



# STEEPLE NEWS

Centennial United Methodist Church at Ivy

June 2018

## *A MESSAGE FROM WENDY:*

It is hard to believe that another school year is behind us, and we are entering the lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer. During summer, we often get so busy with our summertime fun that we can be tempted to put our spiritual lives on the back burner for a spell. Rather than allowing your spiritual life to become lukewarm, this summer I am inviting you to think of summer as a time to turn up the heat in your spiritual life.

Be on the lookout for information about a Spiritual Intensive small group opportunity I will be leading this summer. The details are still in the works, but our summer spiritual intensive will be an engaging opportunity to dig deep into our own life stories and consider our spiritual journeys. We will be working on writing a spiritual autobiography, a personal mission statement, and then setting goals for our life, work, health, and faith. We will use a spiritual gifts assessment and a personality profile to help us on our path toward self-discovery.

By looking at our spiritual gifts, personalities, experiences, and the people that have influenced us, we will be looking for clues to what the Spirit has been up to in our life stories. From there we will seek to discern what God might be up to now and consider how God may be leading us toward our personal purpose. Spiritual self-discovery leads to the discovery of the Divine within our own experiences.

Don't let the word intensive scare you. We will have some homework in this Spiritual Intensive, but it will be engaging and impactful. If you are interested in digging a bit deeper into your faith story or want more information, reach out to me. I am currently compiling a list of names to get an idea of how many may be interested. I will then discern how many groups we will form and the times that work best. I hope you will consider joining me on this journey of spiritual discovery!

Grace upon Grace,  
Pastor Wendy

### USHERS/GREETERS

JUNE 3 – Missy Shaver & Gaylen Heaberlin  
JUNE 10 – Sandra Stuart & Helen Freeman  
JUNE 17 – Bob & Dee Johnston  
JUNE 24 – Don & Libby Hiatt

### DINNER DAY

June 3 - Williams & Freel

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 3 – Jeff Freel  
June 10 – Gunnar Mentlie  
June 17 – Amy Corbin  
June 24 – Gaylen Heaberlin

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Administrative Council – Monday, June 4 – 7:00 pm

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace – Wednesday, June 6 – 6:00 pm

Pub Theology – Monday, June 11 – 7:00 pm

Men's Group Breakfast – Saturday, June 16 – 9:00 am

Community Potluck – Thursday, June 21 – Noon

I-Cubs Baseball Game – Thursday, June 21, 7:08 pm

**\*\*Every Tuesday in June – Women's Bible Study – 6:30 am  
(Altoona Starbucks)**

**\*\*Every Wednesday in June – True Believers -5:30 pm**



**Splash Canyon Vacation Bible School will be Sunday, July 8th through Thursday, July 12th from 5:30-7:30 pm. Invite or bring children in your life who are age 4 through those entering 6th grade in the fall.**

### DID YOU KNOW!

Sunday School and True Believers will be held ALL summer long!

Sunday School – 9:15 am Preschool through adult

True Believers – Wednesdays @ 5:30 pm Kindergarten through adult

## Women Before Work

When: Every Tuesday during the month of June.

Time: 6:30 am

Where: Starbucks in Altoona, next to Claxon's.

\*There is no need to purchase a book, the topic changes each week to fit with summer vacations. Join us any time.

The results of our Miracle Sunday campaign are in, and it was a big success! This campaign surpassed our \$30,000 goal, finishing out at \$32,855. Our congregation at Centennial came together during this time to address the additional financial obligations of the full-time pastoral appointment. The results of this campaign demonstrate that our congregation is committed to our mission and is committed to securing a future for Centennial. Thank you for your active participation throughout this process. You made this campaign a success.



## Food Pantry

During the first quarter of 2018, the Caring Hands Food Pantry served 759 families giving out 15,587 pounds of food. The Clothes Hanger gave 8,562 items of clothing and household items. Our Daily Bread gave 1,887 bags of bread and food products.

A new volunteer opportunity involves helping plant and grow fruit bushes on the food pantry land. When ready, the fruit will be offered to the clients. If you are interested in helping, please leave a message at 967-4533.

On April 30<sup>th</sup>, Centennial UMW served the food pantry's Simple Supper for their clients.

Centennial donated 147 items to the Caring Hands Food Pantry in May.

## 2018 IOWA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 175<sup>th</sup> Iowa Annual Conference will convene on June 9<sup>th</sup> and conclude on June 11<sup>th</sup> under the theme "Creating Difference Makers In New Communities of Faith".

Clergy and laity sessions will be held on the evening of June 8<sup>th</sup>. All sessions will be held at the Iowa Events Center/Hy-Vee Hall.

Six members of our congregation will be participating throughout the Conference. Pastor Wendy, clergy delegate, will be commissioned on Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. Libby Hiatt, lay member delegate, will serve as part of the Daily Proceedings Staff during the Conference. Don Hiatt, Gaylen Heaberlin, Brandi Jackson and Brooke Person will drive golf carts to assist people to and from the Conference site.

Libby will attend the Iowa Conference United Methodist Women's event Sunday at Wesley UMC during supper break. A program, Swedish Childcare and Family Policy Study, will follow the meal.

A Walk for Pace and Social Justice to Cowles Commons will be during the Monday lunch break. The walk is sponsored in part by United Methodist Women.

Four offerings will be taken during the three-day meeting. The offerings will benefit Nigerian students, New Faith Communities, Mental Health and the Diakonos.



### June Birthdays

- 1 Sara Barnes  
Benjamin Mauritz  
Jon Musgrave  
Lindsey Poutre
- 2 Jana Lewis
- 3 Alexa Goforth  
Anderson King  
Deb LaGrange
- 5 Judy Fiene
- 9 Rex Adair
- 10 Bob Lamb
- 13 Taylor Bowie
- 14 Byron Hemingson
- 16 Sydney Corbin  
Lila Morgan  
Judy Weeks
- 17 Colton Hiatt
- 19 Douglas Olgren
- 20 Scott Hackett  
Brandi Jackson
- 21 Gail Long  
Shawna Peterson  
Rev. David Wendel
- 22 Larry Jordan
- 25 Michelle Goforth
- 26 Gracie Cadwell  
Helen Six
- 27 Brooke Vanwyk
- 28 Jason Ferguson
- 30 Dennis Bishop

### June Anniversaries

- 6 Keaton & Larissa Walker
- 12 Ted & Brenda Cox  
Dave & Joy Warner
- 14 Bruce & Rosemary Atherton  
Larry & Gayle Jordan
- 17 Dave & Joy Martin
- 18 John & Amy Ferguson
- 21 Gary & Darlene Jones
- 24 James & Shay Maxwell
- 26 Lloyd & Peggy Hennigar
- 28 Dean & Judy Fiene



**THURSDAY, JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup> @ 7:08 PM**

**SIGN-UP SHEET IS LOCATED IN THE NARTHEX.**

**If you have any questions, please contact Mary Ferguson**

# NEWS FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

## FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE 2018 Actual Giving vs. 2018 Budget Goal

	Required		Tithes	Other Inc	Total	Cumulative Difference
January	\$ 6,910.00	4 Sundays	\$ 6,615.75	\$ 350.00	\$ 6,965.75	\$ 55.75
February	\$ 6,910.00	4 Sundays	\$ 6,012.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 6,262.00	\$ (592.25)
March	\$ 6,910.00	4 Sundays	\$ 5,893.50		\$ 5,893.50	\$ (1,608.75)
April	\$ 8,640.00	5 Sundays	\$ 8,833.50		\$ 8,833.50	\$ (1,415.25)
May	\$ 6,910.00	4 Sundays			\$ -	
June	\$ 6,910.00	4 Sundays			\$ -	
July	\$ 8,640.00	5 Sundays			\$ -	
August	\$ 6,910.00	4 Sundays			\$ -	
September	\$ 8,640.00	5 Sundays			\$ -	
October	\$ 6,910.00	4 Sundays			\$ -	
November	\$ 6,910.00	4 Sundays			\$ -	
December	\$ 8,640.00	5 Sundays			\$ -	
2018 Budget	\$ 89,840.00		\$ 27,354.75	\$ 600.00	\$ 27,954.75	31.12%

52 Sundays in 2018

Required=32.69%  
Of Annual Budget

As of April we are short of our 2018 Budget Goal by \$1,415.25

The Cumulative Difference formula previously reported for February and March were in error!

Gaylen Heaberlin, Financial Secretary