



STEEPLE NEWS

Centennial United Methodist Church at Ivy

March 2022



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR DANI:

We live in a culture that believes in the power of financial success and personal achievement. Our modern technologically-driven world encourages us to create a façade of perfection on our social media accounts and in our own lives. As a result, we inevitably fall short of living up to a perfectionist utopia.

On the contrary, God created everything in six days and determined that all of creation was **good** (*not perfect*).

“God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.” Genesis 1:31

Themes of success, power, and consumerism promote perfectionism. Customer service representatives tell us they “strive for perfection!” and advertisements encourage us to buy the next best thing in order to somehow, someday, live a perfect life.

According to scripture, however, God never claims us as perfect creatures. In the six days of creation, God creates and claims everything as “*good*.” From the light to the seas, from the birds to the trees— God claims all of the creatures and creation as *good*. And then God takes the dirt of the ground and forms the first human being and claims, even humanity, as “*good*.”

Which is why we’re going to consider what it means to live as “good enough” people, made in the image of an incredible God during this Lenten season. We weren’t made to be perfect. The first blessing we ever received from God is the blessing of being just *good*.

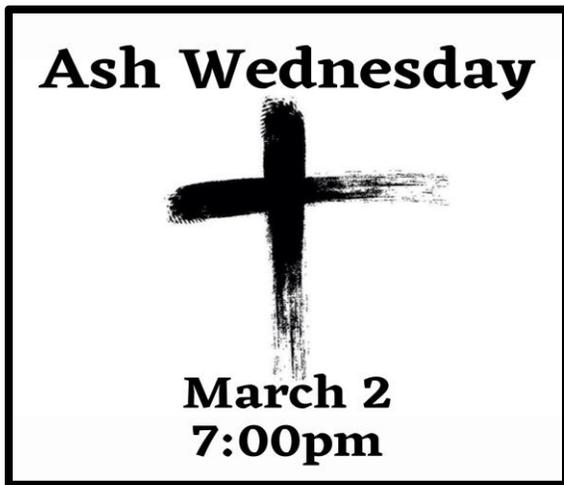
So, throughout our journey of Lent, let’s strive to be just *good*. Good to ourselves, good to one another, and good to God.

*Sincerely,
someone who is good enough
(Pastor Dani)*



World Water Day takes place in March! **On Wednesday, March 23**, Ivy will have a guest speaker teach us about the importance of taking care of our local rivers in order to help care for God's creation. SEP High School student, Ela Gilson, will teach us at WOW how to care for our waterways and she'll also invite us to a day of service on Saturday, March 26. Join us on Wednesday for an informative & faithful discussion and also on March 26 to support Iowa parks.

Ela Gilson, like Landan Fetters, is one of the Simpson Youth Academy scholars from the summer of 2021. Ela's presentation & service day project is how she plans to put what she learned at SYA into practice. Please put these dates on your calendar to help support a local high school student in her faith journey!



Join the Pastor's Book Club!

We are currently reading *Wholehearted Faith* by Rachel Held Evans & Jeff Chu!

We meet every other Thursday at 7pm in the church library to discuss what we read the week before.

We started discussing *Wholehearted Faith* on January 27th at 7:00pm and in April we'll begin another book.

If you'd like to join us for our next book, please email: pastordanim@gmail.com.

You're welcome to join us anytime!



What: Family Board Game Night

When: Friday, March 4, 2022 @ 7:00 pm

Where: Fellowship Hall at Centennial

Who: All ages!

We invite all to come enjoy the fellowship of sharing a table and playing a boardgame. Family friendly. All are welcome to bring a game and/or snack to share.



Soup & Dessert Contest
Saturday, March 19 at 5:30pm
Sign up in the church narthex!



We will gather funds to provide living gifts through Heifer International.

Envelopes for your donations to this Mission Project will be on the table in the Narthex.

Join us as we spend these next two months learning what each of the living gifts can do for the families that care for them and work to fill our Barn!

Watch for trivia and fun facts in the Sunday Bulletins and popping up around the church.



Gathering our gifts to fill a barn with global impact...

For more than 75 years, Heifer International has helped more than 36.7 million families build sustainable farming businesses to support their families. They know that having a secure source of income can be truly transformational for farmers and their communities. Heifer's work has always focused on farming, because they believe ending poverty begins with agriculture. Cows, goats, chickens and seeds can provide nutritious milk, meat, eggs, food, fodder and so much more for communities living in hunger and poverty. And with the right training and support, families will be able to take these assets and support their families in ways that allow them to thrive.

Administrative Council Highlights February 2nd Meeting

- After months of limited activities, it looks like we're going start getting back to normal this spring.
- The Administrative Council discussed Centennial's needs in our next pastor and will invite others from the congregation to participate in additional discussions.

The complete minutes of the February 2022 Administrative Council meeting will be available after they are approved at the April meeting which will be conducted on Wednesday April 6. Minutes of previous meetings are available on the church's website at

<https://www.ivycentennial.org/?subpages/Minutes-of-Admin-Council.shtml>

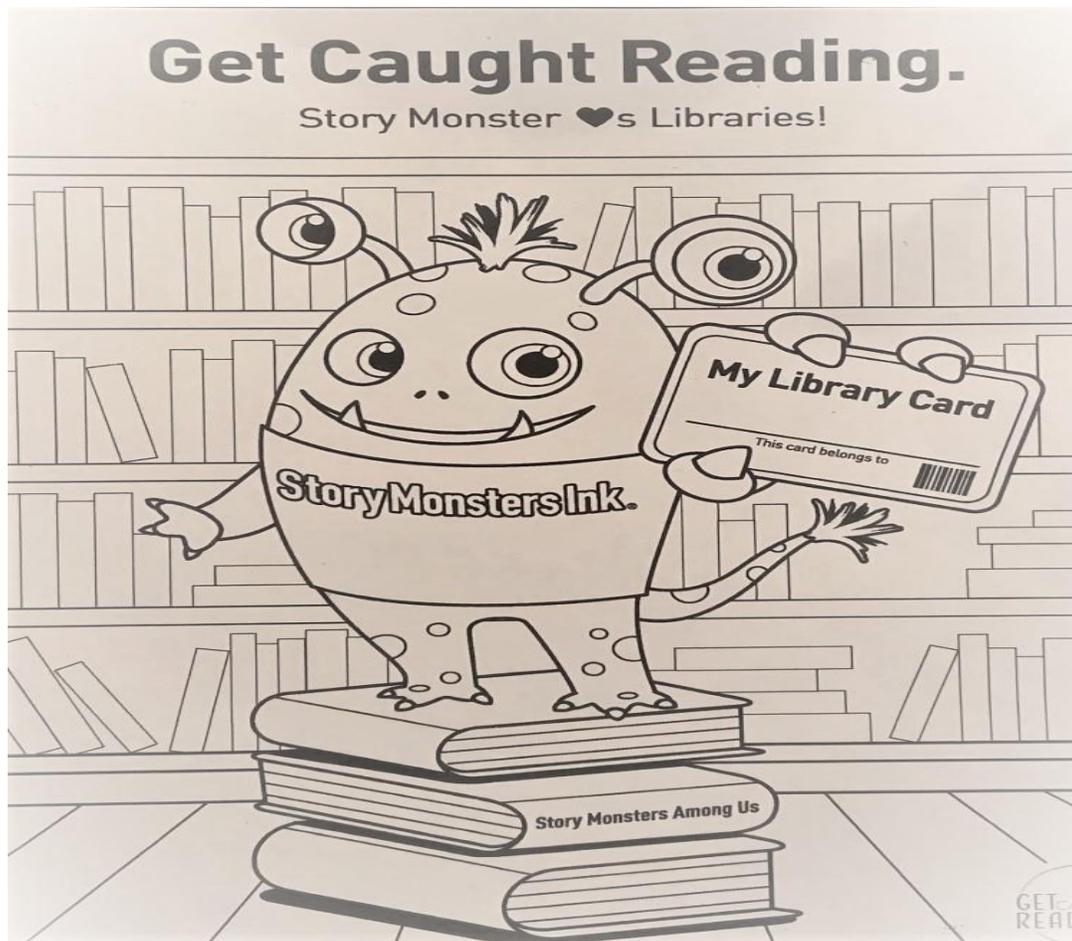
Report of the Annual Financial Audit
For the period beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021

The committee on finance is required to make provision for an annual audit of the records of all the financial officers (including the financial secretary, church business manager and treasurers) of the church and all its organizations, and shall report to the charge conference (the Book of Discipline, 1998 Par 262.4c). When completed report results to your local church council.

Church Centennial United Methodist Church at Ivy
 Charge Pastor Danl Musselman
 District Central
 Annual Conference Iowa

_____ Each Treasurer
 _____ Chairperson, Committee on Finance
 _____ Local Church Files/Clergy
 _____ District Superintendent
 _____ XXXXX Newsletter

Audit of Receipts, Disbursements and Balances					
Record	Balance at Beginning of Period	Cash Received and Recorded	Beginning Balance Plus Receipts	Total Disbursements For Period	Balance, End of Period
Financial Secretary's Records	XXXXXXXXXXXX	\$ 147,131.18	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX
Current Expense Fund	\$ 48,102.36	\$ 158,403.91	\$ 206,506.27	\$ 154,456.93	\$ 52,049.34
Reserved Funds (UM Foundation)	\$ 26,263.01	\$ 617.18	\$ 26,880.19		\$ 26,880.19
Reserved Funds (CSB)	\$ 26,217.00	\$ 20.79	\$ 26,237.79		\$ 26,237.79
Building Fund (UM Foundation)	\$ 89,331.08	\$ 2,099.28	\$ 91,430.36		\$ 91,430.36
United Methodist Women	\$ 3,763.00	\$ 333.66	\$ 4,096.66	\$ 1,483.34	\$ 2,613.32
United Methodist Youth Ministries	\$ 2,700.87		\$ 2,700.87	\$ 250.00	\$ 2,450.87
Sunday School	\$ 7,158.41	\$ 4,186.67	\$ 11,345.08	\$ 3,343.55	\$ 8,001.53
Other Funds	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX
Memorials (CSB)	\$ 20,181.43	\$ 384.61	\$ 20,566.04	\$ 9,900.00	\$ 10,666.04
Memorials (UM Foundation)	\$ 11,667.90	\$ 274.20	\$ 11,942.10	\$ -	\$ 11,942.10
Total of all treasures of the Church	\$ 235,385.06	\$ 166,320.30	\$ 401,705.36	\$ 169,433.82	\$ 232,271.54



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. Darin & Mitzi Wood	15.	16.	17. Barb Sharp Gary & Leslee Lynch	18.	19. Carissa Bowie Lainey King Ardean Williams
20.	21. Larry & Laura McCrary	22. Jordan Graves Gary Lynch	23.	24.	25. Landan Fetters Madison Heaberlin Cathy Johnston	26. Joy Wieland
27. Laura McCrary Jayme & Joseph Fry	28. Andrew Glann	29. Jeff Freel Emma Hackett	30. Heath Methlie	31.		

- Wednesday, March 2nd @ 5:30 pm – WoW**
- Wednesday, March 2nd @ 7:00 pm – Ash Wednesday Service**
- Friday, March 4th @ 7:00 pm – Church Game Night**
- Sunday, March 6th – Dinner Day**
- Monday, March 7th @ 7:00 pm– Council on Ministries**
- Wednesday, March 9th @ 5:30 pm – WoW**
- Wednesday, March 9th @ 7:30 pm – Missions Meeting**
- Saturday, March 12th – Friday, March 19th – Pastor Dani Vacation**
- Wednesday, March 16th – No WoW**
- Saturday, March 19th @ 5:30 pm – Soup & Dessert Contest**
- Wednesday, March 23rd @ 5:30 pm – WoW**
- Wednesday, March 23rd @ 7:30 pm – Finance Meeting**
- Wednesday, March 30th @ 5:30 pm – WoW**
- Thursday, March 31st @ 6:30 pm – Worship Committee Meeting**

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		\$ 8,480.01	\$10,933.50	\$11,454.06
MARCH		\$12,192.01	\$10,780.19	\$19,206.73
APRIL		\$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	\$11,240.28	\$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 AND PROGRAMS	\$11,240.28	\$142,824.66	\$139,331.24	\$137,034.32

2022 Average Monthly Offerings \$11,240.28

2022 Average Required for Budget \$12,555.42

2022 YTD Offerings vs. Required for Budget (\$1,315.14)

This comparison does not include memorial, building fund or mission projects.

FINANCE COMMITTEE COMPARISON OF OPERATING INCOME As of January 31st, we have collected \$195.00 for the

Caring Hands Food Pantry

Joy Warner, Financial Secretary



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