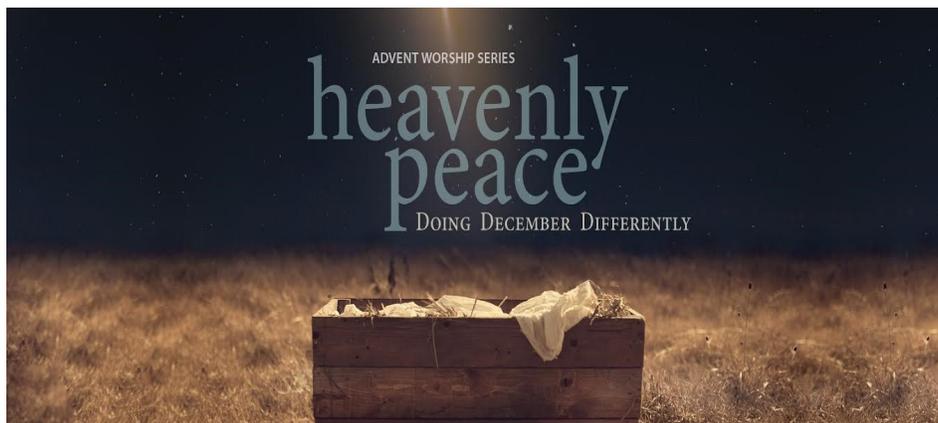




STEEPLE NEWS

Centennial United Methodist Church at Ivy

December 2017



If you are anything like me, during December our long to-do lists can threaten to get in the way of the contemplation and celebration of this season that our hearts need most. In the season in which we anticipate and celebrate the arrival of the Prince of Peace, that "peace like a river" can begin to feel more like a drip or a drizzle amidst the hustle and bustle of the season, leaving us thirsting for more.

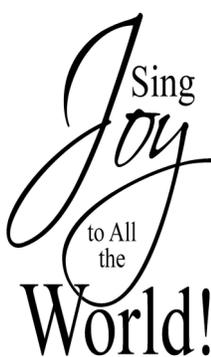
This year I invite you to do December differently, to slow down and experience the spiritual renewal that this season of waiting and anticipation can provide. I pray a blessing on you that this December you may set aside your burdens and busyness so to embrace what truly means most. I pray for you all a very merry Christmas.

In Hope, Peace, Joy & Love,
Pastor Wendy



- 2 - Live Nativity 6-8pm**
- 6 - Administrative Council Meeting at 6pm**
- 7 - UMW 12pm**
- 10 - Christmas Program 6:30pm**
- 17 - Worship Committee after church**
- 22 - Christmas Contata 7pm**
- 24 - Christmas Eve Services at 7pm and 11 pm**



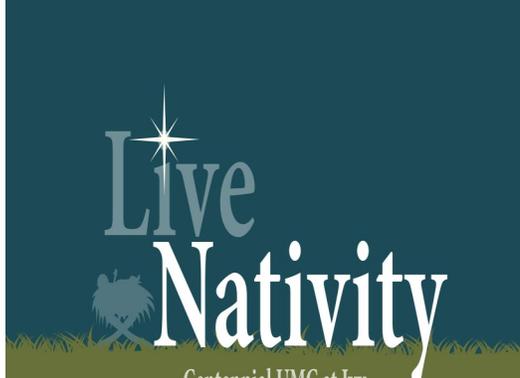


Please join us as the Centennial United Methodist at Ivy Choir presents:

A Christmas Celebration - Music by Loyld Larson

Friday, December 22, 2017 7:00 PM

Light refreshments following the service



Live Nativity

Centennial UMC at Ivy
Sat, Dec 2 • 6-8pm

A HUGE THANK YOU TO THE CONGREGATION FOR YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT OF OUR SOUP SUPPER AND BAZAAR! BIDWELL, HAWTHORN HILL AND SHESLER HALL WILL TRULY BENEFIT BECAUSE OF YOU! THANK YOU!



Ushers and Greeters

December 3 - Ardean and Janice Williams
December 10 - Youth
December 17 - Larry and Gayle Jordan
December 24 - Allison and Jonathan Freel
December 31 - Brandi Jackson and Brooke Person

Dinner Day Hosts and Hostesses

December 3 - Dinner Day - Hansen & Corbin
December 10 - Missions
December 17 - Education
Friday, December 22 - Contata - Fellowship
December 24 -
December 31 -

United Methodist Women

Our 68th annual soup supper and bazaar is "in the history books" and it's time to thank the congregation.

THANK YOU for attending the event and supporting our missions! THANK YOU for all of the help during the event! THANK YOU for the pies and other desserts! We cannot host this event without the wonderful help and support of the congregation! THANK YOU!

206 people were served chili, oyster stew and desserts. The bazaar table was a popular spot to stop and shop!

Thank you again for making it possible for our unit to be able to give generously to our three missions, Bidwell-Riverside Center, Hawthorn Hill and Shesler Hall!

Our Christmas meeting will be Thursday, Dec. 7 at 12:00. There will be a potluck dinner, a program and a cookie exchange. We will also put together "thinking of you" bags which will be delivered to our shut ins. We will also bring monetary gift cards to be given to Bidwell to help their clients shop for the holidays.

December Anniversaries

4 Mike & Mary Ferguson
13 Tom & Gail Gish
23 Marc & Penny Dorris
27 Scott & Andrea Hackett
27 Bob & Sherry Lamb



Christmas Program
Christmas is canceled!

Centennial UMC at Ivy • Sun, Dec 10 • 6:30pm

Sunday School News

Sunday school will return to being before our worship service starting

Sunday, January 7.

**Sunday school time 9:15 am-
Worship will still be at 10:30am**



- 1 Butch Griffel
Hannah Griffiths
- 3 Charles Southcott
- 4 Diane Griffel
Brili Jackson
- 5 Terry Reynolds
- 6 Linda Howard
- 7 Jacquelyn Purcell
Jamie Remster
- 8 Marc Dorris
- 9 Dean Fiene
- 10 Paul Quick
Beth Shaver
- 11 Gerry Ordway
- 12 Laney Seaman
- 13 Laila Walker
- 14 Larry Heaberlin
Torie Hermann
Mark Olgren
- 17 Dick Dolash
Paige Geisenhoff
Laura Hiatt
Jane Wendel
- 18 Sharon Dolash
- 19 Brenda Cox
Jen Griffiths
- 24 Kay Bullard
- 28 Jo Ordway
- 29 Abby Glann

Frequently Called Numbers -

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

289 families served (504 adults & 274 children) totaling 778 people

5,844 pounds of food given (not including meats, produce & bakery items)

Personal care items are given as needed.

Centennial's donation for November was 139 items.

Please save and donate egg cartons also.

Clothes Hanger statistics for September:

Clothing items - 2,613

Household items - 79

Our Daily Bread served 188 clients.

For Thanksgiving, the food pantry clients received gift bags with necessary items to make a dinner. They also received a \$10 gift card or voucher for dinner for 4 at Hy-Vee.



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			\$ -	
December	\$ 8,265.00	5 Sundays			\$ -	
2017 Budget	\$ 87,600.00		\$ 70,950.00	\$ 680.00	\$ 71,630.00	81.77%

53 Sundays in 2017

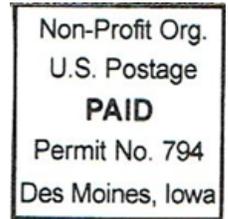
Required = 83%
Of Annual Budget

As of the end of October we have fell behind our Budget Goal by \$1,094.00

Gaylen Heaberlin, Finance Chairman



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Library -

We are so blessed to have several local authors from our area: Amanda Brink Hull, Rev. Bill Cotton, Carol Bodensteiner, Linda Howard, Fred Ridgway and Pam Wilson. Their books can be found in our church library and are available for check out.

A new local author has recently been added - Bob Bowers. He attended Centennial UMC in the early 40's and attended school in Mitchellville. He is an ordained minister in the United Methodist Church retiring in 1999. He has written a book, Minnie, A Story of Caregiving, about the life of his mother, Rose Bowers. Bob is the cousin of Maggie Stout and has attended church with her several times. He graciously donated a copy of his book to our library.

Contact Us

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Or on our website at IvyCentennial.org.

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