



STEEPLE NEWS

Centennial United Methodist Church at Ivy

JULY 2026

FROM
THE
PASTOR



Greetings Ivy Centennial Family,

One of the greatest gifts of a church like Centennial UMC is that our story is never held by just one generation. It's shared—passed hand to hand, heart to heart.

As I was thinking about the upcoming Anniversary Celebration on July 12th, what came to mind was the idea of heritage - the traditions, stories and values that have been passed down to us from previous generations. Traditions like Dinner Day and the hymn sing that happens every Sunday morning during worship. This church holds a heritage shaped by generations who prayed, served, and trusted God long before we arrived.

Heritage is more than nostalgia and fond memories of the past. It's the living thread that connects past faithfulness to the present ministry and mission of the church. We inherit more than buildings or traditions, we inherit courage, generosity, resilience, and a deep belief that God is not finished with us yet.

As we celebrate 150 years, we reflect on the heritage that has shaped who we are as a church. And now it's our turn. We are the storytellers. The tradition-bearers. The ones shaping the heritage future generations will receive.

May God guide us as we honor the past, live faithfully in the present, and plant seeds for a future filled with hope.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Joyce



A BLAST FROM THE PAST

Leslee Lynch shared this picture from Dinner Day in January 2018. These ladies always signed up for the first Dinner Day of the year.

Leslee Lynch, Addie Redman and Doris Heaberlin



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED TO THE HEIFER PROJECT! The total raised was \$922.55.

That will buy a lot of goats, chicks and honey bees!



In June, we collected food for the Oakwood UMC Food Pantry in Pleasant Hill. Thank you to everyone who donated food items.

We will continue to collect food for our local food pantries.

As you do your grocery shopping, remember to pick up a few things to share with our neighbors.

Let's see if we can fill up the shopping cart AGAIN!



150 KINDNESS KITS FOR HOPE MINISTRIES

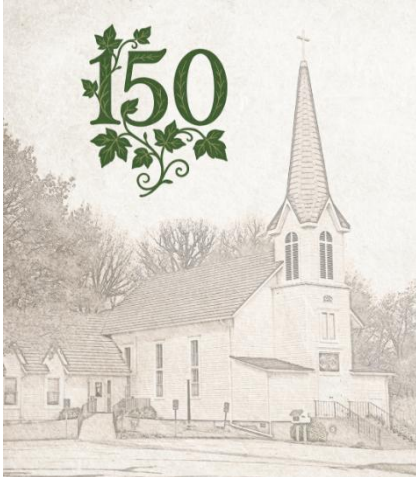
One of our summer Sunday school lessons was about helping. So, we put together 150 Kindness Kits in honor of the church's 150th Anniversary. The kits included basic toiletry items: toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, soap, shampoo, a shaving kit, deodorant. The kits were donated to Hope Ministries to use in serving individuals who rely on shelter services for housing. *Helpers* who put the kits together ranged from age 2 to over 80! **TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**





JULY IS SCHOOL SUPPLY TIME!

In the next week or so, we'll begin our annual school supply campaign. School supplies will be on sale soon, so be on the lookout when you do your shopping. We'll have a list out soon about specific items that will be needed and how you can help.



150th ANNIVERSARY NEWS

The Ice Cream Social was a hit! After all, who doesn't like ice cream. Thank you to everyone who brought cookies and bars and ice cream toppings.

On Sunday, June 21st, we opened the time capsule during the church service. There was a bit of drama as Dean Fiene and Gaylen Heaberlin opened the sealed wooden box with an electric saw. Inside there were lots of pictures, notes, examples of Sunday school curriculum and even an old copy of the Upper Room devotional. If you missed it, we will put the items from the capsule on display for the next few weeks so you can take a look.



The Anniversary Celebration is Sunday, July 12th 10:30 Worship, 11:30 Lunch

We will begin with worship at 10:30, followed by a lunch. The church will provide the meat, baked beans, cake, drinks, and place settings. The Anniversary Committee is asking Centennial congregation members to provide the side dishes for the meal. Folks are welcome to eat outside in the church yard or inside in the fellowship hall. Before the service there will be an opportunity to look at some displays showcasing the church's history. Bring yourself and invite a friend to come along.



NEXT GATHERING IS LUNCH ON JULY 9TH 11:30 AM

During the summer months, the Ivy Ladies are meeting for lunch at various restaurants. This month they will get together at Tumea and Sons, 1501 SE 1st St in Des Moines. All women are welcome to come.

In June the ladies held a Tea Party at the church. Check out the hats!



L to R: Sandra Stuart, Gail Gish, Janice Williams, Sherry Burrier, Missy Shaver, Mary Ferguson, Judy Hemingson, and Leslee Lynch



CEILING TILE PROJECT

The Men's Group, along with a few others started the work of replacing the ceiling tile in the Fellowship Hall and the Narthex.

They will be scheduling one more work date to finish up the project. Thank you to Jonathan Freel for getting things organized and everyone who stepped up to help!



NEW CHURCH SECRETARY ALEKA FISCHER

We're excited to announce that Aleka Fischer has been hired as the new part-time church secretary.

Aleka is a Centennial UMC church member, so you have probably seen her around on Sunday mornings.

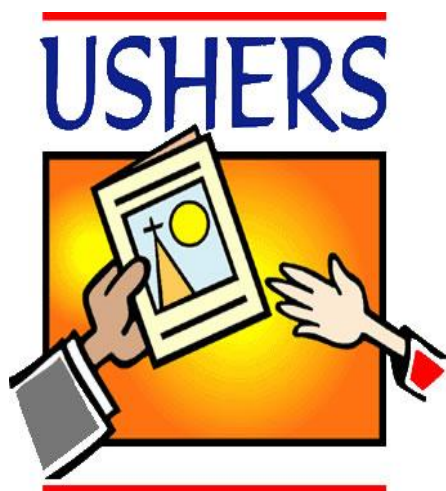
She brings a wide variety of experiences, not only in office and administrative work, but also in communications and social media creation.

Aleka will begin her duties on September 1st.



SUNDAY SCHOOL IN JUNE

During the month of June, Centennial tried something new – an intergenerational (all age) Sunday school before church. Disciples of all ages had fun singing some old Sunday school/VBS songs like Arky, Arky, Jesus Loves Me, with some American Sign Language, Hallelu, Hallelu, and everyone's favorite – the Worm Song. Thank you to Linda Carnahan and Marcy Campbell for helping with the music. Each week there was a short Bible Lesson, followed by an activity (game, craft or project).



USHERS FOR JULY

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| 5 th | Jill Craven and Joy Warner |
| 12 th | Missy Shaver and Gaylen Heaberlin |
| 19 th | Jonathan and Jeff Freel |
| 26 th | Gaylen Heaberlin and Ken Sharp |

If you aren't able to serve on your scheduled Sunday, please see if you can trade with someone, or let Evan Fischer know so he can find a substitute (515) 494-5432. Thank you for volunteering to be part of the church's hospitality team.

If you would like to be part of our hospitality crew and included in the rotation, please let Evan know. Training is provided as needed.



If you would like to be added to our prayer list, please let Pastor Joyce know by calling or texting (515) 480-8457 or emailing revjlwebb76@gmail.com

PRAYER LIST

Forrest Campbell	Matthew Myers
Tim Miller	John Bowie
LaDonna Morse	Jeff Olgren
Bob Dice	Jerry Peck
Barb Bolt	Nancy Day
Donna Gustafson and La Casa de Esperanza	
Caring Hands Food Pantry	



CALENDAR – Please let Amy Ferguson know if you have something for the calendar

Wednesday	7/1	6:30 pm	150 th Committee Meeting
Sunday	7/5	11:30 am	Dinner Day Potluck
Sunday	7/12	10:30 am	150th Anniversary Celebration
Sunday	7/19	11:45 am	Council on Administration Meets
Monday	7/20		Steeple Items Due

	<i>July Birthdays</i>		<i>July Anniversaries</i>
2	Bob Johnston	7	Gerry & Jo Ordway
4	Jeff Heaberlin	16	Jeff & Rosemary Freel
5	Sheryll Skidmore, Grace Stout		
6	Nancy Day, Stan Mauritz, Brad Morse		
9	Leeland Freel, Tonya Ordway		
11	Holly Adey, Mindy Britt, Tyke Remster		
15	Larry Palmer		
18	Marci Gleason		
19	Kari Wilkins		
23	Kensington Hermann		
24	Josh Lampkin		
29	Pam Sanders		

CENTENNIAL UMC FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

Income January - May 2026 (see note below)	\$40,800.85
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Monthly Average Giving	\$8,160.17
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Expenses January - May 2026

Payroll / Payroll Taxes	\$21,209.48
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Utilities (electric, propane)	\$2,609.08
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Communications (phone, internet, webpage)	\$660.03
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Church Maintenance (lawn, snow, repairs, trustees)	\$2,658.96
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Insurance	\$390.00
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Administrative (accounting, postage, office, Breeze)	\$1,182.57
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Ministry Expenses (educ, worship, outreach, fellowship)	\$1,531.66
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Apportionments (Iowa UMC Conference Giving)	\$7,841.52
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Total Operating Expenses	\$38,083.30
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Monthly Average Expenses	\$7,616.66
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Over / Short	\$2,717.55
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Thank you for your generous support of the mission and ministry of Ivy Centennial.

Please Note: the numbers above only represent general offerings received and general operating expenses. The snapshot does not include mission giving and mission pass-through expenses (e.g. food pantry) or memorial gifts. It also doesn't include income raised through church events (e.g. spaghetti supper or pancake supper) since those funds are often designated for a specific purpose or project.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE
COMPARISON OF OPERATING INCOME**

	Offerings 2026	Offerings 2025	Offerings 2024	Offerings 2023
January	\$10,076.48	\$7,813.01	\$9,670.48	\$17,243.17
February	\$5,510.00	\$6,021.92	\$9,829.06	\$7,101.46
March	\$5,698.50	\$6,740.00	\$10,748.26	\$5,903.26
April	\$16,087.50	\$6,484.00	\$6,768.06	\$10,174.26
May	\$5,740.00	\$4,400.10	\$5,321.26	\$6,837.26
June		\$14,026.75	\$9,196.26	\$7,021.56
July		\$5,222.00	\$7,083.86	\$9,413.26
August		\$5,811.60	\$6,342.26	\$5,192.26
September		\$4,527.80	\$7,991.31	\$7,791.06
October		\$5,054.96	\$4,765.26	\$9,101.26
November		\$10,162.00	\$10,238.00	\$8,401.26
December		\$5,795.36	\$7,479.63	\$11,510.84
Total Offerings	\$43,112.48	\$82,059.50	\$95,433.70	\$105,690.91

This comparison does not include memorial, building fund, or special project donations. As of May 31st, we collected \$500.00 for the Caring Hands Food Pantry.

Joy Warner, Financial Secretary



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