



# STEEPLE NEWS

Centennial United Methodist Church at Ivy

July 2022



*May God continue to uplift this country's glory!*

## ***A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JOYCE:***

Hello to everyone at Centennial UMC,

Summer is officially here. School has been out for a few weeks and families have started their summer routines. Many are heading out for their summer vacation and for others the weekends are filling up fast with camp outs and fishing, or watching the kids and grandkids play ball. We try to pack a lot into these three months of summer.

Sometimes though, in the busyness of the season, it's easy to lose touch with the God who created the season for our pleasure. Statistics show that church attendance during the summer months tends to go down in the summer. So here's an encouragement. Go on vacation, but don't take a vacation from God! If you're in town, come and be in worship with your church family. If you're traveling enjoy your time away but take time to worship wherever you are. You'll find that God is there too!

I'm excited to be appointed to Centennial and look forward to worshipping with you, getting to know you and hearing your story. My first Sunday will be July 3rd, and I'm looking forward to meeting you on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and in the weeks that follow.

Finally, I know that Pastor Dani has moved, so in this interim time, if you have a need for pastoral care, please feel free to call or text me on my cell phone (515) 480-8457.

Be well and be blessed,

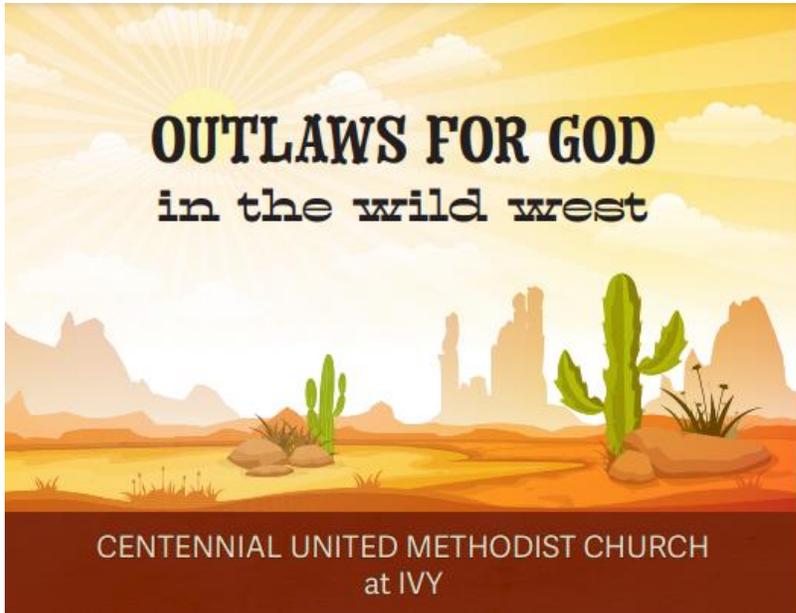
*Pastor Joyce*



We will be collecting school supplies in July. Please click on the link below to see the lists that have been provided to us from Southeast Polk. Please note on the lists, headphones and Post It Notes are something fairly new.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Mary Ferguson or Bobbi Meister.

<https://www.southeastpolk.org/parents/school-supply-lists/>



## VBS is BACK!!

You're invited to join Centennial for Vacation Bible School! Through crafts, Bible stories, plays, fun and more, we will enjoy learning more about God as we adventure through the Wild West & the World! Join us for a Western-themed Vacation Bible School as we become "Outlaws for God!"

All families with kids ranging from age 3 through 6th grade are welcome to join us each evening of VBS.

Dates: Sunday, July 24 - Thursday, July 28, 2022

Time: 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Email [ivycentennial@gmail.com](mailto:ivycentennial@gmail.com) to register by July 18, 2022.



## Support our neighborhood Food Pantry by donating what they need right now:

- Pancake mix & syrup
- grape jelly
- toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, soap, etc.)
- Laundry detergent (scent free, liquid is preferred over pods)

Drop off your donations in our church grocery cart & we will deliver to Caring Hands for you!



## **SAVE THESE IMPORTANT DATES!**

**Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> – Welcome Pastor Joyce**

**Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> – Dinner Day after service**

**Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup> – Council of Ministries @ 7:00 pm**

**Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> – Finance Meeting @ 7:00 pm**

**Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup> - VBS**

# **LIBRARY UPDATES**

June 16<sup>th</sup> was an exciting day for the Little Free Library fans everywhere. We reached 150,000 Little Free Libraries around the world! Through these little libraries, more than 70 million books are shared each year! The 150,000<sup>th</sup> Little Free Library was granted to a Head Start Program in Lebanon, TN through an Impact Library Program which provides books and Little Free Libraries to high-need communities.

Stop at Centennial's Little Free Library as you enter or leave the church. Book donations are always welcomed to the Little Free Library too!

**TAKE A BOOK – SHARE A BOOK**

# **UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH**

Centennial United Women of Faith met June 2<sup>nd</sup> before their summer break. Nine members were present to enjoy an indoor picnic and spirited conversation.

The group will gather again in September to discuss the future of United Women of Faith at Centennial United Methodist Church.

# *JULY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1.	2. Bob Johnston
3.	4. Jeff Heaberlin	5. Sheryll Skidmore Grace Stout	6. Nancy Day Stan Mauritz Brad Morse	7. Gerry & Jo Ordway	8.	9. Moe Gilkison
10.	11. Holly Adey Mindy Britt Tyke Remster	12.	13.	14.	15. Larry Palmer	16. Jeff & Rosemary Freel
17.	18. Marci Martin	19. Bill Hansen Kari Wilkins	20.	21.	22.	23. Bonnie Altes Kensington Hermann
24. Josh Lampkin	25.	26.	27.	28.	29. Pam Sanders  Laura & Todd Hiatt	30.
31.						

*Vacation Bible School will run July 24-28, 2022*

**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		\$8,118.89	\$5,739.78	\$9,505.66
July		\$6,295.75	\$9,248.40	\$6,855.50
August		\$7,919.24	\$7,701.93	\$11,013.50
September		\$9,763.24	\$7,942.10	\$12,809.25
October		\$12,038.34	\$9,201.03	\$6,737.50
November		\$10,568.68	\$11,111.78	\$8,324.50
December		\$10,477.42	\$10,282.93	\$12,235.67
<b>Total Offerings</b>	<b>\$53,968.88</b>	<b>\$118,346.68</b>	<b>\$109,898.24</b>	<b>\$126,634.28</b>
Government Paycheck Protection Program		\$20,177.00	\$20,232.00	
Iowa Conference Assistance Program		\$4,300.98	\$9,201.00	\$10,400.04
<b>Total Offerings &amp; Programs</b>	<b>\$53,968.88</b>	<b>\$142,824.66</b>	<b>\$139,331.24</b>	<b>\$137,034.32</b>

2022 Average Monthly Offerings \$10,793.78  
 2022 Average Required for Budget \$12,555.42  
 2022 YTD Offerings vs. Required for Budget (\$1,761.64)

As of May 31st, we have collected \$1,008.04 for the Caring Hands Food Pantry. This comparison does not include memorial donations, building fund or mission projects.

Joy Warner, Financial Secretary



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