malachi 1:1-2:17	Revelation 21:1-27	Psalms 149:1-9	Proverbs 31:10-24
<input type="checkbox"/> 31	Malachi 3:1-4:6	Revelation 22:1-21	Psalms 150:1-6	Proverbs 31:25-31

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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**

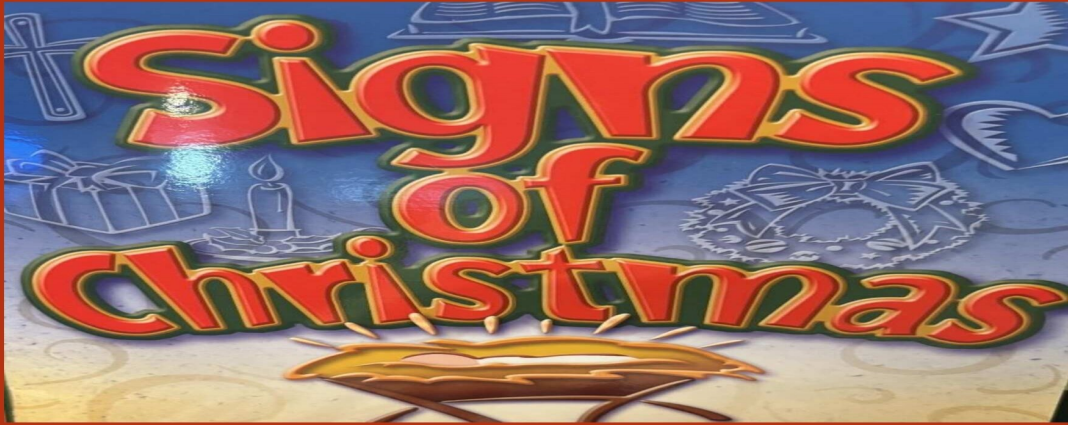
Caroling - December 14 from 3:30 -7 pm

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**

CENTENARY UNITED METHODIST
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



PLEASE JOIN US
"THE SIGNS OF CHRISTMAS"
ALONG WITH OUR ANNUAL
HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS PARTY
DECEMBER 7, 2025
10:00 AM

CENTENARY CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRESENTS

Ring In Christmas!

CENTENARY UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
SUNDAY, DECEMBER
7TH AT 5:00 PM

COOKIES AND CIDER ON
THE PORCH AT 4:30 PM



JOLLY GOOD TIME

JOIN US AT THE PARSONAGE OPEN HOUSE

DATE December 11, 2025
TIME 5pm - 7 pm

**SNACKS AND HOT CIDER
WILL BE PROVIDED**



Jam for Jesus

Anissa & Friends
CHRISTMAS CONCERT
DECEMBER 13, 2025 AT 7 PM

**Join us for an evening of Christmas
Caroling**

Sunday, December 14th

3:30 pm – 7:00 pm



Christmas Eve Services

Travelers Christmas Eve Service

Wednesday December 17th @ 6pm after Cornerstone Café

December 24th in the Sanctuary

4 pm - Carols in the Sanctuary

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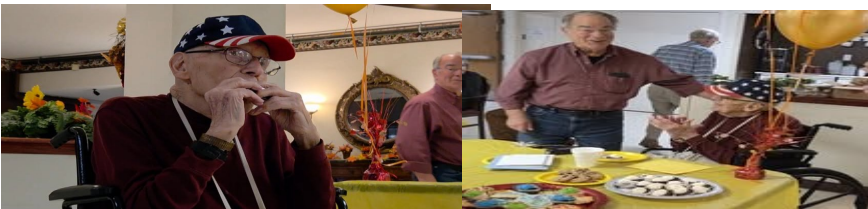
11 pm - Carols in the Sanctuary

Monthly Church News

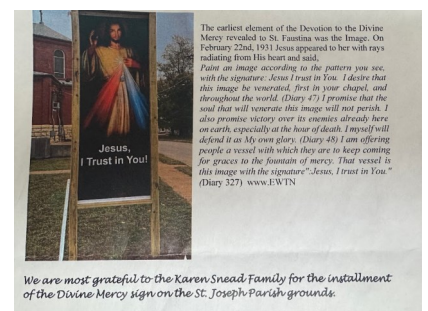
- ◆ Cornerstone Café' Thanksgiving dinner was a great success; we served over 100 meals to our community families this year. Thanks to all the volunteers that help make this an amazing evening.



- ◆ The Bonne Terre Food Pantry is looking for volunteers. If you are interested reach out to Dave Orzel @ 573-701-4402. You can visit their website @ <https://saintjosephchurch.org/food-pantry> for more information.
- ◆ Congratulations to North County students on a outstanding performance in the East Central All District Honors Bands. Congratulations Emma LaBrot!!
- ◆ A day of celebration for Dave Dealy at Country Meadows. He will be moving to live closer to his son. We spent the day celebrating him. A truly a day of joy.



- ◆ Installment of the Divine Mercy sign on St. Joseph Parish grounds thanks the Karen Snead Family.
- ◆ Parsonage Open house will be December 11th from 5-7. Stop by and spend some time with the Norton family.
- ◆ We would love to share the special things going on in our Cornerstone family and community. If you have something you would like to share please send us an email @ admin@centenarybonnetterre.org



MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU!



Happy Birthday

First Name	Last Name	Birthdate
Joan	Brenon	December 12
James	Clay	December 12
Randall	Jones	December 15
Addison (Addy)	Reed	December 15
Dustin	Gray	December 16
Cary	Stout	December 16
Sandy	Cottle	December 18
Ray	Hacker Jr.	December 19
Barb	Hite	December 23
Marsha	Becker	December 28
Ellie	Black	December 29



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November

Happy Anniversary

Family Name	Anniversary
Chris & Stephanie Brenon	December 06
Leslie & Mary Lee Weible	December 08
Jim & Paula Eschenbrenner	December 14
Larry & Dawn Kekec	December 17
Denny & Theresa Lumos	December 18
Bob & Marsha Becker	December 19
Jimmy & Shannon Sansom	December 19
Ronald & Beth Allen	December 31



CORNERS  **ONE CAFÉ**

December 3rd Taco Spaghetti

December 10th Chili & Crackers

December 17th Christmas Ham Dinner

December 24th Closed

December 31st Closed

All meals are subject to change as needed.

DECEMBER

LITURGISTS: 9:00 am

12/7 - Christmas Program
12/14 - Loel Hickman
12/21 - Bob Becker
12/28 - Emma LaBrot

LITURGISTS: 11:00 am

12/7 - Christmas Program
12/14 - Chuck Hubbard
12/21 - Jackie Berry
12/28 - Nathan Pack

GREETERS: 9:00 am

12/7 - Sheila Hacker
12/14 - Sheila Hacker
12/21 - Sheila Hacker
12/28 - Sheila Hacker

CHECK SIGNERS WEEK OF

12/7 - Linda Skaggs & Bob Powell
12/14 - Bob Powell & Jill Clemons
12/21 - Jill Clemons & Donna Bouchard
12/28 - 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!

Every Sunday @ 10:00 am

Children's Sunday School
Confirmation Class
Adult - "The Chosen"

Downstairs in Sanctuary
Cornerstone Youth Room
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

DECEMBER 2025

Church Office		Dec 2025 (Central Time - Chicago)						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
	6pm - Prayer Shawl	12pm - American Red Cross Blood 7pm - Bible Basics Study	5pm - Cornerstone Cafe	7pm - Disciple Bible Study - Zoom				
7	8	9	10	11	12	13		
COMMONION Sunday 10am - Children's Christmas 12pm - PPR Meeting 4:30pm - Oider and Cookies 5pm - Christmas Program	6pm - Prayer Shawl	7pm - Bible Basics Study	5pm - Cornerstone Cafe	7pm - Disciple Bible Study - Zoom		12pm - Helping Hands (Ministral 7pm - Jamn for Jesus		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20		
9am - Contemporary 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship Service 3:30pm - Christmas Caroling 5pm - NA Meeting 6pm - Youth Group	6pm - Ad Board/Finance 6pm - Prayer Shawl	7pm - Bible Basics Study	5pm - Cornerstone Cafe 6:15pm - Christmas Eve Travelers	7pm - Disciple Bible Study - Zoom				
21	22	23	24	25	26	27		
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28	29	30	31	1	2	3		
9am - Contemporary 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship Service 5pm - NA Meeting 6pm - Youth Group	6pm - Prayer Shawl	7pm - Bible Basics Study						

PRAYER LIST

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Pray for	Reason	Prayer request from
Ethan LaBruyere	Hospitalized with Pneumonia	Church family
Vicky Singleton	On ventilator	Donna Hallolow
Pam Herrell	Health (Surgery)	Burt & Elizabeth McAlpine
Harold McAlpine	Health Concerns	Burt & Elizabeth McAlpine
Brianna Graham	Bed rest during pregnancy	Pat & Ralph Stamm
JOYS		
Heather Hite Mitchell	Doing well & practicing good health.	Hite Family
ONGOING		
Betty LaRussa	Health Issues & Caretaker	Grace Gillingham
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 Alzheimers	Donna Hickman
Bruce Fiala	Cancer	Church Family
Pete Sego	Cancer	Jim & Linda Sowers
Derek Wilfong	Cancer	Donna Jean Weber
Melinda Rothlisberger	Health Issues	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
Doris Tomes	Cancer returned (daughter in law's mother)	Dee Krause
GREIVING		
The Buck Family	Passing of Mike Buck	Church Family
ASSISTED LIVING/HOMEBOUND		
NURSING HOME/REHAB		
Pray for	Location	Reason
Bruce & Janice Vaught	Avlon Park Assisted Living	
Sue Weber	Delmar Gardens of Meremac Valley	Church family
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 Schleppe	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	Micas Madonele UMC in Mozambique	Our Partner Church
Brian Tucker & Family (cousins)	In Haiti	

****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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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

