



# STEEPLE NEWS

Centennial United Methodist Church at Ivy

July 2019

## *A MESSAGE FROM WENDY:*

Thank you, Centennial UMC at Ivy!

As my time at Centennial has been drawing to a close, I have found myself looking back at my experience here. As my first appointment, you mean the world to me. You have welcomed me and my family with open arms. Thank you for walking along side of me, for supporting me, and for learning and growing with me. Centennial UMC at Ivy will always hold a special place in my heart.

I am so excited about the ministries we have developed, the new things we have tried, the fun we have had, and the ways God has moved us toward the possibilities and future we have dreamed of for Centennial UMC at Ivy. I am also excited to see what the future holds for you as your next pastors take the reins and move forward, building upon the momentum we have worked together to build. I have every confidence that you will welcome them with the same warm hearts you have welcomed me.

I will continue to hold you in my prayers, and I wish the very best for you all. Along every step of the way, I pray that God will bless your path.

In the wisdom of Winnie-the-Pooh, as I take the next step in my journey, my heart reflects upon "How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard." (A.A. Milne). And because saying goodbye is so difficult, I instead choose to say, "God be with you till we meet again."

Blessings on the Journey,  
-Wendy



Thank you!

## UMW

Centennial United Methodist Women enjoyed lunch on June 6th at Copper Kettle in Pleasant Hill for their last meeting before summer break. Sixteen members and their guests enjoyed an afternoon of good food and good fellowship.

The group will resume meeting on Thursday, Sept. 5th.

## FOOD PANTRY

With support from local businesses, area churches and community leaders, Caring Hands Food Pantry has provided low-income families with food, clothing and financial assistance. Centennial helped by donating 86 items for the Food Pantry in June. Cans of tuna are being requested. Donations can be brought to the church, to the Food Pantry or placed in specially marked barrels at Hy-Vee and Fareway stores in Altoona and Pleasant Hill.

Thank you for helping this needed ministry in the Southeast Polk area!

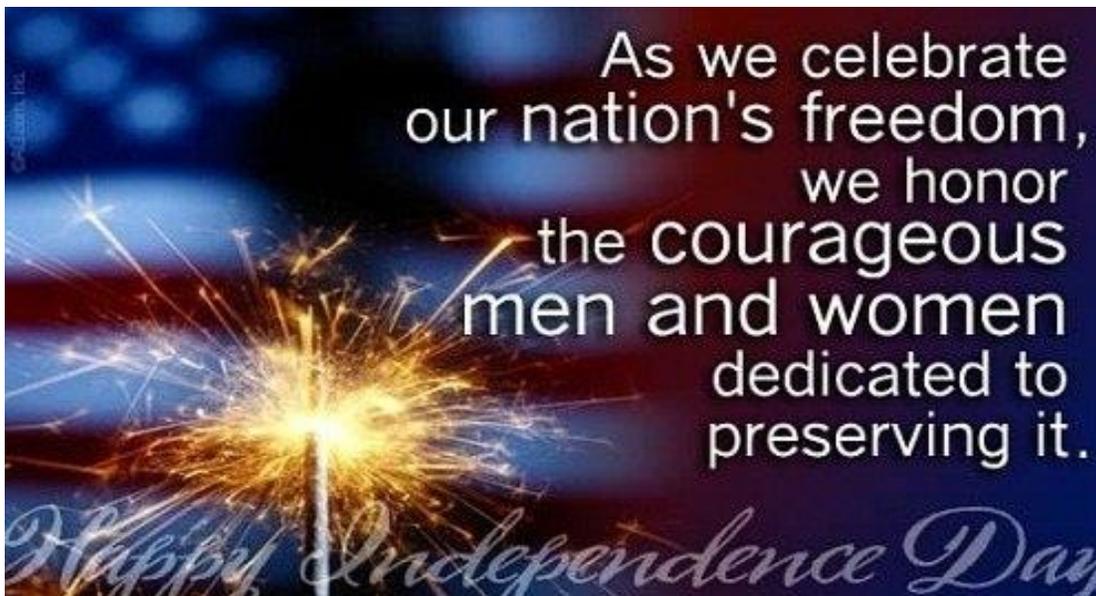
## LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

We are off to a good beginning to summer and what better time to read a good book from Centennial's Little Free Library! There has recently been a generous donation of books for both of our libraries so watch for those!

The four robin eggs in the nest on the little library did not hatch. So disappointing but maybe next spring!

## MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE WITH SOMETHING SMALL

The Missions Committee is once again collecting personal hygiene items to be donated to Bidwell or the Homeless Shelter. There is a basket in the Narthex to place the items in. Any donation you can provide is appreciated!



## ICE CREAM SOCIAL



**SATURDAY, JULY 27<sup>TH</sup>**

6:00 – 8:00 PM

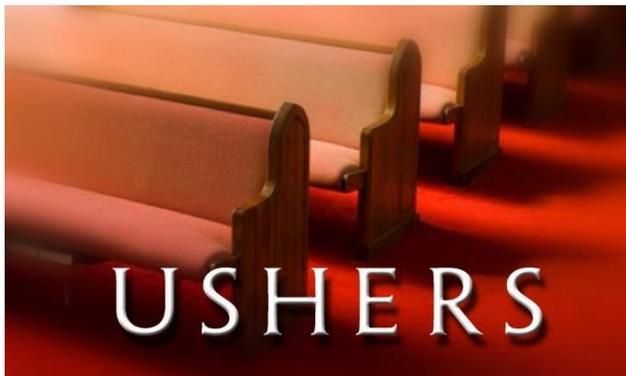
The Finance Committee will be hosting an ice cream social as a token of our appreciation of the congregation's strong support in this historic year in the life of Centennial. There will be no charge for the event so please invite friends, family, neighbors Etc. Let's make this an opportunity to celebrate a very successful year and also to introduce new people in our community to the Centennial Family. Hope to see you there!

July 7<sup>th</sup> - Butch & Judy Weeks and Helen Freeman

July 14<sup>th</sup> - Brooke Person, Brandi and Brock Jackson

July 21<sup>st</sup> - Jeff, Jonathan and Allison Freel

July 28<sup>th</sup> - Ariana Heitman, Iisha Martin & Maggie Stout



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup>  
5:30-7:30 pm – More info to come soon!

Five evenings in July to learn about Jesus, play games, make crafts and sing Christian songs



July 1 – Council on Ministries – 7:00 pm

July 7 – Dinner Day

July 9 – VBS Staff Meeting and Orientation

July 14-18 – Vacation Bible School 5:30 – 7:30 pm

July 15 – Pub Theology at Reclaimed Rails – 7:00 pm

July 18 – Community Potluck – 12:00 pm

July 20 – Steeple Items due to Amy Corbin

July 23 – Worship Meeting 7:00 pm

July 27 – Ice Cream Social

July 30 – Family Ministries Meeting – 6:00 pm

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 176th Iowa Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church was held June 7-11 at Hy-Vee Hall. Representing Centennial were Pastor Wendy, Libby and Don Hiatt, Gaylen Heaberlin, Brandi Jackson and Brooke Person.

On the evening of June 7, the Clergy and Laity sessions were held. The Laity session, "Love God and Your Neighbor" and its concurrent Clergy session kick off the Conference each year. The Laity participated in four short workshops which provided practical information on important topics that can be used in congregations. They were: Connecting Your Church to the World; Making Missions Exciting in the Local Church! Disaster Preparedness and Response, From Entertaining to Empowering Youth and How Exposure to Nature Will Change Your Life; Churches and Camps Partnering.

On Saturday, eight workshops were conducted: Multiethnic Churches, Mental Health Collation Building, Mental Health Task Force, The Gift of Conflict, Creating a New Community of Faith in Your Community, Freeing the Spirit in Your Community, The Joy of Laity for a Small-Town Family Doctor and Setting the Course for Retirement Readiness. Throughout the Conference, delegates and alternates for the 2020 General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference were elected. The 75th anniversary of the Heifer Project, the 150 anniversary of United Methodist Women and the 200th anniversary of United Methodist missions were all celebrated. A gathering and meal for United Methodist Women was held at Wesley United Methodist Church on Sunday.

On Monday, a peace walk, "Making Peace in our Church, in Our World and in Ourselves" was held at the Peace Garden at Cowles Commons. Throughout the Conference, five offerings were collected for Ubuntu Retreat Centre Kitchen Fund, 2019 disaster relief, Mt. Hope United Methodist Church and their outreach ministries, Mental Health Task Force and the Diakonos. (The Diakonos are 32 high school students who serve in many capacities during Annual Conference. More than one has felt the call to ministry over the years.)

Conference Treasurer, Maggie Biggs, focused on statistical information from 2013 through 2018 and the 2020 proposed budget: average worship attendance had a decline of 8,809 worshippers, number of members had a reduction of 349, participation in Sunday school, youth and young adult groups, etc. had a sharp decline of 11,039, mission engagement went from 17,932 to 27,012, Stewardship declined by \$6.7 million, reduction of District Offices will save approximately \$600,000-\$700,000, three Conference missions were reduced \$565,000 and due to the drop-in apportionment payments, there was a short fall of \$1.5 million.

Eight churches closed in the past year: First United Methodist Church, Ottumwa, Little Cedar United Methodist Church, St. Ansgar, Living Water United Methodist Church, Marion, Noble United Methodist Church, Griswald, Sharpsburg United Methodist Church, Sharpsburg, Wesley United Methodist Church, Ottumwa, Willard St. United Methodist Church, Ottumwa and Yale United Methodist Church, Yale.

The last order of business before the close of the Conference was the Fixing of Appointments. Centennial was designated “delayed appointment”.

Libby Hiatt, Lay Delegate to Annual Conference



Thank you to Brandi Jackson and Brooke Person for volunteering again this year and for driving everyone around during the conference.



## JULY

- 2 Bob Johnston
- 6 Nancy Day
- 6 Stan Mauritz
- 6 Brad Morse
- 9 Moe Gilkison
- 11 Holly Adey
- 11 Mindy Britt
- 11 Tyke Remster
- 15 Larry Palmer
- 18 Marci Martin
- 19 Rev Bill Cotton
- 19 Bill Hansen
- 19 Kari Wilkins
- 23 Bonnie Altes
- 23 Kensington Hermann
- 23 Paul Stout
- 24 Josh Lampkin
- 25 Don Day
- 27 Carol Visser
- 29 Pam Sanders



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- 7 Gerry & Jo Ordway
- 16 Jeff & Rosemary Freel
- 29 Todd & Laura Hiatt

# 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	\$11,292.53	\$ 960.00	\$ 11,292.53	\$ 3,588.05
June	\$ 14,320.00	5 Sundays			\$ -	
July	\$ 11,457.00	4 Sundays			\$ -	
August	\$ 11,457.00	4 Sundays			\$ -	
September	\$ 14,320.00	5 Sundays			\$ -	
October	\$ 11,457.00	4 Sundays			\$ -	
November	\$ 11,457.00	4 Sundays			\$ -	
December	\$ 14,320.00	5 Sundays			\$ -	
<b>2019 Budget</b>	<b>\$148,936.00</b>		<b>\$ 61,096.05</b>	<b>\$ 2,640.00</b>	<b>\$ 63,736.05</b>	<b>42.79%</b>
52 Sundays in 2019					<b>Required =</b>	<b>40.38%</b>
					Of Annual Budget	

As of May, we are ahead our 2019 Budget Goal \$3,588.05

**Gaylen Heaberlin, Financial Secretary**

### *FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS*

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**Financial Secretary (Estimates of giving):** Gaylen Heaberlin

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