

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, Feb 22	Youth Sunday – Nickels Sunday
10:00am Service	Sanctuary
10:00 am Kids Church	Sanctuary
10:00 am Blue Room Church	Middle/High School Youth ~ Blue Room
11:00am Adult Sunday School	Conference Room ~ Dan Rooks: teacher
7:00pm Service Rebroadcast	Spectrum 181
Usher/Greeter: 10am Andy Hamilton & Russ DeBoer	
Liturgist: 10am Youth	
Coffee Hosts: 11am Ellie Q	
Counter: Kathy Woodward & Education/Scholarship	
Monday, Feb 23	Office Help/ Judy Z & Sharon B
12:00pm Mondays in Lent	Presbyterian Church
6:15pm Handbell practice	Classroom
7:00pm Ad Council	Parlor
7:00pm Scouts	Dining Room
Tuesday, Feb 24	No Meetings
Wednesday, Feb 25	
Noon Bulletin, Website, and Facebook	Deadline
12:30p Church Staff Lunch Mtg	Parlor
6:15pm Grace Notes Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30pm Youth Group	Youth Group//TTE serve meal
7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Thursday, Feb 26	
6:30am Men's Bible Study.	Conference Room
10:00am Women's Bible Study	Dining Room
Friday, Feb 27	
10:30am Richard Dunn funeral	Sanctuary
Saturday, Feb 28	No meetings
Sunday, Mar 01	Communion Sunday Host: Connie Leech
10:00am Service	Sanctuary
10:00 am Kids Church	Sanctuary
10:00 am Blue Room Church	Middle/High School Youth ~ Blue Room
11:00am Adult Sunday School	Conference Room ~ Dan Rooks: teacher
7:00pm Service Rebroadcast	Spectrum 181
Usher/Greeter: 10am Henry & Bonnie Bartlett	
Liturgist: 10am Bonnie Bartlett	
Coffee Hosts: 11am Nancy & Brad Fritz	
Counter: Ray McCall & TV/Audio	

PRAYER CENTER: Alan Streeter, Janet Parde, Sharon Bellamy, Wayne & Jan Price, Kay Hicks, Betty Deats, Dean & Marilyn Marples, Charles Higgins, James Hicks, Deanna Holland, Linda Husa, Karen Probst, Duane Smith, Lois Moore, Diane Weldon, Pat Timm, Jake Oltean, and the families of Mickey Gleason and Richard Dunn.

CENTENARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*“And now these three remain: faith, hope and love
But the greatest of these is love”*

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REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

Love requires freedom, without choice, love would not be genuine. A programmed response is not love; it is compulsion. Many theologians, including Augustine of Hippo, argued that *‘free will is a necessary condition for moral responsibility. If humans could not choose evil, they also could not truly choose good.’* (Augustine of Hippo; On Free Choice of the Will, *De Libero Arbitrio*, 388–395 AD).

Centenary United Methodist Church

Our Mission: "Love God, Serve Others"

February 22, 2026; First Sunday in Lent, Liturgical Color; Purple, Service; 10:00 am

If you are comfortable, please stand. **Bold - Join in response, **The Faith We Sing*

GATHERING AND REFRESHMENTS

PRELUDE By Grace We Have Been Saved

INTROIT *(in response, Romans 5:18)*

Just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people,

So, also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. AMEN

GREETINGS//ANNOUNCEMENTS//INFORMAL CONVERSATION

PEOPLE'S PRAYER Joys and Concerns

***ANTHEM** Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days **269**

TIME WITH CHILDREN -Nickles for Nigeria

***SILENT PRAYER/TIME OF PRAYER**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(unison)*

***PASSING OF PEACE**

***PRAYER RESPONSE** Blest Be the Tie That Binds **557**

MISSION MOMENT Julie Troy from Epworth Family Resources

OFFERTORY A Life of Sacrifice arr. Faye Lopez Chancel Choir

***DOXOLOGY** Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow *(Sung to the tune of 95)*

SCRIPTURE Youth

First Lesson Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Second Lesson Romans 5:12-19

THE GOSPEL READING Matthew 4:1-11

PREPARATORY PRAISE SONG Sunday's Palms are Wednesday's Ashes ****2138** Congregation

HOMILY "God's Goodness and Human Choice"

CLOSING PRAISE SONG** Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley *2112**

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

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.
- **February Food Pantry Items:** Pancake mix, syrup, jelly, coffee, tea bags, ranch dressing, mayo, mustard, ketchup, spaghetti sauce, .. and always TP.
- **February Epworth Items:** individual wrapped snacks we can provide for children ages 0-10yo coming into our office.
- Don't Forget! Recycling aluminum pop can tabs supports the Ronald McDonald House in Omaha. They also accept tabs from canned soups//vegetables.



Have You Noticed? Where is mercy in the wilderness? This is a driving question behind the first Sunday in Lent. Every year, we begin Lent by joining Jesus in the wilderness, witnessing the temptation, and examining what Jesus' temptation means for us. This year, we come to the wilderness afresh, ready to pay attention and encounter mercy at work in the midst of temptation, distress, and the help that comes along the way.

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The Search and Discovery Team at Centenary UMC is conducting a brief survey to better understand your experiences here at the church. This survey will only take about 5 minutes of your time and was emailed this week. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NHN85Z5> Your feedback is confidential with no names attached to the responses. If you prefer a written survey, please call the office 402.223.3424 and request a copy to be mailed to you. Beginning in March we will have the survey as a bulletin insert. Please complete by 08MAR.

\*\*\*\*Lenten Bible Study: 5 Sundays ~ 7pm ~ Feb 22, March 01, 08, 15, 22 in CUMC church parlor. Join us this Sunday for a five-session study that traces the Biblical theme of "40 days and 40 nights", a number symbolizing *testing, repentance, preparation, and transformation, culminating in Jesus' journey to the cross.*

Below is the schedule for **Mondays in Lent 2026**, including host churches and guest preachers.

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Host Church</u>      | <u>Guest Pastor – to preach the Message</u> |
|-------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| February 23 | First Presbyterian      | Rev. Dr. Paixao Baptista                    |
| March 2     | Centenary UMC           | Pr. Jeff Collins                            |
| March 9     | First Christian DOC     | Fr. Leo Kosch                               |
| March 16    | St. John Lutheran, ELCA | Pr. Doris Martin                            |
| March 23    | Christ Church Episcopal | Pr. Heidi Price                             |

St. Joe Church FISH FRY (6th & High St) every Friday during Lent. 5:30p - 7:00p. (fried or baked) Feb 27 ~ March 20. \$12 p/ adult.