



STEEPLE NEWS

Centennial United Methodist Church at Ivy

January 2022



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR DANI:

In October 2021, I travelled to Kansas City, MO where I attended a conference with other United Methodist clergy where we discussed the future of the United Methodist Church. On the first day, I gathered with other young clergy as we shared our hopes and dreams for the future of the UMC, and on the second day, we gathered with large-church pastors (some of whom lead the 400 largest United Methodist churches around the US). Together, we discussed what we hope for our denomination's future, based on what we believe

God is calling us into.

While I looked forward to the conference, I had few expectations. I figured it would be another conference where I would find myself overwhelmed at its conclusion. However, unlike most conferences, where I am the receiver of information and someone else is the provider of information, I soon discovered that the conference assigned the young clergy to lead. For the first day of our gathering, the young clergy discussed our dreams for the future of the UMC and then the next day we informed the large-church pastors of our hopes and dreams. It was the most life-giving conference I have ever attended.

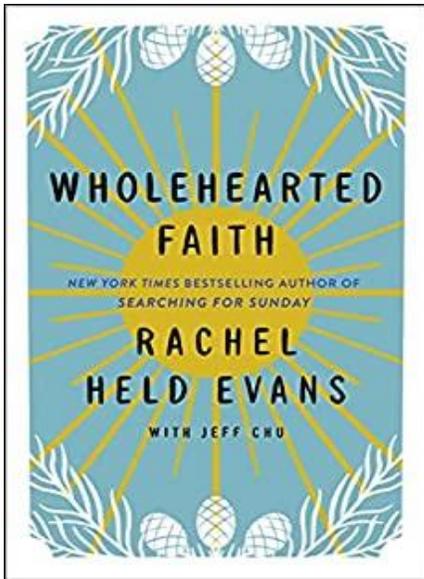
For years I have dreamt about the future of the United Methodist Church. I dream of a future of inclusion and celebration; a future where more find joy from the good news of Christ; a future where everyone finds welcome. But I have always felt that these were just dreams and nothing more. Until I attended the gathering in Kansas City, where I – and other young clergy – were given the opportunity to teach and direct. I no longer believed that someone else would make my dreams happen. I left the conference believing that my dreams can come true – ***as long as I am willing to live into them now.***

I no longer want to waste time dreaming about the future. I want to live into the future of what I believe God calls us to – because no one else will bring about the church of the future **unless we become willing to bring the church of the future and turn it into the church of the present.**

I have had similar conversations at Centennial where we've discussed the future of our church. And as we start a new year, I pray that we can have less conversations of the future and more conversations of turning our dreams into a reality. If we want to be a more welcoming church one day – we have to become more welcoming right now. If we want to create more opportunities for service, some day – we have to create more opportunities for service right now. If we want to welcome new people into our community one day – we have to invite and welcome new people right now.

The good news of Christmas reminds us that God-is-with-us. Paul reminds us also in his letter to Rome, "if God is for us, who can be against us?" (Rom. 8:31). It can be scary to take the step – that leap of faith – and try something new. But God is among us – calling us to live into what we dream our church can become. Let's make 2022 the year where we turn the church of the future into the church of today.

**With New Year Blessings,
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'll start discussing *Wholehearted Faith* on January 13th at 7:00pm

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

pastordanim@gmail.com.

Join us on Jan. 13 to discuss the prologue & chapters 1 & 2!

Sign up in the narthex if you plan to join us!



YOU'RE INVITED!

Sherry and David are inviting all friends and ALL family to their MARRIAGE CELEBRATION RECEPTION on New Year's Day to be held at the Pleasant Hill Diner (5015 East University Ave.) from 3:00-5:00.

No RSVP is required. "Come one. Come all!" 😊

A brief program will be presented at 3:45 featuring our first dance, a toast, introductions and story-telling.

We would be blessed to have you join us as we celebrate the launch of our new life together!

OUR MAILING ADDRESS IS:

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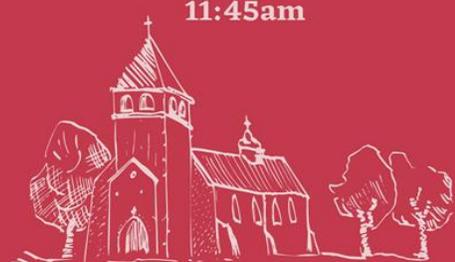
[Sherry Way Meek](tel:515-321-7567) phone: 515-321-7567

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 **Membership Class**

Interested in becoming a member of Centennial UMC at Ivy?

Join us our conversation:
Sunday, January 30 at
11:45am



Live Nativity - December 4, 2021



We decorated & packaged 24 boxes of cookies on Dec. 22nd and after our Christmas Eve services, households delivered all 24 boxes to businesses open on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day! Gas stations, hotels, retirement homes, Police & Fire Departments & more all received surprises because of you.

Thank you for helping make this project possible!



ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS December 13th Meeting

- When planning events and committee meetings please consider that Pastor Dani's days off each week are Monday and Friday.
- First Committee Meetings will be Sunday January 9th at noon. Most committees will use the occasion to determine their meeting schedule, chair, and goals for 2022.
- Administrative Council meetings will move to the first Wednesday of even-numbered months at 7:30 beginning on February 2.

The complete minutes of the December 2021 Administrative Council meeting will be available after they are approved at the February meeting which will be conducted on Wednesday February 2. Minutes of previous meetings are available on the church's website at <https://www.ivycentennial.org/?subpages/Minutes-of-Admin-Council.shtml>

Our library at Ivy

Just because the holiday season is over doesn't mean there aren't more things to celebrate! There is a long list of literary holidays coming up just around the corner.

10 OF THE BEST LITERARY HOLIDAYS AND HOW TO CELEBRATE THEM:

1. Library Lovers Day: Feb. 14 (and National Library Lover's Month)
2. World Poetry Day: March 21
3. D.E.A.R. Drop Everything and Read Day: April 12
4. National Talk Like Shakespear Day: April 23
5. Audio Appreciation Month: June
6. National Coloring Book Day: Aug. 2
7. National Comic Book Day: Sept. 25
8. National Cookbook Month: October
9. Mad Hatter Day: October 6
10. The Christmas Book Flood: Dec. 24

"Hope your year is BOOKED, BOOKISH and BUSY!"

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1.
2. Mitch Purcell Gary & Jennifer Fischer	3. Carol Briggs	4.	5. Saundra Stuart Bryan Tingley	6. Ed & Nancy Myers	7. Jerry Peck	8. David Tomlin
9.	10. Jan & Rex Adair	11.	12. Nancy Myers	13. Jennifer & Tim Morgan	14.	15.
16. Linda & Terry Howard	17. Amos Purcell	18. Anna Behanish Lois Wignall	19. Pastor Gary Forster	20. Brent Scheel	21.	22. Steve Shaver Jennifer Southcott
23. Kevin Day Darrell & Gail Long	24. Verna Bowie Neal Griffiths	25. Gabe Fetters	26.	27. Terry Howard lisha Martin	28. Libby Hiatt David Johnston Jo Ordway	29. Abby Glann
30. Karla Heaberlin	31. Cole Heitman Bob & Phyllis Kujac					

Tuesday, January 4th – Communications Meeting @ 6:30 pm

Sunday, January 9th – First Committee Meetings @ 12:00 pm

Thursday, January 13th – Finance Meeting @ 7:00 pm

Thursday, January 13th & 27th – Pastor's Book Club @ 7:00 pm

Sunday, January 30th – Membership Class @ 11:45 am

Monday, January 31st – 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				\$10,999.76
2020 BUDGET	\$148,420.00		\$132,347.24	\$ (107.73)	\$132,239.51	\$139,331.24
	52 Sundays in 2021				Actual:	89.10%
					Required to meet budget:	91.67%

As of December 12th, Centennial has collected \$2,941.52 for the Caring Hands Food Pantry.
Let's keep it up!!

On April 9th, we received \$20,177 from the Small Business Administration for the Payroll Protection Program.

Gaylen Heaberlin, Retiring Financial Secretary



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