



STEEPLE NEWS

Centennial United Methodist Church at Ivy

October 2022



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JOYCE:

In a few weeks, the church will begin its annual stewardship campaign. Stewardship is about recognizing God's ownership of all things, God blessings in our lives and returning some of those blessings for the work of God's Kingdom through this local church. Stewardship is about generosity and trust.

This year's campaign theme is *Committed to the Future – Rooted in Faith*. Ivy Centennial Church – the little white church on the hill – has been a fixture in this place for nearly 150 years, and the roots of faith go very deep! Over the years, generous and faithful church members made sure the work of God continued – even through major financial upheavals, two world wars, flu and polio outbreaks, and a constantly changing culture. Now it's our turn, as we continue to build on what they started.

There will be a few changes with this year's campaign. Campaign packets, including an *Estimate of Giving Card* will be handed-out at church or mailed out in mid-October. We don't want you to return the Giving Cards right away. Instead, we want you to take some time and pray about how God is calling you to participate. Then on November 6th, which is All Saints Sunday, congregation members who are able to be in worship, will bring their *Estimate of Giving Cards* forward to offer them up to God. All Saints Sunday will be a celebration of the faithful who have gone before us and also a celebration of our commitments to the future ministry and mission of Ivy Centennial. As an added bonus, it's also Dinner Day, a long-standing church tradition. What better way to end the day than to share a celebration meal together.

More information will be coming soon. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Gaylen Heaberlin, Stewardship Campaign Chair or Pastor Joyce.

Be well and be blessed,
Pastor Joyce



We reserved a place
for you at the table!

Dinner Day at Ivy Centennial

Sunday, October 2nd 11:30 am
A 90 year tradition of food and fellowship!

Ivy Centennial United Methodist Church
9150 East University Ave, Altoona, IA 50009
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Blessing of the Pets



Sunday, October 9, 2022 at 10:30

Join us for a special blessing of the pets during worship.

You may bring your pets (on a leash or in a crate)
or a photo of your pet for a blessing.

Ivy Centennial United Methodist Church
9150 East University Ave, Altoona



Saturday, October 29th from 5:30-6:30

Bring the kiddos to the church for a fun and safe event. We are looking for more people or groups to decorate a trunk and hand out candy to the kids. If that sounds fun to you, please use the sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary or contact Bobbie Meister (515)979-1734.



The Wednesday group is currently doing a six-week study on the Lord's Prayer. It's not too late to be part of the learning and the conversation.

We're using a resource from Adam Hamilton titled *The Lord's Prayer: The Meaning and Power in the Prayer Jesus Taught*. During the study, we'll dig a little deeper into each petition in the prayer, to get a better understanding of what Jesus meant.

This is a casual, no stress kind of study group and all are welcome. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Pastor Joyce by calling or texting revjlwebb76@gmail.com



If you want to be smart. **Read**
If you want to do well at school. **Read**
If you want to be different. **Read**
If you want to know everything. **Read**
If you want to be the best. **Read**
If you want to be better than the best. **Read**

If you can read 15 minutes a day, you can read 13 books a year!! Begin with reading a book from the church library!

Thank You!

THANK YOU to everyone who baked goodies for the church's Pie and Cake auction! Thanks also to the folks that gave generously to buy the sweet treats. The church raised \$3,020 for its education ministries. **GREAT JOB IVY CENTENNIAL!**



Sunday, 10/2 @ 11:30 - Dinner Day
Sunday, 10/2 @ 3:30 -Church Charge Conference
(Immanuel UMC, 2900 49th St., DSM)
Wednesday, 10/5 @ 5:30-7:30 WOW
Wednesday, 10/5 @ 7:30 - Administrative Council
Sunday, 10/9 @ 10:30 - Pet Blessing
Wednesday, 10/12 @ 5:30-7:30 WOW
Thursday, 10/13 @ 1:00 UWF
Sunday, 10/16 @ Stewardship Campaign Begins
Saturday, 10/26 @ 5:30-6:30 Trunk or Treat

Trustee Report

You might have noticed that the church parking lot looks a little different – all the big, gapping cracks are gone.

In August, a decision was made to repair and restripe the parking lot. It had been quite a few years since any work was done, and the cracks had become a safety hazard.

The cost for the work was \$14,614, with funds coming from the church's Rainy-Day fund. This repair should hold up for several years.



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.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1. Jennifer & Paul Quick
2. Jennifer Fischer Lori Freel Ava Hackett	3. Penny Dorris Chris Lehn DayKota Shelton Trevor Simpson Jary & Marcy Bowie	4. Bob Kujac Tylar Meister	5.	6. Dianne & Jerry Peck	7. Missy Shaver Carol & Jamie Graves	8.
9. Margaret Forster	10.	11. Kaylee Olgren Bobbi & Scott Meister	12. Jane Heaberlin	13.	14.	15. Rachael Cox Bob & Dee Johnston
16. Jon & Wendy Musgrave	17. LaDonna Morse Marcy & Tim Campbell	18. Brad & LaDonna Morse	19. Mike Ferguson	20. Jeffrey Heaberlin Dianne Peck Holly Tingley	21. Jessica Carroll Mike Johnston Chuck McGriff	22. Barbara Bernis Diana DeMoss
23. Shay Maxwell	24. Gary Fischer	25.	26. Carley Johnston Amy & Jason Ferguson	27. Jill Craven Olivia Fischer Butch & Judy Weeks	28. Marcy Campbell	29.
30.	31. Sue Larson Amanda Van – Winkle					

**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		\$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	\$76,770.09	\$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	\$76,770.09	\$142,824.66	\$139,331.24	\$137,034.32

2022 Average Monthly Offerings \$9,596.26
 2022 Average Required Monthly for Budget (Revised) \$10,736.25
 2022 Average Offerings vs. Average Required for Budget (\$1,139.99)

As of August 31st, we have collected \$1,728.04 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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