



STEEPLE NEWS

Centennial United Methodist Church at Ivy

March 2020

Lent 2020

reflection | reconciliation | reconnection



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR DANI:

As we begin a new month, we also approach the beginning of a new church season: Lent. The forty days of Lent begin on Ash Wednesday (February 26) and end on Easter Sunday (April 12). Lent invites us to remember Christ's forty days of temptation in the wilderness as we reflect on our humanity and how we sometimes fall short of faithfully loving God and loving our neighbors. This Lenten season in worship, we'll focus on a sermon and devotional series dedicated to helping us engage in communal and individual reflection. On Sunday mornings, our sermon series will be titled "Follow Me: Essential Practices of the Christian Life." This series, titled after Christ's simple invitation to Simon Peter and Andrew in Matthew 4:19, invites us to reflect on how we can commit to the essential practices of worship, prayer, service, and more both in our individual lives and in community. Additionally, on Wednesday evenings, our worship devotional series will focus on finding "Lent in Plain Sight" which will invite reflection on the importance of the Lenten season in simple everyday objects such as bread, dust, oil, coins, and more. Both the Sunday sermon series and the Wednesday devotional series will hopefully invite us to engage in honest and loving conversations around how we can commit and recommit to faithful Christian practices that help us love God, love our neighbor, and love ourselves. My prayer is that through our Lenten reflection, we may become reconnected with God, reconciled in our relationships with others, and renewed in our personal spiritualities.

I offer this prayer for each and every one of us in this Lenten season:

Holy and gracious God,

Through this season of Lent, help us repent and believe in the gospel. Guide us as we offer our very lives to you, as a living sacrifice. Lead us to offer the moments when we fall short in order to grow in Your grace which has no limits. Speak, O God, and we will listen. Through Your mercy, may we be made new and remember that we are forgiven. In Your love, may we remember our connectedness with You. With the ash of repentance, may we enter this Lenten season prepared and renewed to share Your world-changing, miraculous love. With contrite hearts, we await Your presence, our Lord.

In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Blessings and prayers for you this Lent,

Pastor Dani



Monday – March 2nd – Council on Ministries Meeting – 7:00 – 9:30 pm
 WoW – Every Wednesday in March - 5:30 pm Meal, 6:00 True Believers and 7:00 pm – Worship on Wednesday
 Thursday, March 5th – UMW - 1:00 pm & March 19th – UMW – 12:00 pm
 Thursday, March 12th – Choir Practice – 7:00 pm
 Saturday, March 14th – Men’s Group – 9:00 am
 Thursday, March 19th – Community Potluck
 Friday, March 20th – Church & Community Game Night – 6:30 pm
 Monday, March 23rd – Finance Meeting – 7:00 pm
 Saturday, March 28th – Movie at Copper Creek (more details to follow)



“Annual Pie & Cake Auction”
Sunday, March 29th – 11:45 am

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

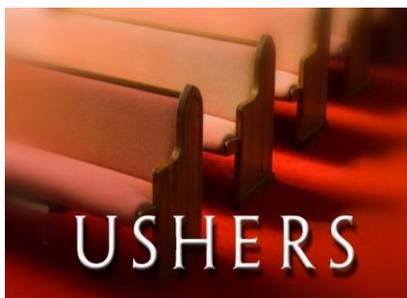


EASTER EGG HUNT
Saturday, April 11th – 11:00 am

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



EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE
Sunday, April 12th – 7:00 am
 Breakfast provided by the Education Committee



1st: Tim and Marcy Campbell, Don Hiatt
 8th: Dean and Judy Fiene, Jerry Olgren
 15th: Butch and Judy Weeks, Nancy Day
 22nd: Amy and Jason Ferguson, Missy Shaver
 29th: Arianna Hietman, Iisha Martin, Verna Bowie



Ivy teamed up to serve dinner to the students at Simpson College



An incredible day at Ivy as the youth and their leaders led worship! We are thankful for all love and leadership we witnessed!

CHURCH LIBRARY

March reading celebrations:

READ ACROSS AMERICA: The National Education Association kicks off the yearlong "Read Across America" program on March 2, birthday of the adored Dr. Seuss, to encourage communities to gather their children together to celebrate reading. The NEA provides 365 days of reading resources available to parents, teachers and children.

WORLD BOOK DAY: It is an annual worldwide celebration of authors, illustrators, and books intended to promote child literacy through the wide distribution of "book tokens" to preregistered nurseries and secondary schools. The book tokens are disbursed to children who in turn can take their token to a local bookstore to receive a new and free book.

READ AN EBOOK WEEK: Read an eBook Week is supported by various artists, publishers, formatters, manufacturers, distributors and retail outlets to promote interest in and distribution of eBooks worldwide. Readers are encouraged to read electronically and download free and discounted eBooks during this week.

FOOD PANTRY

104 items were donated to the Caring Hands Food Pantry in February. Thanks so much for your donations! Members of Centennial United Methodist Women also bring food pantry donations to their monthly meetings.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Centennial United Methodist Women will meet Thursday, March 5 at 1:00 p.m. Libby Hiatt will present the program and Judy Weeks will serve as hostess.

It's time to begin the 2020 reading program. The purpose of the reading program is to better understand and participate in God's mission today, to increase sensitivity to all human beings and to explore contemporary issues. The reading program is open to all women of the church and there are also books for youth and children to read. Contact Libby Hiatt if you are interested in participating. If you would like to learn more about United Methodist Women, there are copies of its official magazine, response, in a basket in the narthex. Please feel free to read them.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Evan Fischer	2 Brad Geisenhoff	3 Jary Bowie Khloe Geisenhoff	4 Megan Dereus Gaylen Heaberlin	5 Jake Shaver	6 Colin Britt Irene Dewey Edie Musgrave	7
8	9 Gunnar Methlie	10 Maggie Stout	11 Peggy Hennigar Todd Owens	12	13 Lisa Day	14 Happy Anniversary Darin & Mitzi Wood
15	16	17 Barb Sharp Happy Anniversary Gary & Leslee Lynch	18	19 Carissa Bowie Lainey King Ardean Williams	20	21 Happy Anniversary Larry & Laura McCroy
22 Jordan Graves Gary Lynch	23	24 Happy Anniversary Don & Nancy Day	25 Landan Fetters Madison Heaberlin Cathy Johnston	26 Joy Wieland	27 Peg Atzen Laura McCroy Happy Anniversary Jayme & Joseph Fry	28 Andrew Glann
29 Jeff Freel Emma Hackett	30 Heath Methlie	31				

**FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
2020 ACTUAL GIVING VS 2020 BUDGET GOAL**

	REQUIRED	SUNDAYS	TITHES	OTHER INC	TOTAL	INCOME ONE YEAR AGO
JANUARY	\$12,477.50	4	\$11,597.11	\$450.00	\$12,047.11	\$7,058.33
FEBRUARY	\$12,477.50	4				
MARCH	\$12,477.50	5				
APRIL	\$12,477.50	4				
MAY	\$12,477.50	5				
JUNE	\$12,477.50	4				
JULY	\$12,477.50	4				
AUGUST	\$12,477.50	5				
SEPTEMBER	\$12,477.50	4				
OCTOBER	\$12,477.50	4				
NOVEMBER	\$12,477.50	5				
DECEMBER	\$12,477.50	4				
2020 BUDGET	\$149,730.00		\$11,597.11	\$450.00	\$12,047.11	8.05%
					Required:	8.33%

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