



STEEPLE NEWS

Centennial United Methodist Church at Ivy

AUGUST 2024

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JOYCE:



Do you know that you have spiritual gifts - talents and abilities God has given to you for building up the church? Gifts like music, teaching, praying, hospitality, encouragement, building things, giving, administration, leadership and others. Whether you realize it or not, God has already chosen you and equipped you to help in building up the church...this church.

Ivy Centennial is a relatively small congregation and in order for the church to do the work of the church, it's important for each of us to step up and use our gifts for ministry. Since COVID, more and more people have stepped back from serving in the ministries of the church. When I talk to other pastors, it's clear that this phenomenon is widespread.

A few weeks ago, I introduced a Spiritual Gifts and Ministry Opportunities Form (a copy is included at the end of this newsletter). I invited church members to review the opportunities listed and then pray about where God might be calling you to be in ministry. The church needs people to serve as leaders, as well as people who serve behind the scenes. The church needs prayer warriors and people who can make calls to church members. The church needs planners and doers. The church needs YOU...your ideas, your energy and your gifts.

Friends, you are unique, you have been gifted by God, and you have an important role in God's plans and purposes for this church. I hope you will take some time to check out the Spiritual Gifts and Ministry Opportunities form to see where you fit in to God's grand design here at Ivy Centennial. After you complete it, put it in the basket on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Or you can mail it to Centennial UMC, PO Box 624, Altoona, IA 50009.

If you have any questions or if you would like to talk more, please be sure and get in touch with me.

Be well and be blessed!

Pastor Joyce

(515) 480-8457



Thank you to everyone who contributed to this campaign. The church raised a total of \$800 for disaster relief in Iowa. Your gifts will make a difference in the lives of people who are trying to rebuild after the recent tornados and floods.



We are rapidly filling the school bus with supplies. The items collected will go to Caring Hands to benefit families that use the food pantry. We will be collecting items through August 4th. Here are ways you can help:

- Purchase supplies and drop them off at church.
- Purchase a fun backpack for the kids.
- Donate cash and we will do the shopping. Indicate "school supplies" in the memo section.

If you have any questions, please call or text Pastor Joyce (515) 480-8457 or Bobbi Meister (515) 979-1734



CARING HANDS FOOD PANTRY

Did you know that Caring Hands is a faith-based organization. They share the love of Christ by feeding families in need. It's a great match for Centennial UMC! By supporting Caring Hands we are showing love to our neighbors. The next time you go to the store, be sure and pick up a few things to put in the church's shopping cart. Current needs include canned meats, canned pasta (like SpaghettiOs or ravioli), ketchup, mustard, canned soup, pork and beans, boxed meals or just whatever looks good to you. If you have extra fresh vegetables from your garden, you might consider dropping off what you can't use to Caring Hands at 602 3rd St SW in Altoona.



IVY WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

The group will meet Wednesday, August 21st at 11:30 at Johnny's Italian Steak House in Altoona (550 Bass Pro Dr.)

All are welcome to join the group for lunch. It would be helpful to let Leslee Lynch know so she knows how many to make the reservation for. Leslee can be reached at (515) 577-8258.



PIE AND CAKE AUCTION SEPTEMBER 15TH 11:30 AM

This year's Pie and Cake Auction is scheduled for September 15th after church. More information will be coming soon.

Proceeds from last year's auction funded eight \$500 college and vocational training scholarships for Centennial members. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Ferguson (515) 975-0586

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CONNECTION

WEDNESDAY CONNECTION WORSHIP SERVICE

The 5:30 summer service will take a break in August. We hope to resume again in September.



PASTOR JOYCE WILL BE ON VACATION

Pastor Joyce will be on vacation Sunday, August 18th through Saturday, August 24th. If you have a pastoral care emergency, please contact Pastor Teri Weeks at (515) 639-6070



If you would like to be added to our prayer list, please let Pastor Joyce know by calling or texting (515) 480-8457 or emailing revjlwebb76@gmail.com

Please hold these members of the Ivy Centennial church family in prayer:

Family of Dianne Peck (d. 7/16/24)
Family of Cindy Eamer (d. 6/27/24)
Family of Peggy Hennigar (d. 6/29/24)
Moe Gilkison Sandra Stuart
Judy Fiene Barb Bolt
Chuck McGriff Ardean Williams
Doris Heaberlin Maggie Stout
Karla Heaberlin Barb Sharp
Rose Mary Freel

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1.	2. Marcy Bowie 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



Sunday August 4th
 Wednesday August 7th
 Wednesday August 21st
 Sunday September 15
 Friday September 20

11:30 am
 6:30 pm
 11:30 am
 11:30 am

Dinner Day Potluck
 Administrative Council
 Ivy Women's Lunch
 Pie and Cake Auction
 Steeple Items Due

**FINANCE COMMITTEE
COMPARISON OF OPERATING INCOME**

	Offerings 2024	Offerings 2023	Offerings 2022	Offerings 2021
January	\$9,670.48	\$17,243.17	\$11,240.28	\$11,270.04
February	\$9,829.06	\$7,101.46	\$9,698.09	\$8,480.01
March	\$10,748.26	\$5,903.26	\$9,669.39	\$12,192.01
April	\$6,768.06	\$10,174.26	\$14,356.63	\$12,506.01
May	\$5,321.26	\$6,837.26	\$9,004.49	\$8,717.05
June	\$9,196.26	\$7,021.56	\$7,083.14	\$8,118.89
July		\$9,413.26	\$8,636.81	\$6,295.75
August		\$5,192.26	\$7,081.26	\$7,919.24
September		\$7,791.06	\$5,610.25	\$9,763.24
October		\$9,101.26	\$12,111.46	\$12,038.34
November		\$8,401.26	\$8,679.97	\$10,568.68
December		\$11,510.84	\$7,552.26	\$10,477.42
Total Offerings	\$51,533.38	\$105,690.91	\$110,724.03	\$118,346.68
Government Paycheck Protection Program				\$20,177.00
Iowa Conference Assistance Program				\$4,300.98
Total Offerings & Programs	\$51,533.38	\$105,690.91	\$110,724.03	\$142,824.66

2024 Average Monthly Offerings \$8,588.90
 2024 Average Required Monthly for Budget \$8,945.33
 2024 Average Offerings vs. Average Required for Budget (\$356.44)

This comparison does not include memorial, building fund, food pantry or special project donations.

As of June 30th, we have collected \$1,440.00 for the Caring Hands Food Pantry. Joy Warner, Financial Secretary

Pastor: Joyce Webb revjlwebb76@gmail.com
 (515) 480-8457

Email Prayers Requests: Missy Shaver Mishaver2@gmail.com
 515-967-6288

Secretary (Newsletters & Bulletins): Amy Ferguson anbscorbin@gmail.com
 515-402-6056

Financial Secretary (Estimates of Giving): Joy Warner voj8893@gmail.com



SPIRITUAL GIFTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Name: _____

Celebrating Our Diverse Gifts – Together We Are One in Christ

List 2-3 gifts you have that could be used for the work of the church (based on your interests, passions, experiences).

See the examples listed below

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

Take a look at the Ministry Opportunities listed below and identify 3 ministry areas where you would be willing to use your gifts.

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

What questions do you have?

What things might be holding you back from using your gifts?

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT CENTENNIAL UMC

Congregational Care / Family Life Ministries

- _____ Card Ministry
- _____ Follow-Up Caller (when people are sick or absent from worship)
- _____ Participate in Meal Train (make a meal for people who have been sick or in the hospital)
- _____ Prayer Ministry
- _____ Plan Fun Connection Events for the Congregation
- _____ Visitation Team (make home / hospital visits)

Worship Ministries

- _____ Choir / Special Vocal or Instrumental Music
- _____ Communion Helper
- _____ Liturgist
- _____ Help with Online Streaming for Sunday Morning Worship

Hospitality Ministries

- _____ Greeter / Usher
- _____ Meal Host

Communication Ministries

- _____ Social Media Creator (Facebook, Instagram, etc)
- _____ Website Developer (create pages / update website)
- _____ Create Promotions for Church Events

Leadership/Administrative Ministries

- _____ Serve on a Leadership or Administrative Team

Mission / Outreach

- _____ Help Plan and Implement the Church's Mission Projects
- _____ Help Promote the Church's Events in the Community

Education Ministries

- _____ Help in a Nursery Ministry
- _____ Lead / Co-Lead an Adult Small Group
- _____ Lead / Co-Lead a Youth Group
- _____ Lead / Co-Lead a Children's Group
- _____ Building Maintenance

SOME EXAMPLES OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Administration (SPRC, Finance, Membership)

Leadership (serve on Ad Council or lead a ministry or administrative team)

Music (instrumental or vocal)

Technology (website, worship streaming)

Prayer (pray for the church and its members)

Compassion (mission, card ministry, visitation & calling ministry, meal ministry, etc)

Teaching (children, youth, or adults)

Service (work behind the scenes in a supportive role)

Hospitality (greeter/usher, Dinner Day host)

Craftsmanship (making/building/creating things)

Giving (financial giving)

Preaching

Communication (develop posters/brochures/website, social media, etc)

Evangelism / Outreach (tell others about Jesus)