



STEEPLE NEWS

Centennial United Methodist Church at Ivy

JUNE 2025

A NOTE FROM PASTOR JOYCE

The Iowa United Methodist Annual Conference is coming up in June. I will be attending, along with Missy Shaver, who is Ivy Centennial's Lay Delegate to Annual Conference. This year's Conference includes voting on four amendments to the constitution. The amendments have already been approved at the last worldwide General Conference in 2024 and now must be ratified (approved) by 2/3 of the total voting membership of the Annual Conferences, of which Iowa is one. I wanted to give you some background information about the changes that are being proposed.

Proposal 1: Regionalization

Regionalization allows United Methodists throughout our worldwide connection to best serve their unique communities as they share the love of God, make disciples and transform the world. Regionalization allows geographic regions of the church to make decisions that will best support outreach and ministry in their specific setting. There will be nine regional conferences across the globe, one in the US and eight in Africa, Europe and the Philippines. Regionalization is already happening in the central conferences Africa, Europe and the Philippines. The amendment will add the US as a region.

Proposal 2: Amends the Language in Paragraph 4, Article IV

The amended portion of the Constitution adds the words *ability* and *gender* to existing social categories that clergy in The United Methodist Church cannot use to discriminate against a potential member. Said another way, a pastor may not deny a person membership in the church because they have a disability, are female or male, married or single, young or old. Here is what the change would look like in Paragraph 4, Article IV

*Inclusiveness of the Church – The United Methodist Church is a part of the church universal, which is one Body in Christ. The United Methodist Church acknowledges that all persons are of sacred worth. All persons without regard to race, **gender**, **ability**, color, national origin, status or economic condition, shall be eligible to attend its worship services, participate in its programs, receive the sacraments, upon baptism be admitted as baptized members, and upon taking vows declaring the Christian faith, become professing members in any local church in the connection. In The United Methodist Church, no conference or other organizational unit of the Church shall be structured to exclude any member or any constituent body of the Church because of race, color, national origin, status or economic condition.*

Proposal 3: Updating Article V: Racial Justice

This amendment offers a substantial rewrite to our existing constitutional commitment to racial justice. In this new version, we explicitly recognize the church's role in combating racism, racial inequity, colonialism, white privilege, and white supremacy both within the church and world. Rather than speaking vaguely, these explicit terms help us to address our own history and respond to our current context.

Proposal 4: Proposed Educational Requirements for Clergy

General Conference voted to amend Section VI, Article IV of the United Methodist Constitution, which establishes who is eligible to vote for clergy delegates to the general and jurisdictional conference. This change clarifies the educational requirements for local pastors to be eligible, specifying they must be graduates of course of study or have a Masters of Divinity from a University Senate-approved theological school (or central conference equivalent).

If you have questions or want a fuller explanation, you can go to the Iowa Conference Website:

iaumc.org and click on the link that says *Constitutional Amendment Information*. If you have questions, I'm also available to answer any questions you might have.

It's likely that we won't know the results of the voting until the end of 2025 as we wait for all of the Annual Conferences (worldwide) to meet and vote.

One last thing...summer is here and it's a busy time for most of us with vacations and sports activities and family reunions. If you're in town, I hope you will join us in worship. **BECAUSE WE MISS YOU WHEN YOU'RE GONE.**

*Blessings,
Pastor Joyce*

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Thank you to the Ivy Centennial Men's Group for providing a delicious Mother's Day Breakfast before church on Mother's Day. They went all out with scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage, bacon, fruit, rolls, coffee and juice. What a way to treat the moms in the congregation.





SAVE THE DATE: JULY 20TH OUTDOOR WORSHIP AND PICNIC

The Council on Ministries has decided to organize an outdoor worship service in the outdoor chapel and a church picnic / potluck after the service.

More details will be coming soon, but we wanted you to get it on your calendar. This would be a great worship event to invite family members and friends



DINNER DAY SUNDAY, JUNE 1ST

Our monthly potluck is coming up. Dininer Day is a great time to invite someone to worship and lunch afterward.



FATHER'S DAY, JUNE 15TH

We'll celebrate Father's Day again this year with an Ice Cream Sundae Bar after worship. We'll be serving Pickett Fence Creamery Ice Cream with lots of toppings.

This is a great opportunity to invite your dad and other family and friends to church!



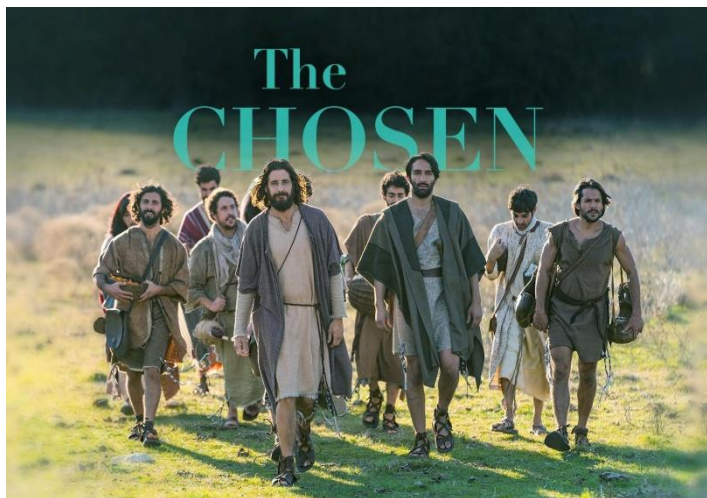
NEW SERMON SERIES

Over the past two summers, the church has included a sermon series called Faith in Film. We use movies to illustrate messages we find in the scriptures.

People seem to enjoy it, so we decided to offer the series again this summer. The series will start on Sunday, June 1st with the movie *The Green Mile*. If you have a favorite movie that you would like us to consider, please let Pastor Joyce know by calling or texting 515-480-8457.

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

On May 11th, we celebrated the baptism of Alexa (Lexi) Goforth and Anna Behanish. Both have joined the church as members. Lexi is the daughter of Jonah and Shelly Goforth and Anna is the daughter of Chad Behanish and Mindy Martin. They are also the granddaughters of Lee Ann Martin. We look forward to the ways God will continue to bless their faith journey through Ivy Centennial UMC.



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

9:15 – 10:15 am

The adult Sunday school class has decided to continue meeting over the summer. We are doing a small group study on *The Chosen*. It's a video series on the life of Jesus. The group watches an episode (or part of an episode depending on length) and then we have a time of discussion. It's easy and relaxed. Did we mention that there are coffee and donuts. First-timers are welcome to come and check it out. Please contact Pastor Joyce if you have any questions.



Next year in 2026, Ivy Centennial UMC will celebrate its 150th Anniversary. A planning team has been organized to help plan for the event. Their first meeting will be Wednesday, June 11th at 6:30 at the church. If you have some ideas and would like to help with the planning, feel free to join us. More information will be coming soon about the celebration.



SPRUCING THINGS UP!

As we get ready for the 150th Anniversary celebration next year, we have made some improvements to the church. Earlier this year, we used some funds from the Church's Building Fund to replace the windows in the sanctuary. At the end of May we had painters come in and repaint sections of the exterior of the church building (see photo). We want to extend a special thank you to Ken Sharp for being the point person on both projects. Other potential projects include adding a commercial dishwasher to the kitchen area and updating the audio and video equipment for the sanctuary.

We are still getting estimates for both of these projects



Thank you to everyone who brought in breakfast items for the Caring Hands Food Pantry. This is an uncertain time for many of our neighbors who rely on the food pantry to make ends meet. This includes many children who will be out of school for the summer. Let's continue to remember the food pantry when we do our grocery shopping by bringing in non-perishable food. Our focus for June is canned fruits, vegetables and microwavable meals (macaroni and cheese, SpaghettiOs, ravioli, etc.). Help us fill up the cart!



SUMMER CHURCH CAMP REGISTRATION AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Do you know a young person who would like to attend church camp this summer? It isn't too late to register your young person for camp. The Education Committee is offering camp scholarships again this year. Camp registration information is on the sign-up table. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Pastor Joyce (515) 480-8457 or email revjlwebb76@gmail.com



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

PRAYER LIST

Leslie Hiatt
Nancy Day
Tim Miller
Barb Bolt
Karla Heaberlin
Donna Gustafson and La Casa de Esperanza



Sundays		9/15 am	
Sunday	6/1	11:30	<i>The Chosen</i> Small Group
Wednesday	6/4	6:30 pm	Dinner Day
Thursday	6/5	11:30 am	Administrative Council Meeting
			Ivy Women's Fellowship
			Johnny's Italian Steakhouse, Altoona
Sunday	6/8	11:45 am	Picnic Planning Meeting
Wednesday	6/11	6:30 pm	150 th Anniversary Planning Meeting
Fri-Sun	6/13-6/15		Iowa Annual Conference (WDM RecPlex)
Sunday		6/15	Father's Day "Sundae"
Wednesday	7/2	6:30 pm	Council on Ministries Meets

JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1. Sara Barnes Benjamin Mauritz Lindsey Poutre Rev. Dani Musselman & Erik Hall	2. Jana Lewis Beth & Travis Shipley	3. Lexie Goforth Anderson King	4.	5.	6.	7.
8.	9. Rex Adair	10.	11.	12. Ted & Brenda Cox Joy & Dave Warner	13.	14. Byron Hemingson Evelyn Warner Larry & Gayle Jordan
15.	16. Sydney Corbin Lila Morgan Judy Weeks	17. Colton Hiatt	18. John & Amy Ferguson	19. Douglas Olgren	20. Scott Hackett	21. Gail Long Shawna Peterson
22. Larry Jordan	23.	24.	25. Shelley Goforth	26.	27.	28. Jason Ferguson
29.	30. Dennis Bishop					

**FINANCE COMMITTEE
COMPARISON OF OPERATING INCOME**

	Offerings 2025	Offerings 2024	Offerings 2023	Offerings 2022
January	\$7,813.01	\$9,670.48	\$17,243.17	\$11,240.28
February	\$6,021.92	\$9,829.06	\$7,101.46	\$9,698.09
March	\$6,740.00	\$10,748.26	\$5,903.26	\$9,669.39
April	\$6,484.00	\$6,768.06	\$10,174.26	\$14,356.63
May		\$5,321.26	\$6,837.26	\$9,004.49
June		\$9,196.26	\$7,021.56	\$7,083.14
July		\$7,083.86	\$9,413.26	\$8,636.81
August		\$6,342.26	\$5,192.26	\$7,081.26
September		\$7,991.31	\$7,791.06	\$5,610.25
October		\$4,765.26	\$9,101.26	\$12,111.46
November		\$10,238.00	\$8,401.26	\$8,679.97
December		\$7,479.63	\$11,510.84	\$7,552.26
Total Offerings	\$27,058.93	\$95,433.70	\$105,690.91	\$110,724.03

2025 Average Monthly Offerings \$6,764.73
 2025 Average Required Monthly for Budget \$8,766.33
 2025 Average Offerings vs. Average Required for Budget (\$2,001.60)

This comparison does not include memorial, building fund, or special project donations. As of April 30th, we collected \$645.00 for the Caring Hands Food Pantry.

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