



# STEEPLE NEWS

Centennial United Methodist Church at Ivy

April 2019



## Celebrate Easter with us!

**Easter Egg Hunt** Sat April 20, 11am

**Sunrise Service** Sun April 21, 7am Breakfast to follow

**Easter Worship** Sun April 21, 10:30am

### *A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR WENDY:*

Spring has sprung, and new life is bursting forth all around us. Here at the beginning of April, we continue our sacred journey through Lent with the promise of resurrection just around the corner. As the days continue to get longer and warmer, the hope of rebirth is in the air. The smell of rain upon the awakening earth, the sound of birds wishing us good morning at the break of each day, and the sight of sprouts peeking from the ground are all signs beckoning our attention to God's promise of new life in Christ. This is the season of resurrection!

I invite you to journey through Holy Week with us.

**Palm Sunday**, April 14, 10:30am

**Maundy Thursday service**, April 18, 7pm

**Good Friday Prayer Vigil**, April 19, the church will be open for prayer from 11am - 5pm

**Easter Egg Hunt**, April 20, 11am

**Easter Sunrise Service** April 21, 7am, with breakfast to follow

**Easter Worship** April 21 10:30am

Blessings on the Journey!

Pastor Wendy

## UMW

The 150th birthday of the founding of United Methodist Women has been celebrated but Centennial United Methodist Women will continue to respond to the needs of women, children and youth around the world.

There are Mission Institutions to support, the Mission Ingathering to prepare for, books to read for the Reading Program, District meetings to attend, donate items for the Food Pantry and the soup supper and bazaar to host. We do these and more to fulfill the United Methodist Women's Purpose.

Our next meeting will be April 4th in the church fellowship hall. Leslee Lynch will present the program and Doris Heaberlin will serve as hostess. We look forward to seeing YOU there!

## FOOD PANTRY

Centennial's Food Pantry donation for March was 119 items. Thank you! Needed items are oatmeal (small packages), crunchy peanut butter and cereals.

A detailed list of other requested food items is attached to the Food Pantry shopping cart in the narthex.

## Evangelism Reach Out Event – Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am

Starting at the church, we will be going out into our community and meeting our neighbors. Telling them about our upcoming events, present them with a little gift and invite them to attend any of our upcoming events. We will start at the church and split up in groups. We then will meet back up at the church for ice cream following the event!

## LIBRARY

Now that the weather is getting nicer, be sure to stop at the Little Free Library outside the church. It's open 24/7! Any time is a good time to read! 

### APRIL USHERS

7<sup>th</sup> – Leslee & Gary Lynch and Nancy Day

14<sup>th</sup> - Arianna Heitman, Ilisha Martin

21<sup>st</sup> – Jim & Rita Denhart, Judy Weeks

28<sup>th</sup> – Brooke Person, Brock & Brandi Jackson

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1	Amanda Ferguson Andrea Hackett
8	April King
9	Whitney Warner
11	Leslee Lynch Sue Tomlin
14	Gary Roberts
15	Jim Denhart
16	Gail Gish
18	Butch Weeks
25	Justin Shaver
29	Janice Williams
30	Macy Craven Mary Ferguson



## **EASTER EGG HUNT**

**Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> – 11:00**

Come have fun at our annual Easter Egg Hunt.  
Open to the community, age 6th grade and  
younger



## **EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE**

**Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> – 7:00 am**  
Breakfast provided by the Education  
Committee

**FREE PRIVATE SHOWING  
OF THE MOVIE  
BREAKTHROUGH**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH**  
**DOORS OPEN: 9:00AM**  
**MOVIE STARTS AT 9:30AM**  
**FRIDLEY THEATERS IN  
PLEASANT HILL**

After drowning and being declared dead for almost an hour, a boy comes back to life when his mother begins to pray.

A graphic of several red and white striped popcorn buckets with the word "POPCORN" written on them.

## **FREE PRIVATE SHOWING OF THE MOVIE – BREAKTHROUGH**

**Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 am**  
Sign up is located in the Narthex



We are currently taking orders for Centennial T-shirts! These are same the shirts that we ordered last summer. Cost is \$10 and money is due when ordering. If you have any questions, please contact anyone on the Family Evangelism Committee. Sign-up is located in the Narthex. Deadline to order is April 13<sup>th</sup>.



## Youth Sunday

The youth took over worship on Sunday, March 10! They led us in prayer, scripture, and music. Brock shared a powerful testimony about his experience at his favorite church camp, Summer Games University and thanked the congregation for their support of the Pie and Cake Auction which helps our youth with tuition. Greta delivered a message encouraging us to find strength in her favorite bible verse “Be still and know that I am God” (Psalm 46:10). The youth sponsored a Taco Bar Lunch after worship with a free will offering which raised funds toward future Youth Group activities. The Youth Group extends a big THANK YOU to the congregation for your support of the Ivy Youth!



## TOUR OF FAITH

On Wednesday, March 20, Pastor Wendy led some of our youth on a "Tour of Faith" to visit a variety of faith communities in central Iowa. It felt a little like traveling the world without leaving the metro! The group visited the Es-Salam Mosque/Islamic Center in Granger, St. Demetrius Serbian Orthodox Church in Des Moines, the Des Moines Zen Center, The Basilica of St. John in Des Moines, the Sikh Temple in Johnston, and the Hindu Temple in Madrid. The group was warmly welcomed by each of their hosts, who shared about their faith and answered questions.



## NEWS FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

### FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE 2019 Actual Giving vs. 2019 Budget Goal

	Required		Tithes	Other Inc	Total	Cumulative Difference
January	\$ 11,457.00	4 Sundays	\$ 5,878.33	\$ 1,180.00	\$ 7,058.33	\$ (4,398.67)
February	\$ 11,457.00	4 Sundays	\$12,370.73		\$ 12,370.73	\$ (3,484.94)
March	\$ 14,320.00	5 Sundays			\$ -	
April	\$ 11,457.00	4 Sundays			\$ -	
May	\$ 11,457.00	4 Sundays			\$ -	
June	\$ 14,320.00	5 Sundays			\$ -	
July	\$ 11,457.00	4 Sundays			\$ -	
August	\$ 11,457.00	4 Sundays			\$ -	
September	\$ 14,320.00	5 Sundays			\$ -	
October	\$ 11,457.00	4 Sundays			\$ -	
November	\$ 11,457.00	4 Sundays			\$ -	
December	\$ 14,320.00	5 Sundays			\$ -	
<b>2019 Budget</b>	<b>\$148,936.00</b>		<b>\$ 18,249.06</b>	<b>\$ 1,180.00</b>	<b>\$ 19,429.06</b>	<b>13.04%</b>
52 Sundays in 2019					<b>Required =</b>	<b>15.38%</b>
					Of Annual Budget	

As of February, we are behind our 2019 Budget Goal \$3,484.94

**Gaylen Heaberlin, Financial Secretary**

**Please click on the link below for the final audit for the Church finances that the Finance completed this week.**

**[2018 Financial Audit](#)**