



STEEPLE NEWS

Centennial United Methodist Church at Ivy

May 2021



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR DANI:

In his first letter to the church at Corinth, Paul writes,

“Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore, glorify God in your body.” (6:19-20)

While growing up in the church, I heard these Bible verses quoted numerous times to discourage people from getting tattoos. But not once had I learned in church that treating our bodies as temples of God includes caring about the food we eat, exercising, meditating, spending time outdoors, sleeping, drinking enough water, and so much more. When we focus so much on one interpretation of a scripture text, we lose sight of all the other possible readings and we end up neglecting the beauty of multiple interpretations from the Word of God.


Nonetheless, since the beginning of the new year, I've been thinking more about these alternative interpretations of what it means to glorify God by caring for my body, this temple, that God has gifted me. Whether we are aware of it or not, this pandemic has had an impact on our bodies. Many of us have spent more time at home where we may not move our bodies as often as we used to. For students who transitioned to online learning for the better part of 2020, they spent less time walking from class to class. Employees who worked from home walked across the hall to their home office rather than from the parking lot to their office building. And people who may have had a weekly walk scheduled with a friend chose to pause their walk for safety.

Inactivity has increased tremendously due to the pandemic and our bodies are reacting to this inactivity. Whether it be weight gain, increase in fatigue or stress, or something else entirely, there is a greater need now than ever to attentively schedule exercise in our regular routines.

Scheduling exercise and activity is still a very new practice. Before the rise in technological advances throughout the 20th and 21st centuries, individuals and families received much of their necessary exercise and activity from their work on the farm, household chores, horse riding, hunting, and gathering food, and more. But in today's age, when many sit at a desk for work, physical fitness and exercise has to be scheduled in order to care for our bodies, minds, spirits, and souls.

I believe it is good news that we have bodies. If it weren't, Paul wouldn't call our attention to our bodies and call them *temples of the Holy Spirit*. God gifts us these bodies and now it is our duty to care for them, just as we are called to be caretakers of the earth. Let us be thoughtful caretakers of our very bodies, these temples as well; for we are *fearfully and wonderfully made* by a gracious God (Psalm 139:14).

Love, Pastor Dani



Living in a POSTRESURRECTION world

Easter is not just one day, it's an entire season! During the season of Easter (April -May), we will explore the good news that Christ is risen both from the grave and in every aspect of our lives. We'll spend time living in awe of the mundane moments of our ordinary lives, because the presence of our Risen Lord makes all moments sacred and holy. Explore & journey with us every Sunday morning at 10:30am as we consider how we live in a post resurrection world as Easter people who live as extensions of Christ's hands and feet between Easter Sunday and Pentecost.

Mother's Day is on May 9, 2021

*For the mothering of mothers
and the mothering of fathers
for the mothering of others:
Mother God,
we give you thanks.*

*For those who act as midwife to our hopes,
for those who nurse us through our pain,
for those who nurture, strengthen, and
guide us:
Mother God,
we give you thanks.*

*For those who gently push us from the
nest,
for those who welcome us home,
for those who become our family,
for the motherhood of the Church:
Mother God,
we give you thanks. Amen.
prayer written by "Mother's Union"



*Happy
mother's
day!*

Technology Training
SUNDAY, MAY 16
FOLLOWING WORSHIP (11:45AM)

Join us to learn how you can help run new technology we use in worship, including the camera we use to livestream worship, the iPad used to broadcast images, & more

FOR ALL INTERESTED IN WORSHIP TECHNOLOGY!

GIVE FROM THE HEART
 CENTENNIAL'S MAY & JUNE MISSIONS FOCUS

PLEASE DONATE HEART-HEALTHY FOOD ITEMS
 IN MAY & JUNE TO SUPPORT
 CARING HANDS FOOD PANTRY

- oatmeal
- cheerios
- whole grain pastas
- low-sodium soups
- no-salt added
- canned veggies
- canned fruits
- & more

other current food pantry needs: liquid laundry detergent



HYMN SING IS BACK! (SORT OF!)

Do you have favorite hymns you haven't sung in a year?
 Write down your favorite hymns and put them in the "HYMN SING" basket in the church narthex.

Each week, Pastor Dani will randomly pick two hymns from the HYMN SING basket and include them the following week in our worship bulletin.

If you are unable to write down your favorite hymns, send them via mail and we'll add them to the basket for you.
 Centennial UMC at Ivy PO Box 624 Altoona, IA 50009

**We now offer worship inside our sanctuary with guidelines to help keep us safe.
Please read below before attending worship in our sanctuary.**



A caring family of disciples
who **know Christ** and
make Christ known in our
community and around the world.



In order to safely re-enter the building for worship, we have multiple regulations that we must all take seriously in an effort to keep us safe and healthy. See below for a list of regulations and restrictions as we begin indoor worship soon. We hope you'll join us with a mask & a willingness to experiment together.

INDOOR WORSHIP & SANCTUARY SEATING GUIDELINES:

- Do not attend any in-person meeting or gathering if you do not feel well or have any symptoms of COVID-19. Masks are required.
- Capacity for the sanctuary is set currently at 36 participants for safety reasons. This number is difficult to define and is somewhat flexible as families are welcome to sit together, but folks who are not related to each other must sit 6-feet apart.
- Like the rest of the building, masks are required in the sanctuary until further notice. Hand sanitizer will be made available for you before and after the service.
- Ushers will greet you at the door before you enter the church building. Ushers will hand you a bulletin and assist you in finding the best place to sit that is distanced from those you are not related to.
- If we reach capacity in the sanctuary, we will then seat folks distanced in the narthex. If the narthex reaches capacity, then we will use seating in the fellowship hall where folks can watch the service on the TV and hear it through the radio that we will provide. Folks are welcome to continue worshipping in their cars (tune your radio to 88.5 to worship along with us), or online.
- Every other pew is marked as not occupiable, beginning with the first row of each aisle. Please abide by these restrictions when you enter the sanctuary by sitting only in rows that are not marked off by tape or ribbon.
- Non-family members in the same pew need to sit physically distanced from the other. The CDC recommends 6 ft. Two or three individuals could sit distanced in the same pew. Again, an usher will assist you.
- Ushers will also dismiss families and individuals at the end of the service. Please do not get up to leave without an usher dismissing you. This helps us keep everyone moving safely and reminds us all that we cannot gather indoors for fellowship after service. Please feel free to chat with one another at a safe distance outdoors after the service.
- Online worship will continue to be made available every week. Our website, ivycentennial.org has all worship links in the "Sermon Videos" tab.
- We will also continue to worship through the radio. So, if you'd like to join us, while staying in the safety of your car, you can join us on Sunday mornings by parking in our parking lot by 10:30am and tuning your radio to 88.5 FM.

Centennial United Methodist Women met April 8, 2021 with seven members in attendance.

Scriptures for March (Romans 8:38-39) and April (Philippians 4-4) were read.

For roll call, the group shared how they celebrated Easter. Several members shared their experiences delivering Easter baskets to our shut ins.

The group served the Caring Hands Simple Supper on April 26th. The clients were served cavatelli, bread, fruit cups and cookies. Those helping to serve will be Dani, Mary, Libby and Leslee.

Members were given the opportunity to register for a District wide Time Apart Zoom Event on May 1st entitled Finding Peace in An Anxious World.

The next meeting will be May 20 at 1:00 pm. Visitors are always welcome!

Administrative Council Highlights April 18th Meeting

- Gaylen Heaberlin has served as Financial Secretary for more than 30 years and now Joy Warner is transitioning into this role.
- Finance committee is reviewing the process for invoices being submitted and approved for payment by the Treasurer.
- Wind damage to a parking lot light pole will result in two new poles and new lights throughout the parking area which will cost approximately \$10,000.
- Centennial has been approved for a U.S. Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan and received during April \$20,771 which will not need to be repaid. Centennial received a similar loan last summer.
- After receiving nearly \$30,000 over the past three years to assist Centennial's support of a full-time pastor from the Iowa Conference of the United Methodist Church, we have now been informed that our request of \$6,000 for 2021-2022 has been denied due to limited funds.

The complete minutes of the April 2021 Administrative Council meeting will be available after they are approved at the June meeting.

Minutes of previous meetings are available on the church's website at <https://www.ivycentennial.org/?subpages/Minutes-of-Admin-Council.shtml>

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

Children's Book Week, established in 1919, is not only a celebration of books but of connection. It is meant to unite kids and adults with books and authors and illustrators in order to foster a love of reading.

Everyone is invited to celebrate this special week of May 3-9. It is dedicated to inspiring a love of reading in children and teenagers across America.

The 2021 slogan is "Reading is a Superpower". Award-winning author and illustrator is Bryan Collier the poster art creator. Check out his poster in our Little free Library!



Also in the Little Free Library are 2021 Children's Book Week poster activities. Challenge yourself, your friends, and your family to read during Children's Book Week and all year long. How many boxes can you check off?

OUT WITH THE OLD AND IN WITH THE NEW!

Thank you to Ken Sharp for the photos of the new light poles being installed at the church!



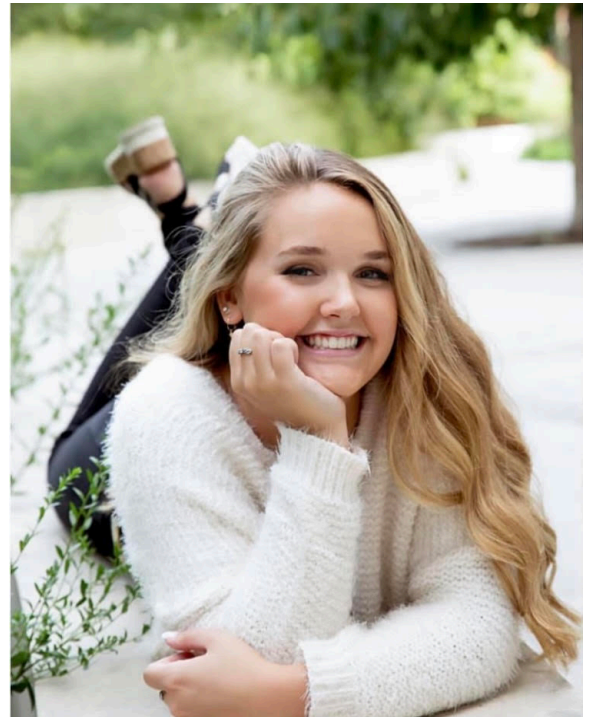
Wherever
YOU GO
GO WITH ALL YOUR
I heart
CLASS OF 2021



Avery Britt - Daughter of Terry & Mindy Britt



Brock Jackson - Son of Aaron and Brandi Jackson



Lila Morgan, Daughter of Tim & Jen Morgan

EVERY GREAT DREAM
BEGINS WITH A
DREAMER.
ALWAYS REMEMBER,
YOU HAVE WITHIN YOU
THE STRENGTH,
THE PATIENCE,
AND THE PASSION
TO REACH FOR THE
STARS
TO CHANGE
THE WORLD.
HARRIET TUBMAN

MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Logan Heaberlin
2	3	4 Jamie Graves Jeffrey & Karla Heaberlin	5 Don Hiatt Lois Wehde	6 Hailey Griffiths Boman Jackson Allison Lehn	7	8
9	10	11 Jennifer Quick Bill & JoAnn Hansen	12	13 Greta Musgrave Bob Pool	14 Zach Johnston Ed Myers Victoria Purcell	15
16	17 Harry Clark Jonathan Martin Joy Warner	18 Travis Shipley	19 Avery Britt Rosemary Freel	20 Emily Stout	21 Courtney Fritz	22 Jayme Fry Jayden Graves
23	24 Drew Hiatt Tim & Wendy Fritz	25	26 Kelly Adey	27 Tom Gish	28	29 Doris & Gaylen Heaberlin
30 Jonah Goforth Doris Heaberlin Oakley Maxwell	31 Abby & Andrew Glann Jane & Jeff Heaberlin Cathy & Mike Johnston					



Tuesday, May 3rd – Council on Ministries @ 7:00 pm
 Thursday, May 6th – UMW @ 1:00 pm
 Tuesday, May 11th – Communications Meeting @ 6:30 pm
 Sunday, May 16th – Technology Workshop @ 11:45 am
 Monday, May 17th – Education Meeting @ 7:00 pm
 Thursday, May 20th – UMW @ 12:00 pm
 Monday, May 24th – Pub Theology @ 7:00 pm
 Tuesday, May 25th – Missions & Hospitality @ 7:00 pm
 Sunday, May 30th – Senior Sunday for our Graduates
 WoW (Virtual) – Every Wednesday during the month of May from 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Pastor Dani will be on vacation May 27th – June 2nd

2021 Centennial Committee Members

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mark Olgren – 2021
Ken Sharp – 2021
Nancy Day – 2022
Gary Lynch – 2022
Ken Pickering – 2022
Evan Fischer – 2023
Jerry Olgren – 2023
Jacquelyn Purcell – 2023

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (NOMINATIONS)

Mary Ferguson – 2021
Don Hiatt – 2021
Jonathan Freel – 2021
Janice Williams – 2022
Brandi Jackson – 2022
Dean Fiene – 2022
Allison Lehn – 2023
Pastor: Dani Musselman **
Lay Leader: Jason Ferguson

PASTOR PARISH RELATIONS

Lay Leader: Jason Ferguson
Lay Mem Ann Conf: Allison Lehn
Terry Benda – 2022
Jill Craven – 2022
Aleka Fischer – 2023
Joy Warner – 2023

MISSIONS & HOSPITALITY

Marcy Bowie ** - 2021
Barb Sharp – 2021
Rita Denhart – 2021
Lee Ann Martin – 2021
Bobbi Meister – 2021
Janice Williams – 2021
Marcy Bowie – 2022
Shay Maxwell – 2022
Amy Ferguson – 2023
Gayle Jordan – 2023
Brooke Person – 2023
Larry Jordan - 2023

COMMUNICATIONS

Whitney Long - 2021
Church Secretary: Amy Ferguson
Jonathan Freel ** - 2022
Evan Fischer – 2022
Carissa Bowie - 2022
Gaylen Heaberlin - 2022
Jeff Freel - 2023
Maggie Stout - 2023

EDUCATION

Mary Ferguson ** - 2021
Brooke Person - 2021
Lee Ann Martin - 2021
LaDonna Morse - 2022
Judy Hemingson - 2022
Deb Pickering - 2022
Marcy Campbell ** - 2023
Education Treasurer: Nancy Day

WORSHIP

Joy Warner - 2021
Jerry Olgren - 2021
Helen Freeman - 2021
Organist / Pianist: Linda Carnahan
Choir Director: Maggie Stout
Evan Fischer ** - 2023
Erik Hall - 2023
Missy Shaver - 2023

FINANCE

Bill Hansen - 2021
Kristi Olgren - 2021
Don Hiatt ** - 2022
Jonathan Freel - 2023
Treasurer: Ken Pickering
Financial Sec: Gaylen Heaberlin
Lay Leader: Jason Ferguson
Trustee Rep: Nancy Day
Ad Council Chair: Jeff Freel
Lay Mem Ann Conf: Allison Lehn
Pastor: Dani Musselman

Aaron & Brandi Jackson would like to extend Brock's invitation for all to attend. Please see details below.



grad
PARTY

BROCK JACKSON
Saturday, May 15 2-5 pm
Iowa State Fair
Walnut Center Building



Brock will be attending Central College and playing football for the Dutch this fall.

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

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**FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
2021 ACTUAL GIVING VS 2020 ACTUAL GIVING**

	REQUIRED	SUNDAYS	TITHES	OTHER INC (Breeze Costs)	TOTAL	INCOME ONE YEAR AGO
JANUARY	\$12,369.00	5	\$ 12,636.87	\$ (19.95)	\$ 12,616.92	\$12,090.11
FEBRUARY	\$12,368.00	4	\$ 9,296.84	\$ (11.86)	\$ 9,284.98	\$11,750.17
MARCH	\$12,368.00	4	\$ 12,908.84	\$ (9.65)	\$ 12,899.19	\$11,596.86
APRIL	\$12,368.00	4				\$ 7,389.67
MAY	\$12,369.00	5				\$30,158.83
JUNE	\$12,368.00	4				\$ 6,556.45
JULY	\$12,368.00	4				\$ 9,965.23
AUGUST	\$12,369.00	5				\$ 8,418.76
SEPTEMBER	\$12,368.00	4				\$ 8,658.93
OCTOBER	\$12,369.00	5				\$ 9,917.86
NOVEMBER	\$12,368.00	4				\$11,828.61
DECEMBER	\$12,368.00	4				\$10,999.76
2020 BUDGET	\$148,420.00		\$34,842.55	(\$41.46)	\$34,801.09	\$139,331.24
	52 Sundays in 2021				Actual:	23.45%
					Required to meet budget:	25.00%

As of April 18th, Centennial has collected \$815 for the Caring Hands Food Pantry. Let's keep it up!!!! On April 9, 2021 we received \$20,177 from the Small Business Administration for the Payroll Protection Program.

Gaylen Heaberlin, Financial Secretary



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