



STEEPLE NEWS

Centennial United Methodist Church at Ivy

November 2022



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JOYCE:

November is the month for *Thanks-Giving!* It's a time for remembering our blessings. The holiday season and time spent around the table remind us to be thankful for family and others who love and support us in so many different ways. When we come to worship on Sunday mornings, we're thankful for the people who journey with us as we live out our faith.

Webster's New World Dictionary defines the word thanksgiving as "a formal public expression of thanks to God." In other words, God is the reason for our Thanks-Giving. All that we are and all that we have comes from him.

Psalm 100 is a psalm of thanksgiving written for the people of Israel.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness;

come into his presence with singing...

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the LORD is good;

his steadfast love endures forever,

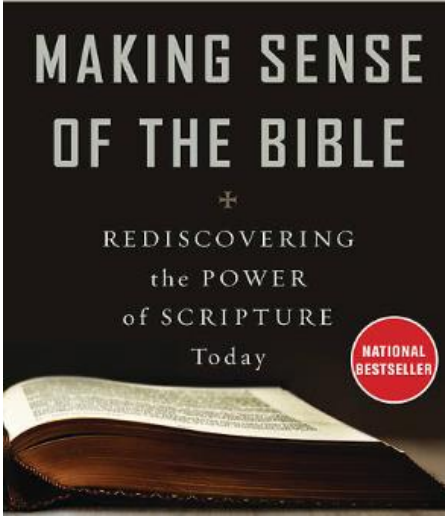
and his faithfulness to all generations

While they were still wandering in the wilderness, God cautioned them - "When you come into the promised land, and settle down in your warm homes, and you have plenty to eat.....don't forget me.....I led you out of the wilderness and I brought you into a land flowing with milk and honey." It doesn't take very long for the people to get comfortable and complacent in their new homes. They needed to be reminded over and over that God was the source of their blessings. We're a bit like them, in that we also need to be reminded. We live in a world that values independence and self-sufficiency, and it's easy to forget that our blessings come from God's hand.

Friends in this season of *Thanks-Giving*, may our hearts overflow with gratitude to the Lord as we remember the blessings of God...the goodness of God... the love and forgiveness of God...and the faithfulness of God.

Be well and be blessed!

Pastor Joyce



New Bible Study – Beginning November 2nd, on Wednesdays 6:00-7:00 pm
Making Sense of the Bible: Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today

The world's bestselling, most-read, and most-loved book can also one of the most confusing. In this six-week study, we'll look at the nature of scripture and ways we can interpret the Bible for our time. If there is interest, we can also offer the study at other times. Please contact Pastor Joyce if you have any questions. Call or text 515-480-8457 or email revjlwebb76@gmail.com.

Stewardship Campaign 2023

Committed to the Future: Rooted in Faith

This year's campaign will conclude on Sunday, November 6th. Each household should have received a campaign packet in the mail, which includes an *Estimate of Giving Card*. We are asking each family to pray about how they can support the mission and ministry of the church in the coming year and bring the *Estimate of Giving Card* to worship on November 6th. During this time we will celebrate together as we offer our gifts to God. After worship, we'll share a meal together. If you have any questions, please contact Gaylen Heaberlin, the campaign chair at 515-322-7108. Thank you in advance for your investment in the mission and ministries of Ivy Centennial.



Daylight Savings Time Ends, Sunday, November 6th. Please remember to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed Saturday night.



All Saints Sunday Worship November 6th

All Saints Sunday is a time to remember church members and other loved ones who have passed away during the last year. It will be a time of remembrance as we read each name and invite family members to come forward to light a candle.

If you have a family member you would like to remember during our All-Saints service, please call, text, or email Pastor Joyce (515-480-8457, revjlwebb76@gmail.com) with your loved ones name and date of death.

We will also have an opportunity during the service to light candles for family members who passed away in years past as we remember the ways they rooted us in the faith.



ADVENT STUDY SUNDAYS 9:15-10:15 AM BEGINNING NOVEMBER 27TH.

Join us for coffee and conversation as we prepare our hearts to receive the Christ child this Christmas.

We'll be using Adam Hamilton's *Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas*. It is a five-week video study that looks at the significance of the names of Christ.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE MISSION AND MINISTRY PLAN

In early October the church had its annual charge conference. One action of the charge conference was to approve the mission and ministry goals for 2023. Some of the goals were carried over from 2022. Here are the goals for this coming year:

1. Look for ways to grow the children and youth ministry.
2. Encourage food focused ministries in fellowship and mission outreach.
3. Support growth in discipleship by communicating a discipleship pathway and offering more small group opportunities.
4. Create a vision statement by April 2023 and introduce the L3 (loving, learning, and leading) model to the Administrative Council.

Each goal also lists some benchmarks or measures of success. Please let Pastor Joyce know if you would like to have a copy of the 2023 Mission and Ministry Plan.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Centennial United Women in Faith hosted a Sips and Sweets social on October 13th at 1:00 pm in the Centennial fellowship hall. Women from the Altoona, Mitchellville and Centennial groups gathered to enjoy sweet treats, visiting, games and fellowship.

The fellowship hall was filled with much laughter and a good time was had by all!

DINNER DAY SIGN UP FOR 2023

Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex for 2023. Please choose your month and sign up!

LIBRARY QUOTES

No entertainment is so cheap as reading, nor any pleasure so lasting. *Mary Wortley Montagu*

It cannot be that the people should grow in grace unless they give themselves to reading. A reading people will always be a knowing people. *John Wesley*

Just the knowledge that a good book is waiting one at the end of a long day makes the day happier. *Kathleen Norris*

Read, read, read. *William Faulkner*

Books should go where they are most appreciated, and not sit unread, gathering dust on a forgotten shelf, don't you agree? *Christopher Paolini*

A good book has no ending. *R.D. Cummings*



LIVE NATIVITY 2023

Saturday, December 3rd from 6:00-8:00 pm

Education Committee will provide the hot drinks and treats.

Sign up is in the Narthex for the help that is needed to make this a success!



Make a Joyful Noise

Singing is an important part of worship! After taking a break due to COVID, the choir will be getting back together to sing on Sunday mornings.

If you like to sing and would like to find out more, please get in touch with Maggie Stout, the church's choir director (515) 419-9329, or catch her after church.



Tuesday, 11/1 @ 6:30 pm – Communication Meeting
 Wednesday, 11/2 @ 5:30-7:30 WOW
 Thursday, 11/3 – United Women of Faith @ 1:00 pm
 Sunday, 11/6 – Dinner Day after Worship
 Monday, 11/7 – Council on Ministries @ 7:00 pm
 Wednesday, 11/9 @ 5:30-7:30 WOW
 Wednesday, 11/16 @ 5:30-7:30 WOW
 Wednesday, 11/16 @ 7:30 pm – Finance Meeting
 Sunday, 11/20 – Steeple Items Due
 Saturday, 11/20 @ 11:45 am – Hanging of the Greens
 Wednesday, 11/30 @ 5:30-7:30 WOW
 Saturday, 12/3 @ 6:00 pm – Live Nativity

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1.	2.	3. Barb Bolt	4. Connie Bishop	5. Jennifer Simpson
6.	7.	8.	9.	10. Brenda Stout	11. Arianna Heitman Stephanie Lampkin	12.
13.	14.	15. Jan Adair Lloyd Hennigar Medea Saunders	16. Kayla Goforth Cynde Pool	17. Rev. Dani Musselman	18. Rob Campbell Mindy & Terry Britt	19.
20.	21. John Bowie Connie & Dennis Bishop Whitney & Nathan Long	22. Judy Hemingson	23. Jason Haley Dana King	24.	25. Tim Morgan Julie Palmer	26. Deanna Carroll Melinda Martin Darin Wood
27. John Ferguson	28.	29.	30. Pastor Duane Skidmore			

**FINANCE COMMITTEE
COMPARISON OF OPERATING INCOME**

	Offerings 2022	Offerings 2021	Offerings 2020	Offerings 2019
January	\$11,240.28	\$11,270.04	\$11,273.44	\$6,141.66
February	\$9,698.09	\$8,480.01	\$10,933.50	\$11,454.06
March	\$9,669.39	\$12,192.01	\$10,780.19	\$19,206.73
April	\$14,356.63	\$12,506.01	\$6,573.00	\$11,974.39
May	\$9,004.49	\$8,717.05	\$9,110.16	\$10,375.86
June	\$7,083.14	\$8,118.89	\$5,739.78	\$9,505.66
July	\$8,636.81	\$6,295.75	\$9,248.40	\$6,855.50
August	\$7,081.26	\$7,919.24	\$7,701.93	\$11,013.50
September	\$5,610.25	\$9,763.24	\$7,942.10	\$12,809.25
October		\$12,038.34	\$9,201.03	\$6,737.50
November		\$10,568.68	\$11,111.78	\$8,324.50
December		\$10,477.42	\$10,282.93	\$12,235.67
Total Offerings	\$82,380.34	\$118,346.68	\$109,898.24	\$126,634.28
Government Paycheck Protection Program		\$20,177.00	\$20,232.00	
Iowa Conference Assistance Program		\$4,300.98	\$9,201.00	\$10,400.04
Total Offerings & Programs	\$82,380.34	\$142,824.66	\$139,331.24	\$137,034.32

2022 Average Monthly Offerings \$9,153.37
 2022 Average Required Monthly for Budget (Revised) \$10,736.25
 2022 Average Offerings vs. Average Required for Budget (\$1,582.88)

As of September 30th, we have collected \$1,738.04 for the Caring Hands Food Pantry. This comparison does not include memorial, building fund, Caring Hands or mission project donations.

Joy Warner, Financial Secretary



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