



# THE CHIMES

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## Words from the Pastor...

*“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” [a] 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” – Matthew 22:37-39*

Dear members and friends of Centennial Multicultural UMC,

It is my joy to greet you in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and I hope that you are getting strong as you journey with God on this Holy Lent. Lent, a 40-day journey of preparation, penitence and formation, not including Sundays in case you were wondering, is observed in many ways as giving up something for God but also in prayer, repentance, sacrificial giving, self-denial, or other spiritual disciplines. Just as our Lord Jesus Christ prepared for his ministry by spending 40 days in the desert, we mirror his journey of preparation in our own Lenten journeys.

During Lent, we will be learning about “Who is my Neighbor? Seeing Jesus in the eyes of our Neighbors.” It is easy to forget that Jesus our Lord is walking, speaking and being with those who we consider our neighbors. We can often stay within the boundaries of our church walls never really engaging the communities of people that surround us. But we are invited and challenged to see Jesus in the face of our neighbors as we make our Lenten journey and look for Jesus in unexpected places in our lives.

Holy Week is also around the corner. Holy Week according to our United Methodist tradition is the heart of the church’s ritual, theological, and missional life. The life and mission of Jesus meet their fullest test. Jesus stares directly into the face of the structures of sin and the powers of death and remains true to his calling and the work of God’s kingdom. Normally, these eight days include more worship services for the whole congregation than any other time in the Christian year. And we listen to the narrative of the passion of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. In our newsletter and in our social networks you will have more information about Holy Week. Please keep an eye for it and take intentional time to be part of this important week.

Along with our worship series, we will be engaging in a practical learning opportunity. We will be having a Focus Study Experience to learn Spanish based on Joyce Carrasco, Ruth Hoffman and Ngoc-Diep Thi Nguyen’s book *Who Is My Neighbor: Buenos Dias, Learning Spanish as Church Hospitality*. It has been proven time and time again that the best way to get to know your neighbor is by speaking your neighbors’ language. Language embeds context, culture and beliefs. This Focus Study Experience will help us to resource ourselves to be an inclusive and dynamic church when reaching out to others by looking at some building blocks of the language. We will construct ways to reach out and see Jesus in the eyes of our neighbors. Our Focus Study Experience will be in between our two services. Our Centennial Café will continue along with our Focus Study Experience. Please do all you can to be part of this learning opportunity and invite a friend to learn Spanish. In addition to this, we will be having our youth and children’s Focus Study Experiences simultaneously.

I am looking forward to our time together during these holy seasons. Please be in prayer, fasting and in almsgiving in spirit and truth as we journey together. Our loving God will protect, strength and sustain us. And as the scripture of Matthew tell us, love your neighbor as yourself. Go the extra mile and invite a friend to worship and journey with us. Here is your first lesson: ¡Dios te bendiga! (Translation: God bless you!)

Sincerely,

Rev. Uziel Hernandez Martinez

# Palabras del Pastor...

*“Amarás al Señor tu Dios con todo tu corazón, y con toda tu alma, y con toda tu mente. Este es el primero y grande mandamiento. Y el segundo es semejante: Amarás a tu prójimo como a ti mismo. — Mateo 22:37-39*

Estimados miembros y amigos de Centennial Multicultural UMC:

Es un placer saludarlos en el nombre de nuestro Señor, Jesucristo. Espero que se estén fortaleciendo mientras viajan con Dios en esta Cuaresma Santa. La Cuaresma, un viaje de 40 días de preparación, penitencia y formación, que no incluye los domingos en caso de que se lo estén preguntando, se observa de muchas maneras pero normalmente en oración, arrepentimiento, sacrificio, abnegación u otra disciplina espiritual. Así como nuestro Señor Jesucristo se preparó para su ministerio al pasar 40 días en el desierto, reflejamos su viaje de preparación en nuestros propios viajes de Cuaresma.

Durante la Cuaresma, aprenderemos sobre, ¿Quién es mi vecino? Mirando a Jesús en los ojos de nuestros vecinos. Es fácil olvidar que Jesús nuestro Señor está caminando, hablando y estando con aquellos que consideramos nuestros vecinos. A menudo podemos permanecer dentro de los límites de los muros de nuestra iglesia sin involucrar realmente a las comunidades de personas que nos rodean. Pero estamos invitados y desafiados a ver a Jesús en nuestros vecinos mientras hacemos nuestro viaje de Cuaresma y buscamos a Jesús en lugares inesperados en nuestras vidas.

La Semana Santa también está a la vuelta de la esquina. La Semana Santa de acuerdo con nuestra tradición metodista unida es el corazón de la vida ritual, teológica y misional de la iglesia. La vida y la misión de Jesús cumplen su prueba más completa. Jesús mira directamente a la cara de las estructuras del pecado y los poderes de la muerte y permanece fiel a su llamado y a la obra del reino de Dios. Normalmente, estos ocho días incluyen más servicios de adoración para toda la congregación. Y escuchamos la narrativa de la pasión de nuestro Señor y Salvador.

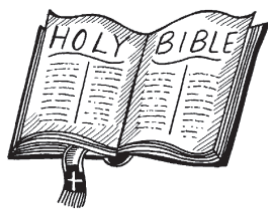
Junto con nuestra serie de adoración, participaremos en una Experiencia de Estudio Enfocado. Tendremos la oportunidad de enseñar un poco el idioma del español a nuestros hermanos/as del primer servicio. Se ha demostrado una y otra vez que la mejor manera de conocer a su vecino es hablar el idioma de su idioma. El lenguaje incorpora contexto, cultura y creencias. Esta Experiencia de Estudio Enfocado nos ayudará ser una iglesia inclusiva y dinámica cuando nos comuniquemos con los demás en nuestros alrededores. Construiremos formas de alcanzar y ver a Jesús en los ojos de nuestros vecinos. Nuestra Experiencia de Estudio Enfocado estará entre nuestros dos servicios. Nuestro Café de Centennial continuará adjunto. Haga todo lo posible para ser parte de esta oportunidad de aprendizaje e invite a un amigo a aprender español. Además de esto, tendremos nuestras Experiencias de Estudio Enfocado para jóvenes y niños simultáneamente.

Por favor, oren, ayunen y den limosna en espíritu y verdad mientras viajamos juntos en esta temporada de Cuaresma. Nuestro Dios amoroso nos protegerá, fortalecerá y sostendrá. Y como nos dicen las Escrituras de Mateo, ama a tu prójimo como a ti mismo. Haz un esfuerzo adicional e invita a un amigo a adorar y viajar con nosotros.

Sinceramente,



Revdo. Uziel Hernández Martínez



## SERVICIOS DOMINICALES EN ESPAÑOL MARZO - ABRIL 2020

### **MARZO 2020**

FECHA	LECTURAS BIBLICAS	SERMON & PREDICADOR/A
1 de marzo	<b>1<sup>ER</sup> DOMINGO EN CUARESMA</b> SANTA COMUNION Mateo 4:1-11	"Enfrentando Nuestros Gigantes" <b>Pastor Uziel Hernández</b>
8 de marzo	<b>2<sup>DO</sup> DOMINGO EN CUARESMA</b> Juan 3:1-17	"Nacido para Ser una Bendición" <b>Pastor Uziel Hernández</b>
15 de marzo	<b>3<sup>ER</sup> DOMINGO EN CUARESMA</b> Juan 4:5-42	"Compartir el Agua Viva" <b>Pastor Uziel Hernández</b>
22 de marzo	<b>4<sup>TO</sup> DOMINGO EN CUARESMA</b> Juan 9:1-41	"Mientras Hay Luz, Aprovechemos" <b>Pastor Uziel Hernández</b>
29 de marzo	<b>5<sup>TO</sup> DOMINGO EN CUARESMA</b> Juan 11:1-45	"La Muerte, un Precursor de la Vida" <b>Pastor Uziel Hernández</b>

### **ABRIL 2020**

FECHA	LECTURAS BIBLICAS	SERMON & PREDICADOR/A
5 de abril	<b>DOMINGO DE RAMOS</b> SANTA COMUNION Mateo 21:1-11	"Palma y Mantos" <b>Pastor Uziel Hernández</b>
9 de abril	<b>JUEVES SANTO</b> Juan 13:1-7,31b-35	"Servicio en Humildad" <b>Pastor Uziel Hernández</b>
10 de abril	<b>VIERNES SANTO</b> Juan 18:1-19,42	"Promesas de Vida" <b>Pastor Uziel Hernández</b>
12 de abril	<b>DOMINGO DE RESURRECCIÓN</b> SANTA COMUNION Mateo 28:1-10	"Viendo a Jesús" <b>Pastor Uziel Hernández</b>
19 de abril	<b>2<sup>DO</sup> DOMINGO DE PASCUA</b> Juan 20:19-31	"Paz Sea a Vosotros" <b>Pastor Uziel Hernández</b>
26 de abril	<b>3<sup>ER</sup> DOMINGO DE PASCUA</b> Lucas 24:13-35	"Recordando el Cristo Resucitado" <b>Pastor Uziel Hernández</b>

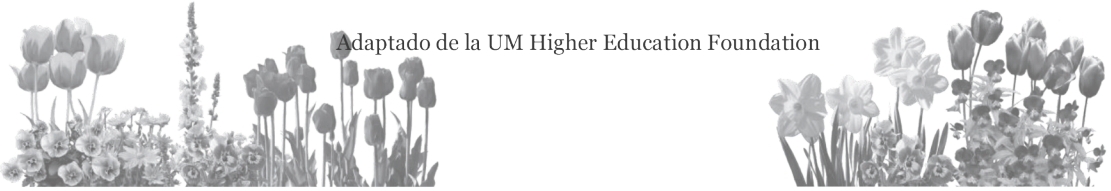
**"Así pues, la fe nace al oír el mensaje, y el mensaje viene de la palabra de Cristo." – Romanos 10:17**



# VIAJE A TRAVÉS DE CUARESMA

## Calendario Cuaresmal 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Feb 26 Asistir a un servicio de miércoles de Ceniza	27 COMPROMETE tiempo para un devocional cada mañana	28 ARREPENTIRSE de sus pecados y pedirle perdón a Dios	29 PERDONA a los que te han ofendido
Marzo 1 <i>1<sup>er</sup> Domingo en Cuaresma</i> "Regresa al Señor tu Dios, porque Él es misericordioso". Joel 2:13	2 ORAR por los cristianos que están en cautiverio	3 ABSTENTE de las redes sociales hoy	4 ESCUCHE un himno que le edifique	5 ORE por la guía de Dios en cada aspecto de su vida.	6 SALTAR una comida y dar el ahorro a un refugio para personas sin hogar	7 VISITA un anciano y llévale una comida caliente
8 <i>2<sup>do</sup> Domingo en Cuaresma</i> "Ha llegado el momento adecuado", dijo Marcos 1:15	9 PIDE a Dios que te ayude a reconciliar cualquier relación rota	10 DIGA una oración especial de gratitud por todo lo que tiene.	11 SER testigo de Cristo	12 ESCRIBE una nota de agradecimiento a un exmaestro o mentor.	13 CAMBIE o deje un hábito poco saludable que pueda tener.	14 SEA VOLUNTARIO en una organización sin fines de lucro.
15 <i>3<sup>er</sup> Domingo en Cuaresma</i> "Seguramente sabes que eres el templo de Dios". 1 Cor. 3:16	16 CREA una lista de oración y ora por ella todos los días	17 BUSCA ser guiado por Dios	18 DAR ánimo a alguien que lo necesita	19 Organiza un estudio bíblico en grupos pequeños	20 ORAR por estudiantes y la escuela relacionada con la iglesia Metodistas	21 ALEGRATE en el don de la naturaleza de Dios; pasar el día afuera
22 <i>4<sup>to</sup> Domingo en Cuaresma</i> "Yo soy la vid, y ustedes son las ramas". JUAN 15: 5	23 ESCRIBE una nota de agradecimiento a un soldado o veterano.	24 ¡CANTA un himno de alabanza a Dios!	25 ORE por la bendición de Dios en la Iglesia Metodista Unida	26 COMUNÍQUESE con alguien que es difícil de conocer.	27 INVITA a alguien a que asista al servicio dominical contigo	28 LIMPIAR el patio de un vecino anciano
29 <i>5<sup>to</sup> Domingo en Cuaresma</i> "Pero Dios lo levantó de la muerte y lo liberó". Juan 15-5	30 ORAR por los líderes de nuestra nación	31 DISCIPULAR a un nuevo creyente	Abril 1 DAR a una ofrenda para apoyar a los estudiantes de la Iglesia Metodista Unida	2 CONFÍA en DIOS: no te apoyes en tu propio entendimiento.	3 PIDE a Dios que te revele tus dones espirituales y úsalos.	4 AMISTAD con Dios hoy; experimentarlo en la naturaleza.
5 <i>Domingo de Palmas</i> "¡Bendito el rey que viene en el nombre del Señor!" Lucas 19:38 Lea Marcos 11: 1-10	6 <i>Semana Santa</i> ESTUDIE la historia de Pascua esta semana. Lea Marcos 11: 12-26	7 <i>Semana Santa</i> ¡ESCUCHE A JESÚS! Lea Marcos 11: 27-12: 12	8 <i>Semana Santa</i> ¡HONRA A JESÚS! Lea Marcos 14: 1-11	9 <i>Jueves Santo</i> ¡CONFÍE EN JESÚS! Lee Mateo 26: 14-75	10 <i>Viernes Santo</i> ¡RECUERDA A JESÚS! Lee Mateo 27: 1-66	11 <i>sábado de pascua</i> ¡RECIBA A JESÚS! Lee Hechos 2:22-29
12 <i>Domingo de Pascua</i> CELEBRE ¡Cristo ha resucitado!						

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## **MARCH 2020**

DATE	SCRIPTURE	SERMON TITLE
March 1	<b>1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT: Year A</b> <b>COMMUNION SUNDAY</b> Matthew 4:1-11	"Facing Our Giants" <b>Pastor Uziel Hernandez</b>
March 8	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT: Year A</b> John 3:1-17	"Born to be a Blessing" <b>Pastor Uziel Hernandez</b>
March 15	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT: Year A</b> John 4:5-42	"Sharing the Living Water" <b>Pastor Uziel Hernandez</b>
March 22	<b>4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT: Year A</b> John 9:1-41	Rockford Urban Ministries <b>Stanley Campbell</b> <b>Executive Director RUM</b>
March 29	<b>5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT: Year A</b> John 11:1-45	"Death, a Precursor to life" <b>Pastor Uziel Hernandez</b>

## **APRIL 2020**

DATE	SCRIPTURE	SERMON TITLE
April 5	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> <b>COMMUNION SUNDAY</b> Matthew 21:1-11	"Palm and Cloaks" <b>Pastor Uziel Hernandez</b>
April 9	<b>HOLY THURSDAY</b> John 13:1-7,31b-35	"Humble Service" <b>Pastor Uziel Hernandez</b>
April 10	<b>HOLY FRIDAY</b> John 18:1-19,42	"Life Promises" <b>Pastor Uziel Hernandez</b>
April 12	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> <b>COMMUNION SUNDAY</b> Matthew 28:1-10	"Seeing Jesus" <b>Pastor Uziel Hernandez</b>
April 19	<b>2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER: Year A</b> John 20:19-31	"Peace Be with You" <b>Pastor Uziel Hernandez</b>
April 26	<b>3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER: Year A</b> Luke 24:13-35	"Remembering the Resurrected Christ" <b>Pastor Uziel Hernandez</b>

***"You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me"***  
*John 5:39*



# JOURNEY THROUGH LENT

## 2020 Lenten Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			FEB 26 ATTEND a UMC Ash Wednesday Service.	27 COMMIT time to a devotional each morning.	28 REPENT of your sins and ask God's forgiveness.	29 FORGIVE those who have wronged you.
<b>MARCH</b> 1 <i>1st Sunday in Lent</i> "Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious." Joel 2:13	2 PRAY for Christians who are in captivity.	3 FAST from social media today.	4 READ the hymn, <i>Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus</i> .	5 PRAY for God's guidance in every aspect of your life.	6 SKIP a meal and give the savings to a homeless shelter.	7 VISIT a shut-in and take them a hot meal.
8 <i>2nd Sunday in Lent</i> "The right time has come," he said." Mark 1:15	9 ASK God to help you reconcile any broken relationships.	10 SAY a special prayer of gratitude for all you have.	11 BE a witness for Christ.	12 WRITE a thank you note to a former teacher or mentor.	13 CHANGE or quit an unhealthy habit you might have.	14 VOLUNTEER at a non-profit organization.
15 <i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i> "Surely you know that you are God's temple." 1st Cor. 3:16	16 CREATE a prayer list and pray it every day.	17 SEEK to be led by God.	18 GIVE encouragement to someone in need of it.	19 HOST a small group Bible study.	20 PRAY for UM students and UM-related schools.	21 REJOICE in God's gift of nature; spend the day outside.
22 <i>4th Sunday in Lent</i> "I am the vine, and you are the branches." John 15:5	23 WRITE a note of thanks to a soldier or veteran.	24 SING a hymn of praise to God!	25 PRAY for God's blessing on The United Methodist Church.	26 REACH out to someone who is difficult to get to know.	27 INVITE someone to attend Sunday worship with you.	28 CLEAN up an elderly neighbor's yard.
29 <i>5th Sunday in Lent</i> "But God raised him from death, setting him free." Acts 2:24	30 PRAY for the leaders of our nation.	31 DISCIPLE a new believer.	April 1 GIVE to UMHEF to support UM students.	2 TRUST in God; lean not on your own understanding.	3 ASK God to reveal your spiritual gifts to you and use them.	4 FELLOWSHIP with God today; experience Him in nature.
5 <i>Palm Sunday</i> "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" Luke 19:38 Read Mark 11:1-10	6 <i>Holy Week</i> STUDY the Easter story this week. Read Mark 11:12-26.	7 <i>Holy Week</i> BEHOLD JESUS! Read Mark 11:27-12:12	8 <i>Holy Week</i> HONOR JESUS! Read Mark 14:1-11.	9 <i>Mundy Thursday</i> TRUST JESUS! Read Matthew 26:14-75.	10 <i>Good Friday</i> REMEMBER JESUS! Read Matthew 27:1-66.	11 <i>Easter Saturday</i> RECEIVE JESUS! Read Acts 2:22-29.

12 EASTER  
REJOICE!  
Christ is risen,  
indeed!

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# Lent & Holy Week 2020

## Worship

**Theme:** Who is my Neighbor? Seeing Jesus in the eyes of our neighbor.

**Dates:** February 26th, 2020 – April 12th, 2020

### Sunday Worship Schedule:

Worship Service in English – 10:00 AM

Focus Study Experience with Centennial Cafe – 11:00 AM

Worship Service in Spanish – 12:00 PM



During this year's Lent and Holy Week, we will be observing it with the theme "Who is my Neighbor? Seeing Jesus in the eyes of our Neighbors." One of the gravest mistakes we can make is forget that Jesus our Lord is walking, speaking and being with those who we consider our neighbors. It is easy to stay within the boundaries of our church walls never really engaging the communities of people that surround us. On this Lent and Holy Week, we will be invited and challenged to see Jesus in the face of our neighbors as we make our Lenten journey and look for Jesus in our lives. How do we do this? How does Jesus move with our neighbors and what is God calling us to do when Jesus makes himself visible to us? We will be listening, praying, learning and reflecting faithfully as we search in our journey in Word and Table. This series will invite us to see our neighbor, affirm our neighbor and be with our neighbor.

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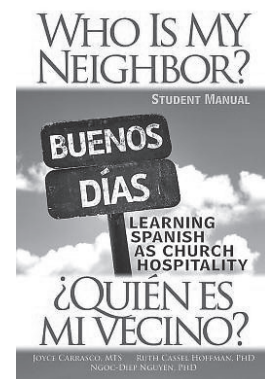
## Focus Study Experience

### Who Is My Neighbor? Student Manual

Learning Spanish as Church Hospitality

• By Ruth Cassel Hoffman, Ph.D., Joyce Carrasco, M.T.S., Ngoc-Diep Nguyen, Ph.D.  
\$10

Learning Spanish as church hospitality



How can we welcome our neighbors into church if we can't understand them? And vice versa? This six-session, field-tested program will give your congregation the basic Spanish-speaking skills needed to communicate with and provide a welcoming atmosphere to Latinx persons. The teacher and student manuals include worship materials designed to include Latinxs in worship, and insights into Latinx customs and lifestyles will help create a compassionate attitude toward those who struggle to learn English.

This will be a Bilingual Focus Study Experience.



# Northern Illinois Conference

The United Methodist Church

## Activities Calendar | Calendario de Actividades

<b>FRESH EXPRESSIONS</b> Thursday, March 12, 9am to 3:30pm <b>Location:</b> <i>Barrington UMC, 98 Algonquin Rd., Barrington</i>	<b>EXPRESIONES FRESCAS</b> Jueves 12 de marzo, 9am a 3:30pm <b>Lugar:</b> Barrington UMC, 98 Algonquin Rd., Barrington
<b>ROCKFORD DISTRICT UMM BREAKFAST &amp; COMMUNION SERVICE</b> Saturday, March 14, 8am-12:30pm <b>Location:</b> <i>Rockford: Grace UMC, 3555 Mcfarland Road, Rockford, IL 61114</i>	<b>DESAYUNO &amp; SERVICIO DE COMMUNION DE LOS HOMBRES METODISTAS UNIDOS EN EL DISTRITO DE ROCKFORD</b> Sábado, 14 de marzo, 8am-12:30pm <b>Lugar:</b> Rockford: Grace UMC, 3555 Mcfarland Road, Rockford, IL 61114
<b>FOLLOW-UP DISCIPLESHIP SYSTEMS TRAINING</b> Wednesday, March 25, 2 to 5 p.m. Rockford District <b>Location:</b> Freeport: Harmony UMC (formerly Freeport: Trinity), 2600 W Pearl City Road, Freeport, IL 61032	<b>SIGUIIMIENTO DEL ENTRENAMIENTO DE SISTEMAS DE DISIPULADO</b> Miércoles, 25 de marzo, 2 a 5 p.m. <b>Lugar:</b> Distrito de Rockford Freeport: Harmony UMC (anteriormente Freeport: Trinity), 2600 W Pearl City Road, Freeport, IL 61032
<b>UMW ROCKFORD DISTRICT SPRING DAY OF SPIRITUAL RENEWAL</b> Wednesday, April 8 Guest Speaker: Jane Rubietta <b>Location:</b> Freeport: First	<b>DÍA DE RENOVACIÓN ESPIRITUAL DE PRIMAVERA DE LAS MUJERES METODISTAS UNIDAS DEL DISTRITO DE ROCKFORD</b> Miércoles 8 de abril Ponente invitado: Jane Rubietta <b>Lugar:</b> Freeport: Primera
<b>ROCKFORD DISTRICT LAY SERVANT ACADEMY</b> Saturday, April 18 through Sunday, April 19 <b>Location:</b> <i>Bethel UMC: 217 S Hickory St, Shannon, IL 61078</i>	<b>ACADEMIA DE LIDERES LAICOS DEL DISTRITO DE ROCKFORD</b> Sabado, 18 de abril al Domingo 19 de abril <b>Lugar:</b> <i>Bethel UMC: 217 S Hickory St, Shannon, IL 61078</i>





Learn how established churches and new faith communities are reaching unchurched and dechurched people through fresh expressions of faith.

**Thursday, March 12, 2020**

**9 am to 3:30 pm**

Barrington UMC, 98 Algonquin Road, Barrington IL 60010



**Special Guest Speaker:**  
**Bishop Kenneth Carter**

Resident bishop of the Florida Conference of The United Methodist Church, president of the Council of Bishops, and author of "Fresh Expressions: A New Kind of Methodist Church" (with Audrey Warren; Abingdon Press, 2017)

Cost: \$20 (includes lunch)

Register at [www.umcnic.org/calendar/freshexpressions](http://www.umcnic.org/calendar/freshexpressions)

Deadline to register: March 10 at noon.



## Taste of Centennial

**Saturday, April 25th, 2020**

**From 4:00 to 6:00pm**

**Come and Taste the food of the countries represented in our church.**

[www.centennialumcrockford.org](http://www.centennialumcrockford.org)

## Holy Week

**April 5, 2020**

**Palm Sunday**

**10:00 am Service in English**

**12:00 pm Service in Spanish**

**April 9, 2020**

**Holy Thursday**

**6:00 pm Potluck & Bilingual Service and Holy Communion**

**April 10, 2020**

**Good Friday**

**6:00 pm Bilingual Service**

**April 12, 2020**

**Easter Sunday**

**10:00 am Joint Bilingual Service**



## Intentional Discipleship Systems:



### Digging Deeper

Register today for this intriguing follow-up to last fall's Discipleship Systems Training. Each session features two workshops to help establish or build on your church's intentional disciple-making systems. Register for one of six identical sessions throughout the NIC.

- Explore the "How" in the Formation of Mature Disciples
- Explore the "How" of Growing Generous Disciples



**Rev. Dr. Ken Sloan**

Director,  
Stewardship &  
Generosity at  
Discipleship  
Ministries



**Rev. Dr. M. Scott Hughes**

Director,  
Adult Discipleship  
and Executive Director,  
Congregational Vitality &  
Intentional Discipleship at  
Discipleship Ministries

### Tuesday, March 24, 2020

9 a.m. to 12 noon - Chicago Northwestern District

Northbrook UMC, 1190 Western Ave, Northbrook

2 to 5 p.m. - Chicago Southern District

Oak Lawn: First UMC, 10000 Central Ave  
(100th Street & Central Avenue)

### Wednesday, March 25, 2020

9 a.m. to 12 noon - DeKalb District

Ashton: Reynolds UMC, 2496 Reynolds Road

2 to 5 p.m. - Rockford District

Harmony UMC (formerly Freeport: Trinity UMC)  
2600 W Pearl City Road, Freeport

### Thursday, March 26, 2020

9 a.m. to 12 noon - Elgin District

Schaumburg: Our Saviour's UMC  
701 E. Schaumburg Road

2 to 5 p.m. - Aurora District  
Naperville: Grace UMC, 300 E. Gartner Road

Register at [www.umcnic.org/news/follow-up-discipleship-systems-training](http://www.umcnic.org/news/follow-up-discipleship-systems-training). Cost: \$10. All training sessions are open to everyone in the district, regardless of your home church location.

Registration questions? Please contact Laura Lopez at [llopez@umcnic.org](mailto:llopez@umcnic.org) or 312-346-9766 ext. 724

## FOLLOW UP TO DISCIPLESHIP SYSTEMS TRAINING



## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

### FAITH-HOPE-LOVE IN ACTION

The unit meetings of United Methodist Women are held the third Wednesday of each month at (unless otherwise notified) at Centennial United Methodist Church. 1503 Broadway.

The purpose of the UMW shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church. Our vision is "turning faith, hope, and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world."

In January, Centennial's UMW was invited to join the UMW at Brooke Road UMC. The program was Police Presence in Our Neighborhoods. The Rockford Police Department officer was very knowledgeable and interesting. His office is on 7th Street but he is very familiar with both the Centennial and Brooke Road neighborhoods. He suggested calling the police non-emergency number 815-966-2900 if anyone sees suspicious activity. (Pam Herriott)

In February Centennial UMW joined the UMW at Court Street UMC to hear Carly Rice of Miss Carly's speak. Miss Carly told her personal story to help us understand why she provides a hot, healthy home-cooked meal three days a week for anyone in need of food with no questions asked. She also provides a sack lunch 24/7 to anyone who is hungry. Miss Carly's weekly food and supplies run \$1600 to \$2000 which is achieved through donations. Donations of food, supplies and money were collected at the UMW meeting to help Miss Carly's. If you would like to donate food or supply items, a list is posted on the UMW Board in the Gathering Room.

#### Upcoming UMW Programs

##### March UMW Meeting

Wednesday, March 18, 1:00 pm

We will visit Rock House Kids located at 1325 Seventh Street, Rockford

We will have a presentation and tour.

Rock House Kids is located in Centennial's neighborhood and was fashioned after our very own Saturday Kids Club. Everyone is welcome.

##### April UMW Meeting

Wednesday, April 15, 1:00 pm

Location: Centennial UMC

Program: Practicing Resurrection; The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship

Speaker: Rev. Judith Kelsey-Powell

We will explore what it means to live a life of radical discipleship today using the Gospel of Mark as the foundation. We will look at the timeless issues of poverty, gender, justice, liberation, equality using Mark as a guide.

Everyone is welcome.

Cindy Whitmer, President UMW

## UMW Projects

### Schnucks gas card/Escrip program.

Each time you use your registered card at Schnucks donations are made to the church and if you have the gas card you earn discounts on fuel as well. Keep shopping and earning both for Centennial and gas discounts for your selves.

**Good Search program** - A penny is earned for each search and if you shop online at any of the Good Shop partners bigger earnings are available.

**Amazon Smile** - We have another opportunity to earn donations to the church by shopping with Amazon and their smile program. If you already shop with Amazon we have signed up to receive donations for Centennial with this program. You shop as you already do just go through the smile program and select Centennial to support.

## Pastor Uziel's Dates Out March 23rd – 26th

- Pastor Uziel will be in Houston, TX. He is participating in the National Workshop of Christian Unity and the United Methodist Ecumenical Interreligious Training. For Pastor Emergencies please call: Pastor Violet Johnicker, (847) 651-4857.

## Fecha que el Pastor Uziel Estará Fuera 23 al 26 de marzo

- El Pastor Uziel estará en Houston, TX. El estará participando en el Taller Nacional de Unidad Cristiana y en el Entrenamiento Metodista Unido Ecuménico Interreligioso. Si tiene alguna emergencia pastoral por favor llamar: Pastor Keith Kelsey-Powell

### **GREETERS AND COMMUNION SERVERS**

Pastor Uziel wants to thank all those willing to serve as a greeter or as a communion server. These are important ministries in our church.

#### **Greeters**

**March:** Carol Byers

**April:** Sheila Grady

**May:** Marje Doll

#### **Communion Servers**

**March:** Joyce Russ

**April:** Grace Palmer

**May:** Maynard Wibom

### **Finance Corner**

January-February 29, 2020

Operating Revenue	14,875
Withdrawals - Wells Fargo	6,000
Endowment Income	<u>4,884</u>
	25,759
 Total Operating Expenses	 17,224

## Rockford Urban Ministries

### Engaging Lent

Lent invites us to slow down our lives to take stock of ourselves and our community. It invites us to feel our smallness, our vulnerability, and our fears, to come to real transformation.

#### FIRST WEEK OF LENT

Tuesday, March 3rd, 6:30 pm

The Nones. 'Nones' – those who don't claim affiliation with any specific religion – are now bigger than evangelicals and tied with Catholics as the largest religious group in the United States. A chat with one of Rockford's youngest pastors, Reverend Violet Johnicker of Brooke Road United Methodist Church, and those who have been on this non-religious march for the last 20 years.

The new Miniham's Bar in the historic William Brown Building, 226 S. Main St., downtown Rockford

#### SECOND WEEK OF LENT

Tuesday, March 10th, 6:30 pm

יניטסלפ-ילארשיה דוסכסה. The Israeli–Palestinian conflict is an ongoing struggle that affects more than 750,000 internally displaced Palestinians in the West Bank. Meet Christian peace activists Rachel and Yousef Natsheh who will premiere their new 30-minute documentary 'Hebron' and share stories from local Palestinian refugees and Israeli supporters.

Just Goods Fair Trade Marketplace, 201 7th St., midtown Rockford

#### THIRD WEEK OF LENT

Tuesday, March 17th, 6:30 pm

Trans 101. Perhaps the biggest cultural shift in 2019 was the higher visibility and emergence of the trans community, along with the shifting definition of gender. Understanding Trans is a session on what it means to be trans and how to relate to and communicate with trans people. With Chase Norris, M.S.Ed, LPC, LGBT+ Community Center Founder, and Paula Randall, Miss Trans USA 2019. 317 Art Collective, 317 Market St., downtown Rockford

#### FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

Tuesday, March 24th, 6:30 pm

Okay, Boomer. Ageism—the stereotyping, prejudice, and discrimination against people on the basis of their age—is a widespread growing practice. And Rockford baby boomers are seeing it as new evidence of age bias in hiring. Hear the stigmas and obstacles faced by seniors, learn the telltale signs of ageism in the workplace.

Longwood Gardens, 1055 E. State St.

#### FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

Tuesday, March 31st, 6:30 pm

Millennial Nuns. After 50 years of decline, more young women are being called to the religious life. A look at the changing ministry of the first sisters of Rockford, the Sinsinawa Dominicans. From the new organic farming ministry by 32-year-old Sister Cristin Tomy to the retreat and spiritual direction work of 86-year-old Sister Ellie Hoffmann, how women religious are bringing new perspective into the needs of our world. Womanspace, 3333 Maria Linden Dr., Rockford

#### SIXTH WEEK OF LENT

Tuesday, April 7th, 6:30 pm

Beggar to Entrepreneur. Bijender 'BJ' Bisht, House of India chef and owner, had humble beginnings living on the streets in the slums of Mumbai. A rags to riches story with a first-hand look at third world poverty and what giving back means to this successful entrepreneur. Followed by a full Indian vegan dinner. \$15 suggested donation, Eventbrite reservation. House of India Restaurant, 6430 E. Riverside Blvd., Loves Park

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Check out our website: <http://rockfordurbanmin.org/>

## Nurture Committee



The Centennial Café continues every Sunday between the first and second services. The Café is in need of volunteers to bring treats to share. The Café signup sheet is on the Café table on Sundays and in the church office Monday – Saturday.

Mark your Calendars

Sunday, March 22

Tulip Signup for Easter will be available in the church office. The cost is \$17.50 per plant.

Multiple colors will be available.

Sunday, March 29

Celebration Lunch—Sandwiches and salad during Café time. Watch for details.

Sunday, April 5

Palm Sunday

Linda Gentry will provide palms

Thursday, April 9

Maunday Thursday—6 pm potluck; 7 pm service

Friday, April 10

Good Friday—6 pm Bilingual service

Sunday, April 12

Easter Sunday—10 am Joint service

Tulips will adorn our sanctuary.

Saturday, April 25 4 – 6 pm Taste of Centennial

Cindy Whitmer will be contacting table captains in late March.

This is a wonderful fundraiser for our church. You will want to be there! Plan on being a part of this great event.

Cindy Whitmer, Chairperson



# birthdays

3/2	Jesus Cruz	4/1	Drew Brown
3/2	Steven Gomez	4/1	Douglas Herriott
3/2	Marlene Wibom	4/3	Tyler Vails
3/5	Karina Salazar	4/7	Benjamin Guerrero
3/5	Jennifer Teasdale	4/7	Dougal Whitmer
3/6	Maggie Orlando	4/9	Steven Enderle
3/6	James Whitmore	4/9	Gabriel Ruiz
3/7	Leroy Magnuson	4/13	Pat Nelson
3/9	Olivia Stone	4/16	Erica Kessler
3/14	Rachel Ruiz	4/16	Doris Mejia
3/16	Jennifer Johnson	4/17	Ana Maria Solis
3/17	Carleton Dean	4/21	Ashley Vails
3/18	Aylin Medina	4/22	Neil Rote
3/20	Brian Clinkenbeard	4/23	Roman Brown
3/21	Jo Harrington	4/26	Forrest Nelson
3/22	Henrietta Day		
3/24	Joyce Russ		
3/25	Christian Berndt		
3/26	Emmaly Nelson		
3/27	Ellen M Dean		
3/27	Cynthia Garza		
3/30	Matthew Slade		
3/31	Tia Pody		

Next issue: May-June  
Articles and items due April 19, 2020

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Lori Doll  
Pam Herriott  
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Our prayers and thoughts for our home bound members. We love you and miss you very much.

## At Wesley Willows:

Mae Foster  
Henrietta Day  
Art Huenkemeier

## At Home:

Jo Marshall  
Nancy O'Leary  
Micaela Serrano  
Aida Bejesus  
Cleo English  
Jo Harrington  
Jerald Grady

## Undergoing Treatment/Rehab:

Keith Sodergren  
Ken Dahlgren  
John Paul (Margie's son)  
Jonathan Garcia (Myriam Luna's son)  
Mickey Wibom  
Rev. Bettye Mixon  
Tara Arencibia  
Pastor Fabiola's father  
Rosa Mendoza  
Portia Hanebuth  
Jim Whitmore  
Silvia Duran  
Pat Nelson  
Ray Kellermann



## FLOWER CHART

You can worship God through the flowers you bring to church.  
The cost of the flowers is \$26 with checks payable to Centennial. Please sign up at the Flower Chart. There are still openings.

*March 2020*

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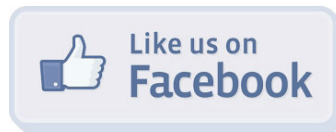
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**Join us for Sunday Services**  
**English 10:00 am**  
**Spanish 11:30 am**



**Centennial UMC is a multicultural congregation strongly committed to being open, accepting, welcoming and loving to all, making a difference in our community through our Christian outreach.**



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