



STEEPLE NEWS

Centennial United Methodist Church at Ivy

September 2018



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR WENDY:

Have you ever wondered: What is the meaning of life? What is my purpose? Why am I here? I remember first asking these questions of myself as an early adolescent, accompanied by that typical adolescent angst. With so many choices in front of us daily, how are we to use the gifts with which we have been entrusted? These questions often resurface during times of significant life change. Whether it be bringing home your first child from the hospital or sending your youngest off to college, beginning a new career or retiring at the end of a long one, life changes often prompt us to take inventory.

I think it is important to ask these questions of ourselves, not just once but repeatedly, to check in. What are my gifts, and how am I using them? Who do I influence, and what is the impact of my influence? What is most meaningful to me? We long for meaning. We desire purpose. We want to make a positive impact in the world.

During September, we will be turning to the book of Acts and exploring a series of stories from the early church. We will meet people whom you may not readily recall, people who are not the major players but minor ones who exemplify faithfully lived purpose with lasting impact. We will look to the stories of these inspiring people in the early church to discover how we can be inspired to live our God-given purpose in our time.

God was at work in the lives and ministry of the early church, just as God is alive and at work in us. Wherever we find ourselves on life's journey, let's commit to living on purpose and see what God has in store for us next!

Blessings for the journey,
Pastor Wendy

Ivy WOW BLOCK PARTY!

WED, SEPT 5 • 5:30-7:30PM
FOOD • GAMES • LIVE MUSIC



Please join us at the Block Party on Wednesday, September 5th from 5:30-7:30 pm. A free dinner will be served from 5:30 – 6:30 pm. We will have games for all ages, large inflatables, live music and fellowship throughout the whole event. Everyone is welcome!

MAY THE
FAITH
BE WITH YOU

Please join us for Rally Day on Sunday, September 9th at 9:15 a.m. to kick off the new Sunday School Year!

GARDEN POLE PAINTING CLASS

When: Saturday, October 6th 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Where: Ivy Centennial Church
Cost: 4ft--\$73/pp, 3ft--\$69/pp, 2ft--\$59/pp, 1ft--\$39/pp
(1ft pole includes FREE 7"x7" unpainted stand)



Registration fee covers sealed/pre-sketched pole, pre-drill for rebar (rebar is NOT included), metal weather cap (black or copper), use of aprons, painting supplies, materials, detailed instruction during class. Poles are pre-sketched with your choice of design prior to class. If you are interested in signing up, please email the church at ivycentennialumc@gmail.com. Class size is limited, and payment is due at sign up.

Help us find our next
Church Treasurer

A new Treasurer is needed for Bonnie beginning January 2019.

Please email the Church at ivycentennialumc@gmail.com

and a SPRC member will be in touch with you.

Women Before Work

When: Every Tuesday during the month of June.
Time: 6:30 – 7:15 am
Where: Church
Please feel free to join us anytime!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

NEW FOR SEPTEMBER!

Every Wednesday starting September 12th – Dinner will be held at 5:30 pm, Youth and Adult study starts at 6:00 pm with worship from 7:00-7:30 pm.

Wednesday – September 5th -5:30 – 7:30 Block Party

Thursday – September 6th & 20th – 1:00 pm – UMW

Thursday – September 6th – 7:00 pm - Communications Meeting

Saturday – September 8th – 9:00 am – Men's Group

Sunday – September 9th – Sunday School Rally Day

Monday – September 10th – Pub Theology – Reclaimed Rails in Bondurant

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world.

A successful "Cookies and Cookbooks" fellowship time was enjoyed on Aug. 19. U.M.W. hosted the event serving several kinds of delicious cookies and encouraging the congregation to take donated cookbooks from a variety of United Methodist Church's in the state. Half of the cookbooks displayed went to good Centennial homes! Following their summer hiatus, Centennial United Methodist Women will resume meeting twice a month through November.

On Sept. 6, Leslee Lynch will present the program and Janice Williams will serve as hostess. On Sept. 20, Judy Fiene will present the program and Bonnie Altes will serve as hostess. On Sept. 22, the Central District Annual Meeting will be held at Indianola United Methodist Church. It is a time to connect with District Officers and unit members from other United Methodist churches in the district. We welcome all women of the church to attend our meetings and discover the important role of United Methodist Women in the church.

Meeting dates for the remainder of 2018 are Oct. 4 and 18, Nov. 1 and 15 and Dec. 6.

September Birthdays

2	Marilyn Eland
3	Joseph Fry
4	Jordan Carroll
6	Susan Churchill Dan Geisenhoff Dee Johnston
7	Jerry Olgren
12	Wendy Fritz Carol Graves
13	Tom Bergstrom Angela Selby
16	Pat Adey Bruce Atherton Debbie Parker Ken Sharp
17	Jerry Huffman
18	Rebecca Mauritz Hannah Mauritz Mitzi Wood
19	Rosemary Atherton Todd Hiatt
20	Mary Baker Tom Johnston
21	Amy Corbin Steve Craven Rita Denhart
22	Bruce Baker
24	Jennifer Morgan
25	Marty Martin Bob Morrison Jeff Tomlin
26	Gage Seaman
27	Lisa Schmidtk
29	Brody Walker
30	Brittani Corbin Kinsley Haley

September Anniversaries

3	Scott & Becky Cadwell
4	Chris & Diana Demoss Dana & April King
7	Mark & Kristi Olgren
8	Torie & Jason Hermann
12	Stephanie & Josh Lampkin Larry & Julie Palmer
15	Jill & Steve Craven
19	Neal & Jen Griffiths Ardean & Janice Williams
24	Jim & Rita Denhart

Food Pantry

Centennial's food pantry donation for August was 79 items. Over \$700 was raised by volunteers who drove golf carts for Altoona's 150 birthday party. The money raised will help the Food Pantry continue their mission to feed the hungry. On Sunday, Sept. 30 there will be a 5K Hunger Run. It will start at Haines Park and end at the Food Pantry. There will be a hog roast and community picnic to help raise funds for the Pantry. Volunteers are needed! For more information, check the food pantry's website, <http://caringhandsiowa.org/events>

LIBRARY

During one of Pastor Wendy's summer sermons, she touched on the life of Corrie ten Boom. She was a Dutch watchmaker and a Christian who helped many Jews escape the Holocaust. There are two books in the church library about this courageous woman. The Hiding Place is a biography that recounts the story of her family's efforts. The other book is Corrie ten Boom's Prison Letters which recount the only tie between her and her loved ones and the outside world. Add these thought provoking books to your reading list!

SPECIAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS

One of the best things about being a United Methodist Church is that though we are a small church, we are part of a large, global connection. As United Methodists, when we pool our giving resources, we can make a big impact toward transforming the world for the glory of God in the name of Jesus Christ.

The United Methodist Church designates a number of Sundays throughout the year as opportunities for recognizing and supporting particular ministries. Churchwide Special Sundays with offerings enable United Methodists like us to offer refuge in times of disaster, promote peace and justice, provide scholarships and student loans, reach out to the community, teach skills to encourage self-sufficiency and share the love of Jesus Christ with God's people everywhere.

At Centennial UMC at Ivy, we celebrate these Sundays all at once, giving us an opportunity to recognize the global impact of our connectional giving. Throughout the month of September, we will be collecting special offerings for the following mission emphases:

Human Relations Day strengthens United Methodist outreach to communities in the United States and Puerto Rico, encouraging social justice and work with at-risk youth.

UMCOR Sunday Previously known as One Great Hour Of Sharing, this Sunday enables the United Methodist Committee on Relief to reach out through worldwide ministries of food, shelter, health and peace.

Native American Ministries Sunday nurtures mission with Native Americans and provides scholarships for United Methodist Native American seminarians.

Peace With Justice Sunday enables The United Methodist Church to have a voice in advocating for peace and justice through a broad spectrum of global programs.

World Communion Sunday provides scholarships for U.S. racial- and ethnic-minority students and international students, on both undergraduate and graduate levels.

United Methodist Student Day furnishes scholarships and loans for students attending United Methodist-related and other accredited colleges and universities.

Offering envelopes will be available through the month of September. Thank you for your generous support of United Methodist missions!

NEWS FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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	\$ 6,012.00		\$ 6,012.00	\$ (842.25)
March	\$ 6,910.00	4 Sundays	\$ 5,893.50		\$ 5,893.50	\$ (1,858.75)
April	\$ 8,640.00	5 Sundays	\$ 8,833.50	\$ 100.00	\$ 8,933.50	\$ (1,565.25)
May	\$ 6,910.00	4 Sundays	\$ 7,398.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 7,478.00	\$ (997.25)
June	\$ 6,910.00	4 Sundays	\$ 10,287.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 10,437.00	\$ 2,529.75
July	\$ 13,888.00	5 Sundays	\$ 8,526.33		\$ 8,526.33	\$ (2,831.92)
August	\$ 11,110.00	4 Sundays			\$ -	
September	\$ 13,888.00	5 Sundays			\$ -	
October	\$ 11,110.00	4 Sundays			\$ -	
November	\$ 11,110.00	4 Sundays			\$ -	
December	\$ 13,888.00	5 Sundays			\$ -	
	Commitments paid in 2017		\$ 3,100.00			
2018 Budget	\$ 118,184.00		\$ 56,666.08	\$ 680.00	\$ 57,346.08	48.52%

52 Sundays in 2018

Required = 58.33%
Of Annual Budget

As of July we are behind our 2018 Budget Goal by \$2,831.92 partly because of the increased budget.

Gaylen Heaberlin, Financial Secretary