



The Beacon

Centenary United Methodist Church—Bonne Terre, Missouri



THE PASTORS PEN — JANUARY

JANUARY EDITION

The first thing that Jesus did when he began his public ministry was to start a life group. A life group is 3 or more people who meet together regularly and desire to learn and live fellowship, discipleship, ministry, evangelism, and worship. If you are not already a part of a life group, I would like you to pray about forming or joining a life group in the new year.

We will have a launch Sunday on January 11 at 10 am in the Cornerstone building during which time people can talk about forming a group together. We suggest that groups meet for 6 to 8 weeks starting the week of January 18th.

Life groups can be a great way to invite neighbors and friends who aren't currently engaged in developing their faith to know Jesus. I imagine that if you were to host a life group in your home, a neighbor might come to support you.

To build some momentum and provide a common theme we are suggesting life group leaders utilize the material, *The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus* by Adam Hamilton as a starting point for discussion. We will be teaching from these materials in worship on the following dates. We will develop in our faith as a church if each of us attends worship during this season and discusses the life of Jesus and his teachings in a life group.

January 25 – The Way: Baptism and Temptation – Mark 1:9-13

Feb 1 – The Way: The Healing Ministry - Mark 1:29-32

Feb 8 – The Way: Proclaiming the Kingdom – Matt 5:1-2; Matt 7:24-29

Feb 15 – The Way: Calming the Storm – Mark 4:35-41

Feb 22 – The Way: Sinners, Outcasts, and the Poor – John 4:3-10

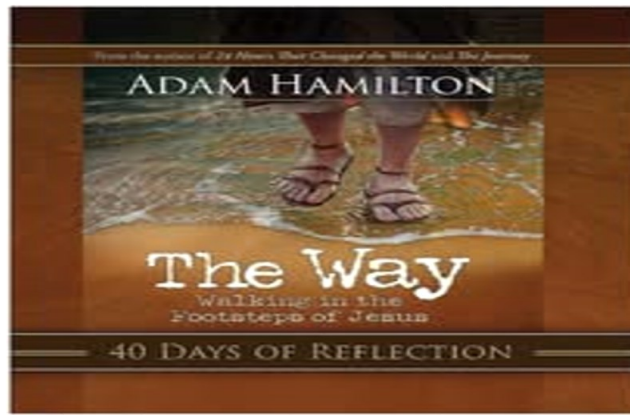
March 1 – The Way: The Final Week – Mark 11:7-10

March 8 – The Way: The Final Week – Luke 20:20-25

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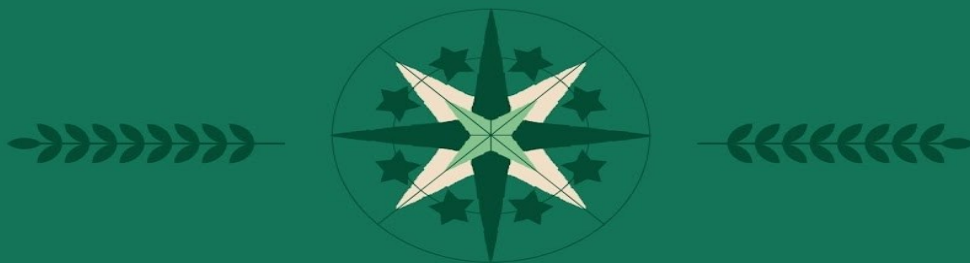
Obtain a copy of *The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus* by Adam Hamilton to get the most out of this series. A 40-day devotional book of this series is also available as a resource.



Happy NEW YEAR

*You crown the year with Your goodness,
And Your paths drip with abundance.*

PSALM 65:11



Take Down Christmas Decorations
Sunday January 4 2026
we will meet following services

Questions about Life Groups?

When Jesus started His ministry, the very first thing He did was form a Small Group

What is "A LIFE GROUP?"

It is a group of 3 or more people who meet together regularly and desire to learn and live fellowship, discipleship, ministry, evangelism and worship.

What happens in a Life Group?

Community happens. In a life group you will catch up on life together, read and study God's word, eat delicious snacks, pray for each other and create fun memories together.

When and where do Life Groups meet?

Life Groups happen anytime and anywhere you decided works best for you!

How long does a group meet?

This is up to the group but generally they commit to meet for 8 weeks.



CENTENARY UNITED METHODIST

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Ken Curfman

Life Group Coordinator: 314-853-4347

January- February-March Life Groups

Sunday

*** Newcomers**

10 am Located in Sanctuary Classroom

Let's study, "The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus," by Adam Hamilton. Sundays around 10 am starting January 25th in the sanctuary classroom with Rev. Peter Norton

*** The Chosen Bible Study**

10 am Located Dave Dealy Sanctuary Classroom

Let's discuss, "The Chosen" TV series about the life of Jesus on Sundays from 10 am to 11 am in the Dave Dealey sanctuary classroom with Loel Hickman.

Monday

*** Table Talk**

10am Located in Youth Room in Cornerstone

Table Talk is a class of spiritual formation where we search the scriptures to discern God's will for our lives. We study theologians such as C.S. Lewis, John Ortberg, and Adam Hamilton. We invite you to join us on Mondays from 10:00 am to 11:30 am.

*** Prayer Shawl**

6pm Located in Youth Room in Cornerstone

A fun and compassionate group of ladies who are dedicated to knitting and crocheting shawls and lap robes for individuals who are sick, hospitalized, or facing challenging times. We enjoy chatting together and wonderful camaraderie as each piece is lovingly crafted and blessed.

Tuesday

*** "Fear of the Other: No Fear in Love Study**

7 pm Located in Youth Room in Cornerstone

"Fear of the Other: No Fear in Love," by Bishop Will Willimon with Randall Jones.

*** Bible Basics**

7 pm Located in the Sanctuary Classroom

Let's get together to study the Bible. Bring your questions as we enjoy reading and being changed by the scriptures together. If you haven't studied the scriptures before, this class is for you. This class is recommended for newcomers to the Centenary United Methodist Church. Tuesday Nights from 7 pm to 8 pm in the sanctuary classroom.

Wednesay

***The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus**

10 am Located in the Sanctuary Classroom

Wednesdays at 10 am in the sanctuary classroom with Rev. Dr. Marilyn Wood, studying, "The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus," by Adam Hamilton

***Cornerstone Group**

5:45pm Located in the Cornerstone

Join us after the Cornerstone Café for a short time of prayer and study. Ken Curfman and Loel Hickman are leading a study on, "The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus," by Adam Hamilton

Thursday

*** Disciples Group – Philippians and Galatians starting January 8th 7pm via Zoom**

Let's get together to study the scriptures in depth and discern their meaning for our life. We will be studying the, "Interpretation Bible Studies book on Philippians & Galatians." Disciple Bible Study meets on Thursday evenings on Zoom from 7 pm to 8 pm via Zoom.

Contact Chuck Hubbard to sign up chuckahub@gmail.com.

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***Cornerstone Café**

Everyone is invited to enjoy a meal with us. Volunteers are always welcome to support this ministry.

***Sunday Praise Band**

Have some musical talent that you want to share with the church? Join the Sunday morning praise team to lead the congregation in praising God.

Contact Anissa Jones to audition anissawiant@gmail.com.

***Sunday Choir**

Have some musical talent that you want to share with the church? Join the Sunday morning choir to lead the congregation in praising God.

Contact Linda Sowers to sing jimlinsowers@charter.net.

***Harmony Gatherings**

Meet others for more of a social setting. Many fun events during the year. Contact Ken Curfman Ken Curfman (314) 853-4347.

If you have questions or would like to host or lead a life group, contact pastor Peter or our Life Groups Coordinator Ken Curfman (314) 853-4347 or kcurfman57@gmail.com



Bible In A Year Reading Plan

January

	Old Testament	New Testament	Psalms	Proverbs
<input type="checkbox"/> 01	Genesis 1:1-2:25	Matthew 1:1-2:12	Psalms 1:1-6	Proverbs 1:1-6
<input type="checkbox"/> 02	Genesis 3:1-4:26	Matthew 2:13-3:6	Psalms 2:1-12	Proverbs 1:7-9
<input type="checkbox"/> 03	Genesis 5:1-7:24	Matthew 3:7-4:11	Psalms 3:1-8	Proverbs 1:10-19
<input type="checkbox"/> 04	Genesis 8:1-10:32	Matthew 4:12-25	Psalms 4:1-8	Proverbs 1:20-23
<input type="checkbox"/> 05	Genesis 11:1-13:4	Matthew 5:1-26	Psalms 5:1-12	Proverbs 1:24-28
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<input type="checkbox"/> 08	Genesis 18:16-19:38	Matthew 6:25-7:14	Psalms 8:1-9	Proverbs 2:6-15
<input type="checkbox"/> 09	Genesis 20:1-22:24	Matthew 7:15-29	Psalms 9:1-12	Proverbs 2:16-22
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<input type="checkbox"/> 13	Genesis 28:1-29:35	Matthew 9:18-38	Psalms 11:1-7	Proverbs 3:11-12
<input type="checkbox"/> 14	Genesis 30:1-31:16	Matthew 10:1-23	Psalms 12:1-8	Proverbs 3:13-15
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<input type="checkbox"/> 22	Genesis 44:1-45:28	Matthew 14:13-36	Psalms 18:37-50	Proverbs 4:11-13
<input type="checkbox"/> 23	Genesis 46:1-47:31	Matthew 15:1-28	Psalms 19:1-14	Proverbs 4:14-19
<input type="checkbox"/> 24	Genesis 48:1-49:33	Matthew 15:29-16:12	Psalms 20:1-9	Proverbs 4:20-27
<input type="checkbox"/> 25	Genesis 50:1 - Exodus 2:10	Matthew 16:13-17:9	Psalms 21:1-13	Proverbs 5:1-6
<input type="checkbox"/> 26	Exodus 2:11-3:22	Matthew 17:10-27	Psalms 22:1-18	Proverbs 5:7-14
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What a wonderful Christmas Season

Hanging of the Greens



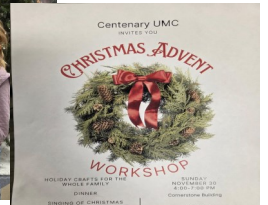
Cornerstone Christmas Dinner



Travelers Christmas Eve Service



Advent workshop



Children's Program



Adult Program
Cookies &
Cider

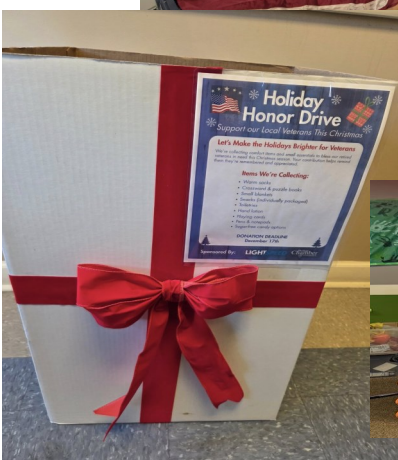


Caroling

Veteran's



Boyer's



Gifts for families

Happy Birthday

First Name	Last Name	Birthday
Marty	Gawf	January 02
Peter	Hickman	January 04
Jim	Sowers	January 09
Stephanie	Brenon	January 11
William	Berry	January 14
Ronald	Allen	January 15
Gina	Brenon	January 15
Evan	LaBruyere	January 18
Sherry	Smith	January 19
Larry	Kekec	January 25
Wayne	Weber	January 26
Breyanne	Reed	January 29
Christy	Jenkins	January 30



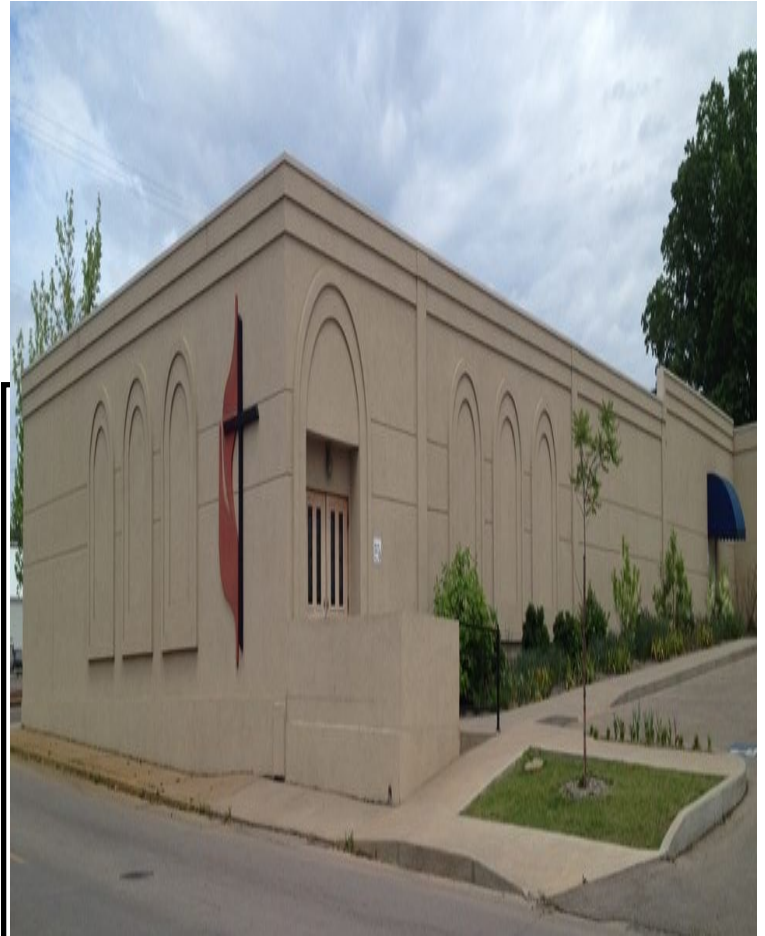
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January

Happy Anniversary

Family Name	Anniversary
Tom & Patti O'Connor	January 27



CORNERS ONE CAFÉ

January 7th	Taco Spaghetti
January 14th	Must Go
January 21st	To Be Determined
January 28th	Meatloaf

All meals are subject to change as needed.

JANUARY

LITURGISTS: 9:00 am

1/4 - Yon Wibskov
1/14 - Bob Becker
1/21 - Sue Curfman
1/28 - Chris Ferguson

LITURGISTS: 11:00 am

1/4 - Jeff LaBrot
1/14 - Donna Jean Weber
1/21 - Patti O'Connor
1/28 - Chuck Hubbard

GREETERS: 9:00 am

1/7 - Sheila Hacker
1/14 - Sheila Hacker
1/21 - Sheila Hacker
1/28 - Sheila Hacker

CHECK SIGNERS WEEK OF

1/7 - Linda Skaggs & Bob Powell
1/14 - Bob Powell & Jill Clemons
1/21 - Jill Clemons & Donna Bouchard
1/28 - Donna Bouchard & Jim Sowers

MONEY COUNTERS:

Dalana Mauk & Rita Drochelman

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

JANUARY 2026

Church Office							Jan 2026 (Central Time - Chicago)	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
28	29	30	31	1	2	3		
				7pm - Disciple Bible Study - Zoom				
4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
COMMUNION SUNDAY	6pm - Prayer Shawl	7pm - Bible Basics Study	5pm - Cornerstone Cafe	7pm - Disciple Bible Study - Zoom	6pm - Friday Night Fun	8am - Kairos Meeting		
9am - Contemporary 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship Service 12pm - PPR Meeting 5pm - NA Meeting 6pm - Youth Group								
11	12	13	14	15	16	17		
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24		
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31		
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PRAYER LIST

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Pray for	Reason	Prayer request from
Clint Pettus	Healing from surgery	Kim Gray
Evan LaBruyere	Hospitalized with Pneumonia	Church family
Vicky Singleton	On ventilator	Donna Hallolow
Harold McAlpine	Health Concerns	Burt & Elizabeth McAlpine
JOYS		
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 Alzheimer's	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
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
GRIEVING		
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	Legacy at Sante Fe	
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	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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2026 Church Committee Members

SPRC

Lay Member to AC	Chuck Hubbard
Lay Leader:	Marsha Becker
Committee Chair:	Patti Martin
Class of 2026	Patti Martin, Chris Ferguson, Dee Krause
Class of 2027	Sherry Basler, Jimmy Sansom, Vicki Weible
Class of 2028	Dave Engebretson, Julie Inman, Jeff LaBrot

Board of Trustees

Chair:	Bob Becker
Class of 2026	Bill Martin, Austin Wiant, Ken Curfman
Class of 2027	Bob Becker, Jerry Reed, Paul Butler
Class of 2028	Bruce Fiala, Beth Pack

Nominations and Leadership Development

Chair:	Peter Norton
Vice-Chair (from Committee)	Donna Bouchard
Lay Leader:	Marsha Becker
Class of 2026	Marsha Becker, Donna Bouchard, Jackie Berry
Class of 2027	Tina Schrum, Wayne Weber, Sarah Clay
Class of 2028	Loel Hickman, Kathy Hubbard, Ileana Denny

AD Board

Chair:	Nathan Pack
Pastor:	Peter Norton
Lay Leader	Marsha Becker
Lay member to AC	Chuck Hubbard
Finance Chair	Angie Black
Treasurer	Jim Sowers
Blessing Basket Chair	Jackie Berry
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	Bob Becker
Lay Leader	Marsha Becker
Financial Secretary	JoAnn Kite
Church Treasurer	Jim Sowers
Church Business Admin	JoAnn Kite
At Large members	Jim Clay, Jean Weber
Stewardship Chairperson	Ed Buck, Jackie Berry

Blessing Basket

Chair	Jackie Berry
Members	

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	Wade Jones
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

