



STEEPLE NEWS

Centennial United Methodist Church at Ivy

June 2022



Help. Thanks. Wow.

“I do not know much about God and prayer, but I have come to believe, over the past twenty-five years, that there’s something to be said about keeping prayer simple. Help. Thanks. Wow.” - Anne Lamott

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR DANI:

In her book titled *Help. Thanks. Wow. The Three Essential Prayers*, Anne Lamott writes about how to navigate life with consistent prayer. These prayers help us navigate the difficult moments in life where we’re overwhelmed as well as the celebratory moments where we are filled with gratitude. And since I read this book for the first time in 2013, I’ve used it for the last several years to help me navigate the highs and lows that accompany life. And I’ve said these three prayers throughout the last 912 days that I have had the privilege of serving as pastor at Ivy Centennial United Methodist Church.

The prayer “Help”: Over the last 2 ½ years at Ivy “help” has been a constant prayer of mine. I prayed for all the help I could receive when the world changed in March 2020, and we shut the doors of the church. I know for certain that one of the ways my prayers were answered was by your presence and love. Our ministries changed overnight as we hosted worship online and outdoors, as we painted rocks and delivered them to each other’s houses, as we delivered packages to each other, and more. We quickly learned that what it means to be “a church” isn’t just about gathering in a building – but living as the hands and feet of Christ. **You were the answer to my prayer: “help.”**

The prayer “Thanks”: I said this prayer more frequently than I prayed for *help*. Thank you, God, for the delicious food and the kind fellowship that we share on Dinner Day. Thank you, God, for the fun we have at church game nights. Thank you, God, for the lives we remember on All Saints Sunday and at funerals. Thank you, God, for the babies and teenagers we baptized and confirmed over the last 912 days. Thank you, God, for the best cinnamon rolls I’ve ever eaten which I ate for the first time at Ivy. Thank you, God, for the committee leaders who have helped me make difficult decisions about masks, the church building, worship, returning to fellowship, and more. **Thank you, God, for the people who make up Ivy Centennial UMC.**

The prayer “Wow”: With the prayers I’ve offered in awe over the last few years, I’ve always found Ivy at the center. When we celebrated Christmas for the first time in person together in 2021, I kept praying: *Wow!* When we had new lights installed in the church parking lot and people kept telling me how incredible the church looked at night when they drove on HWY 163, I prayed: *Wow! Even new parking lot lights bring glory to God.* When we hosted the best Vacation Bible School ever in the summer of 2021, I thought *Wow! God has so much in store for us.* Wow. Look at how faithful God has been with us and for us.

These are the best prayers I’ve had for you, with you, and because of your love for the last 2 ½ years. Help. Thanks. And Wow! Amen.

*Love,
Pastor Dani*

Graduation Sunday



GRADUATION SUNDAY!

Join us on Sunday, June 12th at 10:30 am to celebrate our graduating Seniors!

Cade Borud
Landan Feters
Macy Craven



**FOOD
PANTRY
NEEDS**

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!

- June 1: Administrative Council Meeting
- June 2: Pastor Dani's Book Club
- June 5: Dinner Day following service
- June 8: Education Committee Meeting
- June 12: Graduation Sunday
- June 19: Father's Day, Baptism of Lehn Baby, & Pastor Dani's last Sunday. Over the Top Ice Cream too!
- June 22: Communications Meeting



Please join us for **FREE** ice cream from Over-the-Top Ice Cream to Celebrate Father's Day and Pastor Dani's last Sunday. They will be there after service to scoop up four of their delicious flavors!

LIBRARY UPDATES

ARE YOU IN NEED OF A GOOD BOOK TO READ THIS SUMMER?

If so, the church library is the place to find that book just waiting to be read! Also don't forget to pick up the recent issue of the Upper Room. It can be found in the Little Free Library and also in the narthex. The Upper Room, where the world meets to pray, has Scriptures for each day, a thought for the day and a prayer focus for each day.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN IS NOW UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH

The move is part of a refreshing of the organization that includes a new logo and an array of new and improved programs to nurture current members and welcome new women to join to put their love into action on behalf of women, children, and youth. The changes are designed to address the different needs and life stages of current members and new women and expand options for membership.

Centennial United Women of Faith met May 5th with eight members present. It was proposed that we do something special for our last meeting on June 2 in honor of Pastor Dani. We will have an indoor picnic.

Approximately 55 people were served at the Simple Supper on April 25 by our group. The guests are always most appreciative for the meal.

Doris will serve as our president for one last meeting in June. We have appreciated her service and guidance for many years.



It was announced in March that we will be welcoming Rev. Joyce Webb as our new pastor beginning July 1, 2022.

To help welcome Pastor Joyce, you're invited to write her a card or encouraging note to say
"Welcome to Ivy Centennial" or "We're so glad you'll be joining us soon!"

You can drop off your encouraging letters & notes in the church narthex in the basket titled "Pastor Joyce" through the month of May.

Please see Joyce's bio below that we shared last month in church when announcing her joining us at Ivy.

Pastor Joyce has been serving at the Coon Rapids First and Scranton United Methodist Churches since July 1st of 2014. In addition to her current appointment, she also served a small rural church outside of Maxwell for three years, and as a student intern at Union Park United Methodist Church, in Des Moines.

She grew up in Sioux City, the oldest of six children, and attended the University of Iowa. She and her husband Rich have been married for 41 years and are excited about moving closer to their children and grandchildren who live in Johnston and Waukee. Joyce was called to pastoral ministry as a second career, having worked for more than 25 years in mortgage banking for Allied Group and Nationwide Insurance Companies.

Pastor Joyce attended seminary at St Paul School of Theology, a United Methodist Seminary in Kansas City and was ordained as an elder in the United Methodist Church in 2015. She enjoys reading, music, and spending time with her family, especially her three grandkids. She wanted me to share that she is looking forward to learning about the rich traditions at Ivy Centennial, getting to know you and hearing your stories as we begin this adventure in ministry together

Welcome to our New Members



Since April 10th, we have welcomed six new Members to our church!

Welcome to Ivy Centennial:

Chris Lehn

Brayden Harmon

Brili Jackson

Boman Jackson

Sherry Burrier

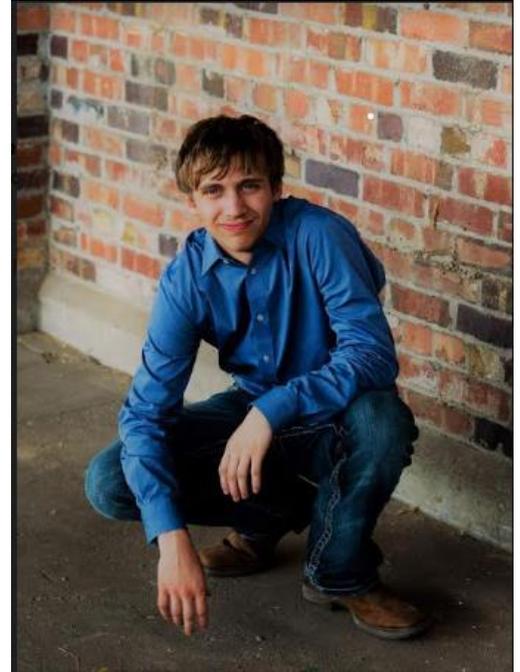
David Burrier



We're delighted that you chose to join our church through membership!



Our 2022 Senior Graduates!



*Landan Feters
Son of Jon & Jo Feters*



*Cade Borud
Son of Molly & Doug Borud*



*Macy Craven
Daughter of Steve & Jill Craven*

JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1. Sara Barnes Benjamin Mauritz Jon Musgrave Lindsey Poutre Dani Musselman & Erik Hall	2. Jana Lewis Beth & Travis Shipley	3. Alexa Goforth Anderson King	4.
5. Judy Fiene	6.	7.	8.	9. Rex Adair	10.	11.
12. Brenda & Ted Cox Dave & Joy Warner	13. Taylor Bowie	14. Byron Hemingson Gayle & Larry Jordan	15.	16. Sydney Corbin Lila Morgan Judy Weeks	17. Colton Hiatt	18. Amy & John Ferguson
19. Douglas Olgren	20. Scott Hackett Brandi Jackson	21. Gail Long Shawna Peterson	22. Larry Jordan	23.	24. James & Shay Maxwell	25. Michelle Goforth
26. Helen Six Lloyd & Peggy Hennigar	27. Brooke Person	28. Jason Ferguson Elliott Tam Dean & Judy Fiene	29.	30. Dennis Bishop Jonah Goforth Doris Heaberlin Oakley Maxwell		

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		\$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
Total Offerings	\$44,964.39	\$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	\$44,964.39	\$142,824.66	\$139,331.24	\$137,034.32

2022 Average Monthly Offerings \$11,241.10
 2022 Average Required for Budget \$12,555.42
 2022 YTD Offerings vs. Required for Budget (\$1,314.32)

As of April 30th, we have collected \$836.52 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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