



# STEEPLE NEWS

Centennial United Methodist Church at Ivy

February 2020

## ***A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR DANI:***

As we approach the second month of this new year, I'm thinking about New Year Resolutions. Did you make one for yourself? Have you tried to keep up with it? Sometimes folks will come up with a Word of the Year rather than create a new goal or resolution. If someone picks a word to focus on throughout the year, they will try to find ordinary and extraordinary moments in their life where that word or theme comes up. For instance, some folks will choose to look for the presence of **peace** in the upcoming year. Choosing to look for the presence of peace may end up helping someone become more thankful for the moments in their life that bring them peace, or they may even feel more peaceful in the new year. Choosing a theme or a word for one's new year could potentially become a type of resolution, as the theme helps one change or at least reflect more on the positive moments in their life. Did you pick a word for this new year, or this new decade? Maybe you chose to reflect on:

***Joy, Creativity, Foundation, Inspiration, Laughter, Balance, Exploration, Freedom, Calm, or Simplicity***

For the past month, I've reflected on **hospitality**. Hospitality, throughout the years, has become commercialized and monetized. The hospitality we receive in customer service, while it is nice to receive, is reserved for folks who can pay for it. However, the hospitality we are called to embody in the church, is reserved for all God's creatures and creation. Hospitality offered by the church is not contingent on whether or not someone can afford a hotel room or a meal, but is instead offered to *all*. The hospitality God calls the church to offer requires relationship as we offer and/or receive hospitality when we are in relationships or in community with each other. True and holy hospitality offered in relationship does not depend on what one may receive as a result of offering compassionate welcome. Hospitality is offered simply for offering hospitality and for no other reason. In his description on how to faithfully illustrate one's love for God, Paul writes to the Romans: "Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; *extend hospitality to strangers*" (Romans 12:9-13). Paul reminds us that our love for God shows up in our love for neighbor, particularly in the hospitality we offer to our neighbors and to the world.

While I've spent time reflecting on the presence of hospitality in my life in the first month, I've inevitably thought a lot about you: Centennial UMC at Ivy! You have extended your love to my family and I in my first month as pastor and I'm incredibly grateful for the love and kindness you have already offered to me. Many of you have offered your expertise and knowledge about Centennial which has thoroughly helped me settle into this new role. Others have welcomed my husband Erik, and my parents in worship and fellowship following worship. And many of you have offered me grace and patience in this transition. Know that I am grateful for you and thankful for your love. And regardless of whatever word or goal you set for yourself this year, I pray that the transforming love of God will guide you and empower you in the coming year.

May the God of  
manna in the desert,  
wellsprings in the wilderness,  
honey from the rock,  
wine from the water:  
may this God provide  
what you most need  
for the work  
God most desires for you.\*

With grace and joy,  
Pastor Dani

\*Blessing by Jan Richardson, *In the Sanctuary of Women: A Companion for Reflection & Prayer*



# CHOIR Practice

Centennial UMC Choir Rehearses every Tuesday from 7 pm to 8pm!

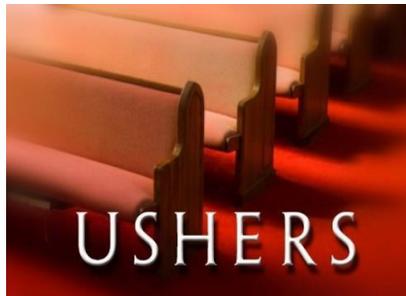
Please don't worry if you cannot make every week. We will practice each anthem several times.

If you want to do a solo, play an instrument or direct, just let Linda or Maggie know and we will try to fit it in.

If you are new to choir or haven't been singing since high school, please come join us. We have a lot of fun. Psalm 100!



Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> – Dinner Day  
Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> – WoW – 5:30 pm  
Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup> – 1:00 pm -UMW  
Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 am – Men's Group  
Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup> –Administrative Council -7:00-9:30 pm  
Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> – WoW – 5:30 pm  
Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> - Youth Sunday in Worship & Taco Bar  
Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> – WoW – 5:30 pm  
Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> – Ash Dinner - 5:30 pm and  
Worship 6:00-7:00 pm



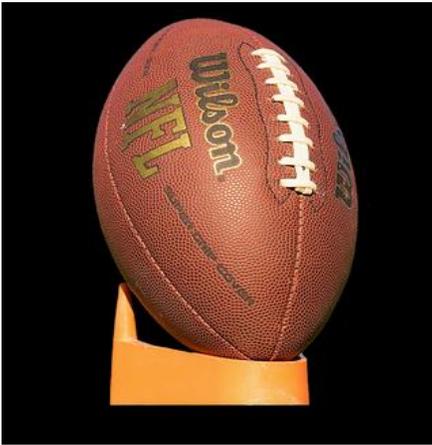
February 2<sup>nd</sup> – Brooke Person, Brandi & Brock Jackson  
February 9<sup>th</sup> – Isha Martin, Arianna Hietman and Erik Hall  
February 16<sup>th</sup> – Youth Sunday  
February 23<sup>rd</sup> – Jeff & Jonathan Freil, Allison Lehn



Please sign up for hosting fellowship time after church. There are a lot of openings on the white board in Fellowship Hall. If no one is signed up, we will NOT have treats that day.



Please join the youth on Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> for Youth Sunday. A taco bar will follow service with a free will offering. Please spread the word and plan to stay to help support our youth!



Souper Bowl Sunday is a super simple way to celebrate the big game while helping struggling individuals and families! Simply collect cans of soup on game day (Sunday, February 2nd) or in the weeks leading up to the game for Hope Ministries. This year, we're collecting **Beef Stew & Chili!** All soup donations will be used by Hope Ministries to feed homeless and hungry men, women and children in Central Iowa. No matter who you're cheering for, we're all on the same team when it comes to helping out our neighbors in need.

Learn more about Hope Ministries' programs and services for men, women and children who are homeless, hungry, abused or addicted at <https://www.hopeiowa.org/>



## **“Annual Soup and Dessert Contest” Saturday, February 29, 2020 @ 5:30 pm.**

**We need lots of soups, desserts and of course judges! Everyone is welcome and it is a great event to invite your friends. Come for the good eats and fellowship! Hosted by Family Ministry, Fellowship and Evangelism Committee. Signup Sheet is located in the Narthex. Prizes will be awarded.**

## **CHURCH LIBRARY**

Each month of the year there are special literary holidays to celebrate books. February 1-7 is Children's Authors and Illustrators Week. This holiday was created to promote literacy and a love of reading at an early age. Children's authors and illustrators gather all over for workshops and speaking events to get children excited about reading and writing. February 14th is Library Lover's Day. It may be Valentine's Day for some but for library lovers it is a day to come together for fun events and activities to celebrate the gift of free public access to literature and the wonderful people that make it possible. Library Lovers Month is an extension of Library Lovers Day. All month-long special celebrations are planned at public, private and school libraries to showcase the importance of libraries and all they have to offer.

Centennial UMC is fortunate to have TWO libraries to help celebrate the love of books!

## **FOOD PANTRY**

126 items were donated to the Caring Hands Food Pantry in January. Did YOU donate? Dinner Day and food pantry donations go hand in hand on the first Sunday of the month.

# *FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>2</b> Aidan Craven Wendy Musgrave	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Bev McGriff	<b>6</b> Dave Warner	<b>7</b> Bob Dice Anne Owens	<b>8</b> Marissa Haley Larry McCrory
<b>9</b> Rev. Bob Cook	<b>10</b> Ava Fischer Nathan Griffel  Happy Anniversary John & Verna Bowie	<b>11</b> Tim Fritz  Happy Anniversary Missy & Steve Shaver	<b>12</b> Aleka Fischer Rileigh Hiatt Matthew Myers	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Owen Fischer	<b>15</b> Mary Lu Mauritz
<b>16</b> Amy Ferguson Ben Fischer  Happy Anniversary Amos & Jacquelyn Purcell	<b>17</b> Jason Hermann	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Happy Anniversary Harry & Sandra Clark	<b>20</b> Happy Anniversary Butch & Diane Griffel	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Terry Britt	<b>25</b> Helen Freeman Grant Warner	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Cody Tingley  Happy Anniversary Kevin & Lisa Day	<b>29</b>

## 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	\$ 19,623.40	\$ 500.00	\$ 20,123.40	\$ 2,318.46
April	\$ 11,457.00	4 Sundays	\$ 12,891.06		\$ 12,891.06	\$ 3,752.52
May	\$ 11,457.00	4 Sundays	\$ 10,332.53	\$ 960.00	\$ 11,292.53	\$ 3,588.05
June	\$ 14,320.00	5 Sundays	\$ 10,272.33	\$ 150.00	\$ 10,422.33	\$ (309.62)
July	\$ 9,458.00	4 Sundays	\$ 7,622.17	\$ 50.00	\$ 7,672.17	\$ (2,095.45)
August	\$ 9,458.00	4 Sundays	\$ 11,630.17	\$ 200.00	\$ 11,830.17	\$ 276.72
September	\$ 11,823.00	5 Sundays	\$ 13,545.92	\$ 80.00	\$ 13,625.92	\$ 2,079.64
October	\$ 9,458.00	4 Sundays	\$ 7,554.17		\$ 7,554.17	\$ 175.81
November	\$ 9,458.00	4 Sundays	\$ 9,141.17		\$ 9,141.17	\$ (141.02)
December	\$ 11,823.00	5 Sundays	\$ 11,052.34	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 13,052.34	\$ 1,088.32
2019 Budget	\$135,946.00		\$ 131,914.32	\$ 5,120.00	\$137,034.32	<b>100.80%</b>

52 Sundays in 2019

**Budget Decreased from 148,936 as of Pastor Wendy leaving at the end of June.**

**As of December, we exceeded our 2019 Budget Goal by \$1,088.32**

**Gaylen Heaberlin, Financial Secretary**



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