



# STEEPLE NEWS

Centennial United Methodist Church at Ivy

February 2022



*“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.” ~Hebrews 13:8*

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

In 1932, our church turned 56 years old. It was also during that year that the women of our church started a potluck dinner on the first Sunday of every month, now known as “Dinner Day.”

Let me give you an idea of what life was like in 1932:

The world-famous Radio City Music Hall first opened in Rockefeller Center in New York City. Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic ocean in May, and later in August she became the first woman to fly from coast to coast (California to New Jersey). In 1932, the United States was in its third year of the Great Depression and in October the New York Yankees beat the Chicago Cubs in the baseball World Series, with Babe Ruth playing for the Yankees. And finally, in December of 1932, Rosa Louise McCauley married Raymond Parks (and she became Rosa Parks), which occurred 23 years before Rosa’s arrest began the year-long Montgomery Bus Boycott.

Can you take a moment to ponder how much our world has changed in these last 90 years?

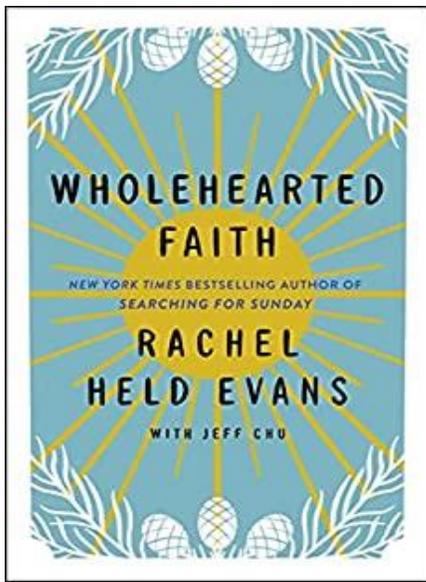
Since the beginning of Dinner Day in 1932, we’ve been through 16 US presidencies (including a presidential assassination), the Second World War, the Cold War and the start of the War against Terrorism. We witnessed the first man walk on the moon, the end of racial segregation’s legality, and the invention of the internet and hybrid cars. We’ve also survived almost two years of a global pandemic.

So much has changed since that first shared meal called “Dinner Day” at our church in 1932. But a few things remain.

**Community has remained. Holy conversations that begin by sharing a meal remain. The church we call “home” remains. And most importantly, the love of God remains.**

Even when we change or the world around us changes, some things just stay the same. We go through ups and downs throughout our lives, but the security of what doesn’t change brings us comfort in all seasons. The importance of a shared meal with friends and experiencing the love of God in sharing the same table – that has remained. Thanks be to God for our amazing church and traditions like Dinner Day that keep on sustaining our faith throughout the ups and downs of our lives. Happy 90 years of this incredible Ivy tradition!

*With joy,  
Pastor Dani*



## JOIN IVY'S BOOKCLUB FOR OUR NEXT BOOK!

*Wholehearted Faith* by Rachel Held Evans & Jeff Chu

We meet every other Thursday at 7pm in the church library.

We started discussing *Wholehearted Faith* on January 27th at 7:00pm

If you'd like Pastor Dani to order a book, please email:

[pastordanim@gmail.com](mailto:pastordanim@gmail.com).

Email Pastor Dani to join our discussions!



## SAVE THE DATE!

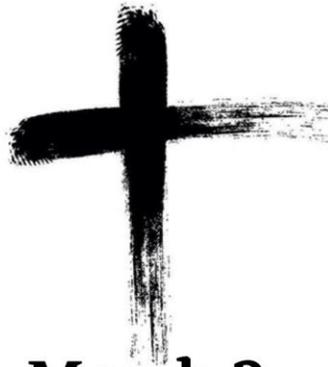
**WHEN:** Sunday, February 20th

**WHAT:** Youth Sunday!

**DETAILS:** We'll plan to share in a walking-taco lunch after church, too!

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

## Ash Wednesday



**March 2  
7:00pm**



In February, we need donations to help make **WINTER CARE KITS** for local people experiencing homelessness.

Please consider donating items below & delivering them into the box at the church titled: **"GRACE"**

### **FOOD ITEMS**

(Please only donate canned goods that can be opened with a can opener)

- Bottled Water
- Juice Boxes
- Fruit Cups
- Applesauce Cups
- Tuna
- Vienna Sausages
- Canned Meat
- Beef Jerky
- Granola Bars or Cereal Bars
- Protein Bars
- Peanut Butter or Other Cracker Packs

### **NEW**

- Warm Socks

### **TOILETRIES ITEMS**

- Toothpaste
- Tampons
- Chapstick
- Small Packs of Wet Wipes
- Deodorant
- Band Aids
- Antibiotic Ointment

### **NEW OR GENTLY USED & CLEAN**

(Large sizes needed the most)

- Sleeping Bags
- Warm Blankets
- Warm Gloves (Large or Extra Large)
- Stocking Caps
- Men's Winter Coats
- Women's Winter Coats

# *JANUARY BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES*

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

Wednesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> – Administrative Council @ 7:30 pm

Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> – Worship Committee Meeting @ 7:00 pm

Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup> – Dinner Day @ 11:30 am

Thursday, February 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> – Pastor's Book Club @ 7:00 pm

Thursday, February 10<sup>th</sup> – Finance Meeting @ 7:00 pm

Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup> – Youth Sunday with Taco lunch following service

Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup> – Pub Theology @ 7:00 pm

Every Wednesday through January – WoW @ 5:30 pm

## FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE 2021 ACTUAL GIVING VS 2020 ACTUAL GIVING

	REQUIRED	SUNDAYS	TITHES	OTHER INC (Breeze Costs)	TOTAL	INCOME ONE YEAR AGO
JANUARY	\$12,369.00	5	\$ 12,636.87	\$ ( 8.15)	\$ 12,616.92	\$12,090.11
FEBRUARY	\$12,368.00	4	\$ 9,296.84	\$ (10.61)	\$ 9,284.98	\$11,750.17
MARCH	\$12,368.00	4	\$ 12,908.84	\$ ( 9.65)	\$ 12,899.19	\$11,596.86
APRIL	\$12,368.00	4	\$ 33,395.14	\$ ( 9.90)	\$ 33,385.29	\$ 7,389.67
MAY	\$12,369.00	5	\$ 9,433.88	\$ (10.49)	\$ 9,425.55	\$30,158.83
JUNE	\$12,368.00	4	\$ 8,835.72	\$ (10.84)	\$ 8,824.88	\$ 6,556.45
JULY	\$12,368.00	4	\$ 6,295.75	\$ (13.92)	\$ 6,281.83	\$ 9,965.23
AUGUST	\$12,369.00	5	\$ 7,919.24	\$ (2.72)	\$ 7,916.52	\$ 8,418.76
SEPTEMBER	\$12,368.00	4	\$ 9,763.24	\$ (11.92)	\$ 9,751.32	\$ 8,658.93
OCTOBER	\$12,369.00	5	\$ 12,038.34	\$ (9.90)	\$ 12,028.44	\$ 9,917.86
NOVEMBER	\$12,368.00	4	\$ 10,568.68	\$ (9.63)	\$ 10,559.05	\$11,828.61
DECEMBER	\$12,368.00	4	\$ 10,477.42	\$ (30.00)	\$ 10,447.42	\$10,999.76
<b>2020 BUDGET</b>	<b>\$148,420.00</b>		<b>\$142,824.66</b>	<b>\$ (107.73)</b>	<b>\$142,824.66</b>	<b>\$139,331.24</b>
	<b>52 Sundays in 2021</b>				<b>Actual:</b>	<b>96.14%</b>
					<b>Required to meet budget:</b>	<b>100%</b>

As of end of 2021, Centennial has collected \$3,041.52 for the Caring Hands Pantry!!  
On April 9<sup>th</sup>, we received \$20,177 from the Small Business Administration for the Payroll Protection Program.

### Gaylen Heaberlin, Retiring Financial Secretary



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