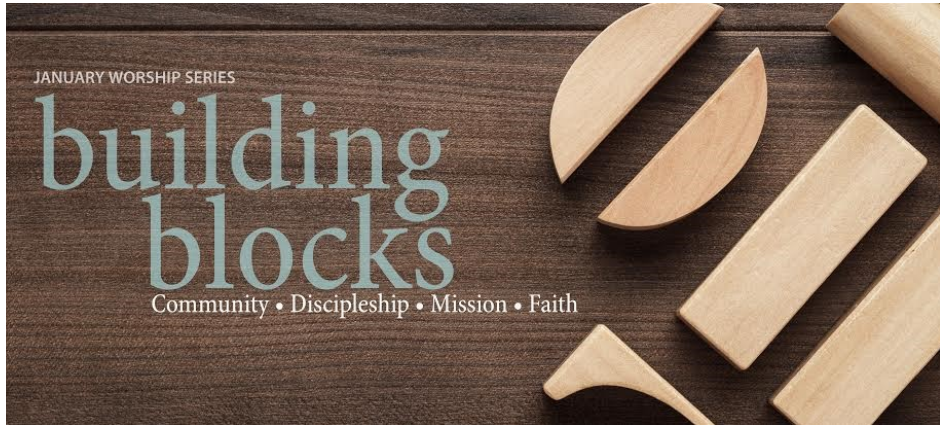




STEEPLE NEWS

Centennial United Methodist Church at Ivy

January 2018



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january

Happy New Year! 2018 is set to be an exciting year for us at Centennial UMC. The Holy Spirit is moving and at work in our congregation through the lives of each of you. I praise God for the vision that is being revealed to us as we intentionally seek God's will for our ministry.

At Centennial in the past few months there has been a lot of talk about building. I truly believe that a church is not its building, a church is the people and the ministries they are engaged in. Our physical building exists so that we can worship God, learn and teach others about Jesus, and serve our neighbors in the ways in which God is calling and equipping us to meet the needs of our unique context.

Throughout the month of January, our worship series will focus on building, though perhaps not in the ways you may expect. We will be looking to scripture to discern how we are to build our church by building community, building disciples, building faith, and building mission.

I believe God is calling us to build our church. As we build each other up in Christian love, we are better able to offer ourselves in service to building God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. When we faithfully work to discern God's will and partner with God's mission, God will provide us with the building blocks we need for effective ministry. Let's build together!

Together in mission,
Pastor Wendy

- 1 - New Year's Day
- 3 - First Committee Meetings 7pm
- 7 - Sunday School - back to 9:15am

Sunday School Change

We will be going back to our normal Sunday School hours starting Sunday, January 7. Sunday School will be at 9:15am. Worship will still be at 10:30am. We will have activities on tables in the fellowship hall for families with small children who may need it during worship.

Building Committee, Full-Time Pastor and Centennial

Over the course of these past few months we have been thinking a lot about what the meaning of the word 'building' is. We are not talking about a physical building, we are talking about the act of building. What we have come up with is that the act of building is the act assembling individual pieces together to become a stronger whole.

As our Building Committee, and

other committees, have been considering our visions for Centennial's future we have realized something, something powerful. We have realized that the purpose of the Building committee is not a physical building, but the purpose of the Building committee is the act of building-up Centennial from the inside-out by assembling all our great individual pieces together to become a stronger whole. With that in mind, transitioning Centennial from a part-time pastor appointment to a full-time pastor appointment is where we need to start.

The Building committee has been

committed to sharing our visions for how we can improve Centennial's ministry, programs, discipleship pathways, outreach initiatives and spiritual environment. A full-time pastor appointment is the first step in building-up Centennial from the inside-out as we embark on our journey to ensure that our church functions in the ways that our community needs it to, and in the ways that God is calling it to. A full-time pastor appointment would allow us to serve our community in ways that we have never been able to before. By building onto our outreach initiatives and missions projects with a full-time pastor, we will be able to

fully embrace all of the opportunities that are in front of us right now. But this is about more than the growing opportunities in our changing community. A full-time pastor appointment would allow us to better serve the current members of this congregation by providing strong leadership, enthusiasm, focus, inspiration and spirituality.

For the better part of a year now we have witnessed some of the many blessings that the work of a full-time pastor would bring to Centennial. Pastor Wendy, while officially being designated as a part-time pastor, has been putting in the time and effort of a full-time pastor. Because of the time and

effort that she has gracefully put into Centennial we have experienced a change like none we have experienced before. New programs like Pub Theology have begun, the number of members in our choir has grown dramatically, Wednesday night's True Believers has been put in redevelopment and is poised to make a comeback, attendance numbers at worship on Sunday mornings are larger than they have been for quite some time, and we have become a closer Centennial community.

Over the next few months we ask that you intentionally and prayerfully consider the future that God is calling Centennial to. We will have more information on this full-

time initiative soon. If you have any questions, comments or concerns please do not hesitate to reach out to Gunnar Methlie, Pastor Wendy or any other members of the Building Committee, the Pastor-Parish Committee or the Administrative Board. We are all on this journey together and we want all voices to be heard. We sincerely hope this advent season has filled your hearts with joy, wonder and cheer. We are truly excited for what 2018, and the extended future, has in store for Centennial. Thank you and Happy New Year.

Gunnar Methlie, Pastor Wendy and all members of the Building Committee (+)

Ushers and Greeters

January 7 - Dean & Judy Fiene

January 14 - Jim & Rita Denhart

January 21 - Mark & Kristi Olgren

January 28 - Larry & Gayle Jordan

February 4 - Melvin & Carol Visser

February 11 - Youth

February 18 - Mike & Mary Ferguson

February 25 - Butch & Judy Weeks

Dinner Day Hosts and Hostesses

January 7 - Dinner Day - Heaberlins/Lynch

January 14 -

January 21 -

January 28 -

February 4 - Dinner Day - Person squared

February 11 - Youth

February 18 -

February 25 -



- 2 Mitch Purcell
- 3 Carol Briggs
- 5 Sandra Stuart
Bryan Tingley
- 7 Jerry Peck
- 8 David Tomlin
- 11 Jane Ferguson
- 12 Nancy Myers
- 17 MaKenslea McDuffy
Amos Purcell
- 18 Anna Behanish
Lois Wignall
- 19 Pastor Gary Forster
- 22 Steve Shaver
Jennifer Southcott
- 23 Kevin Day
- 24 Verna Bowie
Neal Griffiths
- 25 Gabe Feters
Joe Tomlin
- 27 Terry Howard
lisha Martin
- 28 Libby Hiatt
David Johnston
- 30 Rose Talley
- 31 Cole Heitman

United Methodist Women

Centennial United Methodist Women will begin the new year with a meeting on Jan. 4 at 1:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Libby Hiatt will present the program, Pledge to Mission service, one of the three required programs to be given during the year. Leslee Lynch will serve as hostess. We will continue to meet on the first Thursday of the month until September when two meetings a month will be held.

We invite women in the church to experience this community of women whose sole purpose is missions. Come join us!



January Anniversaries

- 2 Jennifer & Gary Fischer
- 6 Nancy & Ed Myers
- 10 Jan & Rex Adair
- 13 Tim & Jennifer Morgan
- 16 Terry & Linda Howard
- 23 Gail & Darrell Long
- 31 Bob & Phyllis Kujac

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

313 families served (547 adults & 349 children)

6,565 pounds of food given

Once again, the generous students from Simpson College donated food items for the food pantry. This year they brought 517 items!

Egg cartons are no longer needed for the food pantry.

Our Daily Bread Ministry served 194 clients.

Clothes Hanger gave 3,029 items of clothing.

In 2017, the food pantry will give out food sufficient to make over 180,000 meals worth over \$400,000. Thanks to Centennial for being a part of this important ministry to Southeast Polk residents.

If you would like more information about the food pantry, please check their web page,
www.caringhandsoutreachcenter.org



FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE 2017 Actual Giving vs. 2017 Budget Goal

	Required		Tithes	Other Inc	Total	Cumulative Difference
January	\$ 8,264.00	5 Sundays	\$ 8,600.00	\$ 525.00	\$ 9,125.00	\$ 861.00
February	\$ 6,611.00	4 Sundays	\$ 7,805.42		\$ 7,805.42	\$ 2,055.42
March	\$ 6,611.00	4 Sundays	\$ 5,307.00		\$ 5,307.00	\$ 751.42
April	\$ 8,264.00	5 Sundays	\$ 8,561.00		\$ 8,561.00	\$ 1,048.42
May	\$ 6,611.00	4 Sundays	\$ 5,511.00		\$ 5,511.00	\$ (51.58)
June	\$ 6,611.00	4 Sundays	\$ 6,059.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 6,209.00	\$ (453.58)
July	\$ 8,265.00	5 Sundays	\$ 8,372.58	\$ 5.00	\$ 8,377.58	\$ (341.00)
August	\$ 6,611.00	4 Sundays	\$ 5,453.00		\$ 5,453.00	\$ (1,499.00)
September	\$ 6,611.00	4 Sundays	\$ 7,263.00		\$ 7,263.00	\$ (847.00)
October	\$ 8,265.00	5 Sundays	\$ 8,018.00		\$ 8,018.00	\$ (1,094.00)
November	\$ 6,611.00	4 Sundays	\$ 7,004.00		\$ 7,004.00	\$ (701.00)
December	\$ 8,265.00	5 Sundays			\$ -	
2017 Budget	\$ 87,600.00		\$ 77,954.00	\$ 680.00	\$ 78,634.00	89.76%

53 Sundays in 2017

Required = 90.566%
Of Annual Budget

As of December 17 it looks like we will meet our 2017 Budget goal.

Gaylen Heaberlin, Finance Chairman



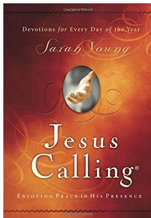
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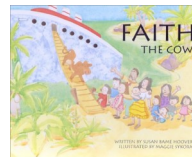
Are you ready to curl up with a good book for the cold winter days ahead? Start with some of the new books in the church library:

- *Paws From Heaven (True stories of God's amazing animal angels)
- *Finding Gobi (The true story of one little dog's big journey)
- *For the Glory (The untold story and inspiring story of Eric Liddell hero of Chariots of Fire)
- *Minnie (A story of care giving)
- *Grieving the Loss of Someone You Love (Daily meditations)
- *Jesus Calling (Devotions for everyday of the year)



Children's books:

- *Faith the Cow. (a Heifer Project book)
- *One More River. (Noah's counting song)
- *B is for Bookworm (a library alphabet)



"Be all you can be, read!"

Contact Us

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Or on our website at IvyCentennial.org.

Check out our website at ivycentennial.org to see Pastor Wendy's Sermons as well as information and updates on church events.