



STEEPLE NEWS

Centennial United Methodist Church at Ivy

AUGUST 2023



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JOYCE:

If you're like most people, you probably have internet at your house. At my house the internet goes through a wireless router, so that internet is available to all of our devices – our laptops, phones, and tablets. Every once in a while, there is a hiccup, and the system stops working. Sometimes it reconnects by itself, but other times, I have to go to where the router is located and reset it. It's a way for the system to reboot and find the connection again.

Sometimes we need a reset in our lives. A reset that will help us turn our lives back to God - a reset for our souls; and a reset for the church, as we look for the new ways God might be calling us to be the church in this time and place. There's a passage in Isaiah 43:18-19 that I've always liked, because it reminds me that God is always up to something new. God tells the exiled people of Israel:

But forget all that— it is nothing compared to what I am going to do.

For I am about to do something new.

See, I have already begun! Do you not see it?

Summer is winding down and in a few weeks it will be State Fair time. Then school will start. I don't know about you but fall tells me that it's time for a reset. New routines and renewed commitments. As we think about fall, I want to encourage all of us to look for the new things God might be doing in our lives and in the life of the church. And ask how God might be calling you to reset? If you've been away from church for a while, we want you to know we've missed you and would love to reconnect with you.

Be well and be blessed!

Pastor Joyce



The church will be partnering with Caring Hands Food Pantry and Kids' Café to provide school supplies to families who need a little help getting ready for school. **We are collecting supplies now until August 6th.** Here is how you could help!

You could....Purchase basic school supplies and put them in the collection bus box

You could....Purchase a good quality character backpack (super heroes, unicorns, etc.)

You could....Make a cash donation to Caring Hands memo: School Supplies. Approximately \$40 covers a backpack full of school supplies.

SOME OF THE BASIC SUPPLIES NEEDED ARE:

- 10-Pack of Washable "Classic Colors" Markers
- 24-Pack of Crayons
- Black Expo Markers
- Yellow and Pink Highlighters
- 1 inch 3-Ring Binders
- Zipper Supply Pouch or 5 x 8 plastic supply box
- TI—85 Scientific Calculator
- School Scissors (pointy end)
- Glue Sticks
- Mechanical Pencils or #2 pencils
- Pocket folders
- Index Cards 3 x 5
- Colored Pencils set of 12
- 3 x 3 post it notes

For a complete list find the SEP School supply lists here: <https://www.southeastpolk.org/parents/school-supply-lists/>



YOUTH GROUP LEADER NEEDED \$15/hour

Centennial is looking for a part-time Christian youth leader to help coordinate the middle and high school program beginning this fall. The need is for someone to work 8-10 hours per week, planning lessons and activities for Youth Group meetings. The group meets on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-7:30 during WOW. If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact Jill Craven Jill.starstruck@gmail.com for a job description and application.



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE REMINDER

The church is continuing to update its membership records. Thank you to everyone who took the time to review, update and return your membership information form. If you haven't updated your information yet, we encourage you to take a few minutes to complete your review. We are getting ready to send out the next batch of letters, so if you haven't received a form to review yet, one will be sent out to you in the next few weeks. If you have any questions, please be sure and contact Pastor Joyce. You can call or text her at 515-480-8457 or email her at revjlwebb76@gmail.com



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023 - 3:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Each year, the church sets aside a time to complete the business of the local church, celebrate the ministries of the past year and outline a mission and ministry plan for the coming year. This year's charge conference will be at Walnut Hills United Methodist Church, 12321 Hickman Rd, Urbandale, Iowa. Everyone is welcome to attend and participate! If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Joyce at 515-480-8457 or email revjlwebb76@gmail.com



CHURCH NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

It's that time of the year when the nominations committee will begin their task of matching people with the various ministries of the church. For some in the church, they feel as though they have "retired" from ministry leadership. If this is where you are, please know that the church needs you and the experience you can bring.



The nominations committee will begin meeting soon to talk about the needs in the coming year. Here are some positions that will need to be filled for next year as people roll off of the various ministry teams. If you feel God nudging you to come out of "retirement," please raise your hand and let us know.

The members of the Leadership / Nominations Committee include:

Dean Fiene – Class of 2023
Allison Lehn – Class of 2023
Mary Ferguson – Class of 2024
Don Hiatt – Class of 2024
Jeff Freel – Class of 2025
Judy Fiene – Class of 2025
Jason Ferguson – Lay Leader
Pastor Joyce – Leadership / Nominations Chair

Positions to Fill for 2024

- Leadership / Nominations (1-2 openings)
- Finance (1-2 openings, including chair)
- Staff Parish Relations (1-2 openings)
- Trustees (1-2 openings)
- Missions/Hospitality (3-4 openings)
- Communications (1-2 openings)
- Worship (1-2 openings)
- Education (1-2 openings)
- Church Historian



SAVE THE DATE - SEPTEMBER 10TH!

More info to follow in the September Newsletter.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1.	2. Marcy Bowie Jo Ann Hansen Gabe Remster Richard Wehde	3. Pastor Duane & Sheryll Skidmore	4.	5.
6.	7.	8.	9.	10. Kristi Olgren	11.	12.
13. Sandra Clark Brock Jackson Lois & Richard Wehde	14. Tim Campbell Katelyn Deutmeyer Aaron & Brandi Jackson	15. Jolynn Fetters Margaret & Pastor Gary Forster Bev & Chuck McGriff	16.	17. Dale Dewey Karen Heaberlin Lee Ann Martin	18. Gayle Jordan Don & Libby Hiatt	19. Sarah Hermann Valerie Hermann
20.	21.	22. James Maxwell	23.	24.	25. Nick Corbin	26. Brenda Person
27. Linda Carnahan Ted Cox Chris DeMoss Mason Morgan	28. Byron & Judy Hemingson	29. Angela Shanks	30. Jonathan Freel Phyllis Kujac	31. Aaron Jackson		



Wednesdays

Wednesday	8/2	5:30 pm
Sunday	8/6	6:30 pm
Monday	8/7	10:30 am
Saturday	8/12	6:30 pm
Sunday	8/12	9:00 am
Sunday	9/10	11:30 am
Sunday	10/15	3:00 pm

Summer Worship

Administrative Council Meets
 Dinner Day Potluck
 Worship Meeting
 Men's Group Meets
 Pie and Cake Auction
 2023 Charge Conference
 At Walnut Hills UMC in Urbandale

**FINANCE COMMITTEE
COMPARISON OF OPERATING INCOME**

	Offerings 2023	Offerings 2022	Offerings 2021	Offerings 2020
January	\$17,243.17	\$11,240.28	\$11,270.04	\$11,273.44
February	\$7,101.46	\$9,698.09	\$8,480.01	\$10,933.50
March	\$5,903.26	\$9,669.39	\$12,192.01	\$10,780.19
April	\$10,174.26	\$14,356.63	\$12,506.01	\$6,573.00
May	\$6,837.26	\$9,004.49	\$8,717.05	\$9,110.16
June	\$7,021.56	\$7,083.14	\$8,118.89	\$5,739.78
July		\$8,636.81	\$6,295.75	\$9,248.40
August		\$7,081.26	\$7,919.24	\$7,701.93
September		\$5,610.25	\$9,763.24	\$7,942.10
October		\$12,111.46	\$12,038.34	\$9,201.03
November		\$8,679.97	\$10,568.68	\$11,111.78
December		\$7,552.26	\$10,477.42	\$10,282.93
Total Offerings	\$54,280.97	\$110,724.03	\$118,346.68	\$109,898.24
Government Paycheck Protection Program			\$20,177.00	\$20,232.00
Iowa Conference Assistance Program			\$4,300.98	\$9,201.00
Total Offerings & Programs	\$54,280.97	\$110,724.03	\$142,824.66	\$139,331.24

2023 Average Monthly Offerings \$9,046.83
 2023 Average Required Monthly for Budget \$8,750.00
 2023 Average Offerings vs. Average Required for Budget \$296.83

As of June 30th, we have collected \$1058.00 for the Caring Hands Food Pantry. This comparison does not include memorial, building fund, food pantry or mission project donations.

Joy Warner, Financial Secretary



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