



The Beacon

Centenary United Methodist Church—Bonne Terre, Missouri



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FEBRUARY EDITION

Choosing to Spend Time in the Wilderness

Before Jesus gathered his disciples, he chose to be baptized and then to spend 40 days in the wilderness.

"And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tested by Satan, and he was with the wild beasts, and the angels waited on him." Mark 1:12-13

When have we seen the people that God called spend 40 days in the wilderness?

- Moses spent 40 days on Mount Sinai preparing to receive the 10 Commandments. Exodus 34:28
- The Israelites spent 40 years being shaped and prepared by God to be the people he wanted them to be before they entered the promise land. Numbers 14:33-34
- Elijah spent 40 days on Mount Horeb before he could hear the still, small voice of God guiding his life. 1 Kings 19:

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Jesus enters into this tradition of withdrawing from daily activities and responsibilities for a season to know God more completely and to know God's vision for his life with more certainty.

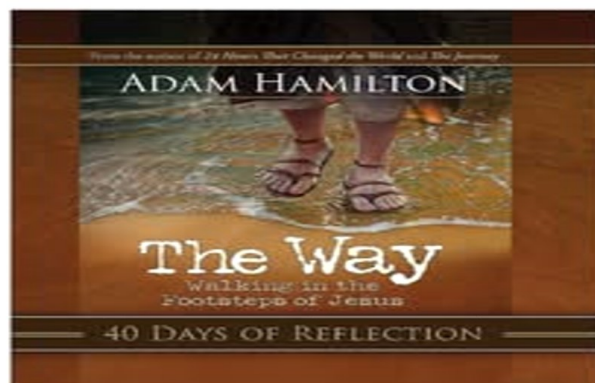
Have you ever taken time to be with God in the wilderness?

I asked this question of several people in our church and was told the following. When I lived alone. During the 40 days of Lent in preparation for Easter. This past Christmas season I studied the birth of Jesus more deeply. I was surrounded by the loving people of our church. I felt closer to God this Christmas season than any other I can remember.

Spending time in the silence of the wilderness can be a way for us to hear the voice of God more clearly. Time in the wilderness can be a way for God to show us something about ourselves that was in plain sight the whole time that we just didn't consider because of the activity of life.

The snow may be an opportunity for each of us to spend time with God in the wilderness. With events canceled, could this be an opportunity to spend time listening to the voice of God?

I encourage you to see this season as an opportunity for rest, prayer, reading the scriptures for hope and guidance in your life, reflecting on who God is calling you to be, reflecting on who we as a community are called by God to be.



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.



20 Park Ave.
Bonne Terre, MO 63628
Church office: 573-358-2238
Ken Curfman
Life Group Coordinator: 314-853-4347

Winter/Spring Life Groups

- THE WAY with Pastor Peter Norton – Sun 10:00 am Sanctuary Classroom
- The Seekers Class with Loel Hickman – Sun 10:00 am Sanctuary Basement Class
- Table Talk various topics and leaders – Mon. 10:00 am Youth Rm
- Chair Yoga with Bethany Lumos – Mon 11:00 am Cornerstone Building
- Prayer Shawl with Dee Krause – Mon 6:00 pm Youth Rm
- Basic Bible with Pastor Peter Norton – Tues. 7:00 pm Sanctuary Classroom
- THE WAY with Rev Marilyn Wood - Wed 1:30 pm Sanctuary Classroom
- Drums with Denny Lumos – Wed 5:45 pm Cornerstone Building
- Cornerstone Group with Ken Curfman/Loel Hickman – Wed. 5:45 pm Youth Rm
- Praise and Worship Band with Anissa Jones – Wed 6:30 pm Cornerstone
- Disciples Group with Chuck Hubbard – Thurs. 7:00 pm via ZOOM
- Floor Yoga with Bethany Lumos – Fri – 6:00 pm Cornerstone Building
- Harmony Gatherings with Ken & Sue Curfman – Various times social events



New at Cornerstone Café – Part of Centenary
United Methodist Church:

Christ Centered Yoga

led by Bethany Lumos
Certified Yoga Instructor

Chair Yoga Class (Beginning February 2nd)

Mondays at 11:00 am

Join us for a **chair yoga class** designed especially for **seniors and individuals with limited mobility**. This class focuses on gentle stretching, breathing, balance, and relaxation—all done **seated or with chair support**. (Chairs provided)

Please bring water and wear comfortable clothing that allows easy movement. It is recommended to practice barefoot or while wearing non-slip socks, but athletic shoes are optional if you feel more stable wearing them.

Gentle Yoga Class (Beginning February 6th)

Fridays at 6:00 pm

This gentle yoga class is designed to help you move with ease and confidence. Through slow, supported movements and mindful breathing, students are guided toward greater comfort, balance, and relaxation. If you have a yoga mat please bring it along.



Bible In A Year Reading Plan

February

	Old Testament	New Testament	Psalms	Proverbs
<input type="checkbox"/> 01	Exodus 13:17-15:18	Matthew 21:23-46	Psalms 26:1-12	Proverbs 6:16-19
<input type="checkbox"/> 02	Exodus 15:19-17:7	Matthew 22:1-33	Psalms 27:1-6	Proverbs 6:20-26
<input type="checkbox"/> 03	Exodus 17:8-19:15	Matthew 22:34-23:12	Psalms 27:7-14	Proverbs 6:27-35
<input type="checkbox"/> 04	Exodus 19:16-21:21	Matthew 23:13-39	Psalms 28:1-9	Proverbs 7:1-5
<input type="checkbox"/> 05	Exodus 21:22-23:13	Matthew 24:1-28	Psalms 29:1-11	Proverbs 7:6-23
<input type="checkbox"/> 06	Exodus 23:14-25:40	Matthew 24:29-51	Psalms 30:1-12	Proverbs 7:24-27
<input type="checkbox"/> 07	Exodus 26:1-27:21	Matthew 25:1-30	Psalms 31:1-8	Proverbs 8:1-11
<input type="checkbox"/> 08	Exodus 28:1-43	Matthew 25:31-26:13	Psalms 31:9-18	Proverbs 8:12-13
<input type="checkbox"/> 09	Exodus 29:1-30:10	Matthew 26:14-46	Psalms 31:19-24	Proverbs 8:14-26
<input type="checkbox"/> 10	Exodus 30:11-31:18	Matthew 26:47-68	Psalms 32:1-11	Proverbs 8:27-32
<input type="checkbox"/> 11	Exodus 32:1-33:23	Matthew 26:69-27:14	Psalms 33:1-11	Proverbs 8:33-36
<input type="checkbox"/> 12	Exodus 34:1-35:9	Matthew 27:15-31	Psalms 33:12-22	Proverbs 9:1-6
<input type="checkbox"/> 13	Exodus 35:10-36:38	Matthew 27:32-66	Psalms 34:1-10	Proverbs 9:7-8
<input type="checkbox"/> 14	Exodus 37:1-38:31	Matthew 28:1-20	Psalms 34:11-22	Proverbs 9:9-10
<input type="checkbox"/> 15	Exodus 39:1-40:38	Mark 1:1-28	Psalms 35:1-16	Proverbs 9:11-12
<input type="checkbox"/> 16	Leviticus 1:1-3:17	Mark 1:29-2:12	Psalms 35:17-28	Proverbs 9:13-18
<input type="checkbox"/> 17	Leviticus 4:1-5:19	Mark 2:13-3:6	Psalms 36:1-12	Proverbs 10:1-2
<input type="checkbox"/> 18	Leviticus 6:1-7:27	Mark 3:7-30	Psalms 37:1-11	Proverbs 10:3-4
<input type="checkbox"/> 19	Leviticus 7:28-9:6	Mark 3:31-4:25	Psalms 37:12-29	Proverbs 10:5
<input type="checkbox"/> 20	Leviticus 9:7-10:20	Mark 4:26-5:20	Psalms 37:30-40	Proverbs 10:6-7
<input type="checkbox"/> 21	Leviticus 11:1-12:8	Mark 5:21-43	Psalms 38:1-22	Proverbs 10:8-9
<input type="checkbox"/> 22	Leviticus 13:1-59	Mark 6:1-29	Psalms 39:1-13	Proverbs 10:10
<input type="checkbox"/> 23	Leviticus 14:1-57	Mark 6:30-56	Psalms 40:1-10	Proverbs 10:11-12
<input type="checkbox"/> 24	Leviticus 15:1-16:28	Mark 7:1-23	Psalms 40:11-17	Proverbs 10:13-14
<input type="checkbox"/> 25	Leviticus 16:29-18:30	Mark 7:24-8:10	Psalms 41:1-13	Proverbs 10:15-16
<input type="checkbox"/> 26	Leviticus 19:1-20:21	Mark 8:11-38	Psalms 42:1-11	Proverbs 10:17
<input type="checkbox"/> 27	Leviticus 20:22-22:16	Mark 9:1-29	Psalms 43:1-5	Proverbs 10:18
<input type="checkbox"/> 28	Leviticus 22:17-23:44	Mark 9:30-10:12	Psalms 44:1-8	Proverbs 10:19

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LENT & EASTER EVENTS

SHROVE TUESDAY MEAL



February 17, 2026
at 5:30 pm in the
Cornerstone.
Please **RSVP by**
February 15, 2026
to the office at
(573) 358-2238 or
admin@centenary
bonneterre.org
love offering

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

February 18, 2026
Immediately following
Cornerstone Cafe at 6
pm in the Cornerstone

Jesus of Nazareth Movie Showing

Four parts shown on March
11, March 18, March 25, and
April 1 starting at 6:00 pm



PALM SUNDAY SERVICE

March 29th at 9
am and 11 am

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE



April 3, 2026
at 6pm

EASTER SUNDAY

April 5, 2026

Breakfast 9 am
Egg Hunt 10 am
Service in Sanctuary
at 10:30 am



Aloha!

HARMONY GATHERINGS
INVITE YOU TO

"A Lethal Luau"

A fun murder mystery potluck dinner

GUESTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO
WEAR ISLAND ATTIRE AND BRING
A HAWAIIAN-THEMED DISH TO
SHARE

SAT. FEB. 28

6:30PM

CENTENARY UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH
20 PARK AVE. BONNE TERRE

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EMAIL: KCURFMAN57@GMAIL.COM

MONTHLY CHURCH NEWS

- ♦ 2025 position and 2026 projections - "It was the best of times and worst of time." The Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens.

We ended the year at a net negative of \$10,000 but we are projecting net positive of \$8,000 to \$10,000.

We have 10 additional pledgers in 2026 with an increase of \$35,000 pledged income.

We have 18 new members that have joined our church family.

- ♦ The Finance Committee has approved the 2026 operating budget. The operating budget for 2026 is \$297,220.
- ♦ The Kairos team had another successful weekend at ERDCC, Bonne Terre prison, sharing God's promises to around 40 inmates. This is the fourth opportunity for Kairos to spend time here in Bonne Terre. What a great mission! Continues to pray for the Kairos team and the inmates they have reached with this amazing mission opportunity.
- ♦ Life Groups have begun, you still have the opportunity join a bible study, drums with Denny, or yoga class with Bethany. If you would like more information reach out to the church office @ 573-358-2238.
- ♦ **CENTENARY PRODUCTION CAST NEEDED** We are busy preparing for our next production called, "Murder at the Pie Auction." The production is scheduled for Saturday April 25. We have one cast role that still need to be filled. We are looking for a male over 20 years of age that could help us out. It is a fun play, and you don't need to be a professional, semi-professional, etc. Just need to know how to read! Please contact Ken Curfman @ 314-853-4347 or email at: HopePlayers1000@gmail.com
- ♦ Feed My Sheep Soup-er Cause (Soup or Chili lunch) fundraiser, March 1st 11:00 - 2:00 (\$10 per plate) located at Magnolia Ballroom 210 Woodlawn Drive Leadington, MO 63601
- ♦ Mark you Calendar: Feed My Sheep bake sale and silent auction will be Saturday, March 28th. Breakfast @ 8 am, bake sale and silent auction starts at 9 am, pastor baked cake auction @ 11:30 am with the fun ending at noon.
- ♦ Congratulations to Jerry Reed, 1997 Football team and Bill Martin, 1994-95 Boys Basketball team for being inducted into the North County High School Hall of Fame.



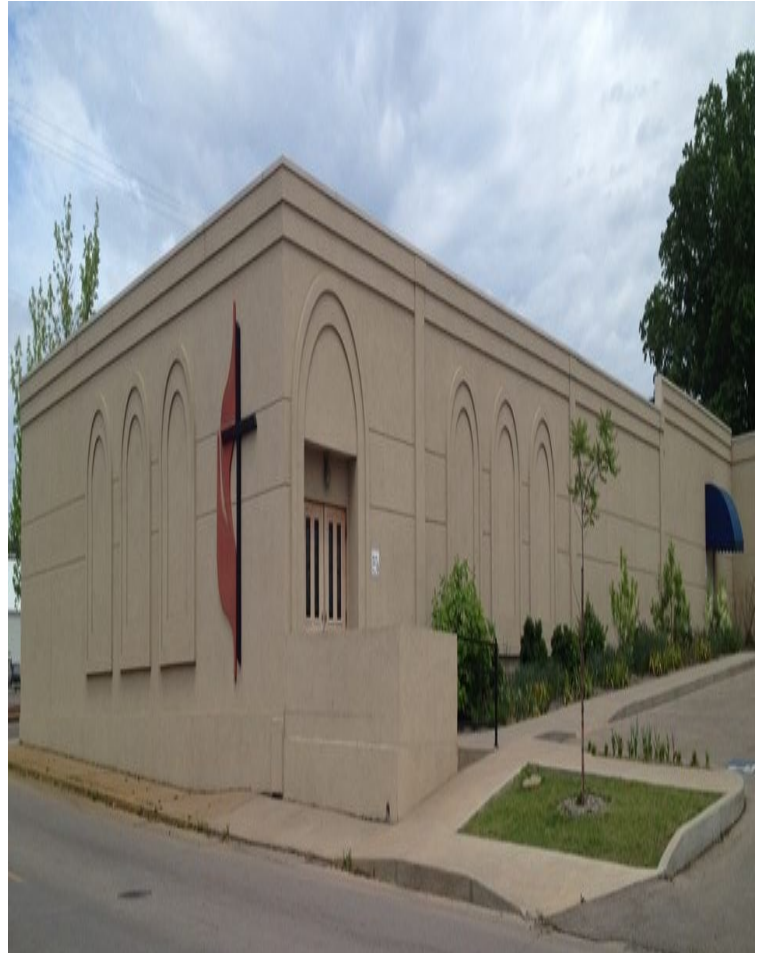
Happy Birthday

First Name	Last Name	Birthday
Grace	Gillingham	February 03
Sue	Curfman	February 04
Ralph	Stamm	February 04
Leslie	Hickman	February 06
Jill	Clemons	February 07
Paula	Eschenbrenner	February 09
Elijah	Black	February 10
Vicki	Weible	February 14
Jeff	Inman	February 16
John	Cottle	February 18
Sherry	Basler	February 21
Megan	Reed	February 28

February

Happy Anniversary

Family Name	Anniversary
Bruce & Janice Vaught	February 01



CORNERS ONE CAFÉ

February 4 th	Old Fashion Goulash
February 11th	Ham Salad Sandwich
February 18th	Beef Stroganoff
February 26th	Meatloaf



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All meals are subject to change as needed.

February

LITURGISTS: 9:00 am

2/1 - Dave Mayo
2/8 - Chris Ferguson
2/15 - Megan Reed
2/22 - Yon Wibskov

LITURGISTS: 11:00 am

2/1 - Jackie Berry
2/8 - Nathan Pack
2/15 - Jeff LaBrot
2/22 - Donna Jean Weber

GREETERS: 9:00 am

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

CHECK SIGNERS WEEK OF

2/1 - Linda Skaggs & Bob Powell
2/8 - Bob Powell & Jill Clemons
2/15 - Jill Clemons & Donna Bouchard
2/22 - Donna Bouchard & Jim Sowers

MONEY COUNTERS:

Sherry Basler & Dee Krause

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

FEBRUARY 2026

Church Office, Official campus events not public

Feb 2026 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
COMMUNION Sunday 9am - Contemporary 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship Service 12pm - PPP Meeting 5pm - NA Meeting 6pm - Youth Group	10am - Table Talk 11am - Chair Yoga - Cornerstone 1:30pm - County Meadows - Bible 6pm - Prayer Shawl	7pm - Bible Basics Study 1:30pm - THE WAY - Bible Study 5pm - Cornerstone Cafe 5:45pm - Cornerstone Group Bible 5:45pm - Drums - Derry Lunos	7pm - Disciple Bible Study - Zoom 6pm - Floor Yoga 6pm - Kids Family Fun Night			
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PRAYER LIST

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Pray for	Reason	Prayer request from
Marty Gawf	Pacemaker implant	Dee Krause
Darlene Hollowell	Hospitalized with heart issue	Church family
Clint Pettus	Healing from surgery	Kim Gray
Evan LaBruyere	Hospitalized	Church family
Vicky Singleton	On ventilator	Donna Hallolow
Harold McAlpine	Health Concerns	Burt & Elizabeth McAlpine
Brianna Graham	Bed rest during pregnancy	Pat & Ralph Stamm
JOYS		
ONGOING		
Betty LaRussa	Health Issues & Caretaker	Grace Gillingham
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
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
GREIVING		
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	<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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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

