



# STEEPLE NEWS

Centennial United Methodist Church at Ivy

MAY 2025

## *A NOTE FROM PASTOR JOYCE*

May is finally here. For many May is a busy month filled with year-end school activities, programs and graduation parties. It's also a time to start looking forward to the summer months. I wanted to make you aware of two sermon series we will be doing this summer. In the month of June, we will be doing our Faith and Film series. This series is about looking at faith through the lens of culture that we find in movies. We've done this over the last few years, and we have received good feedback, so we want to offer it again. We're still working out the films we'll be highlighting and are always open to suggestions.

The second sermon series will be based on favorite stories from the Bible. We're going to ask for your help. If you have a favorite story that you would like us to include in this series, please let us know. During the month of May, we'll include an insert in the bulletin for you to let us know your favorite(s) and ask you to put it in the offering plate. We want to include as many of your favorites as we have time for.

Finally, I want to let you know that I'm continually amazed by the faith and love in this congregation. This is a church that shares the love of Jesus in our congregation, our community and beyond. A church where the women's group delivers Easter baskets to members of the congregation who are home bound or in care facilities. A church where people support the local food pantry and a ministry far away in Peru. A church where individuals offer to "house sit" so a church member can do their grocery shopping. A church where meals are delivered. A church where individuals call to check up on one another. A church where people step up to help with Holy week services and offer to lead worship so this pastor can take some time off. A church where people feel welcomed, valued, and inspired to grow in their walk with Christ.

I want you to know Ivy Centennial, that I'm proud to be your pastor.

*Love and blessings,  
Pastor Joyce*



## **MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST** **SUNDAY MAY 11, 2024, AT 9:00 AM**

### **TREAT YOUR MOM TO BREAKFAST BEFORE CHURCH!**

The Centennial UMC Men's Group will be hosting a Mother's Day breakfast before church on May 11<sup>th</sup>. This is a great way to honor our moms and enjoy a great breakfast. So they will know how many to expect, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in back of the sanctuary.



## **CONFIRMATION SUNDAY, MAY 11<sup>TH</sup>**

Ivy Centennial will celebrate Alexa Goforth and Anna Behanish. These young women have been meeting with Pastor Joyce over the last several months preparing to make their profession of faith and their membership vows. We're excited for them to take this next step in their faith journey.



## **SUMMER CHURCH CAMP REGISTRATION AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

It isn't too late to register for camp. Did you know that there are two United Methodist Camps in Iowa – Wesley Woods in Indianola and Lake Okoboji? A summer church camp experience is a great way to have fun and build faith. There are several different camps to choose. There are overnight camps, as well as day camps. There are even camps for grandparents and grandchildren. Ivy Centennial wants to ensure that any young person who wants to go to camp has an opportunity. The Education Committee is offering camp scholarships again this year.

Camp registration and scholarship information is on the sign-up table. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Pastor Joyce (515) 480-8457 or email [revjlwebb76@gmail.com](mailto:revjlwebb76@gmail.com)



For many families in our community, this is a time of uncertainty. Funding for many “safety-net” programs that serve vulnerable families as been cut, including funding for food pantries. The need becomes more critical during the summer months, when children aren’t in school to receive free and reduced meals offered at the school. Supporting the Caring Hands Food Pantry is one way Ivy Centennial can help meet the needs that exist for families in the South East Polk School District.

For the month of May, let’s see if we can fill the cart with breakfast items like dry cereal, pancake mix and syrup. Or if it’s easier, you can make a cash donation to the church, and we will forward your gift to Caring Hands. Thank you for sharing the love of Jesus!

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### **LENTEN MISSION PROJECT LA CASA DE ESPERANZA**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Lenten mission project. Because of your generosity, we were able to send \$2,260 to help with this mission in Peru.

Here is a note from Donna Gustafson, the director of La Casa de Esperanza:

“Thank you so much for the generous offering from your church. I will put it to good use. First, I will finish buying the school supplies for our girls.” She also sent a picture of some of the girls and the school supplies that were purchased with some of the funds from Ivy Centennial.





## **IVY CENTENNIAL'S 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

2026 will mark the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our church. Thank you to all those who signed up to help plan the anniversary celebration. We will be scheduling a kick-off meeting in the next few weeks.

If you didn't have a chance to sign-up but would like to be part of the team, please contact Pastor Joyce at (515) 480-8457.



Easter morning was a full house!

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Easter breakfast by setting up, cleaning up, bringing food, picking up the breakfast pizzas. The best part was sharing a wonderful time of fellowship together with family and friends.



### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

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](mailto:revjlwebb76@gmail.com)

#### **PRAYER LIST**

Leslie Hiatt	Nancy Day
Karla Heaberlin	Tim Miller
Barb Bolt	Sandy Clark

Save  
the  
Date

Ivy Women's Fellowship	Thursday	5/1	1:00 pm
Church Women United	Friday	5/2	12:00 pm
Dinner Day Potluck	Sunday	5/4	11:30 am
Men's Group Meets	Saturday	5/10	9:00 am
Mother's Day Breakfast	Sunday	5/11	9:00 am
Confirmation Sunday	Sunday	5/11	10:30 am
Steeple Items are Due	Tuesday	5/20	



## *MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1. Logan Heaberlin	2.	3.
4. Jamie Graves  Jeffrey & Karla Heaberlin	5. Don Hiatt Lois Wehde	6. Hailey Griffiths Allison Lehn	7. Gemma Shipley	8.	9. Bobbi Meister	10.
11. Jennifer Quick	12.	13. Bob Pool	14. Zach Johnston Ed Myers Victoria Purcell	15.	16. Simon Meister	17. Harry Clark Zach Deutmeyer Jonathan Martin Joy Warner  Joyce & Rich Webb
18. Travis Shipley	19. Avery Britt Rosemary Freel	20. Nile Lehn Emily Stout	21. Courtney Fritz	22. Jayme Fry Jayden Graves	23. Jerry Weeks	24. Drew Hiatt
25.	26. Kelly Adey	27. Tom Gish	28.	29.	30. Jonah Goforth	31. Abby & Andrew Glann Jane & Jeff Heaberlin

**FINANCE COMMITTEE  
COMPARISON OF OPERATING INCOME**

	Offerings 2025	Offerings 2024	Offerings 2023	Offerings 2022
January	\$7,813.01	\$9,670.48	\$17,243.17	\$11,240.28
February	\$6,021.92	\$9,829.06	\$7,101.46	\$9,698.09
March	\$6,740.00	\$10,748.26	\$5,903.26	\$9,669.39
April		\$6,768.06	\$10,174.26	\$14,356.63
May		\$5,321.26	\$6,837.26	\$9,004.49
June		\$9,196.26	\$7,021.56	\$7,083.14
July		\$7,083.86	\$9,413.26	\$8,636.81
August		\$6,342.26	\$5,192.26	\$7,081.26
September		\$7,991.31	\$7,791.06	\$5,610.25
October		\$4,765.26	\$9,101.26	\$12,111.46
November		\$10,238.00	\$8,401.26	\$8,679.97
December		\$7,479.63	\$11,510.84	\$7,552.26
<b>Total Offerings</b>	<b>\$20,574.93</b>	<b>\$95,433.70</b>	<b>\$105,690.91</b>	<b>\$110,724.03</b>

<b>2025 Average Monthly Offerings</b>	\$6,858.31
<b>2025 Average Required Monthly for Budget</b>	\$8,766.33
<b>2025 Average Offerings vs. Average Required for Budget</b>	(\$1,908.02)

This comparison does not include memorial, building fund, or special project donations. As of March 31st, we collected \$295.00 for the Caring Hands Food Pantry.

Joy Warner, Financial Secretary



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