



STEEPLE NEWS

Centennial United Methodist Church at Ivy

AUGUST 2026

FROM
THE
PASTOR



Greetings Ivy Centennial Family,

I can't believe it's August already! It seems like summer just started. It won't be long and we'll be gearing up for the fall.

August feels like that "holy in-between" time. One season is ending and another is right around the corner. August is a time to reflect and vision about what God has in store for us.

The Nurture, Outreach and Worship (NOW) Committee has already started planning some new things for after Labor Day. We'll be looking at: creative ways to help church members get connected in small groups, finding new opportunities to reach out into our community, and looking for ways to invite others to share in the life of our church. We're always open to new ideas, so if you sense God putting something on your heart – a new ministry, a new mission project, a new Bible study, please be sure and let us know.

As we begin the month of August, I invite you to pray for Ivy Centennial, for the leaders, for the community and for the congregation. Pray for God's continued blessing and guidance for the next 150 years. I'm so happy I get to walk this journey with you.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Joyce

exploring
church
membership



Sunday, August 30th 11:45 – 1:15 pm

If you have been attending Centennial UMC for a while and would like to learn more about becoming a member, Pastor Joyce will be offering a learning session the last Sunday in August. This is a time to ask questions and learn more about what it means to be a member in the United Methodist church and more specifically what membership means at Ivy Centennial. If you have questions, you can call or text Pastor

Joyce at 515-480-8457, email her at revjlwebb76@gmail.com or touch base with her at church.

CARING HANDS FOOD PANTRY



As you do your grocery shopping, remember to pick up a few things to share with our neighbors. Here are a few suggestions: pasta sauce, canned fruit, cereal, pork & beans.

Let's see if we can fill up the shopping cart AGAIN!

MISSION PROJECT FOR JULY & AUGUST



We're collecting school supplies for children in our community. There are a couple of ways you can help out. First, there are some backpacks at the church, along with a list of school supplies for a particular grade. You are welcome to grab a backpack and bring it back filled with the listed supplies.

Second, there is a list of basic school supplies. Take the list with you the next time you go shopping, and pick up a few items to put in the "school bus" in the narthex. This is a great way to reach out to families in our neighborhood with the love of Christ.

We will collect supplies through Sunday, August 9th. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Joyce at 515-480-8457.



NEXT GATHERING IS AUGUST 6TH 11:30 am

During the summer months, the Ivy Ladies are meeting for lunch at various restaurants. In August they will meet for lunch at The Olive Garden, 770 SE Oralabor Rd in Ankeny.

All women are welcome to come. If you have any questions, please contact Leslee Lynch at 515-577-8258



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

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PRAYER LIST

Forrest Campbell	Matthew Myers	Barb Bolt	Jerry Peck
Tim Miller	John Bowie	Nancy Day	Bob Dice
Jeff Olgren	Caring Hands Food Pantry		
Ivy Centennial (for God's continued blessing)			
Donna Gustafson and La Casa de Esperanza in Peru			



150th ANNIVERSARY, July 12, 2026

We had a great day to celebrate the church's 150th Anniversary. It was a time to reconnect with old friends, worship, and then share a meal and fellowship time together. Thank you to everyone who played a part in the celebration. If you missed the service, you can go out to the church's Facebook page and watch it.

<https://www.facebook.com/CentennialUMCatIvy>.

Thank you to Ben and Kathy Fuller for taking pictures during the event. To view the pictures, copy this link into your web browser <https://photosbyben.net/p498899369>.

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This will take you to the *Photos by Ben* web page. Click on the picture you want to open. Then you can click on the download arrow above the picture to download it free to your phone or other device. Or if you wish you can purchase a print from Ben.



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Ready for Dinner!



A Full House



Save
the
Date

CALENDAR – Please let Amy Ferguson know if you have something for the calendar

Sunday	8/2	11:30 am	Dinner Day Potluck
Thursday	8/6	11:30 am	Ivy Ladies Group Lunch
			Olive Garden in Ankeny
			770 SE Oralabor Rd
Thursday	8/20		Steeple Items Due
Wednesday	8/26	5:30 pm	Council on Administration
Sunday	11/8	6:30 pm	Annual Charge Conference

August Birthdays		August Anniversaries	
2	Gabe Remster, Richard Wehde	3	Pastor Duane & Sheryll Skidmore
10	Kristi Olgren	13	Lois & Richard Wehde
13	Sandra Clark	15	Bev & Chuck McGriff
14	Tim Campbell, Katelyn Deutmeyer	18	Don & Libby Hiatt
15	Jolynn Feters	28	Byron & Judy Hemingson
17	Dale Dewey, Karen Heaberlin, Lee Ann Martin		
18	Gayle Jordan		
19	Sarah Hermann, Valerie Herman		
25	Nick Corbin		
27	Linda Carnahan, Ted Cox, Chris DeMoss, Mason Morgan		
29	Angela Shanks		
30	Jonathan Freel, Phyllis Kujac		

CENTENNIAL UMC FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

Income January - June 2026 (see note below)	\$46,496.35
Monthly Average Giving	\$7,749.39
Expenses January - June 2026	
Payroll / Payroll Taxes	\$25,686.14
Utilities (electric, propane)	\$2,700.31
Communications (phone, internet, webpage)	\$782.44
Church Maintenance (lawn, snow, repairs, trustees)	\$4,216.62
Insurance	\$390.00
Administrative (accounting, postage, office, Breeze)	\$1,512.57
Ministry Expenses (educ, worship, outreach, fellowship)	\$2,145.29
Apportionments (Iowa UMC Conference Giving)	\$7,841.52
Total Operating Expenses	\$45,274.89
Monthly Average Expenses	\$7,545.82
Over / Short	\$1,221.46

Thank you for your generous support of the mission and ministry of Ivy Centennial.

Please Note: the numbers above only represent general offerings received and general operating expenses. The snapshot does not include mission giving and mission pass-through expenses (e.g. food pantry) or memorial gifts. It also doesn't include income raised through church events (e.g. spaghetti supper or pancake supper) since those funds are often designated for a specific purpose or project.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE
COMPARISON OF OPERATING INCOME**

	Offerings 2026	Offerings 2025	Offerings 2024	Offerings 2023
January	\$10,076.48	\$7,813.01	\$9,670.48	\$17,243.17
February	\$5,510.00	\$6,021.92	\$9,829.06	\$7,101.46
March	\$5,698.50	\$6,740.00	\$10,748.26	\$5,903.26
April	\$16,087.50	\$6,484.00	\$6,768.06	\$10,174.26
May	\$5,740.00	\$4,400.10	\$5,321.26	\$6,837.26
June	\$5,474.00	\$14,026.75	\$9,196.26	\$7,021.56
July		\$5,222.00	\$7,083.86	\$9,413.26
August		\$5,811.60	\$6,342.26	\$5,192.26
September		\$4,527.80	\$7,991.31	\$7,791.06
October		\$5,054.96	\$4,765.26	\$9,101.26
November		\$10,162.00	\$10,238.00	\$8,401.26
December		\$5,795.36	\$7,479.63	\$11,510.84
Total Offerings	\$48,586.48	\$82,059.50	\$95,433.70	\$105,690.91

This comparison does not include memorial, building fund, or special project donations. As of June 30th, we collected \$600.00 for the Caring Hands Food Pantry.

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