



STEEPLE NEWS

Centennial United Methodist Church at Ivy

JULY 2024

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JOYCE:

Several years ago, I was working with a group on a stewardship campaign for the church. We decided that it would be interesting to ask individuals in the congregation to share their personal experience about how the church impacted their lives.

One person who was asked to share was a man named Ron. He, his wife and college age son had just relocated to Iowa for his job and were fairly new to the church. On the Sunday when he was to speak, he stood at the lectern, and he shared that we all need anchors in our lives. Something to provide us with security and support during times of uncertainty or change. He talked about how his family, his faith and his church were the anchors that helped sustain him and support him in his life and more particularly when the storms came. It was a truth that resonated with me and has stuck with me. *Family, faith and church...*

We all need anchors in our lives! One thing about anchors is that they need something solid to latch on to. Something solid that will hold when storms come.

What are the anchors in your life? What are they anchored to? What is that solid, immovable thing that keeps your life from drifting? If you're a Jesus follower, the answer is Jesus Christ.

When our lives are anchored in him, we have hope for today and all of our tomorrows, no matter what storms we face.

Friends, this church wants to be an anchor for you. If you're dealing with some difficulties right now, please let us know how we can help.

Be well and be blessed!

Pastor Joyce

515-480-8457



Centennial will be collecting school supplies again this year for local families who need a little help getting ready for the school year. **We will be collecting supplies now until August 4th.** Here are some ways you can help!

- Purchase basic school supplies and put them in the collection “bus” box.
- Purchase a good quality character backpack (super heroes, unicorns, etc.)
- Make a cash donation (put school supplies in the memo section of your check) and we will purchase the supplies.

SOME OF THE BASIC SUPPLIES INCLUDE:

- 10-Pack of Crayola Washable Markers “Classic Colors”
- 24-Pack of Crayola 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 for middle school math
- Fiskars School Scissors (with 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



Thanks to everyone who donated to disaster relief for Iowa families. As of last week we raised \$500 with a few more weeks to go. Funds raised will go to help Iowa tornado victims. If you would still like to make a gift, you can mail a check to Centennial UMC, PO Box 624, Altoona, Iowa 50009. Please note “Disaster Relief” in the memo section.

Scholarship Sunday, June 30th

On June 30th, the education committee will award \$500 scholarships to eight young people for college and vocational training expenses. The funds come from the proceeds of the Pie and Cake Auction. The following young people will receive scholarships from Ivy Centennial United Methodist Church:



Aiden Craven graduated from the University of Iowa with a degree in chemistry. He will be doing graduate work in the fall. He is the son of Jill and Steve Craven



Macy Craven will be attending Des Moines Area Community College in the fall. She is the daughter of Jill and Steve Craven



Logan Delgado is a 2024 graduate of SE Polk High School. He will be entering an electrical apprenticeship program, with plans to work for Armor Electric. Logan is the son of Dawn Evans.



Aleka Fischer is a graduate student, attending Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, IL. She is working on her Master of Fine Arts degree in theater with an emphasis in Costume Design. Alecka is the daughter of Jennifer and Gary Fischer.



Olivia Fischer is currently attending Iowa State University. She is double majoring in Marketing and International Business. Currently she is studying abroad in Spain. She is the daughter of Jennifer and Gary Fischer.



Brayden Harmon

Brayden is a 2024 graduate of SE Polk High School. He will be attending Iowa Central Community College in Fort Dodge and playing football. His plans are to study sales and get his coaching certification. Brayden is the son of Tim Harmon and the late Renee Harmon.



Boman Jackson is a 2024 graduate of SE Polk High School. He is enrolled in an apprenticeship program at Local 234, Heavy Machinery Operator Union. He is currently working at a job site near Gladbrook, IA. He is the son of Brandi and Aaron Jackson.



Brock Jackson will be a 4th year student at Central College in Pella. He is currently working on his Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry, with a minor in math. He is still undecided about whether to attend graduate school or begin his working career after he completes his undergraduate degree. He appreciates the continued support from the church. He is the son of Brandi and Aaron Jackson.



Thank you to the Ivy Centennial Men's Group for putting up the hand rail alongside the back sidewalk of the church. It looks great and will help prevent falls. What a blessing! GREAT JOB GUYS!





The Ivy Women's Fellowship Group will transition to a lunch group over the summer months.

The group's next gathering will be Wednesday, July 10th at 11:30. They plan to meet at Tumea and Sons, 1501 SE 1st St in Des Moines. If you have questions, please contact Leslee Lynch at 515-967-6008



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:

Barb Bolt, Judy Fiene, Karla Heaberlin, Gayle Jordan, Larry Jordan, Bob Johnston, Chuck McGriff, Barb Sharp, Sandra Stuart, Rich Webb, and Ardean Williams



Monday	7/1	Council of Ministries Meeting @ 7:00 pm
Wednesday	7/3	NO WOW due to the 4 th of July Holiday
Sunday	7/7	Monthly Potluck @ 11:30 am
Wednesday	7/10	WOW @ 5:30 pm
Saturday	7/13	Men's Group @ 9:00 am
Wednesday	7/17	WOW @ 5:30 pm
Saturday	7/20	Steeple Items Due
Wednesday	7/24	WOW @ 5:30 pm
Wednesday	7/31	WOW @ 5:30 pm

JULY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1.	2. Bob Johnston	3.	4. Jeff Heaberlin	5. Sheryll Skidmore Grace Stout	6. Nancy Day Stan Mauritz Brad Morse
7. Gerry & Jo Ordway	8.	9. Moe Gilkison Tonya Ordway	10.	11. Holly Adey Mindy Britt Tyke Remster	12.	13.
14.	15. Larry Palmer	16. Jeff & Rosemary Freel	17.	18. Marci Martin	19. Kari Wilkins	20.
21.	22.	23. Bonnie Altes Kensington Hermann	24. Josh Lampkin	25.	26.	27.
28.	29. Pam Sanders Laura & Todd Hiatt	30.	31.			

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		\$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	\$42,337.12	\$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	\$42,337.12	\$105,690.91	\$110,724.03	\$142,824.66

2024 Average Monthly Offerings \$8,467.42
 2024 Average Required Monthly for Budget \$8,945.33
 2024 Average Offerings vs. Average Required for Budget (\$477.91)

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

As of May 31st, we have collected \$1,230.00 for the Caring Hands Food Pantry.
 Joy Warner, Financial Secretary



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