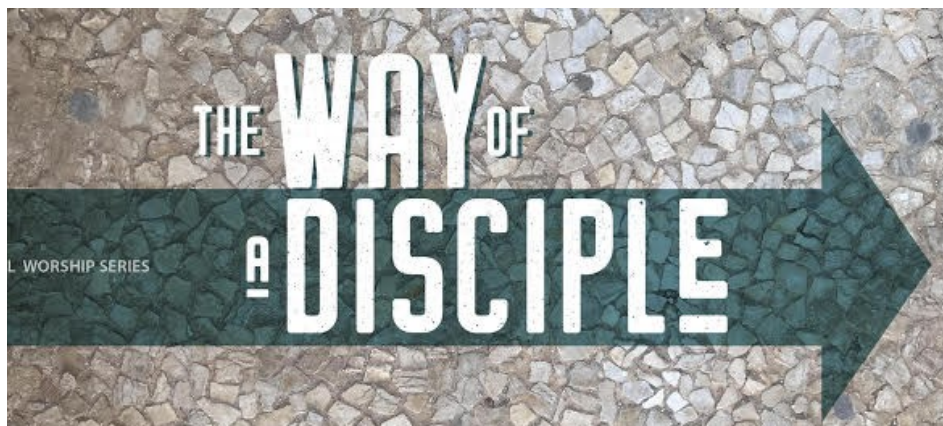




STEEPLE NEWS

Centennial United Methodist Church at Ivy

April 2018



While today we call ourselves Christians, in the first century, followers of Jesus most commonly identified themselves as followers of “The Way.” In John 14:6, Jesus said of himself, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life.” As disciples of Christ, we should always aspire to follow The Way of Jesus.

Throughout April, we will be focusing on what it means to be a disciple. As disciples of Christ, we are invited on a life-long journey with Jesus. It is a continual process of growing closer to God by loving God and loving our neighbor.

Discipleship is not a journey in which we will arrive at our destination and then just stay put. Following Jesus is an eternal journey. As disciples, we should always be drawing closer to God. And yet, discipleship is not drudgery. It is a joyful process in which we are blessed to participate. Fortunately, we are not on this journey alone. As part of a body of believers, we support and encourage each other. The Holy Spirit is with us, teaching us and guiding us on our way.

We all find ourselves at different places in our faith journeys. During April, we will look to discern where we are on this journey, and then find the next steps we can take to grow closer to God as we follow The Way.

Blessings on the journey,
Pastor Wendy

“ This is not Centennial’s ministry. It’s God’s ministry. God will lead you. You are not alone.”
- Heecheon Jeon, District Superintendent

- 1 - Easter! Sunrise Service at 7am, Breakfast, Worship 10:30am. NO DINNER DAY!**
- 2 - Administrative Council Meeting 7pm**
- 4 - True Believers 5:30-7**
- 4 - First night for Dave Ramsey Financial Freedom class 6-7pm**
- 5 - UMW meeting 1pm**
- 8 - DINNER DAY!**
- 12 - Communications meeting at 6pm.**
- 15 - Commission on a way Forward Central District Gathering 2-4:30pm**
- 19 - Community Potluck-noon**
- 20 - Steeple News Due**
- 28 - Men’s Group Breakfast 9am**

Dinner Day Change

Dinner Day will be a week later on April 8

Christ is Risen!



Centennial UMC at Ivy Full-Time Pastoral Appointment Update

On March 19th, 2018 a Charge Conference was held to vote on transitioning Centennial to a full-time pastoral appointment. The vote passed with 34 'Yes' votes and 15 'No' votes. Centennial will be transitioning to a full-time pastoral appointment! This is an exciting and historic step for Centennial as we continue our work to improve how we help people grow as disciples of Jesus Christ.

The Miracle Sunday campaign aims to address the increased financial obligations of this full-time pastoral appointment. Throughout this campaign you will hear and read continued communication of the details of this appointment, what this appointment means for Centennial, as well as testimonials from some of our members. This campaign will be a spiritual journey on which we will

build on the excitement and passion we are experiencing at Centennial, as well as address the obligations of this full-time appointment. Information on gifts and donations to this campaign, and to the future of Centennial, will be communicated on Centennial's website, Facebook page, as well as on Sundays during worship service at 10:30am.

Please mark your calendars for Mother's Day, May 13th of 2018, as Miracle Sunday. All of the communication and preparation during this campaign will coalesce on this day as we celebrate all of the miracles that have happened at Centennial, and celebrate our congregation's commitment to ensuring miracles continue to happen at Centennial. I thank all of you for your support of, and commitment to, Centennial.

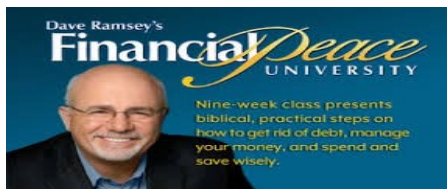


Bible Studies / Classes

Learn the step-by-step plan to take control of your money and your future.

Register & pay tuition for the class at FPUonline.com

Class starts Wednesday, April 5th 6-7 pm



We will begin a 'Cross Talk' group which is aimed at middle aged adults. The first book of study will be 'Living the Five' We will begin this study on Sunday mornings during Sunday school April 15.

Sunday, April 8 we will begin 'The Legacy Builders' Bible Study group. This will be a young adult study and will begin by reading "The Shack"

Youth Group News

Ivy's Youth Group will be traveling to Branson, MO April 6-8 to attend Young Christians Weekend at Silver Dollar City.

We will have 13 junior and senior high kids attending! The youth hope to grow deeper in their faith, gain a closer relationship with God, enjoy fellowship with others their age and grow closer as a group.

We want to THANK the congregation for all the LOVE and SUPPORT for our kids!



Report of the Annual Financial Audit

**For the
period beginning January 1,
2017 and ending December
31, 2017**

The committee on finance is required to make provision for an annual audit of the records of all the financial officers (including the financial secretary, church business manager and treasurers) of the church and all its organizations, and shall report to the charge conference (the Book of Discipline, 1996 Par 262.4c) When completed report results to your local church council.

Church Centennial United Methodist Church at Ivy

_____ Each Treasurer

Charge Pastor Wendy Musgrave

_____ Chairperson, Committee on

District Central

_____ Local Church Files/Clergy

Annual Conference Iowa

_____ District Superintendent

Newsletter

Audit of Receipts, Dis- bursements and Balances

Record	Balance at Beginning of Period	Cash Received and Recorded	Beginning Balance Plus Receipts	Total Disbursements For Period	Balance, End of Period
Financial Secretary's Records	XXXXXXXXXX X	\$ 105,828.16	XXXXXXXXXX XX	XXXXXXXXXX XXX	XXXXXXXXXX
Current Expense Fund	\$ 38,616.61	\$ 100,712.57	\$ 139,329.18	\$ 93,089.61	\$ 46,239.57
Money Market Account	\$ 51,111.97	\$ 136.54	\$ 51,248.51	\$ 40.00	\$ 51,208.51
Building or Improvement Fund	\$ 76,173.15	\$ 10,019.13	\$ 86,192.28	\$ -	\$ 86,192.28
United Methodist Women	\$ 7,447.52	\$ 4,549.93	\$ 11,997.45	\$ 7,217.10	\$ 4,780.35
United Methodist Youth Minis- tries	\$ 874.11	\$ 2,745.75	\$ 3,619.86	\$ 1,335.43	\$ 2,284.43
Sunday School	\$ 3,704.60	\$ 4,452.06	\$ 8,156.66	\$ 3,251.35	\$ 4,905.31
Other Funds	XXXXXXXXXX XX	XXXXXXXXXX XX	XXXXXXXXXX XX	XXXXXXXXXX XXX	XXXXXXXXXX
Memorials	\$ 34,947.76	\$ 3,480.66	\$ 38,428.42	\$ 5,224.00	\$ 33,204.42
Total of all treasures of the Church	\$ 212,875.72	\$ 126,096.64	\$ 338,972.36	\$ 110,157.49	\$ 228,814.87

Date February 20,
2018

Signed Gaylen Heaber-
Gaylen Heaberlin
Chairperson, Audit Committee

Heifer Project 2018

We will be collecting for Heifer Project from March 10 - April 15. There will be envelopes in the Narthex to leave a donation. Please leave them in the offering plate or give to any Missions committee member. We like to try to buy animals in pairs to fill the ark! Any support of this important project would be greatly appreciated!

- Missions.



Ushers and Greeters

April 1 - Gunnar & Heath Methlie
April 8 - Amy Corbin & Jason Ferguson
April 15 - Helen Freeman & Jonathan Freel
April 22 - Doris Heaberlin & Bob Dice
April 29 - Brandi & Brock Jackson

May 6 - Torie Hermann & Isha Martin
May 13 - Dean and Judy Fiene
May 20 - Ardean & Janice Williams
May 27 - Maggie Stout & LaDonna Morse

Dinner Day Hosts and Hostesses

April 1 - Easter - Youth Breakfast
April 8 - **Dinner Day - Fiene & Denhart**
April 15 -
April 22 -
April 29 -

Please consider hosting a fellowship time. We will NOT have coffee and snacks on dates not covered.
Thank you!

Then the angel spoke to the women, "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body is lying.

-Matthew 28:5-6

Community Potluck

Community Monthly Potluck at Centennial every 3rd Thursday of the month at noon. From January until August.

All are welcome! Invite friends and neighbors!



April Anniversaries

7 Medea & Scott Saunders
26 Don & Rose Talley



1 Amanda Ferguson
Andrea Hackett
4 Marshall Day
8 April King
9 Whitney Warner
11 Leslee Lynch
Sue Tomlin
14 Gary Roberts
15 Jim Denhart
16 Gail Gish
18 Butch Weeks
25 Justin Shaver
29 Janice Williams
30 Macy Craven
Mary Ferguson

United Methodist Women

Centennial United Methodist Women met March 1 at 1:00 in the fellowship hall. Sandra Stuart shared the program followed by the reading of the March Scripture, Luke 13:18-19.

Six members were present with Marilyn Murphy serving as hostess.

The next meeting will be April 5 and Sandra will present the program and Judy Weeks will serve as hostess.

On Feb. 21, 6 members gave the kitchen shelves, cupboards, drawers, etc. a good cleaning and enjoyed a tasty soup lunch for their efforts.

On April 30, the group will again serve the Caring Hands Food Pantry's Simple Supper held at Adventure Life Church in Altoona for the food pantry's clients.

Frequently Called Numbers -

Pastor: Wendy Musgrave
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Torie Hermann
515-664-2882
toriehermann@gmail.com

Trustees: Ardean Williams
515-967-4189

Treasurer (bills to be paid): Bonnie Altes
515-966-2127

Financial Secretary (Estimates of giving):
Gaylen Heaberlin
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Caring Hands Food Pantry :

The Caring Hands Outreach Center is a network of Christian churches and community partners that mobilizes eastern Polk County for compassionate service toward our neighbors.

Centennial's March donation totaled 229 items which included 124 food items and 105 personal items. Thanks for sharing so generously!

Most needed food items:

Cream of Mushroom Soup 10 oz
Cream of Chicken Soup 10 oz
Elbow Macaroni
Pork and Beans
Chili Beans
Egg Noodles 12-Oz (Dry)
Tuna, canned



FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2018 Actual Giving vs. 2018 Budget Goal

	Required		Tithes	Other Inc	Total	Cumulative Difference
January	\$ 6,910.00	4 Sundays	\$ 6,615.75	\$ 350.00	\$ 6,965.75	\$ 55.75
February	\$ 6,910.00	4 Sundays	\$ 6,012.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 6,262.00	\$ (648.00)
March	\$ 6,910.00	4 Sundays			\$ -	
April	\$ 8,640.00	5 Sundays			\$ -	
May	\$ 6,910.00	4 Sundays			\$ -	
June	\$ 6,910.00	4 Sundays			\$ -	
July	\$ 8,640.00	5 Sundays			\$ -	
August	\$ 6,910.00	4 Sundays			\$ -	
September	\$ 8,640.00	5 Sundays			\$ -	
October	\$ 6,910.00	4 Sundays			\$ -	
November	\$ 6,910.00	4 Sundays			\$ -	
December	\$ 8,640.00	5 Sundays			\$ -	
2018 Budget	\$ 89,840.00		\$ 12,627.75	\$ 600.00	\$ 13,227.75	14.72%

52 Sundays in 2018

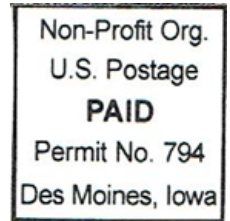
Require=15.38%
Of Annual Budget

As of /February 28 we are short of our 2018 Budget Goal by \$648.00

Gaylen Heaberlin, Finance Chairman



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April is definitely the month to “check out” your favorite library !



School Library Month

Library Card Sign-Up Month

National Library Week - April 8-14

National Library Workers Day - April 10

National Bookmobile Day - April 11

D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything And Read) - April 12

Children’s Book Day - April 30

Public library? School library? Church library? Little Free Library?

Make April YOUR reading month by visiting a library!



CHURCH LIBRARY

“Love the Lord your God with all your mind.”



Contact Us

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Visit us on Instagram at centennial_ivy.

Or on our website at IvyCentennial.org.

Visit our website at ivycentennial.org to see Pastor Wendy’s Sermons, Committee and Event information and Church updates.