



STEEPLE NEWS

Centennial United Methodist Church at Ivy

OCTOBER 2024

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JOYCE:



It's official – fall has arrived! Fall is my favorite time of the year. Temperatures are a little cooler, college football is back, and the leaves on the trees turn glorious colors of red, yellow and orange.

In the church, fall is also the time of the year when we think about stewardship. It's a time to celebrate ministry and mission over the last year, and to begin planning for the year to come. In a few weeks, we will begin this year's stewardship campaign. Our theme is "All In." Usually if we say, "I'm all in," what we're saying is "this is important and I'm going to put forward my best effort to make this (whatever this is) happen." God was *all in* when he sent Jesus into the world. And as the church, we're called to be *all in* in the ways we serve God in our church family and out in the community. In the next few weeks, you'll be receiving some information about the campaign, which will include a congregational letter and Estimate of Giving Card. An estimate of giving is just that...your best estimate of what you will be able to contribute to the church's ministry and mission in 2025. This is important because it helps us budget for next year.

We will conclude the campaign on Sunday, November 3rd, and celebrate as together we offer our gifts to God. It's also All Saints Sunday, so we will take some time during the service to celebrate our church members and other loved ones who have gone before us. After the service we'll share a meal together. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Gaylen Heaberlin the Finance Committee chair (515-322-7108) or Pastor Joyce (515-480-8457).



IVY HAWL-O-WEEN TRICK OR TREAT EVENT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27TH 4:30 -6:30 pm

Mark your calendars for this fun, family friendly event. Families will meet at the church and then head out to trick or treat at the homes of participating congregation members. Afterward, they'll return to the church for food and games. This will also be a fundraiser for the Animal Rescue League.

Here are a few ways you can get involved!

- 1) If you would like to be a stop on the trick or treat route, please let us know by signing up on the sign-up sheet. Or you can call or text Pastor Joyce at 515-480-8457. As a host, you would pass out candy to the kids and if you are so inclined, you can make a donation to the ARL.
- 2) If you know kids who might like to participate in a fun evening, please let us know so we can invite them to come.
- 3) We are also looking for some people who can help at the church during the event (set-up, help with games, food and clean-up). If you want, you're welcome to wear a church-friendly costume. There is a place on the sign-up sheet to let us know if you're available to help.

thank you

2024 PIE, CAKE AND MORE AUCTION

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Pie and Cake Auction. We had lots of wonderful baked goods to bid on, and people were generous with their bids. As of today, we raised \$1,925 to be used toward children and youth ministry.

We would also like to thank Tom & Gail Gish's grandson Xan for the beautiful pumpkin center pieces that we auctioned off as well.



A good crowd, waiting for the auction to begin



Auctioneer Ken Sharp and assistants MaKenslea and Shaleigh McDuffy



IVY CENTENNIAL PARTICIPATES IN THE SOUTH EAST POLK HOMECOMING PARADE

After a few years away, the church decided to participate in this year's high school homecoming parade. A group of volunteers stayed after church on September 22nd to begin decorating the float, which included a large cutout of the church.

Thanks to Mike Ferguson and Jeff Freel for the use of a trailer and truck. Thanks to Ivy members who helped decorate the church's float and to Whitney Long for designing the postcard to hand out.

A special thanks to church members who represented Ivy Centennial by riding or walking in the parade. What a great way to remind the community of who we are!



IVY CENTENNIAL WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The group met for lunch Thursday, September 6th at Hills Bar and Grill in Pleasant Hill for a time of food and fellowship. Mary Fergusson brought a birthday cake to celebrate Dee Johnston's 90th birthday.

The next meeting will be Thursday, October 3rd at 12:00 at the church. A light soup lunch will be provided. All women are welcome to come and if you want, bring along a friend. The more the merrier.





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.

Please hold these members and friends of the Ivy Centennial church family in prayer:

Doris Heaberlin	Teri Weeks
Maggie Stout	Barb Bolt
Judy Fiene	Ardean Williams
Chuck McGriff	Karla Heaberlin
Barb Sharp	Rose Mary Freel
Bob Dice	



Wednesday	10/2	7:30 pm	Administrative Council Meets
Thursday	10/3	12:00 pm	Ivy Women's Fellowship
Sunday	10/6	11:30 am	Dinner Day Potluck
Saturday	10/12	9:00 am	Men's Group
Sunday	10/27	4:30 pm	Ivy's Haul-o-ween Trick or Treat
Sunday	11/10	1:00 pm	2024 Charge Conference Oakwood UMC, Pleasant Hill

The Chili & Oyster Supper is Back!

Mark your calendar for the return of this traditional event on November 16th!

All profits from this dinner will go to church ministries or local charities!

The Men's Group is proud to sponsor this church-wide activity, however we will need help from the congregation.

There will be ways to sign up to support this Centennial event in the coming weeks. If anyone has any thoughts, please reach out to Jonathan Freel at jonfreel7@gmail.com or 515-771-9687.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1. Jennifer & Paul Quick	2. Jennifer Fische Lori Freel Ava Hackett	3. Penny Dorris DayKota Freel Chris Lehn Trevor Simpson Jary & Marcy Bowie	4. Bob Kujac Tylar Meister	5.
6.	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 Holly Tingley	21. Jessica Carroll Mike Johnston Chuck McGriff	22. Barbara Bernis Diana DeMoss	23. Shay Maxwell	24. Gary Fischer	25. Shaleigh McDuffy	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 2024	Offerings 2023	Offerings 2022	Offerings 2021
January	\$9,670.48	\$17,243.17	\$11,240.28	\$11,270.04
February	\$9,829.06	\$7,101.46	\$9,698.09	\$8,480.01
March	\$10,748.26	\$5,903.26	\$9,669.39	\$12,192.01
April	\$6,768.06	\$10,174.26	\$14,356.63	\$12,506.01
May	\$5,321.26	\$6,837.26	\$9,004.49	\$8,717.05
June	\$9,196.26	\$7,021.56	\$7,083.14	\$8,118.89
July	\$7,083.86	\$9,413.26	\$8,636.81	\$6,295.75
August	\$6,342.26	\$5,192.26	\$7,081.26	\$7,919.24
September		\$7,791.06	\$5,610.25	\$9,763.24
October		\$9,101.26	\$12,111.46	\$12,038.34
November		\$8,401.26	\$8,679.97	\$10,568.68
December		\$11,510.84	\$7,552.26	\$10,477.42
Total Offerings	\$64,959.50	\$105,690.91	\$110,724.03	\$118,346.68
Government Paycheck Protection Program				\$20,177.00
Iowa Conference Assistance Program				\$4,300.98
Total Offerings & Programs	\$64,959.50	\$105,690.91	\$110,724.03	\$142,824.66

2024 Average Monthly Offerings \$8,119.94

2024 Average Required Monthly for Budget \$8,945.33

2024 Average Offerings vs. Average Required for Budget (\$825.40)

This comparison does not include memorial, building fund, or special project donations. As of August 31st, we have collected \$1,650.00 for the Caring Hands Food Pantry.

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