



# STEEPLE NEWS

Centennial United Methodist Church at Ivy

September 2025

## *A NOTE FROM PASTOR JOYCE*

HOW IS IT WITH YOUR SOUL? This is a question that John Wesley encouraged Christians to ask of one another, and it's a good question, isn't it? In our world today, it can be easy to neglect our souls. We can get so focused on our family, our job, our finances, or any number of other things, that we can forget about the need to take care of our souls.

What do our souls need? There are the obvious things: worship, for example, and prayer; reading God's word and getting together with other Christians. But our souls can also be nourished by other things, too, like spending time in God's creation, or by reading books that feed our souls.

Beginning Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> we'll start a new sermon series called *Soul Reset*. Fall is a time when we tend to change up our routines. A new school year starts, and we begin new programs and ministries at the church. The idea of a *Soul Reset* is based on a book by Junius Dotson. In the book, he notes that many of the electronic devices we use have a reset feature - something that takes you back to the manufacturer's original settings. If it stops working or you mess it up somehow, you can reset it. He takes that same idea and applies it to our souls. By reset he means rearranging priorities...taking a time out...getting rid of the clutter...surveying the situation...getting back to the basics and charting a new way forward...in order to achieve wholeness so we can live our best lives now. **Did you get that...live our best lives now.**

As we think about fall, I want to encourage all of us to look for the new things God might be doing in our life and in the life of the church. If you've been away for a while, consider whether it's time to get reconnected with God and one another through worship and fellowship. How might God be calling you to reset?

Be well and be blessed!

*Pastor Joyce*



## SCHOLARSHIPS

**Macy Craven** is the daughter of Jill and Steve Craven. Macy graduated from DMACC and will be attending Upper Iowa University this fall.

**Landan Feters** is the son of Jolynn Feters and the grandson of Verna and John Bowie. Landan will be continuing his education at Simpson College

**Kayla Goforth** is the daughter of Jonah and Shelly Goforth and the granddaughter of LeeAnn Martin. Kayla will be a sophomore at The University of Iowa

### 2025 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

This year the church awarded three college scholarships. Funds for the scholarships come from the church's annual Pie and Cake Auction.

The following students have been awarded \$500.00 scholarships for the upcoming school year:



### DINNER DAY POTLUCK

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> 11:30 AM**

One thing that we enjoy at Ivy Centennial is sharing a meal together. Dinner Day is a 90 plus year tradition at Ivy. We would love to have you join us on the 7<sup>th</sup> as we carry-on the tradition!



### 2025 PIE, CAKE & MORE AUCTION SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> 11:30 AM

**Calling all BAKERS AND PIE AND CAKE EATERS!**

Join us for some fun competition at this year's *Pie, Cake and More Auction*. We need bakers AND bidders! Proceeds from this year's auction will be used for scholarships, children and youth ministry, as well as needs for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event.

This spring, the Committee used the pie and cake auction proceeds to award three \$500 scholarships to our young adults in college and vocational programs. Come join the fun and be sure to invite friends and family to join you!

## SCHOOL SUPPLY PROJECT



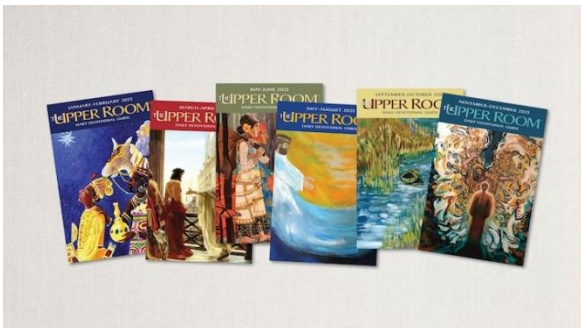
Thank you to everyone who took the time to pick up a few school supplies for the children in our community. We took a moment during our August 10<sup>th</sup> Worship Service to bless the donated supplies and the children who would receive them. The school supplies were delivered to Caring Hands in time to distribute them to families before the beginning of the school year. In your giving, you made a difference in the lives of families in our community.



## CARING HANDS FOOD PANTRY

Going into the fall, our lives can get busy. We want to make sure not to forget our local food pantry. We can all help by picking up a few extra non-perishable items to put into the church's grocery cart. Here are a few ideas - soups, box meals, canned meats, canned chili, peanut butter and jelly. Personal care items are also needed. Let's see if we can fill the cart in September. If you have extra garden

produce, you might consider dropping off what you can't use to Caring Hands at 602 3<sup>rd</sup> St SW in Altoona.



## UPPER ROOM DAILY DEVOTIONAL BOOKS

The September and October Upper Rooms are in. If you would like a devotional book, please let Pastor Joyce know (515) 480-8457 and she can make sure you get one. You have the choice of regular print or large print.





## IVY WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>, 11:30 AM**

### CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL

All women are invited to join the group. If you would like to know more, please get in touch with

Leslee Lynch (515) 577-8258 or Mary Ferguson  
(515) 975-0586



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](mailto:revjlwebb76@gmail.com).

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

Chuck McGriff

Kristie Olgren

Sandy Clark

John Bowie

Jeff Olgren

Leslie Hiatt

Nancy Day

Barb Bolt

Karla Heaberlin

Donna Gustafson and La Casa de Esperanza



Save  
the  
Date

Sunday	9/7	11:30 am	Dinner Day Potluck
Wednesday	9/10	5:30 p m	Wednesday Small Group
Sunday	9/14	11:30 am	Pie, Cake & More Auction
Saturday	11/15	4:30-6:30 pm	Chili, Oster Soup Supper & Bazaar
Sunday	7/12/26		150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## *SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS    SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES*

2	Marilyn Eland	4	Chris & Diana DeMoss
3	Joseph Fry	4	April & Dana King
4	Jordan Carroll	7	Kristi & Mark Olgren
6	Susan Churchill	8	Jason & Torie Hermann
6	Dan Geisenhoff	12	Josh & Stephanie Lampkin
6	Dee Johnston	12	Julie & Larry Palmer
7	Jerry Olgren	15	Jill & Steve Craven
8	Landan Deutmeyer	19	Jen & Neal Griffiths
12	Wendy Fritz	19	Ardean & Janice Williams
12	Carol Graves		
13	Tom Bergstrom		
13	Angela Selby		
16	Debbie Parker		
16	Ken Sharp		
19	Todd Hiatt		
20	Tom Johnston		
21	Steve Craven		
21	Rita Denhart		
21	Amy Ferguson		
24	Jennifer Morgan		
25	Jeff Tomlin		
26	Gage Seaman		
27	Lisa Schmidtke		
30	Brittani Corbin		
30	Kensli Haley		

**FINANCE COMMITTEE  
COMPARISON OF OPERATING INCOME**

	<b>Offerings 2025</b>	<b>Offerings 2024</b>	<b>Offerings 2023</b>	<b>Offerings 2022</b>
January	\$7,813.01	\$9,670.48	\$17,243.17	\$11,240.28
February	\$6,021.92	\$9,829.06	\$7,101.46	\$9,698.09
March	\$6,740.00	\$10,748.26	\$5,903.26	\$9,669.39
April	\$6,484.00	\$6,768.06	\$10,174.26	\$14,356.63
May	\$4,400.10	\$5,321.26	\$6,837.26	\$9,004.49
June	\$14,126.75	\$9,196.26	\$7,021.56	\$7,083.14
July	\$5,222.00	\$7,083.86	\$9,413.26	\$8,636.81
August		\$6,342.26	\$5,192.26	\$7,081.26
September		\$7,991.31	\$7,791.06	\$5,610.25
October		\$4,765.26	\$9,101.26	\$12,111.46
November		\$10,238.00	\$8,401.26	\$8,679.97
December		\$7,479.63	\$11,510.84	\$7,552.26
<b>Total Offerings</b>	<b>\$50,807.78</b>	<b>\$95,433.70</b>	<b>\$105,690.91</b>	<b>\$110,724.03</b>

**2025 Average Monthly Offerings** \$7,258.25  
**2025 Average Required Monthly for Budget** \$8,766.33  
**2025 Average Offerings vs. Average Required for Budget** (\$1,508.08)

This comparison does not include memorial, building fund, or special project donations. As of July 31st, we have collected \$965.00 for the Caring Hands Food Pantry.

**Joy Warner, Financial Secretary**



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