



The Circuit Rider

A Publication of
Centenary United Methodist Church
Established 1783

January and February 2012

Queue Lines
Queue Lines

Welcome to the New Year

The year 2012 looks to be one of the most exciting and anticipated years that Centenary has had in a long time. We have been called of God to build a new sanctuary and children's wing to His honor and glory for the work He has called us to do. We hope to move into the new sanctuary and children's wing in late summer. But when I think about it, the year 2011 was equally as momentous as 2012. It was during 2011 that the decision was made after praying and listening to God and to one another that we would expand the ministry and mission and in doing so, God would provide, through us, His new sanctuary and children's wing.

We are presently working to make the transition as smooth as possible. Anytime there is change, there will be challenges to meet, opportunities to greet and a future to anticipate. In this context, I have redefined what church growth means because church growth does not mean numbers. I remember in years gone by, that numbers have been a priority to the church to determine church growth. Are they important? Yes, in what they represent. But church growth is more than filling out a green sheet and sending it back to the conference office. As I approach my 8th year at Centenary (not including the seven I had back in the '90's) God has led me to look at church growth in a different way. Simply put:

Church growth is maturing and developing as a church to fully be what God wants His church to be.

Have we developed and matured as a church in God's way and will? Good question. What are the indicators that help us to see if we have? Here is a partial list.

Listening to God. We know and believe that God speaks to us directly through His Word, but we also know that He speaks to us through His church. We listened to one another, we listened to Him and the direction God has given us is very clear.

Dedication to the Gospel. What we are doing is definitely a challenge, but to proclaim the Gospel is challenging. We have sought to be a congregation that not only preaches the Gospel to our own generation but to the generations to come. The Gospel is our motivation to do all that we are required to do. It is not the easy way, and it is fraught with obstacles and always will be but we pursue the proclamation of the Gospel in word and deed.

Sacrificial to the work of God. We have been willing to sacrifice to be able to fulfill God's call upon us. From the human condition it is much easier to stay the same, to keep the status quo, to keep for ourselves our comfort level when the demand to fulfill the will of God calls us beyond that. It can be a difficult road, but the joy of looking to the future and the satisfaction that it gives us to please God makes up for any struggle we may have.

Love. Plain and simple. In the midst of working through opinions and differences we have grown to love one another more deeply. But it is more than loving our brothers and sisters in Christ. What we are doing is providing a place where others in the future can come, meet Christ, and grow in the faith and love through our ministry and mission. Our motivation to love is God's love for us because He first loved us. And our love is practically evident in the sacrifices being made to accomplish God's will for Centenary.

Let me explore love in another way. God has called us to love others and what we are doing is for generations to come as well as our own. What we do benefits others more than it will some of us who have few years to live. But we do it because we love God and others, some of whom we will never meet or know.

(continued on page 3)

Matthew's Minute

February is going to be a very busy, but fruitful month at Danville Centenary! Our church consultant, *Jack Lynn*, will be visiting with us Sunday, February 5 during all three worship services to survey our congregation regarding aligning our worship times with our Mission Statement, "to strengthen and transform lives by living and sharing Christ's love." I hope you will make a special effort to attend as we need your input!

February 18-19 Bryan Tatum, mission partner in Costa Rica, will be with us. We will have a congregational dinner in the chapel Saturday, February 18 at 6 p.m. Childcare will be provided, but reservations are required. Bryan will also be speaking in our Sunday morning worship services February 19.

We are very grateful to have former Southeast Christian Church minister Bob Russell preaching in all our services February. Bob is a friend of our pastor's and ministered at Southeast Christian church for 35 years.

The following Sunday, Dr. Tim Tennent, president of Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, will be our Faith Promise Missions speaker. Dr. Tennent is a great speaker and will challenge our congregation to greater mission awareness and involvement personally and financially.

All our services during the month of February provide a GREAT opportunity for you to invite a friend, neighbor, or relative to Centenary!

Meet Our Missionaries



David and Lori Persons

The Persons are United Methodist missionaries at Mulungwishi Station in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Both are children of missionaries, David's father was a missionary and Lori's father was a missionary at Mulungwishi for 40 years. David is the Dean of the Mulungwishi Theological Seminary at the University of Kanga at Mulungwishi. Lori is director of the Doris Bartlett Women's School, which provides training for the wives of seminary students.



(continued from page 1)

There will be obstacles and always will be. There will be need for further sacrifices and our resolve and dedication to God's work must remain diligent. The evil one will do whatever he can to disrupt the work of God in our personal lives as well as the life of Centenary. But remember this:

1 John 4:4 "... you belong to God, my dear children. You have already won a victory....., because the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world."

Yes, here on earth we will have many trials and sorrows. But we are to take heart because He has overcome the world. **(John 17:33)**

And remember what we have learned from Ezra: That the Spirit of God is working within us. The Spirit of God is living and vibrant and moving us, like He has moved Centenary since her beginning in the late 1700's. (See: **Ezra 1:1,5; 3:3,12,13**)

Welcome to 2012. A great new year, a year of celebration, of sacrifice, dedication and love. It will be a year with challenges to meet and obstacles to overcome. But it is through all of this that we grow as a church:

"Maturing and developing as a church to be fully what God wants His church to be."

Thanks be to God!!!!
Grace and Peace,
Quentin
Christmastide/Epiphany, 2012

Our Dreams for Centenary 1983

A survey taken in November of 1983 was given me and as I went through the responses was amazed at some of the very interesting comments. They had on the list: be a tithing church, more active UMMen and even a statement on incorporating inclusive language in worship. They even had suggestions on worship such as: when the organ prelude should begin and end, expand the 'thriving' music program, and have shorter Sunday service. Some said: "too much before sermon. Keep time for children." Others wrote: "sing all the verses of the hymns" while others wrote: "fewer stories and more Biblical teaching in sermons." But what seemed to be the greatest concern drawing from the 1983 survey was the condition of the sanctuary which included repair of the ceiling and replacing burned out light bulbs. But even back in 1983 there were a number of people who called for a "new church building." A high number of respondents indicated to "stop wasting money on antiquated building, build new church; if not renovate sanctuary immediately." They also asked for the "purchase (of) additional property for expansion of present church facility."

History teaches us a great deal. We are to learn from the past but it is key that we don't repeat past mistakes. God has granted us a great opportunity here, and together we are moving ahead. I am thankful for those who have gone before us and who had the vision even then to do what we are doing now. God is so very good.

Grace and peace,
Quentin
6 II 12

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

The newsletter deadline for March will be Friday, 24.
Please forward all materials you would like in the newsletter by email: info@danvillecentenary.org (digital copy if possible).
Thank you for your continued promptness and support in helping get the newsletter to you as quickly as possible.



Dear Centenary VIM Team, Jerry and I want to thank you for the good work you did on the district parsonage. We very much appreciate your time and your care on a project that was likely very different from your norm. You have been a witness to us of the United Methodist connection in a very tangible way. Blessings to you.

- Jean Hawxhurst, District Superintendent

Thank you very, very much for all the prayers, visits and calls during my stay in the hospital for most of November and early December 2011. A special thanks for all the ones that kept Sheila company during this time. It really helped her. Sheila told me of the many visits while I was "out of it." All the people in this church are truly wonderful and caring. A simple thank you can never be enough. Love in Christ.

- Mickey Leonard

FREE HEALTH SCREENING

TEST DATES:

March 7, 2012 4 PM – 6 PM
March 8, 2012 7:00 AM – 11:00 AM

It's time to think about checking your health status! It's been more than a year since the last health screening at Centenary UMC. Anyone 19 years and older is eligible to participate and that is not too young to begin monitoring and preventing health conditions that can be debilitating the older one gets. Did you know that doctors found hardening of the arteries in young military men that fought in the South Korean war? Now is the time to monitor and prevent these problems.

Get free cholesterol and glucose test results, as well as other heart, skin, and cancer tests. Find out what you can do about the results by talking with a Registered Nurse about your individual test results. There will be both fasting and non-fasting test options resulting in a full lipid panel or just cholesterol and glucose results. If you chose to fast, don't eat or take drinks with sugar or nutrients for 12 hours prior to the test. You may have water and you may take your blood pressure and heart medication. We would like to see a bigger participation from young and middle aged adults. Check the posters for a list of tests. Sign up for screening appointments, especially on Thursday, March 8, 2012, as we will open the screening to the public. See LaVerne Slone if you have questions. 859-402-2869



The Chancel Choir is starting preparations for our Easter Sunday presentation. We would invite anyone who is willing to make a short-term commitment to sing with us to come to rehearsals, which are at 7:00 PM each Wednesday evening. Join with us as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord!

Dr. Tim Tennent Visits Centenary



Dr. Tim Tennent, president of Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, will be our guest speaker at all three services for our Faith Promise Missions weekend. Dr. Tennant took office on July 1, 2009 and was inaugurated in November of the same year. He previously served 11 years as Professor of World Missions and Indian Studies at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in South Hamilton, Mass. Prior to his work in Massachusetts, Dr. Tennent taught missions at Toccoa Falls College in Georgia, where he was honored as teacher of the year in 1995. He also teaches annually at the Luther W. New Jr. Theological College of Dehra Dun, India, where he has served as an adjunct professor since 1989. He has also ministered and taught in China, Thailand, Nigeria and Eastern Europe. Ordained in the United Methodist Church, he has pastored churches in Georgia, and preached regularly in churches throughout New England and across the country.

Dr. Tennent is the author of several books including a missiology textbook entitled *Invitation to World Missions: A Missiology for the 21st Century*, which was published in 2010.

He and his wife Julie, who is an accomplished organist, have two children, Jonathan and Bethany.

Centenary Students

January

1st 9:45am Sunday School
 8th 4pm Band Practice (All band)
 6pm CS Large Gathering
 11th Resurrection Balance Due
 15th 9:45am Sunday School
 Noon Parent Confirmation Meeting
 4pm Band Practice
 6pm CS Large Gathering
 18th 6pm Bible Study
 20th-22nd RESURRECTION!!!!
 25th 6pm Bible Study
 29th 9:45am Sunday School / Conf.
 29th 4pm Band Practice
 29th 6pm CS Large Gathering

February

1st 6pm Bible Study
 5th 9:45am Sunday School / Conf.
 4pm Band Practice (All band)
 6pm CS Large Gathering
 8th 6pm Bible Study
 12th 9:45am Sunday School / Conf.
 4pm Band Practice
 6pm CS Large Gathering
 15th 6pm Bible Study
 19th 9:45am Sunday School / Conf.
 4pm Band Practice
 6pm CS Large Gathering
 22nd 6pm Ash Wednesday Service
 26th 9:45am Sunday School / Conf.
 4pm Band Practice
 6pm CS Large Gathering
 29th 6pm Bible Study

Brian Lawson, Director of Student Ministries
 (813) 505-2630 BLawson@DanvilleCentenary.org
 Office Hours: Mondays & Wednesdays 10am—4pm

ATTENTION E-MAIL PRAYER CHAIN UPDATE

The Nurture Committee has asked me to update the e-mail prayer chain. E-mail was chosen for participants to receive prayer requests because the identical information regarding prayer requests can be transmitted to everyone at the same time, facilitating quicker prayer efforts and eliminating miscommunication of data so often seen when information is sent from person to person. Participants are asked to pray for the persons involved immediately and to maintain confidentiality. Only those persons committed to praying should participate. This is not a “gossip chain” or an information tool meant to convey messages to interested persons for the purpose of discussion. This is a sacred trust and responsibility.

If you are currently on the e-mail prayer chain, please e-mail LaVerne Slone to indicate whether or not you *desire to continue* to be on the prayer chain. (If you want to stay on the list, e-mail me or you will be removed.) If you are not currently on the e-mail prayer chain and desire to pray for the prayer requests, please e-mail LaVerne Slone at the following e-mail address to be added to the list. My e-mail address is as follows; regals2@roadrunner.com I would appreciate hearing from you in the next three week time frame. Thank you!

In summary, e-mail me if you want to stay on the list or if you want to be added to the list.



We hoped you enjoyed Alvin Prices presentation of the James Drama.

If you'd like to learn more information about this please visit his website at: www.jamesdrama.org.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

"Create a nurturing environment where children grow in Christ, express love of Christ, and serve others in a Christ-like example."



Save the Date!

Our 2012 Holy Land Adventure is scheduled for **July 8—12!** We have such a wonderful church-wide intergenerational effort! Be thinking how you would like to be involved!



TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

I have a deep appreciation for our ministry partners in the Children's Ministry. Please stop by and intentionally say a word of thanks to your child's teacher—tell them how they are making a difference in YOUR family. And make time to pray for all the adults in your child's life the next time you pray for your child. (Teach your child to pray for them, too!)



LENT

Lent is Jill's favorite Church season, so she loves to look for some great family resources. Be on the look-out for materials at church and on FACEBOOK!



Like us on Facebook! Centenary UMC Children's Ministry—Danville, KY

SCHEDULES



Nursery Attendants

9:45

5 – Gayle Best, Sandy Hunt
12 – Amy Longwill, Joyce Hoagland
19 – Kerri Wastell, Mandy Ferrie
26 – Pam Barrick, Rebecca Meade



*Moments Mostly
for Children*

February 5—
Communion

February 12—

Children's Music

February 19—Pat Bennett

February 26—Jill Winter

11:00

5 – Jessica Kondik, Jamie Ramey
12 – Beth Gibson, Kayla Breitenbach
19 – Missy Ingram, Taryn Jacobus
26 – Karen Gordon, Susannah Kondik



inspire. equip. support.

Wednesday Nights Rock!

Tru begins at 5:45 in our small group rooms (parents are invited to this 15 minute “anticipate” portion!) and then continues at 6:00 with Large Group games, story and worship, moving at about 6:40 to a small group time of further exploration through questions, a group activity and a

blessing. It's becoming a precious time of recognizing God's presence amongst us. Everyone from 2 years old to 5th graders is welcome! (Remember, our 6th graders are moving up to the Student Ministry!)

home|front Check out the free app HOMEFRONT by searching your phone's app store or marketplace for tru Home Front. This is a resource to use in your homes, including activities, recipes, and devotions for you and your kids. We'll be partnering with you in the same stories here at church!

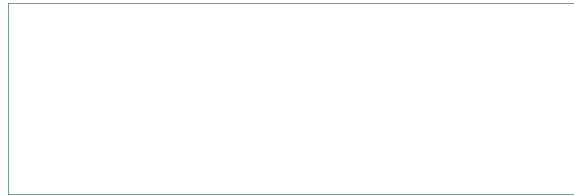
This month TruWonder includes stories of Jesus healing, while TruStory will cover Daniel in the Lion's Den, Esther, and Nehemiah.



In our Sunday school, studying Jesus and His Ministry. We're building a Rock Solid faith! Sunday school takes place at 9:45 am.


Centenary[™]
United Methodist Church
1441 Perryville Rd.
Danville, Kentucky

NON-PROFIT
US POSTAGE
Permit No. 3
Danville, KY



Address Service
Requested

UPCOMING DATES

Monday, February 20 - Transition Team Meeting

Wednesday, February 22 - Special Walkthrough of New Facilities

Wednesday, February 22 - Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday, February 23 - Women's Thursday Evening Bible Study Begins

Sunday, February 26 - Dr. Tim Tennent from Asbury preaching

Friday and Saturday, March 2 and 3 - Lil Cherubs Consignment Sale

Monday, March 5 - Team Meetings

Our Worship

8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service, 9:45 a.m. Contemporary Service

Main phone number: (859) 236-4800

Fax number: (859) 236-1814

Email: info@danvillecentenary.org

Website: www.danvillecentenary.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/danvillecumc

Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

