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The deadline for our next Centenary Messenger is Sunday, October 23rd and it will be mailed out on October 28th. Please email your articles, prayer requests, or news to the church office by the deadline. Thanks!

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An Awesome Awareness Isaiah 6: 1-8

This is the story of Isaiah's call by God in the temple, in the year 742 B.C., probably while he was officiating at worship. Isaiah was in the area of the temple where he could view the altar of incense with its plumes of sweet smoke rising to the heavens, carrying the prayers of the people. Smoke is one of the most vivid biblical symbols for God. We recall that the Israelites were led by a pillar of cloud (smoke) by day and a pillar of fire by night. The smoke both conceals and reveals the God of mystery and might. As Isaiah is viewing the Ark of the Covenant, enshrined in the most Holy Place, he sees the Lord in all of his majestic glory on his throne, attended by the heavenly creatures. The winged seraphim sat on top of the covenant box which was considered the throne of God. The cherubim call out to one another "Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of hosts..." (v.4), giving special emphasis to the holiness of God. Isaiah cringes in dread as he realizes that he does not deserve to be in the presence of the Almighty. He cries out: "Woe is me! For I am lost..." The prophet senses imminent doom because he knows that a sinful man does not deserve to stand in the presence of the Almighty. Yet Isaiah is not swept away by God's wrath by rather his grace and forgiveness. The Lord sends a seraph with a coal from the altar to touch and purify his lips. His sin is taken away. The smoke represents the mystery of God. On any given Sunday we celebrate the truth that we are able to see beyond the smoke because Christ has brought us into the very presence of God. We see that God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

When God appears, we see God's glory! Isaiah's vision suggests he was in the temple, stationed where he could see both the altar and the sanctuary. Right in the middle of ordinary worship, he "saw the Lord" and around the Lord a great hosts of seraphs, crying aloud God's holiness and glory.

Whatever else one might say about what happened in the Temple that day, one point is crystal clear – Isaiah became aware of the reality behind the liturgy. **He saw that worship was focused on a living God, a God of holiness and glory.** Are we aware of a living God behind the liturgy of our worship?

Whenever we gather for worship, I hope you take the time to linger in the glory. Just stop and be aware of God. Drink in all of the beauty, power, majesty, wonder and glory of God that you can. Let the glory of God roll over you like the waves of the ocean and fill your being with joy and wonder.

Worship feeds and sustains us for the task of living a Christian life. For the Christian, worship is not an option (something we choose to do or not do) it is a way of life.
See you in church for worship this Sunday!

Grace and peace,
Pastor Jack

OCTOBER EVENTS

October is *Pastor Appreciation Month!*

Saturday, October 1
1-5pm – Greensboro Thrift Shop

Sundays, October 2, 9, 16, 23
9:30am – Parenting class

Monday, October 3
10am – UMW Board meeting
12N – UMW cover dish luncheon

Wednesdays, October 5, 12, 19, 26
5pm – Dinner
6pm – Bible study
7pm – Choir Rehearsal/Prayer Service

Thursdays, October 6, 13, 20, 27
5:15pm – Women's Bible study

Monday, October 10
10:00am – UMW Circle #45
6:30pm – UMM dinner

Tuesday, October 11
7pm – UMW Evening Stars

Thursday, October 13
1:30pm – Bingo at Magnolia House

Sunday, October 16
12:15pm – Youth dinner

Tuesday, October 18
12N – UMW Cir. #1
7pm – Church Council

Thursday, October 20
11:45am – JOY Club

Saturday, October 29
9:30am – NW District UMW Annual Meeting (First UMC, Madison)

Sunday, October 30
6pm – Hallelujah Night with cover dish supper and hymn sing to follow (**Forest Hills UMC**).

JOY CLUB

Come for fellowship and a wonderful catered lunch (\$5) with your 55+ friends at JOY Club which meets on **Thursday, October 20** at 11:45 am. Call 627-9226 x 21 to RSVP.

UMW

For those interested in finding out more about the recently created **Cold Night Shelter** in Quincy, please join us for a covered dish luncheon at noon in the Fellowship Hall on **Monday, Oct 3rd**. **Ben Powell** will be our guest speaker. All members of the congregation are invited. The Executive Board will meet at 10am in the Pairs and Spares SS classroom prior to the lunch.

Also, please join us on **Thursday, Oct. 13th**, at **1:30pm** for BINGO with our friends at Magnolia House. We look forward to another great year in mission!!

NW District UMW Annual Meeting will be hosted by First UMC, Madison on **Saturday, October 29**. Special guest: **Ana Ingles**, UMW President of East Angola Conference
www.floridaconferenceconnection.info/blogs/detail/229

Dianne Bass
President

28th ANNUAL FLUMC WOMEN'S RETREAT

PROMISE OF HOPE

"A time to intentionally come away from the responsibilities of your home, children, families, and jobs; to set your feet on holy ground; and to meet Jesus Christ face to face." Four weekends at the Life Enrichment Center, Fruitland Park, FL:

January 20-22

February 3-5

February 17-19

March 2-4

(Brochures available in the Narthex)

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

Centenary United Methodist Church has a very active Archives Committee. They have been at work gathering items and preparing them for safekeeping. At a recent meeting they developed their Mission Statement. This statement is printed here for publication.

"The purpose of this committee is to collect, preserve and organize historical materials and display them in a permanent heritage room. This is a ministry of memory designed to connect us to the Centenary Methodist Church family, in historic Gadsden County, and to identify and honor those who went before us."

Anyone who would be interested in becoming a part of this ministry is welcome to join us. We will be displaying items of historical interest from time to time for all of the church to view and appreciate.
Lucy Whitehead

DEVOTIONAL OPPORTUNITY

Upper Room devotional magazines are located in the narthex and church office. They are short, daily devotionals for individuals or families—just the way to start your day! The cost is 60 cents, \$1.00 for large print. Any left over magazines go to Christ Town. They are printed bi-monthly. You can also access the church website at www.centenaryquincy.org to obtain daily devotions.

FROM THE CHOIR LOFT

Hello all! Choir has gotten off to a great start this month! We are learning and growing more as an ensemble with every rehearsal. October we will be beginning bell choir after communion on **Sunday the 9th!** All are welcome to come ring a bell, regardless of experience or ability (much like choir!)
David Haas
Director of Music

SPAM

(Students Participating Actively in Mission)

We have several great things planned for the remainder of the year! On **October 16th**, there is a lunch fundraiser benefiting the youth right after church. So please come support our youth. Also in **November** there will be a Youth Sunday service on the **20th**. I am looking forward to getting to know everyone more closely.

In His Name,
Ian Collins
Youth Director

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

On **Wednesday, October 26th** Sandy Grischy RN, Cancer Patient Navigator from the Tallahassee Memorial Cancer Center will be the speaker. She will present the new cancer center "One Healing Place" and talk about different types of cancers and

what the new center offers patients. This new center is affiliated with the Moffitt Cancer Center.

Also, on **Thursday, November 10th** Centenary will be hosting *Tribute to the Troops* with John Riley as guest speaker and special music by Unchained 4 Him. This event is presented by Greensboro UMC.

OCTOBER Birthday

- 1 W.O. Whittle
- 2 Janet Broen, Taylor Budd Williams
- 4 Anna Green, Susie Winkler
- 7 Bill Montague, Robert Perry
- 8 Taylor Blackmon
- 11 Maevan Pittman
- 12 Marie Deeney
- 13 Owen Miller, Anna Miller
- 16 Pat Higdon
- 17 Addison Chapman
- 18 Cantey Higdon, Jr.
- 20 Claire Hubbard
- 22 Annie Bell, Billy Cox
- 23 Anne Parramore
- 24 Rich Reffner
- 26 MarianHurst
- 27 Mary Hilliard Harrington
- 29 Ray Blicht, Carolee Davey, George Hamilton
- 31 Ann Louise McElreath

OCTOBER Anniversary

- 4 Mike & Heather Watson
- 5 Richard & Dianne Bass
- 6 Doug & Dianne Croley
- 7 Cantey & Marilynn Higdon
- 16 John & Lucy Laing
- 23 John Robert & Amanda Chandler

PRAYER CONCERNS

Mary Stuart Auman, Ruth Barnes, Gene Cost, Rich Greco, Jo Ann Hamilton, Marian Hurst, Spurgeon Johnson, Mattie McMillan, Ralph & Rachel Perkins, Gloria Sammons, Mildred Suber, Lillian Weaver, Susie Winkler. Also, those men and women serving in our military overseas: Bruce Munger, Lt. Col. Michael Patronis.



IN MEMORIAM

Doris Allen

August 4, 1923 - September 22, 2011