



STEEPLE NEWS

Centennial United Methodist Church at Ivy

JUNE 2026

FROM
THE
PASTOR



June means the beginning of summer. June is a month full of artifacts. Graduation tassels. Wedding invitations and anniversaries. Memorial Day flowers still fresh in our minds. Vacation souvenirs. Photos from summers long past. They remind us who we are and whose we are.

This year Centennial United Methodist Church celebrates 150 years of ministry and mission in this place. On June 21st, we will be opening a time capsule created on the church's 100th Anniversary. It was filled with artifacts people thought would be important to remember – to hold, laugh over, learn from, and cherish. These items are more than objects; they are love letters from the past, reminders that God has been faithful to this church through every season.

As we honor the treasures left for us, I'd love for us to create a celebration filled with *our* stories too. What memories do you carry of Ivy Centennial? A moment of kindness? A Sunday that changed you? A person who shaped your faith? A funny story that still makes you smile?

Throughout June, I invite you to share those memories - short notes, photos, stories, or just a sentence or two. We'll gather them as part of our anniversary celebration, weaving together the past and the present into one beautiful testimony of God's work among us.

Here's to 150 years of faith, friendship, and the grace of God that holds us still.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Joyce

A BLAST FROM THE PAST



In 1976, Pastor Merle Griffith baptized Derek Van Gundy in Mud Creek. For 150 years, lives have been changed in moments just like this.

MISSION NEWS



Spring Mission Project

Our spring mission project is wrapping up. So far, Centennial has received donations totaling \$579.46 through May 24th for Heifer International. There is still a little time if you would like to make a donation. There are envelopes on the table in the narthex. Or if it's easier, you can send your gift to the church with "Heifer" in the memo section:

Ivy Centennial UMC
PO Box 624
Altoona, IA 50009



Caring Hands Food Pantry

We have the grocery cart in the church narthex as a reminder that many of our neighbors live with food insecurity. It becomes even more challenging when children are out of school for the summer. As you are able, please remember to pick up a few things to put in the cart. Here are some ideas:

Mustard and Ketchup	Cold Cereal
Canned Tuna or Chicken	Macaroni and Cheese
Skillet Meals	Pasta Sauce

Thank you for making a difference!

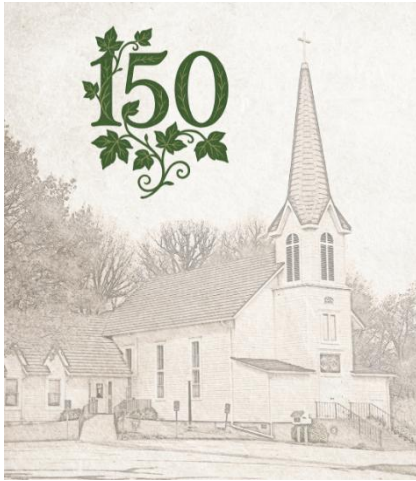


UMCOR Feminine Hygiene Kits

As part of our *Be the Church* sermon series, we had an opportunity for people to put together feminine hygiene kits. Together, we were able to take 27 complete kits, 1 partial kit, and send some extra items to Midwest Mission in Jefferson, Iowa.

Thank you to everyone who took the time after church to put together a kit.

WAY TO BE THE CHURCH!



150th ANNIVERSARY NEWS

NEW Old Time Sunday School 9:45 – 10:15

During the four Sundays in June (6/7, 6/14, 6/21, 6/28), we will be doing an intergenerational Sunday school before church. It's a great way to remember the past and pay tribute to the people who nurtured us in our faith. This is for everyone and will include some favorite old-time Sunday school songs, a short Bible lesson, a penny parade offering and a craft activity or game. Come at 9:30 and we'll have some coffee, juice and donut holes to snack on.

Sunday, June 21st Ice Cream Social

Who doesn't like ice cream? Join us on Father's Day for a good old fashioned ice cream social. Grab your family and friends and come enjoy some Picket Fence Creamery Ice Cream during our fellowship time. We'll also be looking for help to provide cookies, bars and ice cream toppings. There is a sign-up sheet on the sign-up table in the narthex.

Sunday, June 21st Time Capsule Reveal

The time capsule will be opened during worship on the 21st. It will be exciting to take a peek into Centennial UMC's past.

Sunday, July 12th 150th Anniversary Celebration Worship and Dinner

Make plans to come and celebrate the church's anniversary with special guests, special music and of course lots of great food. Be sure and reach out to family and friends and let them know they are invited to the party!

Invitation Cards

We have some printed invitation cards and envelopes available for you to send to family members and old friends of Ivy Centennial, to let them know about the upcoming 150th Anniversary Celebration. It should be a fun day and we would like them to be part of it.

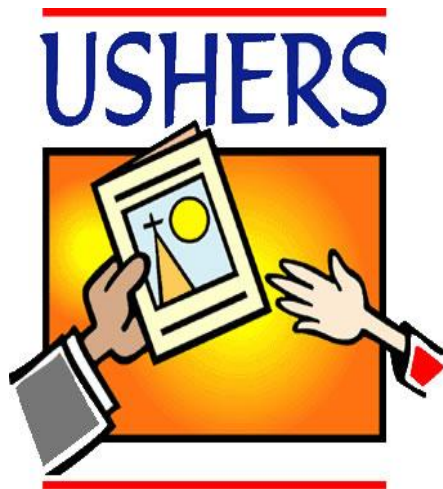
Pictures and Other Memorabilia

Do you have some old pictures and memorabilia from Centennial's past? If so, we would love to borrow them for the Anniversary Celebration. If you have some things to loan, please contact Joy Warner (515) 360-0691.



Tea Party on Thursday, June 4th 11:30 am

The women's group will gather at the church for a tea party. All women are invited to come for lunch and tea. Dress up and wear a hat, if you have one. It should be a fun time.



USHERS FOR JUNE

7th Amy and Jason Ferguson
 14th Mike and Mary Ferguson
 21st Jonathan and Jeff Freel
 28th Tom and Gail Gish

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

Family of Jerry Olgren	Family of Jerry Mellor
Matthew Myers	Tim Miller
Gail Gish	LaDonna Morse
Bob Dice	Jerry Peck
Barb Bolt	Nancy Day
John Bowie	Bob Bowers
Jeff Olgren	
Donna Gustafson and La Casa de Esperanza	
Caring Hands Food Pantry	

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

Thurs-Sun	6/11 thru 6/14	Iowa UMC Annual Conference
Thursday	6/4 11:30 am	Ivy Ladies Group Tea/Lunch
Sunday	6/7 11:30 am	Dinner Day
Sunday	6/21 11:30 am	Ice Cream Social
Sunday	6/21 10:30 am	Time Capsule is Opened
Sunday	7/12	150 th Anniversary Celebration

*Save
the
Date*

CENTENNIAL UMC FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

Income January - April 2026 (see note below)	\$35,565.85
Monthly Average Giving	\$8,891.46
Expenses January - April 2026	
Payroll / Payroll Taxes	\$17,045.84
Utilities (electric, propane)	\$2,529.96
Communications (phone, internet, webpage)	\$481.44
Church Maintenance (lawn, snow, repairs, trustees)	\$1,587.41
Insurance	\$390.00
Administrative (accounting, postage, office, Breeze)	\$983.12
Ministry Expenses (educ, worship, outreach, fellowship)	\$1,324.58
Apportionments (Iowa UMC Conference Giving)	\$5,227.68
Total Operating Expenses	\$29,570.03
Monthly Average Expenses	\$7,392.51
Over / Short	\$5,995.82

Thank you for your generous support of the mission and ministry of Ivy Centennial.

You will notice that through April, our year-to-date giving exceeds our expenses. We were blessed that a Centennial UMC member sent their yearly giving amount as a lump sum. Over the next few months the impact of that one time gift will decrease.

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.

If you would like a complete copy of the April financial statements, please contact
Gaylen Heaberlin or Pastor Joyce.

	<i>June Birthdays</i>			<i>June Anniversaries</i>
1	Sara Barnes, Benjamin Mauritz, Lindsey Poutre		1	Rev. Dani Musselman & Erik Hall
2	Jana Lewis		2	Beth & Travis Shipley
3	Lexie Goforth, Anderson King		12	Brenda & Ted Cox
9	Rex Adair		12	Dave & Joy Warner
14	Byron Hemingson, Evelyn Warner		14	Gayle & Larry Jordan
16	Sydney Corbin, Lila Morgan, Judy Weeks		18	Amy & John Ferguson
17	Colton Hiatt			
19	Douglas Olgren			
20	Scott Hackett			
21	Gail Long, Shawna Peterson			
22	Larry Jordan			
25	Shelley Goforth			
28	Jason Ferguson			
30	Dennis Bishop			

**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		\$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	\$37,372.48	\$82,059.50	\$95,433.70	\$105,690.91

This comparison does not include memorial, building fund, or special project donations. As of April 30th, we collected \$400.00 for the Caring Hands Food Pantry.

Joy Warner, Financial Secretary



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