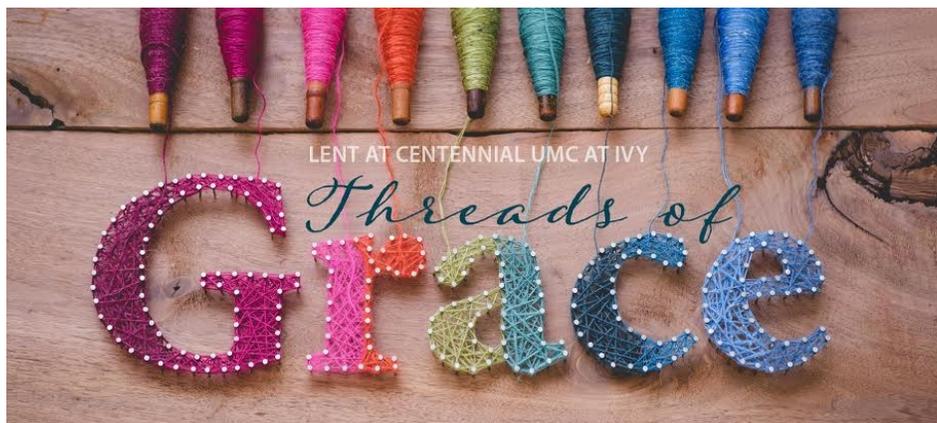




STEEPLE NEWS

Centennial United Methodist Church at Ivy

March 2018



Throughout March, we will continue to look at the Threads of Grace in our Wesleyan heritage as we investigate the questions: Where did we come from? Who are we? What do we believe? Whether this is all new to you or a good refresher, it is my prayer that as we engage in our Lenten series, you will draw closer to God as you identify the threads of God's grace in your own story.

Lent is a wonderful time to dedicate yourself to a new spiritual practice or to re-commit yourself to an old favorite. Forgot to start at the beginning of Lent? No problem! There is no time like the present to get started. Carve out a bit of time each day to intentionally spend with God. Use your bible, a devotional, or just pray what is on your heart as if you are talking to your best friend. God does not require our perfection, but God desires a relationship with each and every one of us. This Lent, I hope you will spend time with God and develop practices which will extend beyond this season and into a deeper relationship with our Creator.

As we look forward to Easter, there is a spirit of rebirth and renewal in the air. It is an exciting time for Centennial UMC at Ivy, as we vision for the future and dream about how we will live into the mission God has placed in our hands. It has been such a blessing to hear stories of the treasured memories and the ways that being involved at Centennial UMC at Ivy has impacted your lives through our peace circles. I appreciate all of your support and dedication to the ministries of Centennial, and I look forward to continued partnership in service to God. Please continue to be in prayer for our congregation at this pivotal moment in our history as we discern the ways we are being called to know Christ and make Christ known in our community.

Grace upon Grace,
Pastor Wendy

- 1 - UMW at 1pm
- 5 - Council on Ministries 7pm
- 10 - Men's Group Breakfast / church clean-up 9am
- 11 - Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 11 - Worship Committee Meeting - after fellowship
- 17 - St. Patrick's Day!
- 19 - Charge Conference 6pm
- 25 - Palm Sunday
- 25 - Education' Pie and Cake Auction -
- 29 - Maundy Thursday Service at 7pm
- 30 - Good Friday with Prayer Vigils at 11 and 5pm
- 31 - Easter Egg Hunt at 11am
- April 1 - Easter Sunrise Service and Breakfast

Charge Conference

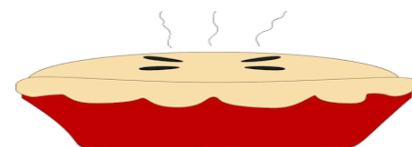
Vote on changing
to a full-time pastor
Mon, March 19 • 6 pm

Pie & Cake Auction

Sunday, March 25

Pies, cakes, and dessert donations to auction off are greatly appreciated!

All proceeds go to the education committee to help with camp membership, curriculum, bible studies, etc.



Centennial UMC at Ivy Full-Time Pastoral Appointment Update

We have been making great progress in our efforts to transition Centennial from a part-time pastoral appointment to a full-time pastoral appointment. We have had several meetings, received many questions, shared our visions, and worked together to strengthen the foundations and cornerstones of Centennial. On February 11th we engaged in a peace circle exercise in which members of the congregation met in small groups to discuss their love for Centennial, what they see in Centennial's future, and the full-time pastoral appointment initiative. The positivity and energy which has come from this exercise will propel us forward into our next steps.

Our next steps will include a Charge Conference and a supplemental financial campaign for 2018. The supplemental financial campaign will be to address the increased financial obligations that will be a part of a full-time pastoral appointment. While the Charge Conference is not yet scheduled, we will have the supplemental going before the Charge Conference occurs. You can expect to see more de-

tails on the scheduling of the Charge Conference, and on the supplemental financial campaign, in the near future.

In this age of constantly evolving technology and communities, we must remember our core purpose. That purpose is to give all glory to God, and to help others grow as disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. God's vision for Centennial and our vision for Centennial are one and the same, to know Christ and make Christ known around the world. While our core purpose and vision will always remain, we must evolve in the ways we strive to fulfill that core purpose and vision. This is an extraordinary time in the life of Centennial. Find joy and comfort in all of the ways God is present here at Centennial!

Matthew 28:18-20

Then Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things I have commanded you. And, remember, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

Youth Sunrise Service

It is Ivy's tradition that the youth lead Easter Sunrise Service. Every year our youth group work hard to deliver the Easter message to our congregation. They also provide breakfast after the service. This year they will be providing breakfast pizza, fruit, coffee, milk, and orange juice.





SAT, MARCH 31 • 11 AM

Do you know who wrote these famous lines?



- * "Today you are you! That is truer than true. There is no one alive who is you-er than you."
- * "A person's a person, no matter how small."
- * "The sun did not shine. It was too wet to play. So, we sat in the house all that cold, cold wet day."
- * "I do not like green eggs and ham. I do not like them, Sam-I-Am."

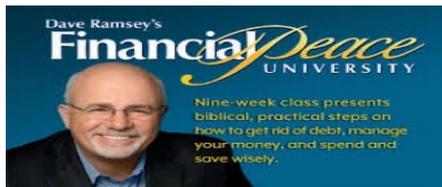
If you guessed Dr. Seuss, Theodor Geisel, you were "98 and 3 quarters percent" correct!!

Celebrate the good doctor's birthday March 2 by reading and sharing your favorite Dr. Seuss book. **What's YOUR favorite?** (email your favorite Seuss book to Libby at hiattdl@aol.com and they'll be shared in the April newsletter!)



Bible Studies / Classes

After Easter we will begin a Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University Class on Wednesday nights from 6-7pm. We are looking for 2 leaders for this class.



We will begin a 'Cross Talk' group which is aimed at middle aged adults. The first book of study will be 'Living the Five' We hope to begin this study after Easter. We are looking for a person to lead.



TRUE BELIEVERS

Light Supper begins at 5:30pm.

We ask for a \$2 donation.

Classes are from 6-7pm

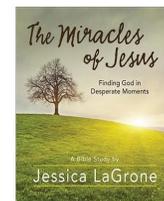
Young kids ages kindergarten to 6th grade, Youth Group ages 7th-12th Grade, and adults for various bible studies.

Bible Studies / Classes

Wednesday nights 6-7pm and Sunday mornings at 9:15am we will continue with our Threads of Grace Lenten Study with Pastor Wendy. This will continue until Easter.

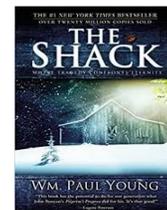
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Tuesday, March 20 we will begin an early morning Women's Study. It will take place at Starbucks at 6:30am. 3219 8th St SW, Altoona.



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After Easter we will begin The Legacy Builders bible study group. This will be a young adult study and will rotate leaders each week. The first book of study will be "The Shack"



MEN'S GROUP

Breakfast & Church Clean-up

SATURDAY, MARCH 10TH | 9:00AM | BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED



PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 25

Ushers and Greeters

March 4 - Bill & JoAnn Hansen

March 11 - Don Hiatt & Nancy Day

March 18 - Torie & Kensie Hermann

March 25 - Jary & Marcy Bowie

April 1 - Gunnar & Heath Methlie

April 8 - Amy Corbin & Jason Ferguson

April 5 - Helen Freeman & Jonathan Freel

April 22 - Doris Heaberlin & Bob Dice

April 29 - Brandi & Brock Jackson

Dinner Day Hosts and Hostesses

March 4 -Day, Ferguson, Hermann

March 11 -Maggie

March 18 - Williams

March 25 - Education/Pie & Cake Auction

April 1 - Easter - Youth Breakfast

April 8 - Dinner Day - Fiene & Denhart

April 15 -

April 22 -

April 29 -



- 1 Evan Fischer
- 2 Brad Geisenhoff
- 3 Jary Bowie
Khloe Geisenhoff
- 4 Gaylen Heaberlin
Megan Dereus
- 5 Jake Shaver
- 6 Colin Britt
Edie Musgrave
- 9 Joy Martin
Gunnar Methlie
- 10 Maggie Stout
- 11 Peggy Hennigar
Todd Owens
- 13 Lisa Day
- 19 Carissa Bowie
Lainey King
Marilyn Murphy
Ardean Williams
- 22 Jordan Graves
Gary Lynch
- 24 Morgan Day
- 25 Landan Feters
Madison Heaberlin
Cathy Johnston
- 26 Joy Wieland
- 27 Peg Atzen
Laura McCrory
- 28 Andrew Glann
- 29 Jeff Freel
Emma Hackett
- 30 Heath Methlie
- 31 Paige McDuffy

United Methodist Women

Centennial United Methodist Women met Feb. 1 at 1:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall with seven members present. The February scripture was Lamentations 3:23. Leslee Lynch presented the program, A Call to Prayer and Self Denial and Libby Hiatt served as hostess.

The group will give a Gift in Memory for Jim Murphy.

The state-wide program theme for 2018 is "The Power of Bold" and the scripture verse is Ephesians 3:12. The three mission studies are Seeking Health and Wholeness, Part 2, Missionary Conferences of the United States, and What About Our Money: A Faith Response.

The next meeting will be March 1 at 1:00 p.m. Sandra Stuart will present the World Day of Prayer program and Marilyn Murphy will serve as hostess.

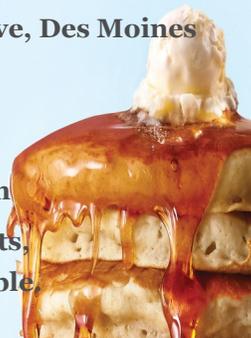
Bidwell Annual Pancake Breakfast

Grace United Methodist Church
3700 Cottage Grove, Des Moines

March 10th

8:30am - 12:30 pm

Baked goods, quilts,
Etc, will be available



March Anniversaries

- 13 Paul & Brenda Stout
- 14 Darin & Mitzi Wood
- 17 Gary & Leslee Lynch
- 21 Larry & Laura McCrory
- 24 Nancy & Don Day
- 27 Jayme & Joseph Fry

Frequently Called Numbers -

Pastor: Wendy Musgrave
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515-957-6268

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515-967-4189

Treasurer (bills to be paid): Bonnie Altes
515-966-2127

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

In 2017, Caring Hands Outreach served 837 households consisting of 2,263 persons. The average family used the food pantry services nine times last year.



Centennial's Food Pantry donation for February was 68 food items and 133 travel-size toiletry items for a total of 201 items!

When you travel, please save the small soaps, shampoos, toothpastes, etc. from your places of lodging to donate to the Food Pantry!

The Food Pantry will be closed to the public for food distribution along with Our Daily Bread and the Clothes Hanger when Southeast Polk schools are closed due to inclement weather.

FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2018 Actual Giving vs. 2018 Budget Goal

	Required		Tithes	Other Inc	Total	Cumulative Difference
January	\$ 6,910.00	4 Sundays	\$ 6,615.75	\$ 350.00	\$ 6,965.75	\$ 55.75
February	\$ 6,910.00	4 Sundays			\$ -	
March	\$ 6,910.00	4 Sundays			\$ -	
April	\$ 8,640.00	5 Sundays			\$ -	
May	\$ 6,910.00	4 Sundays			\$ -	
June	\$ 6,910.00	4 Sundays			\$ -	
July	\$ 8,640.00	5 Sundays			\$ -	
August	\$ 6,910.00	4 Sundays			\$ -	
September	\$ 8,640.00	5 Sundays			\$ -	
October	\$ 6,910.00	4 Sundays			\$ -	
November	\$ 6,910.00	4 Sundays			\$ -	
December	\$ 8,640.00	5 Sundays			\$ -	
2018 Budget	\$ 89,840.00		\$ 6,615.75	\$ 350.00	\$ 6,965.75	7.75%

52 Sundays in 2018

Required =7.70%
Of Annual Budget

As of January 31 we exceeded our 2018 Budget Goal by \$55.75

Gaylen Heaberlin, Finance Chairman



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Centennial's NEW Shed!!

**Our new shed was delivered
on January 10!**

**Located in the east-rear of
the church.**



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TO DEAN FIENE AND
DON HIATT FOR HELPING
WITH THE DELIVERY .
ALSO THANK YOU FOR
EXCITEDLY PUTTING
THINGS AWAY!



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