

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, Oct 04		Communion Host ~ Dawn Lang
10:00am	Service	Sanctuary with Pastor Baptista
10:00am	Kids Church	Classroom
10:00am	Jr/Sr High School Church	Blue Room
11:00am	Adult Sunday School	Conference Room with Dan Rooks
2:00pm	Game Day	Dining Room ~ Halloween Bingo!
7:00pm	Service Rebroadcast	Spectrum 181
Usher/Greeter:	10am Bruce & Dawn Lang	
Liturgist:	10am Bruce Lang	
Coffee Hosts:	11am Susan Bergmeiers	
Counter: Dawn Lang and Memorial		
Monday, Oct 5		Office Help //Sondra S & Nancy F
6:15pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Parlor
7:00pm	Scouts	Dining Room
Tuesday, Oct 06		No meetings
Wednesday, Oct 07		
Noon	Bulletin,Website,and FacebookDeadline	
6:15pm	Grace Notes Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30pm	Youth Group	Dining Room
7:00pm	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
Thursday, Oct 08		
6:30am	Men’s Bible Study.	Conference Room
10:00am	Women’s Bible Study	Dining Room
2:00pm	Elizabeth Circle	Home of Connie Leech
4:00pm	Farmer’s Market	CUMC Parking Lot ~ Final Day
Friday, Oct 09		No meetings
Saturday, Oct 10		No meetings
Sunday, Oct 11		
10:00am	Service	Sanctuary
10:00am	Kids Church	Classroom
10:00am	Jr/Sr High School Church	Blue Room
11:00am	Adult Sunday School	Conference Room with Dan Rooks
7:00pm	Service Rebroadcast	Spectrum 181
Usher/Greeter:	10am Larry & Wes Nider	
Liturgist:	10am Ruth Stephens	
Coffee Hosts:	11am Henry & Bonnie Bartlett	
Counter: Ruth Stephens & Education/Scholarship		

PRAYER CENTER: Janet Parde, Sharon Bellamy, Wayne & Jan Price, Betty Deats, Dean & Marilyn Marples, Joan Davison, Deanna Holland, Karen Probst, Pat Timm, Janis Rooks, Evelyn Fitzwater, Diane Weldon, Sue & Mike Trump, Don & Bev Ewer, Sue Orwen, Jan McGrury, Debbie Smith, Mark Schutt and Kelly Karges.

CENTENARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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But the greatest of these is love”
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REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

“And Yet We Are Still Here”

Despite everything that has happened; difficulties, losses, struggles, disappointments, and the things that have tried to defeat us mentally, physically, and spiritually, we have survived, and we are still here. Over the course of this sermon series, we will reflect on Four major movements: Resilience, Endurance, Strength, and Hope. The first two movements Resilience and Endurance, will help us prepare our hearts and minds for our stewardship campaign. The final two movements, Strength and Hope, will continue to guide and encourage us after we make our stewardship pledges for mission and ministry. Our testimony is simple:

- After the loss and the disappointment. And yet, we are still here.
- After the sickness, the struggle and the betrayal. And yet, we are still here.
- After the financial pressure, and family crisis. And yet, we are still here.
- After many battles, we wondered whether we would make it. And yet, we are still here.

We are not here because life has always been easy. We are here because God has been faithful. moments when we bent, we did not break. God became our strength.

- There were moments when we fell and wanted to quit. God helped us get back up.
- There were moments when our strength ran out. God became our strength.
- There were moments when we hope seemed impossible. God reminded us that our story was not over.

“We are hard pressed on every side but not crushed; perplexed but not driven to despair.” (2 Corinthians 4:8).

Centenary United Methodist Church
Our Mission: “Love God, Serve Others”
October 4, 2026; Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost,
Liturgical Color; Green, **Service; 10:00 am**
If you are comfortable, please stand. **Bold - Join in response, **The Faith We Sing*

GATHERING

PRELUDE Lord of All

INTROIT *(in response, Psalm 19:7-8)*
The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul,
The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes. Amen.

GREETINGS//ANNOUNCEMENTS//INFORMAL CONVERSATION

PEOPLE’S PRAYER Joys and Concerns

*ANTHEM Come Sinners to the Gospel Feast 616

TIME WITH CHILDREN

*SILENT PRAYER/TIME OF PRAYER

*THE LORD’S PRAYER *(unison)*

*PASSING OF PEACE

*PRAYER RESPONSE Blest Be the Tie That Binds 557

OFFERTORY “Have Thy Own Way” arr. Bryan Sharpe Chancel Choir
*DOXOLOGY Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow *(Sung to the tune of 95)*

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN “And Yet We Are Still Here”

SCRIPTURE Bruce Lang
First Lesson Exodus 20:1-17
Second Lesson Philippians 3:4-14

THE GOSPEL READING Matthew 21:33-46

PREPARATORY PRAISE SONG “In Communion We Sing” arr. John Purifoy Chancel Choir

HOMILY “And Yet We Are Still Here: Resilience, *Bent, But Did Not Break*” (See insert)

THE EUCHARIST 13

*CLOSING PRAISE SONG All Who Hunger **2126

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE As the Deer/My Faith Look Up to Thee

ANNOUNCEMENTS The altar flowers are given today by Duane & Deb Smith for everyone to enjoy!
Remember to **sign the weekly attendance** sheet located at the end of each pew. Please provide a contact phone number if you are visiting. If you are viewing on the Spectrum channel 181, let the church office know.
We Collect...

- www.beatricemethodist.org to access E-giving for your donations.
- **October Food Pantry Items:** Spaghetti sauce and noodles, pancake mix, syrup, stuffing mix, chunky soups, salt & pepper shakers, and ranch dressing.
- **October Epworth Items:** Toilet paper, kleenex, hand soap and paper towels. Any gas//food gift cards would be helpful. School supplies.
- **Don’t Forget!** Recycling aluminum pop can tabs support the Ronald McDonald House in Omaha. They also accept tabs from canned soups/vegetables. ~ ~ ~ ~ ~



Finances August 2026
Income \$44,495
Expenses \$36,587
Difference (\$7,908)
Finances Jan. thru Aug. 2026
Income \$233,405
From Endowments \$32,800*
Total Income \$266,205
2026 Expenses \$248,820
Difference \$17,385
Annual Budget \$352,995
*Endowment funds are being used to pay church expenses because we are not meeting our financial needs through giving.

Beatrice Farmer’s Market Thursdays 4-6:30p 6th & High St.
Final market of the season--Halloween theme! Kala's food trailer will be at the market--grab supper while you shop.

Upcoming Event Calendar
The Charge Conference will be 7pm on (Monday) 19OCT.
Thank You to all committees for organizing your reports.

~ 04OCT is **Game Day @** 2pm in the dining room. What games will we play? Bring a treat to share! Popcorn/snack table and drink provided.

~ 08OCT: 4:00-6:30p Kala's food trailer will be at the farmer’s market--grab supper while you shop. Final market of the season - Halloween theme!

AseraCare Hospice needs volunteers in our area to provide support to our terminally ill patients and their families. Tasks from home can include sewing memory pillows, assembling mailings, designing greeting cards, writing pen pal notes and supporting bereaved families. Volunteers are

a vital part of their hospice care mission. To learn more a flyer is posted in the Narthex with phone contact info.

If you do happen to be in a season focused on stewardship, remember: thanksgiving and generosity go hand in hand. In one of his final articles as Director of Stewardship and Generosity, Rev. Ken Sloane notes the power of saying thank you. Thanksgiving and joy are at the root of true generosity. We don’t tell people to be thankful as a transaction to receive their gifts. We start with thankfulness, because we have all been richly blessed by our Creator and our community, a community that chooses to follow God because we have been chosen and sustained by God. In times when stewardship campaigns can feel like an exercise in noticing all that we do not have, let thanksgiving turn you and your congregation toward the abundance of what God has already provided and trust that God will guide, provide, and equip you to live, work, and rest as the body of Christ planted just where you are for a time such as this.

