



# STEEPLE NEWS

Centennial United Methodist Church at Ivy

August 2018



## *A MESSAGE FROM WENDY:*

Have you ever faced a dilemma or a tough decision and thought "God, could you please just give me a sign?" Discerning God's will for us can be challenging. God does not always send messages in flashing neon lights. We are God's beloved workmanship, and yet sometimes life can leave us longing for an owner's manual with detailed, step-by-step instructions! The ten commandments are pretty clear-cut, but how do we discern God's will when the choice is not between good and evil, but between two good things? How do we overcome our fear when we begin to sense that God is calling us to do something new or challenging?

While the answer to life's questions may not be communicated to us on a billboard, God is working in our lives and calling us to engage in the world in ways that express God's love. We have God's Word to guide us. When we are mindful and prayerful, when we allow space to really listen, we can begin to discern how God is leading us. Join us in August as we look for signs of God's divine direction on the road of life.

Blessings on the journey,  
Pastor Wendy

## The Future of the Steeple

In an effort to ensure that we serve our Centennial UMC at Ivy community in the best ways that we can, we are widening our offerings for how the Steeple Newsletter is distributed. Of course, the mailed paper version will still be available, but we want you to get your church updates in a way that is convenient for you, environmentally friendly and cost-effective.

Please let us know your preferences with regards to how you would like to receive your monthly Steeple Newsletter; whether that be via U.S. Mail, or an Emailed link to the Steeple Newsletter posted on Centennial's website. Contact us via one of the methods below.

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## LIBRARY

#43308. Have you seen this number some place at church? It's the registration number on our Little Free Library! Because the library is registered, it can be located on the Little Free Library worldwide map. The original Little Free Library was built to resemble a one room school house. Todd Bol from Hudson, Wisconsin built it as a tribute to his mother, a former school teacher with a passion for reading. The "take a book, return a book" theme encourages book lovers to take a book to read but return a book to help keep the library full. There are over 70,000 Little Free Libraries around the world, but you can check out the one closest to you - at the church!

### USHERS/GREETERS

AUGUST 5 – Bill & JoAnn Hansen

AUGUST 12 – Mark & Kaylee Olgren

AUGUST 19 – Missy Shaver & Moe Gilkison

AUGUST 26 – Leslee Lynch & Addie Redman

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

AUGUST 5 – Amy Corbin

AUGUST 12 – Jeff Freele

AUGUST 19 – Gunnar Methlie

AUGUST 26 – Allison Freele

### DINNER DAY

August 5 – Weeks & Freeman

## Women Before Work

When: Every Tuesday during the month of June.

Time: 6:30 – 7:15 am

Where: **NEW LOCATION – NOW AT THE CHURCH**

\*There is no need to purchase a book, the topic changes each week to fit with summer vacations. Join us any time.

**THERE WILL BE NO MEN'S GROUP IN AUGUST. PLEASE WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR THE UPCOMING SEPTEMBER DATE.**

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Centennial UMW will be hosting fellowship time Aug. 19 with “Cookies & Cookbooks”. Come for the cookies and leave with United Methodist cookbooks! The cookbooks will be free and you can take as many as you want. They need good homes with our good cooks!

The luncheon planned for Aug 2. has been postponed to a later date. The next scheduled UMW meeting will be Sept. 6 at 1:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Meals From the Heartland – Saturday, August 4 – 9:30 am

Administrative Council – Monday, August 6 – 7:00 pm

Finance Committee – Wednesday, August 8 – 7:30 pm

Community Potluck – Thursday, August 16 – Noon

Pub Theology – Monday, August 20 – 7:00 pm

Centennial Reachout – Saturday, August 25 – 10:00 am

Council On Ministries – Monday, August 27 – 7:00 pm

**Women’s Bible Study Group @ Centennial  
Every Tuesday morning at 6:30 am**

**Spiritual Intensive – Wednesday through  
August 29 – 6:00 pm**



### August Birthdays

2	Marcy Bowie JoAnn Hansen Gabe Remster
10	Kristi Olgren
13	Sandra Clark Brock Jackson
14	Tim Campbell Midge Haws
15	Scott Cadwell Jolynn Fetters
16	Susie Fischer
17	Karen Heaberlin Lee Ann Martin
18	Gayle Jordan
19	Sarah Hermann Don Tailey
22	James Maxwell
23	Liv Glann
24	Keaton Walker
25	Nick Corbin
26	Brenda Person Ben Tomlin
27	Linda Carnahan Ted Cox Chris Demoss Mason Morgan
29	Angela Shanks
30	Jonathan Freel Phyllis Kujac
31	Aaron Jackson

### August Anniversaries

12	Gordon & Peg Atzen
14	Bruce & Mary Baker Brandi & Aaron Jackson
15	Pastor Gary & Margaret Forster
16	Charlie & Tonya McDuffy
17	Mel & Carol Visser
18	Don & Libby Hiatt
28	Byron & Judy Hemingson

# Food Pantry

Centennial's Food Pantry donation for July was 145 items. **THANK YOU!!** Please remember to donate travel-size personal items that will be taken to the Food Pantry along with the food donations.

There is exciting work being planned for people in need just outside the Food Pantry's current territory in east Des Moines. The area around Eastview Community Center has a high concentration of families whose children are food insecure. Both Southeast Polk and Des Moines school districts recognize this and are interested in providing a stable source of both "emergency" and "any time" food for these households.

Caring Hands Outreach is working with Eastview Community Center and DMARC to achieve this goal. Financial support has been requested from the United Way, the Wellmark Foundation and Polk County to achieve this goal. If everything works as planned, there may be a second Caring Hands location in operation in September. Please keep this important goal in your prayers.

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## ALTOONA'S 150<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATION – IVY'S FABULOUS FLOAT!

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A big **THANK YOU** to everyone that came out to help decorate, ride on the float, walk next to the float and hand out the frozen slush pops and cards! Thank you, Mary, for organizing everything and to Brooke and Brandi for driving and transporting everyone safely through the parade.



# 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			\$ -	
August	\$ 11,110.00	4 Sundays			\$ -	
September	\$ 13,888.00	5 Sundays			\$ -	
October	\$ 11,110.00	4 Sundays			\$ -	
November	\$ 11,110.00	4 Sundays			\$ -	
December	\$ 13,888.00	5 Sundays			\$ -	
2018 Budget	\$ 118,184.00		\$ 45,039.75	\$ 680.00	\$ 45,719.75	38.69%

52 Sundays in 2018

**Required = 32.69%**  
Of Annual Budget

As of June, we are ahead of our 2018 Budget Goal by \$2,529.75. As of July 1, due to our commitment for a full-time pastor, our 2018 Budget will increase to \$118,184.

Gaylen Heaberlin, Financial Secretary