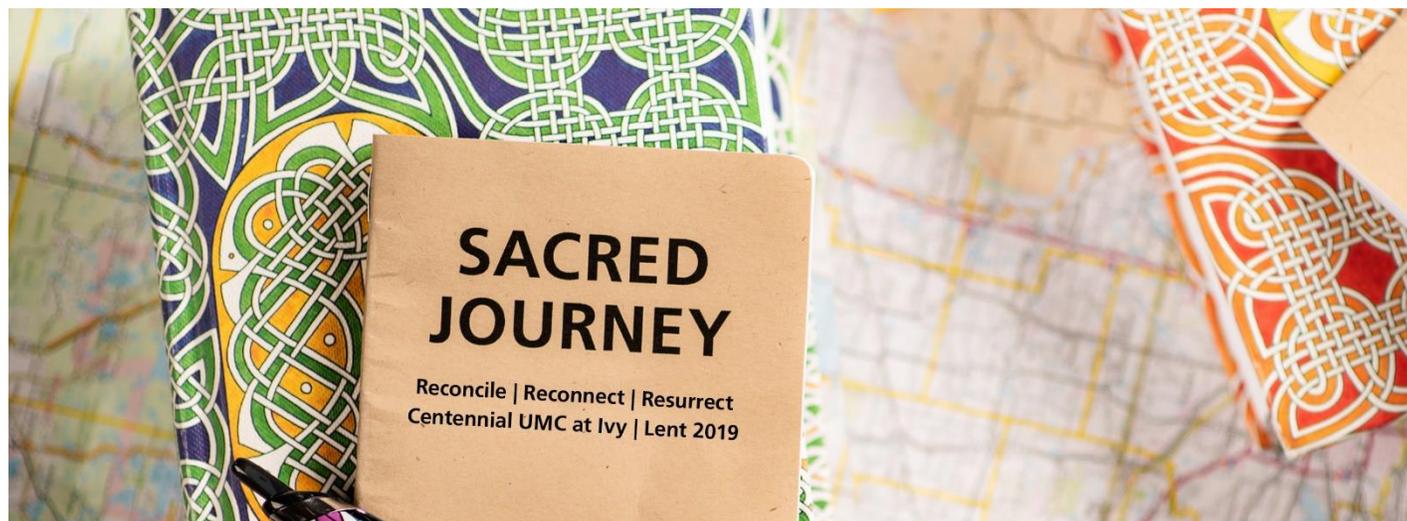




STEEPLE NEWS

Centennial United Methodist Church at Ivy

March 2019



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR WENDY:

Lent is a sacred journey. Through repentance we reconcile with God, through our spiritual practices we reconnect in our relationship with God and community, and through the risen Christ we resurrect to new life. Lent is the time in the rhythm of the church calendar when we are particularly intentional with our spiritual practices in a desire to draw closer to God and prepare our hearts for the highs and lows of Holy Week and Easter.

As the adage goes, "The family that prays together stays together." Praying as a community is a powerfully unifying experience. During Lent, I invite you to join me in a church-wide practice of praying the Daily Office. The Daily Office is a structured prayer practice in which times are designated throughout the day to spend in prayer and devotion. We will be praying the Celtic Daily Office from Northumbria community. It includes Morning, Midday, Evening, and Compline prayers which are accessible on their website, <https://www.northumbriacommunity.org/offices/how-to-use-daily-office/>. Prayer journals containing the prayers will also be available at church during Lent. If you prefer to listen to or sing the musical setting of the Celtic Daily Office, recordings for are available at iTunes. <https://itunes.apple.com/us/album/celtic-daily-prayer/1216332290>

At 6:30am on Tuesday mornings during Lent, I will lead the Morning Prayer for all who desire to gather in the sanctuary to pray as a community. During worship on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings, portions of the morning and evening prayers will be incorporated into worship. Throughout the season of Lent, I invite you to pause and take time for prayer as you go about your day. I pray that this will be an experience that draws us each closer to God and to each other as we prepare our hearts for the sacred journey in which the end at the empty tomb is only the glorious beginning.

Blessings on the journey!
-Pastor Wendy

Fun Fact: First produced in 1549 the *Book of Common Prayer*, the foundational prayer book of the Church of England and an instrument of the Protestant Reformation in England, contains a Daily Office. The prayers found in the *Book of Common Prayer* were instrumental in shaping the spirituality of John Wesley and early Wesleyans.

UMW

On March 23, 1869, eight women gathered at Tremont Methodist Episcopal Church in Boston and organized the Women's Foreign Missionary Society. It would become United Methodist Women. Those women raised money to send a doctor, Clara Swain and a teacher, Isabella Thoburn, to India as missionaries to serve the women of that nation. Since then, for 150 years, United Methodist Women has evolved to become the largest faith-based service and advocacy organization, providing life-changing opportunities for women, children and youth through mission opportunities.

The focus of United Methodist Women is missions. They support nearly 100 National Mission Institutions across the United States. The mission institutions in Iowa are Bidwell Riverside Center and Hawthorn Hill in Des Moines and Shesler Hall in Sioux City. Centennial United Methodist Women faithfully support the three missions prayerfully and monetarily.

On Sunday, March 24, Centennial will honor United Methodist Women. The group will take part in the worship service and host fellowship time. Come celebrate with us!

REMINDER

Remember to pick up an Upper Room devotional booklet and a 2019 press-on calendar. These items can be found on the Narthex cupboard counter.

Evangelism Reach Out Event – Saturday, April 6th 10:30 am

Starting at the church, we will be going out into our community and meeting our neighbors. Telling them about our upcoming events, present them with a little gift and invite them to attend any of our upcoming events. We will start at the church and split up in groups. We then will meet back up at the church for ice cream following the event!



FOOD PANTRY

Not sure what to bring for the Caring Hands Food Pantry on the first Sunday of each month? The following are the most requested and needed items:

MOST NEEDED FOOD ITEMS:

- +Cream of Mushroom soup 10 oz
- +Cream of Chicken soup 10oz
- +Elbow macaroni
- +Pork and Beans
- +Chili Beans
- +Egg Noodles 12oz (dry)
- +Tuna, canned
- +Canned fruits and Vegetables
- +Peanut Butter
- +Jelly

PERSONAL ITEMS NEEDED:

- +Tooth brush, individually wrapped
- +Bar of Soap
- +Hygiene products (feminine)
- +Shampoo

CLOTHES HANGER ITEMS NEEDED:

- +Girls Underwear (new only)
- +Children's Clothing
- +Towels
- +Sheets
- +Blankets
- +Comforters

Donations can be brought to Caring Hands:

MONDAY - FRIDAY

9 A.M. - 1 P.M.

MONDAY and WEDNESDAY

3:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

Centennial donated 49 items to the food pantry in February.

MARCH USHERS

- 3rd - Butch & Judy Weeks, Helen Freeman
- 10th - Don & Libby Hiatt, Mike Ferguson
- 17th - Dean & Judy Fiene, Mary Ferguson
- 24th - Allison, Jonathan Freel, Vera Bowie
- 31st - Mark & Kristi Olgren, Jerry Olgren

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Evan Fischer
- 2 Brad Geisenhoff
- 3 Jary Bowie
Khloe Geisenhoff
- 4 Megan Dereus
Gaylen Heaberlin
- 5 Jake Shaver
- 6 Colin Britt
Edie Musgrave
- 9 Joy Martin
Gunnar Methlie
- 10 Maggie Stout
- 11 Peggy Hennigar
Todd Owens
- 17 Barb Sharp
- 19 Carissa Bowie
Lainey King
Marilyn Murphy
Ardean Williams
- 22 Jordan Graves
Gary Lynch
- 25 Landan Fetters
Madison Heaberlin
Cathy Johnston
- 26 Joy Wieland
- 27 Peg Atzen
Laura McCrory
- 28 Andrew Glann
- 29 Jeff Freel
Emma Hackett
- 30 Heath Methlie
- 31 Paige McDuffy

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 13 Brenda & Paul Stout
- 14 Darin & Mitzi Wood
- 17 Gary & Leslee Lynch
- 21 Larry & Laura McCrory
- 24 Don & Nancy Day
- 27 Jayme & Joseph Fry



Please join the youth on Sunday, March 10th for Youth Sunday. A taco bar will follow service with a free will offering. Please spread the word and plan to stay to help support our youth!



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
Wednesday, March 6th
7:00 pm



“Annual Pie & Cake Auction”
Sunday, March 31st – 11:45 am

Auction of tasty homemade pies, cakes and assorted other delicious items. Proceeds go towards our youth attending camps.



EASTER EGG HUNT
Saturday, April 20th – 11:00

Come have fun at our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Open to the community, age 6th grade and younger



EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE
Sunday, April 21st – 7:00 am
Breakfast provided by the Education Committee

NEWS FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE 2019 Actual Giving vs. 2019 Budget Goal

	Required		Tithes	Other Inc	Total	Cumulative Difference
January	\$ 11,457.00	4 Sundays	\$ 5,878.33	\$ 1,180.00	\$ 7,058.33	\$ (4,398.67)
February	\$ 11,457.00	4 Sundays			\$ -	
March	\$ 14,320.00	5 Sundays			\$ -	
April	\$ 11,457.00	4 Sundays			\$ -	
May	\$ 11,457.00	4 Sundays			\$ -	
June	\$ 14,320.00	5 Sundays			\$ -	
July	\$ 11,457.00	4 Sundays			\$ -	
August	\$ 11,457.00	4 Sundays			\$ -	
September	\$ 14,320.00	5 Sundays			\$ -	
October	\$ 11,457.00	4 Sundays			\$ -	
November	\$ 11,457.00	4 Sundays			\$ -	
December	\$ 14,320.00	5 Sundays			\$ -	
2019 Budget	\$ 148,936.00		\$ 5,878.33	\$ 1,180.00	\$ 7,058.33	

52 Sundays in 2019

Required = 7.69%
Of Annual Budget

As of January, we are **behind** our 2019 Budget Goal \$4498.67.
However, in spite of the weather, February looks much better.

Gaylen Heaberlin, Financial Secretary

ATTENTION!!

*If you would like to provide or update your email for our database, please reach out to Jeff Freel or email the church at ivycentennialumc@gmail.com