



STEEPLE NEWS

Centennial United Methodist Church at Ivy

January 2023



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JOYCE:

As we stand on the brink of the New Year before us, I want to share some words of hope and comfort from a devotional book titled *God Calling*. It was written by “two listeners” in the 1930’s. The listeners were two unnamed women, who were dealing with poverty and health issues. They decided to get together each evening for prayer. And as they prayed and listened, they heard and wrote down the words Jesus spoke to them. Somehow, the words they heard from Jesus seem appropriate today. This is from the devotion for January 1st.

I stand between the years. The Light of My Presence is flung across the year to come – the radiance of the Sun of Righteousness. Backward, over the past year is My Shadow thrown, hiding trouble and sorrow and disappointment. Dwell not on the past – only on the present...Bury every fear of the future...I hold the year in My Hands – in trust for you.

In his teaching from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said something similar to the people of his time:

Give your entire attention to what God is doing right now, and don’t get worked up about what may or may not happen tomorrow. God will help you deal with whatever hard things come up when the time comes. (Matthew 6:34 The Message).

Our God walks life’s journey with us, and he invites us to let go of our worries and to trust him.

Friends, 2023 lies before us and IT’S ALL GOOD! We have every reason to be hopeful and encouraged, because we know the One who holds our tomorrow in his hands.

May you have a Blessed and Happy New Year!

Pastor Joyce



HAT, MITTEN & COAT DRIVE

Ivy Methodist Women will be teaming up with the Missions Committee for the annual Hats, Mittens, Gloves, Coats, and Socks for Altoona & Mitchellville Elementary Children.

Any adult item will go to Bidwell for the needy people. There will be a box in the Narthex for the collections along with a basket for cash donations.

Please see Leslee Lynch for Mary Ferguson if you have any questions.



First Committee Meeting Wednesday, January 4th @ 6:30 pm

Communications
Education
Missions & Hospitality
Trustees
Worship

Sunday, January 8th SPPR will meet after church

Finance will be announced later



Make a Joyful Noise

Singing is an important part of worship! After taking a break due to COVID, the choir will be getting back together to sing on Sunday mornings.

If you like to sing and would like to find out more, please get in to



Wednesdays - 5:30-7:30 pm - Worship on Wednesday (WOW) –
 Starting back up January 11th
 Wednesday, 1/4 – First Committee Meetings
 Sunday 1/8 – Dinner Day

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1. David & Sherry Burrier	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.	21.
22. Steve Shaver Jennifer Southcott	23. Kevin Day Darrell & Gail Long	24. Verna Bowie Neal Griffiths	25. Gabe Fetters	26.	27. Terry Howard Isha Martin	28. Libby Hiatt David Johnston
29.	30.	31. Cole Heitman Bob & Phyllis Kujac				

**FINANCE COMMITTEE
COMPARISON OF OPERATING INCOME**

	Offerings 2022	Offerings 2021	Offerings 2020	Offerings 2019
January	\$11,240.28	\$11,270.04	\$11,273.44	\$6,141.66
February	\$9,698.09	\$8,480.01	\$10,933.50	\$11,454.06
March	\$9,669.39	\$12,192.01	\$10,780.19	\$19,206.73
April	\$14,356.63	\$12,506.01	\$6,573.00	\$11,974.39
May	\$9,004.49	\$8,717.05	\$9,110.16	\$10,375.86
June	\$7,083.14	\$8,118.89	\$5,739.78	\$9,505.66
July	\$8,636.81	\$6,295.75	\$9,248.40	\$6,855.50
August	\$7,081.26	\$7,919.24	\$7,701.93	\$11,013.50
September	\$5,610.25	\$9,763.24	\$7,942.10	\$12,809.25
October	\$12,111.46	\$12,038.34	\$9,201.03	\$6,737.50
November	\$8,679.97	\$10,568.68	\$11,111.78	\$8,324.50
December		\$10,477.42	\$10,282.93	\$12,235.67
Total Offerings	\$103,171.77	\$118,346.68	\$109,898.24	\$126,634.28
Government Paycheck Protection Program		\$20,177.00	\$20,232.00	
Iowa Conference Assistance Program		\$4,300.98	\$9,201.00	\$10,400.04
Total Offerings & Programs	\$103,171.77	\$142,824.66	\$139,331.24	\$137,034.32

2022 Average Monthly Offerings \$9,379.25
 2022 Average Required Monthly for Budget (Revised) \$10,736.25
 2022 Average Offerings vs. Average Required for Budget (\$1,357.00)

As of November 30th, we have collected \$2,458.04 for the Caring Hands Food Pantry. This comparison does not include memorial, building fund, Caring Hands or mission project donations.

Joy Warner, Financial Secretary



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