



The Beacon

Centenary United Methodist Church—Bonne Terre, Missouri



THE PASTORS PEN — APRIL

APRIL EDITION

Love Your Neighbor

When asked which commandment in the law was the greatest, Jesus answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" Matthew 22:37-39.

Love is our highest calling. When we focus our lives on loving God and loving our neighbors we find meaning, purpose, and fulfillment. Jesus redefined love. Through His life, humility, and sacrifice, Jesus modeled a love that is self-giving, not self-serving. Jesus loved in action. He touched the leper, healed crowds late into the night, ate with sinners, defended the outcast, and ultimately gave His life. His love wasn't convenient or comfortable—it cost Him everything.

We are called to imitate Jesus. We are called to love God and neighbor through words and actions in the way that Jesus did. If we are followers of Christ, we must love like He did: sacrificially, humbly, and universally.

[What would happen if we shared with our neighbors the love we have received from Jesus?](#)

Over the next five years at Centenary United Methodist Church, we will be putting a special focus on equipping and encouraging all of us, the members of our church, to intentionally invest time sharing our faith with new people.

We will be hosting a message series on sharing our faith entitled, "Love Your Neighbor" April 12 – May 3, 2026.

Each family will receive a free packet of devotional materials which offer an opportunity to prayerfully consider the challenges and opportunities of sharing our faith with our neighbors.

Bring your calendar on April 19th for an interactive activity.

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Our church is going to be present at several festivals and community events over the course of this year. We would like to encourage each of us to connect with someone else from our church you feel comfortable with and then make plans to spend an hour or two at one of these events intentionally sharing your faith in Jesus with new people. We have a group that will prepare printed materials about our church and engaging activities as icebreakers. Sharing our faith is like anything else in life. The more that we practice, the more confident and effective we become.

What would happen if we shared with our neighbors the love we have received from Jesus?

Outreach Festivals scheduled for 2026

- ◆ Bonne Terre Chamber of Commerce Bunny Trail April 4th 10:00am – 2:00pm
- ◆ Bonne Terre Chamber of Commerce Block Party August 29th
- ◆ Desloge Labor Day Picnic September 4th - 7th
- ◆ North County Homecoming Parade October 9th



LOVE YOUR
NEIGHBOR



**'Love the Lord your God with all
your heart and soul and mind.'**

This is the first and greatest commandment.
And the second is like it:

'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

Matthew 22:37-39



Bible In A Year Reading Plan

April

	Old Testament	New Testament	Psalms	Proverbs
<input type="checkbox"/> 01	Deuteronomy 18:1-20:20	Luke 9:28-50	Psalms 73:1-28	Proverbs 12:10
<input type="checkbox"/> 02	Deuteronomy 21:1-22:30	Luke 9:51-10:12	Psalms 74:1-23	Proverbs 12:11
<input type="checkbox"/> 03	Deuteronomy 23:1-25:19	Luke 10:13-37	Psalms 75:1-10	Proverbs 12:12-14
<input type="checkbox"/> 04	Deuteronomy 26:1-27:26	Luke 10:38-11:13	Psalms 76:1-12	Proverbs 12:15-17
<input type="checkbox"/> 05	Deuteronomy 28:1-68	Luke 11:14-36	Psalms 77:1-20	Proverbs 12:18
<input type="checkbox"/> 06	Deuteronomy 29:1-30:20	Luke 11:37-12:7	Psalms 78:1-31	Proverbs 12:19-20
<input type="checkbox"/> 07	Deuteronomy 31:1-32:27	Luke 12:8-34	Psalms 78:32-55	Proverbs 12:21-23
<input type="checkbox"/> 08	Deuteronomy 32:28-52	Luke 12:35-59	Psalms 78:56-64	Proverbs 12:24
<input type="checkbox"/> 09	Deuteronomy 33:1-29	Luke 13:1-21	Psalms 78:65-72	Proverbs 12:25
<input type="checkbox"/> 10	Deuteronomy 34:1- Joshua 2:24	Luke 13:22-14:6	Psalms 79:1-13	Proverbs 12:26
<input type="checkbox"/> 11	Joshua 3:1-4:24	Luke 14:7-35	Psalms 80:1-19	Proverbs 12:27-28
<input type="checkbox"/> 12	Joshua 5:1-7:15	Luke 15:1-32	Psalms 81:1-16	Proverbs 13:1
<input type="checkbox"/> 13	Joshua 7:16-9:2	Luke 16:1-18	Psalms 82:1-8	Proverbs 13:2-3
<input type="checkbox"/> 14	Joshua 9:3-10:43	Luke 16:19-17:10	Psalms 83:1-18	Proverbs 13:4
<input type="checkbox"/> 15	Joshua 11:1-12:24	Luke 17:11-37	Psalms 84:1-12	Proverbs 13:5-6
<input type="checkbox"/> 16	Joshua 13:1-14:15	Luke 18:1-17	Psalms 85:1-13	Proverbs 13:7-8
<input type="checkbox"/> 17	Joshua 15:1-63	Luke 18:18-43	Psalms 86:1-17	Proverbs 13:9-10
<input type="checkbox"/> 18	Joshua 16:1-18:28	Luke 19:1-27	Psalms 87:1-7	Proverbs 13:11
<input type="checkbox"/> 19	Joshua 19:1-20:9	Luke 19:28-48	Psalms 88:1-18	Proverbs 13:12-14
<input type="checkbox"/> 20	Joshua 21:1-22:20	Luke 20:1-26	Psalms 89:1-13	Proverbs 13:15-16
<input type="checkbox"/> 21	Joshua 22:21-23:16	Luke 20:27-47	Psalms 89:14-37	Proverbs 13:17-19
<input type="checkbox"/> 22	Joshua 24:1-33	Luke 21:1-28	Psalms 89:38-52	Proverbs 13:20-23
<input type="checkbox"/> 23	Judges 1:1-2:9	Luke 21:29-22:13	Psalms 90:1-91:16	Proverbs 13:24-25
<input type="checkbox"/> 24	Judges 2:10-3:31	Luke 22:14-34	Psalms 92:1-93:5	Proverbs 14:1-2
<input type="checkbox"/> 25	Judges 4:1-5:31	Luke 22:35-53	Psalms 94:1-23	Proverbs 14:3-4
<input type="checkbox"/> 26	Judges 6:1-40	Luke 22:54-23:12	Psalms 95:1-96:13	Proverbs 14:5-6
<input type="checkbox"/> 27	Judges 7:1-8:17	Luke 23:13-43	Psalms 97:1-98:9	Proverbs 14:7-8
<input type="checkbox"/> 28	Judges 8:18-9:21	Luke 23:44-24:12	Psalms 99:1-9	Proverbs 14:9-10
<input type="checkbox"/> 29	Judges 9:22-10:18	Luke 24:13-53	Psalms 100:1-5	Proverbs 14:11-12
<input type="checkbox"/> 30	Judges 11:1-12:15	John 1:1-28	Psalms 101:1-8	Proverbs 14:13-14

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Live Cross

Please bring a bundle of flowers to place on our **Easter Sunday Live Cross**. You can drop them off at the back of the Sanctuary by 10:00 am prior to Easter Sunday service.



**Centenary United Methodist
Church**

20 Park Avenue

Bonne Terre, MO 63628

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

April 3, 2026

6pm in the Church Sanctuary



**Easter
Egg
Hunt**

10:00 am

**In the field behind
the Cornerstone**

MONTHLY CHURCH NEWS

- ◆ Our Life Groups continue to thrive, and we're excited to keep the momentum going with the following opportunities:

Chair Yoga – Mondays at 11:00 am in the Cornerstone

Table Talk – Mondays at 10:00 am in the Cornerstone Youth Room

Wednesday Bible Study – 1:30 pm in the Sanctuary; our next study will focus on the *Love Your Neighbor Series*

Tuesday Bible Basics – 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Thursday Disciples Bible Study—7pm Zoom study on Galatians

- ◆ Our Children's Ministry recently celebrated a wonderful success with their Heifer Project fundraiser. In less than two weeks, they raised \$290 which was matched 10 times by the organization since the funds were submitted by the end of March. What an incredible achievement—great job to all the children involved!

We want to congratulate the Cornerstone Café for receiving two grants in support of its mission to serve our community through the Wednesday evening meals. A special thank-you to Diane Moore for her dedication in writing, presenting, and securing these grants.

Missorui United Methodist Foundation Grant: \$2,500

Bonne Terre Ministerial Alliance Grant: \$6,000



- ◆ The church is looking to expand our outreach ministry. We will be engaging with the community at several upcoming festivals sharing our church brochure and connect with our neighbors. Please stay tuned for more information on these opportunities.
- ◆ Mark your calendars! Vacation Bible School will be July 27th - 30th. If you would like to volunteer, please reach out the Shannon Samson or give us a call at the office. Child's registration can be completed by using this QR Code



- ◆ A heartfelt thank you to everyone for your generosity in supporting the Feed My Sheep fundraiser! Because of each of you, we were thrilled to win second place in this year's Pastor's Cake Auction; we raised \$1,520 as a church and as a community, together we raised \$48,000 - what an incredible achievement! It is truly a blessing to see our church come together to care for our community. Your kindness not only helps meet physical needs but also touches hearts and lifts spirits in meaningful ways. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus.
- ◆ Palm Sunday - Jesus enters Jerusalem riding on a donkey. People voices shouted **Hosanna! Hosanna!**



Happy Birthday

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



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April

Happy Anniversary

Family Name	Anniversary
Edwin & Teresa Buck	April 03
Terry & JoAnn Kite	April 18



CORNERS ONE CAFÉ

April 1st

Ham Dinner

April 8th

Sloppy Joes

April 15th

One Dish Chicken Bake

April 22nd

Breakfast Casserole

April 29th

Meatloaf

April

LITURGISTS: 9:00 am

4/5 - Easter
 4/12 - Yon Wibskov
 4/19 - Loel Hickman
 4/26 - Sue Curfman

LITURGISTS: 11:00 am

4/5 - Donna Jean Weber
 4/12 - Chuck Hubbard
 4/19 - Patti O'Connor
 4/26 - Jackie Berry

GREETERS: 9:00 am

4/5 - Sheila Hacker
 4/12 - Sheila Hacker
 4/19 - Sheila Hacker
 4/26 - Sheila Hacker

***Would you like to be a greeter? Just call the office and let us know.**

CHECK SIGNERS WEEK OF

4/5 - Linda Skaggs & Bob Powell
 4/12 - Bob Powell & Jill Clemons
 4/19 - Jill Clemons & Donna Bouchard
 4/26 - 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
 The Way Bible Study
 Adult - "The Chosen"

Downstairs in Sanctuary
 Cornerstone Youth Room
 Sanctuary Sunday Class (Upstairs)
 Downstairs in Sanctuary

Office Open Monday & Wednesday

573-358-2238



OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Wednesday

9:00am - 3:00pm

Centenary Weekly Events

NA Meeting	Every Sunday, 5 pm	Sanctuary
Table Talk	Every Monday, 10 am	Youth Room Cornerstone
Floor Yoga	Every Monday, 11 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

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



APRIL 2026

Church Office, Office/campus events not public

Apr 2026 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>29</p> <p>9am - Contemporary</p> <p>10am - Sunday School</p> <p>11am - Worship Service</p> <p>3pm - Teresa Huff Celebration of</p> <p>5pm - NA Meeting</p> <p>6pm - Youth Group</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10am - Table Talk</p> <p>11am - Chair Yoga - Cornerstone</p> <p>1:30pm - County Meadows - Bible</p> <p>6pm - Prayer Shawl</p>	<p>31</p> <p>7pm - Bible Basics Study</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1:30pm - THE WAY - Bible Study</p> <p>5pm - Cornerstone Cafe</p> <p>5:45pm - Cornerstone Group Bible</p> <p>5:45pm - Drums - Denny Lumos</p> <p>6pm - Jesus of Nazareth - Part</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7pm - Disciple Bible Study - Zoom</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6pm - Good Friday Worship</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p> <p>COMMUNION SUNDAY</p> <p>9am - Easter Breakfast</p> <p>10am - Easter Egg Hunt for kids!</p> <p>10:30am - Easter Worship Service</p> <p>5pm - NA Meeting</p> <p>6pm - Youth Group</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10am - Table Talk</p> <p>11am - Chair Yoga - Cornerstone</p> <p>1:30pm - County Meadows - Bible</p> <p>6pm - Prayer Shawl</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7pm - Bible Basics Study</p>	<p>8</p> <p>1:30pm - THE WAY - Bible Study</p> <p>5pm - Cornerstone Cafe</p> <p>5:45pm - Cornerstone Group Bible</p> <p>5:45pm - Drums - Denny Lumos</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7pm - Disciple Bible Study - Zoom</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p> <p>9am - Contemporary</p> <p>10am - Sunday School</p> <p>11am - Worship Service</p> <p>12pm - PPR Meeting</p> <p>5pm - NA Meeting</p> <p>6pm - Youth Group</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10am - Table Talk</p> <p>11am - Chair Yoga - Cornerstone</p> <p>1:30pm - County Meadows - Bible</p> <p>6pm - Prayer Shawl</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7pm - Bible Basics Study</p>	<p>15</p> <p>1:30pm - THE WAY - Bible Study</p> <p>5pm - Cornerstone Cafe</p> <p>5:45pm - Cornerstone Group Bible</p> <p>5:45pm - Drums - Denny Lumos</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7pm - Disciple Bible Study - Zoom</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10am - Shannon Sansom - Mom's</p>
<p>19</p> <p>9am - Contemporary</p> <p>10am - Sunday School</p> <p>11am - Worship Service</p> <p>3pm - Teresa Huff Celebration of</p> <p>5pm - NA Meeting</p> <p>6pm - Youth Group</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10am - Table Talk</p> <p>11am - Chair Yoga - Cornerstone</p> <p>1:30pm - County Meadows - Bible</p> <p>6pm - Prayer Shawl</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7pm - Bible Basics Study</p>	<p>22</p> <p>1:30pm - THE WAY - Bible Study</p> <p>5pm - Cornerstone Cafe</p> <p>5:45pm - Cornerstone Group Bible</p> <p>5:45pm - Drums - Denny Lumos</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7pm - Disciple Bible Study - Zoom</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>4pm - Murder at the Pie Auction</p>
<p>26</p> <p>MURDER AT THE PIE AUCTION</p> <p>9am - Contemporary</p> <p>10am - Sunday School</p> <p>11am - Worship Service</p> <p>5pm - NA Meeting</p> <p>6pm - Youth Group</p>	<p>27</p> <p>10am - Table Talk</p> <p>11am - Chair Yoga - Cornerstone</p> <p>1:30pm - County Meadows - Bible</p> <p>6pm - Ad Board/Finance</p> <p>6pm - Prayer Shawl</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7pm - Bible Basics Study</p>	<p>29</p> <p>1:30pm - THE WAY - Bible Study</p> <p>5pm - Cornerstone Cafe</p> <p>5:45pm - Cornerstone Group Bible</p> <p>5:45pm - Drums - Denny Lumos</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7pm - Disciple Bible Study - Zoom</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>

PRAYER LIST

PRAYER LIST		
Pray for	Reason	Prayer request from
Marsha Becker	Surgery	Bob Becker
Dee Sandwick	Stroke	
Chad Winch	Cancer	Bree Reed
Diane Rhodemeyer	Broken femur	Paul Butler
Dalana Mauk	Recovering from hip surgery	Church family
JOYS		
ONGOING		
Teddy Kay	Leukemia	Jenifer Ferguson
Betty LaRussa	Health Issues & Caretaker	Grace Gillingham
Jack Gillam	Cancer	Bill & Patti Martin
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	Hospice	Dee Krause
GREIVING		
The Skaggs family	Passing of Teresa Huff	Church family
ASSISTED LIVING/HOMEBOUND		
NURSING HOME/REHAB		
Pray for	Location	Reason
Evan LaBruyere	St. Joe Manor	Church family
Bruce & Janice Vaught	Avlon Park Assisted Living	Church family
Sue Weber	Delmar Gardens of Meremac Valley	Church family
Dave Dealy	Legacy at Sante Fe	Church family
Brenda Laws Bennett	Southbrook Nursing Home	Church family
Loretta Kosar	Cambridge House of Swansea (Swansea IL)	Church family
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	Ken Curfman, Sonya Bahr, Rita Drochelmann

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

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!**

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