



STEEPLE NEWS

Centennial United Methodist Church at Ivy

MAY 2024

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JOYCE:

2020 General Conference in 2024

The 2020 General Conference of the United Methodist Church is meeting April 23rd through May 24th in Charlotte, North Carolina. Originally scheduled for 2020, it has been postponed three times due to the Coronavirus pandemic. For those who might not be aware, the General Conference brings together delegates from across the world. The General Conference is the body that sets official policy for the United Methodist Church, and it is the only body that can speak for the whole denomination.

During General Conference delegates will vote on resolutions submitted from across the denomination.

There are a couple of important pieces of legislation that will be brought up for a vote during this Conference. The first has to do with the restrictive language in the Book of Discipline (the governing document for the United Methodist Church) regarding homosexuality. The language currently reads that homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching. There is also a restriction that prohibits the ordination of practicing homosexuals as pastors and a restriction that prohibits conducting same sex marriages in United Methodist Churches. One of the resolutions that will come up for vote is whether this language should be removed from the Book of Discipline.

The second important piece of legislation that will be voted on is a plan for regionalization. The current proposal for regionalization would create four conferences: Africa, Europe, the Philippines, and the United States. Each conference would be equal in stature and would be able to customize parts of the Book of Discipline, to suit the conference's ministry context.

I'll try to keep everyone up to date about decisions that are made at General Conference.

There is also other business before the General Conference. If you would like to know more, you can go to the Iowa UMC Conference website www.iaumc.org. There is also a link on the conference website if you would like to watch the livestream.

I want to close with some words in a recent letter from Iowa Bishop Kennetha Bigham-Tsai:

But friends hear this—no matter what happens in Charlotte over these next days, God is still God. Our church will continue to be the Church. And, we will continue to remember who we are as United Methodists in Iowa—a people steeped in a theology of grace—the unrelenting and amazing grace of God.

Grace to you and peace,
Pastor Joyce



Mother's Day Breakfast Sunday May 12, 2024, at 9:00 am

TREAT YOUR MOM TO BREAKFAST BEFORE CHURCH! The Centennial UMC Men's Group will be hosting a Mother's Day breakfast before church on May 12th. If you are planning to attend, please use the sign-up sheet on the table in back of the sanctuary. This will help the men's group know about how many to expect.



Graduation Sunday, May 19th 10:30 am

The church will be recognizing this year's graduates on May 19th during worship. This year we will celebrate the following South East Polk High School graduates:

Logan Delgado, son of Dawn Evans.

Kayla Goforth, daughter of Jonah and Michelle Goforth

Braydon Harmon, son of Tim Harmon and the late Renee Harmon.

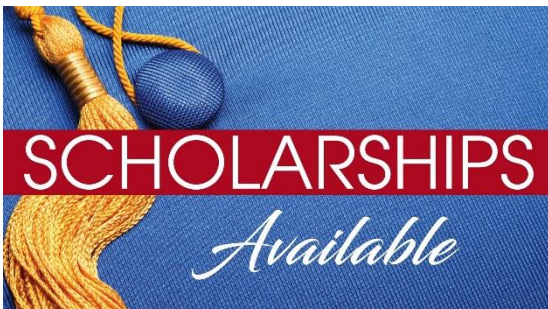
Boman Jackson, son of Brandi and Aaron Jackson.

After the service stick around for a reception in their honor.



Graduation Open House for Boman, Braydon and Logan

The Centennial UMC congregation is invited to an open house on Saturday, May 4th from 1:00-4:00 pm at Terrace Hills Golf Course in Altoona.



College / Vocational Scholarships for Centennial Students

The Education Committee is making scholarships available to students attending college and vocational programs for the 2024-2025 academic year. There is a short scholarship application on the table in back of the sanctuary. Applications should be submitted no later than June 15th. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Ferguson (515) 975-0586 or Marcy Campbell (515) 979-8860.

Ivy WOW

WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAY

WOW Program Last Day is May 15th

The Wednesday WOW program will end for the year on May 15th. Thank you to Brandi Jackson and Brooke Person for making and serving delicious meals each week. Thank you also to Teri Weeks for leading the Wednesday adult group. We hope to resume again in September.



The Senior Adult Fellowship group met for the first time on April 23rd for games and snacks. WHO KNEW that church people could be so ruthless about the game of Aggravation.

Thank you to Doris and Gaylen Heaberlin for organizing a fun time of fellowship. The next Senior Adult fellowship time will be on **Tuesday, May 21st at 9:30**. If you like to socialize, eat and play games, you're invited to come and check it out. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Doris or Gaylen Heaberlin.



Ministries

Council on Ministries (COM) Notes

Members of the Education, Mission & Hospitality, Worship and Communications ministry teams met together on Monday, April 15th to continue planning a congregational care ministry for Centennial.

The group discussed the need to identify different groups of people we might need to reach out to including:

- Members who are home bound or in care facilities
- Members who stopped attending during and after COVID
- Members who stopped attending after the death of a loved one, or who are dealing with health issues
- Members who are away at college
- Members who are empty nesters and who were active until the kids left home

It was suggested that we also need to look at congregational care in terms of planning fun events for congregation members to plug into. Events like bonfires, baseball games, dinners, etc. that can help build community.

The next step is to go through the directory to identify members we need to reach out to.

The next meeting is Monday, May 13th at 6:30. Everyone is welcome to participate in the conversation.

Pennies for Perishables Mission Project Results

Friends, we started Lent with the goal to raise \$500 for the Caring Hands Food Pantry by Easter. The funds collected were to be for the purchase of perishable items like meat, eggs, cheese, fresh produce, etc. Because of your generosity, the church will be sending \$905 to Caring Hands to help our neighbors in need. Almost double our goal! **WAY TO BE THE CHURCH!**



Wednesday Worship Begins on June 5th at 5:30 pm

We know that weekends during the summer can be busy, so we are offering a service on Wednesday evenings during June and July from 5:30 to 6:15. If you have any questions, please check with Pastor Joyce 515-480-8457



Faith in Film Sermon Series

Beginning Sunday, June 2nd /Wednesday, June 5th, we will begin a series called Faith in Film, as we look at the ways movies can inform our faith. Our first film will be *The Sandlot*, a story about baseball, overcoming our fears and the importance of friendships. If you get a chance, see if you can find it on Netflix, Prime or whatever movie platform you use to watch the whole movie. It's a great family movie.



Sunday Morning Liturgists Needed

The worship committee is looking for 4-6 people who would be willing to serve as liturgists for Sunday morning worship. Liturgists lead the congregation in the Call to Worship and read the Scripture passage. Please let Pastor Joyce know if you are interested in serving as a liturgist on a rotating basis.



PRAYER REQUESTS

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 revjwebb76@gmail.com

PRAYER LIST

Barb Bolt, Karla Heaberlin, Bob Johnston, Dee Johnston, Chuck McGriff, Ardean Williams

MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1. Logan Heaberlin	2.	3.	4. Jamie Graves Jeffrey & Karla Heaberlin
5. Don Hiatt Lois Wehde	6. Hailey Griffiths Boman Jackson Allison Lehn	7. Gemma Shipley	8.	9. Bobbi Meister	10.	11. Jennifer Quick
12.	13. Greta Musgrave Bob Pool	14. Zach Johnston Ed Myers Victoria Purcell	15.	16. Simon Meister	17. Harry Clark Zach Deutmeyer Jonathan Martin Joy Warner Joyce & Rich Webb	18. Travis Shipley
19. Avery Britt Rosemary Freel	20. Emily Stout	21. Courtney Fritz	22. Jayme Fry Jayden Graves	23. Jerry Weeks	24. Drew Hiatt	25.
26. Kelly Adey	27. Tom Gish	28.	29. Doris & Gaylen Heaberlin	30. Jonah Goforth Doris Heaberlin Oakley Maxwell	31. Abby & Andrew Glann Jane & Jeff Heaberlin	



Thursday	5/2	Ivy's Women's Fellowship	1:00 pm
Sunday	5/5	Dinner Day Potluck	11:30 am
Sunday	5/12	Mother's Day Breakfast	9:00 am
Monday	5/13	Council on Ministries	6:30 pm
Wednesday	5/15	Last Day of WOW	
Sunday	5/19	Graduate Recognition Sunday	10:30 am
Sunday	5/19	Riverview Park District Conference	2:00 – 4:00 pm (Zoom)
Tuesday	5/21	Sr Adult Fellowship	9:30 am
Wednesday	6/5	Summer Worship Begins	5:30 pm
Friday	6/7	Annual Conference Begins	1:00 pm

FINANCE COMMITTEE COMPARISON OF OPERATING INCOME

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	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		\$10,174.26	\$14,356.63	\$12,506.01
May		\$6,837.26	\$9,004.49	\$8,717.05
June		\$7,021.56	\$7,083.14	\$8,118.89
July		\$9,413.26	\$8,636.81	\$6,295.75
August		\$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	\$30,247.80	\$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	\$30,247.80	\$105,690.91	\$110,724.03	\$142,824.66

2024 Average Monthly Offerings \$10,082.60
 2024 Average Required Monthly for Budget \$8,945.33
 2024 Average Offerings vs. Average Required for Budget \$1,137.27

This comparison does not include memorial, building fund, food pantry or mission project donations. As of March 31st, we have collected \$980.00 for the Caring Hands Food Pantry.

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