



Right, Charlotte Pridmore and Eleanor Shrader are all smiles as they volunteer for the Yard Sale Lunch Duty, just one of the assignments they have teamed up to handle. Right, Geri Roberts, has taught us to step-up and reach out to make a difference. Here she tackles cleaning the kitchen.

Testimonials Are Us

Redwoods, We Are Rooted In Love

Sometimes we wonder if we don't need counseling. Are we gluttons for punishment? What group in their right thinking would take on a project like that?

Women who lean on the Lord and have worked their whole life in challenging careers or with family responsibilities, and in most cases both, take on challenges bigger than they thought and then laugh and say, "Thank you Lord. You saw us through that." At least, that's been the battle cry of Centenary's Life Group, The Redwoods.

We're an ecumenical group with members from other churches but most of us are Methodists. That's why Centenary has reaped the benefit of so many of our projects. One project was a cleaning chore that expanded into a total remodeling of the church kitchen and fellowship hall thanks to generous gifts from anonymous donors.

Currently some of our members with Green Thumbs have joyously taken on the task of cleaning and landscaping around the Centenary building. WHEW. When the stack of weeds and trash are half as tall as we are you have to stop and ask, "whose idea was this"? But, one thing for sure, donations and yard sale profits have given us some money to help pay for some beautiful plants and a little brawn to help with the heavier lifting. We can't wait for you to enjoy the beauty of the new perennials and shrubs in the years to come.

Now, Redwoods aren't all work and no play. In Redwoods we laugh a lot. Our name comes from the belief that our life group, like the giant Redwood trees which thrive in thick groves where their roots can intertwine and even fuse together making them stronger individually and as a group, is stronger when we fuse together as children of God.

We know the importance of celebrating our accomplishments through God's help, and our growing friendships, the most treasured fruit of our efforts. Our life group devotionals are our personal time with God and our time to share and grow. We pray and we reap the assurance of God's presence in our service especially when we go beyond Centenary and minister in the assisted living facilities, and the Northside Early Childhood Center. We thank God for the blessing of service, the strength that comes from working together In His Name, and the love we reap from Christian fellowship.

Centenary Life Groups share your testimonials in Cross Talk. Call Angela Cook to learn more, 502-633-4510.



Cleaning the Fifth Street entrance expanded to landscaping completely around the building to Main street.



Red Heart Balloons were given to each of the folks who testified to God's role in the ministries they served in.

Sunday, October 18th Was Laity Sunday.

It was a day to praise God and celebrate the work of Centenary's laity. Twenty two members participated in the service led by Lay Leader, Mark Burks. If you weren't there you missed a joyous service full of stories about God working in the lives of members to strengthen them to service and bless them through love.

We learned what was going on in the church through service opportunities and discovered that we are touching lives across the globe through teams like the Upper Room Prayer Line Team. Clyde Tharp and Jim Coats told us about the power and blessing of prayer in that ministry. Callie Aitken's, witnessing for the Youth Ministries, shared the difference being a part of their praise band has made in her worshipful walk with Christ. Barry Sanford and Trisha Hobbs made an impact with their Impact Shelby stories. Trisha also echoed what David Pratt recognized as God at work through the Ramp Ministry. Linda Sanford and Helena Krueer's stories were stitched together with love when they witnessed on what UMW and circles like the Quilters were doing for others. Sydney Lawson spoke up for the Lay Speakers and Lay Leadership programs that she felt blessed to serve in. Katharyn Tummonds shared the recipe for happiness when you serve by feeding others at God's Kitchen. Jan Huggins and Charlotte Pridmore told what ministering together in the Redwoods has meant to them and their fellow members. Morning prayers were given by David Cook, Pam Phillips and Karen Warford. Abby Burks Siemen gave the Children's Moment. Other laity sharing in the event were Carla Gerding , Patty Burks and Bonnie Burks Gray.

UMW Willing Workers are postponing future meetings until 2016 to work on growing membership and ministry opportunities.