



STEEPLE NEWS

Centennial United Methodist Church at Ivy

October 2018

OCTOBER WORSHIP SERIES

A Steward's Way

Following Christ's Lead



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR WENDY:

Jesus provides us with the perfect example in all things, so it shouldn't come as a surprise to us that the life and ministry of Jesus provide us with a beautiful example of biblical stewardship. Jesus didn't merely teach stewardship (though he often did teach about being good stewards of God's blessings), He also lived out that stewardship. He cared for the poor, healed the sick, and welcomed the outcast as a steward of God's blessings. He taught and preached with authority, pointing others to toward God in an effort to advance the Kingdom of God.

As Christians, we are called not to merely recognize Jesus' qualities and example of faithful living but also to emulate Christ in all that we do. As we seek to know Christ more fully each day, we learn from Christ's example and we strive to live lives following in His footsteps. With Jesus as our guide, during the month of October, we will explore biblical stewardship: managing God's blessings God's way for God's glory.

Blessings on the journey,
Pastor Wendy



Trunk or Treat for Unicef

Saturday, October 27th 5- 6 pm
In the east parking lot (We will move it inside if raining)



- * Treats
- * Games
- * Collect for UNICEF
- * Light supper
- * Kids - wear your costumes
- * Adults & committees - decorate a trunk

LIBRARY

October is Church Library Month. “Fall” into our church library for your autumn reading. There are books for all ages and all reading interests. “Leaf” through good books from our church library!

Don't forget the Little Free Library outside. “Take a book, leave a book”

FOOD PANTRY

Centennial's Caring Hands Food Pantry collection for September was 171 items. Approximately half of the donations were from the Rod Cloyd family.

Thanks so much to the family for this generous donation to help those in need in the Southeast Polk area.

Women Before Work

When: Every Tuesday during the month of June.

Time: 6:30 – 7:15 am

Where: Church

Please feel free to join us anytime!

CENTENNIAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

October is Centennial's Annual Stewardship campaign. Watch for campaign moments as celebrate the ministry of Centennial UMC at Ivy. The finance committee will be hosting fellowship on October 21 to show their appreciation for your generosity. Beginning on October 28, our Campaign Stewards (previously called Trail Bosses) will be contacting those on their lists to distribute pledge cards for 2019 commitments. Thank you for your generous support of the ministries of Centennial UMC at Ivy!

CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir Practice will be the first Tuesday of the month from 7-8pm, unless otherwise scheduled. We will rehearse the Sunday Anthem at 9:45 am following Sunday School opening. We have added this information to the online calendar.

Everyone is extremely busy and hopefully this schedule will allow for additional folks to join us. There is always room for one more person! (or 12). If you are interested in solo, duet, small group, or playing an instrument to Praise God, let Linda or Maggie know. Let's make this the best choir year ever!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday – October 2nd – 7:00 pm – Choir Practice

Thursday – October 4th & 18th – 1:00 pm – UMW

Sunday – October 7th – Dinner Day – Fischer & Craven & Communication Meeting

Saturday – October 13th – 9:00 am – Men's Group

Monday – October 15th 7:00 pm – Pub Theology – Reclaimed Rails in Bondurant

Saturday – October 20th – Steeple News Items Due

Every Sunday – 9:45 am – Choir Practice

Every Wednesday – 5:30 pm – True Believers (Meal until 6 pm)
7:00 pm - WoW

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Centennial UMW will gather for their regular meeting on October 4 (program-Libby Hiatt and hostess-Judy Weeks) and Oct. 18 (program-Marilyn Murphy and hostess-Sandra Stuart).

Six members participated in the 2018 UMW reading program and three completed their reading. Nineteen books were read.

On October 27 there will be a UMW Central District Mission Event at the United Methodist Conference Center. The program and outreach coordinator for Iowa Interfaith Power and Light will lead “The Good Life Redefined” workshop.

Plans are underway for our annual chili/oyster stew supper on Saturday, Nov. 3. Mark your calendars!

ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE

The Central District Annual Charge Conference will be held Oct. 28 at 2:00 p.m. at the Ankeny First Christian Life Center campus. It is located at 710 NE 36th St. Twenty churches, including Centennial, will be participating.

October Birthdays

2	Jennifer Fischer Lori Freel Ava Hackett
3	Penny Dorris Trevor Simpson
4	Bob Kujac
7	Missy Shaver
9	Margaret Forster
11	Kaylee Olgren
12	Jane Heaberlin
15	Rachael Cox
17	LaDonna Morse
19	Mike Ferguson
20	Jeffrey Heaberlin Dianne Peck Holly Tingley
21	Jessica Carroll Gwenyth Glann Mike Johnston Chuck McGreff
22	Barbara Bernis Ashley Cadwell Diana DeMoss Hunter McDuffy
23	Shay Maxwell
24	Gary Fischer Charlie Sloan
26	Carley Johnston
27	Jill Craven Olivia Fischer
28	Marcy Campbell
29	Becky Cadwell Asher Glann
31	Sue Larson Amanda Van Winkle

October Anniversaries

1	Jennifer & Paul Quick
3	Jary & Marcy Bowie
6	Jerry & Dianne Peck
7	Carol & Jamie Graves
15	Bob & Dee Johnston
16	Wendy & Jon Musgrave
17	Marcy & Tim Campbell
18	Brad & LaDonna Morse
27	Butch & Judy Weeks

AUDIO/VISUAL UPDATE

Over the past few months, the Administrative Council, Council on Ministries, as well as our individual ministry committees have been discussing the possibility of audio/visual updates for our worship space. We have been exploring the ministry needs and possibilities that this would offer for our congregation.

Technology by Design has been consulted for an initial plan which has served as a jumping off point for our discussions. The plan presented includes three video monitors, one on the east wall and one on the west wall hung near the first windows on articulating brackets so they could be folded back against the wall if desired, and one monitor hung on the back wall for the choir and pastor to be able to see from the front. The plan also includes a new sound system with additional microphones (wired and wireless), speakers hung in the front near the video monitors, and a soundboard which will allow us to adjust the levels of the individual inputs of microphones, instruments, video, recorded accompaniment, etc.

No decisions have been made at this point as we are looking for input. This is a big decision, and we want to make the right choices to meet our needs.

There have been concerns expressed that this update is an effort to change our Sunday worship service to a contemporary service. **The intention of the audio/visual update is not to change the style of our Sunday worship.** We will continue to sing out of our hymnals.

Some of the desired uses of this technology include:

- Audio/Video upgrades will allow for our Youth services and Wednesday WoW services to create engaging worship with a more streamlined presentation.
- Microphones for our youth and kids to use for events like the Christmas Program would allow for the congregation to hear them better. During the program, the camera used for the fellowship hall screen could also be used to project the children in the sanctuary, allowing the congregation to better see the children.
- The ability to connect an iPad, phone, or other device to the sound system to play music. This is especially needed for funerals and weddings in which families would like to provide their own recorded music.
- Improved abilities for music. Our current sound system is designed for the amplification of speaking voices and is not well suited for music. These sound system updates will allow improved sound quality for vocalists at funerals, weddings, or other special music occasions.
- The ability to live-stream our worship services so that those who are unable to join us in person could remain connected remotely.
- The ability to use images to visually illustrate concepts during sermons.
- The ability to share images from activities or events with the congregation. (e.g. Images from a youth trip or a mission trip which the congregation has supported. Images of the child being baptized during a baptism, etc.)
- The words of the closing Friendship Circle song could be projected to help our visitors to feel welcome and included.
- Announcements could be presented with visuals.

There are many ways this technology would be used to enhance worship and ministry here at Centennial UMC. If you have questions or would like more information, please reach out to a member of the Communications committee.

NEWS FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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		\$ 6,012.00	\$ (842.25)
March	\$ 6,910.00	4 Sundays	\$ 5,893.50		\$ 5,893.50	\$ (1,858.75)
April	\$ 8,640.00	5 Sundays	\$ 8,833.50	\$ 100.00	\$ 8,933.50	\$ (1,565.25)
May	\$ 6,910.00	4 Sundays	\$ 7,398.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 7,478.00	\$ (997.25)
June	\$ 6,910.00	4 Sundays	\$ 10,287.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 10,437.00	\$ 2,529.75
July	\$ 13,888.00	5 Sundays	\$ 8,576.33		\$ 8,526.33	\$ (2,831.92)
August	\$ 11,110.00	4 Sundays	\$ 10,225.33	\$ 130.00	\$ 10,355.33	\$ (3,536.59)
September	\$ 13,888.00	5 Sundays			\$ -	
October	\$ 11,110.00	4 Sundays			\$ -	
November	\$ 11,110.00	4 Sundays			\$ -	
December	\$ 13,888.00	5 Sundays			\$ -	
	Commitments paid in 2017		\$ 3,100.00			
2018 Budget	\$ 118,184.00		\$ 66,941.41	\$ 810.00	\$ 67,751.41	57.33%

52 Sundays in 2018

Required = 65.38%
Of Annual Budget

As of August, we are behind our 2018 Budget Goal by \$3,536.39 partly because of the increased budget. However, September revenue is promising a better outcome.

Gaylen Heaberlin, Financial Secretary



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