



STEEPLE NEWS

Centennial United Methodist Church at Ivy

November 2017



Have you ever considered how beautiful it is that we have a holiday dedicated entirely to giving thanks? This is the time of year when we are most intentional to count our blessings.

I would like to thank all of you for the many ways you have blessed me this year. You have opened your arms and your hearts to welcome us to your church family. It hasn't even been since I began serving at Centennial UMC at Ivy, yet Centennial UMC at Ivy feels like home. I have been blessed by all the ways we have learned together, celebrated together, and prayed together. I have been blessed to see all of your gifts and graces put to work on mission here at Centennial.

During November, our worship series will be entitled "Abundance." We are going to look closely at the ways God has blessed us. Taking time to recognize and count all of ways we have been blessed is a way to focus our life on gratitude. When we recognize how we have been blessed, new opportunities to be a blessing to others come into view.

I pray this month that we can embrace an attitude of gratitude, giving glory to God in all that we do.

Grace upon grace,
Pastor Wendy

November

- 1 - Council on Ministries - 6pm**
- 2 - UMW work day - 1pm**
- 4 - UMW Chili/Soup Bazaar**
- 7 - Choir Practice**
- 11 - Veteran's Day**
- 12 - Nominations - After Worship**
- 14 - Choir Practice**
- 16 - UMW - 1pm**
- 21 - Choir Practice**
- 23 - Thanksgiving**
- 26 - Hanging of the Greens**
- 28 - Choir Practice**
- 29 - Communications- 7pm**



68TH ANNUAL CHILI & OYSTER STEW SUPPER

Nov. 4, 4:30-7:00 P.M.

ALL YOU CAN EAT - FREE WILL OFFERING

BAZAAR TABLE WITH GOODIES GALORE!

PROCEEDS BENEFIT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S

MISSION PROJECTS

INVITE YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS!



November 19

Lunch after worship with a Free-will offering

Ushers and Greeters

November 5 - Melvin & Carol Visser

November 12 - Butch & Judy Weeks

November 19 - Bill & JoAnn Hansen

November 26 - Gary & Leslee Lynch

December 3 - Ardean and Janice Williams

December 10 - Youth

December 17 - Larry and Gayle Jordan

December 24 - Allison and Jonathan Freel

December 31 - Brandi Jackson and Brooke Person

Dinner Day Hosts and Hostesses

November 5 - Dinner Day - Person

November 12 -

November 19 - Youth

November 26 - Fun Committee

December 3 - Dinner Day - Hansen & Corbin

December 10 - Missions

December 17 - Education

Friday, December 22 - Contata - Fellowship

December 24 -

December 31 -

Warm wear Drive -

We are looking for new or gently used hats, gloves, scarves and coats starting Nov 5th.



November Anniversaries

18 Mindy & Terry Britt

21 Dennis & Connie Bishop

HANGING OF THE GREENS

After worship on November 26 we will have Hanging of the Greens. All are invited to stay and help decorate for Christmas. The Family Ministries committee will be



Expansion News

Building Committee Update

The Building Committee wants to hear from you! Contact any member of the Building Committee to set up a time to engage in a conversation surrounding your ideas, questions, comments, concerns, etc. Meetings will be with a small group of Building Committee members.

Mission/Vision: To be good stewards of our heritage by providing inviting and accommodating facilities for our growing community.

Values: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, Citizenship, Transparency, Discipleship

Please join us as the Centennial United Methodist at Ivy Choir presents:



A Christmas Celebration -
Music by Loyld Larson

Friday, December 22, 2017
7:00 PM

Light refreshments
following the service

United Methodist Women

Centennial United Methodist Women are preparing for their 68th annual Ivy chili and oyster stew supper and bazaar on Nov. 4 from 4:30-7:00 p.m. Several work days have been held in preparation for the event. Not only will the meal be delicious and filling but the bazaar table will be a must to stop and shop at!

We certainly couldn't have a successful event without the help of the congregation. We thank you for attending, eating, purchasing and helping out!



- 3 Barb Bolt
- 4 Connie Bishop
- 5 Jennifer Simpson
- 9 Mel Visser
- 10 Brenda Stout
- 11 Arianna Heitman
Stephanie Lampkin
- 15 Jan Adair
Lloyd Hennigar
Medea Saunders
- 16 Kayla Goforth
Cynde Pool
- 18 Rob Campbell
- 19 Jo Provow
- 21 Gordon Atzen
John Bowie
- 23 Dana King
- 25 Tim Morgan
Julie Palmer
- 26 Deanna Carroll
Melinda Martin
Darin Wood
- 27 John Ferguson
- 28 Darlene Jones

Frequently Called Numbers -

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Financial Secretary (Estimates of giving):
Gaylen Heaberlin
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Caring Hands Food Pantry statistics for August:

288 families served (499 adults & 320 children) totaling 819 people
6,272 pounds of food given
288 families received \$8 vouchers to be used at Fareway or Brick Street Market for perishable items
Personal items are given as needed

Centennial's donation for Oct. was 79 items.

Items needed are cream of mushroom soup, cream of chicken soup, chunky noodle soup, chili Beans and Ramen noodles.
Please save and donate egg cartons also.

Clothes Hanger statistics for August:

Clothing items given: 2,755

Household items given: 118

Our Daily Bread Ministry served 198 clients.

A Simple Supper is provided for food pantry and Clothes Hanger clients the last Monday of each month from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

If interested in volunteering, please email Caringhandsfp@gmail.com



FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2017 Actual Giving vs. 2017 Budget Goal

	Required		Tithes	Other Inc	Total	Cumulative Difference
January	\$ 8,264.00	5 Sundays	\$ 8,600.00	\$ 525.00	\$ 9,125.00	\$ 861.00
February	\$ 6,611.00	4 Sundays	\$ 7,805.42		\$ 7,805.42	\$ 2,055.42
March	\$ 6,611.00	4 Sundays	\$ 5,307.00		\$ 5,307.00	\$ 751.42
April	\$ 8,264.00	5 Sundays	\$ 8,561.00		\$ 8,561.00	\$ 1,048.42
May	\$ 6,611.00	4 Sundays	\$ 5,511.00		\$ 5,511.00	\$ (51.58)
June	\$ 6,611.00	4 Sundays	\$ 6,059.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 6,209.00	\$ (453.58)
July	\$ 8,265.00	5 Sundays	\$ 8,372.58	\$ 5.00	\$ 8,377.58	\$ (341.00)
August	\$ 6,611.00	4 Sundays	\$ 5,453.00		\$ 5,453.00	\$ (1,499.00)
September	\$ 6,611.00	4 Sundays	\$ 7,263.00		\$ 7,263.00	\$ (847.00)
October	\$ 8,265.00	5 Sundays			\$ -	
November	\$ 6,611.00	4 Sundays			\$ -	
December	\$ 8,265.00	5 Sundays			\$ -	
2017 Budget	\$ 87,600.00		\$ 62,932.00	\$ 680.00	\$ 63,612.00	72.62%

53 Sundays in 2017

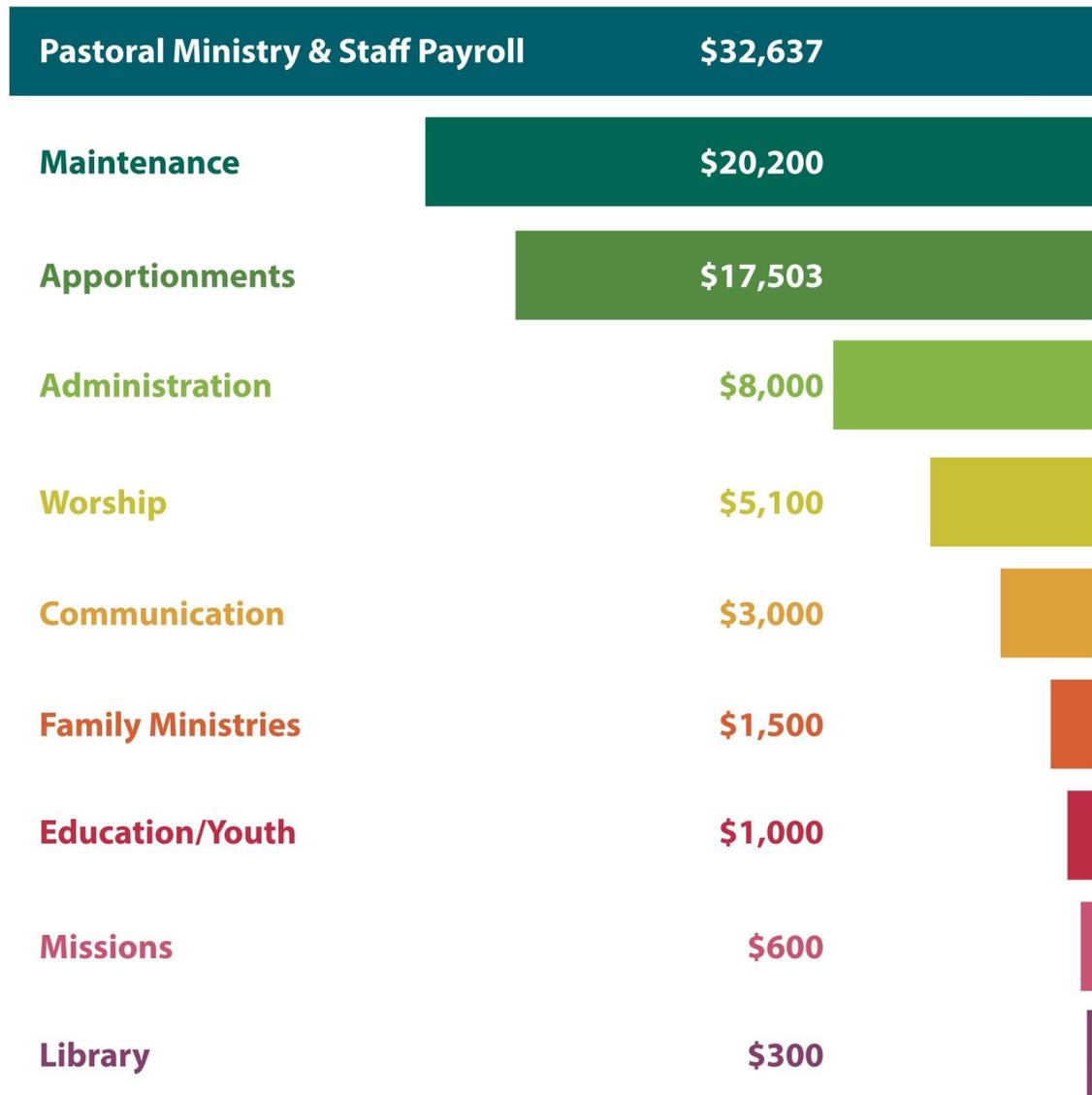
Required = 757%
Of Annual Budget

As of the end of September we have fell behind our Budget Goal by \$847.00

Gaylen Heaberlin, Finance Chairman

2018 Budget

\$89,840



2017 Annual Giving • Pledged & Projected

\$86,733

\$10,400	\$2,500	\$1,560	\$1,200	\$750	\$500	\$240	\$100
4,248	2,500	1,560	1,200	600	500	200	100
3,600	2,400	1,500	1,200	600	450	190	100
3,300	2,400	1,500	1,000	600	360	190	75
3,000	1,920	1,500	1,000	600	300	180	50
2,800	1,820	1,300	1,000	600	300	175	50
2,640	1,800	1,250	1,000	600	250	175	50
2,600	1,800	1,200	1,000	500	250	150	20
2,580	1,600	1,200	960	500	240	150	\$86,733

Missions

We have had a good year and hope to finish it up with a successful warm wear drive. We started the year with the Heifer project which raised over 1600 dollars. Carissa Bowie went on a mission's trip and the congregation helped raise over 1000 dollars along with sending toothbrushes, toothpaste, and eyeglasses with her. We also had a great group of 15 package Meals for Heartland. They boxed 90 boxes of Meals which = 19440 Meals! Also the first Sunday of the month is Food pantry Sunday. So far this year there have been 1157 items collected. Finishing the year off, we had Unicef Trunk or Treat. During the months of November and part of December we do a warm wear drive for Bidwell. We will collect new or gently used hats, gloves, scarves and coats.

Fellowship, Family Ministries, and Evangelism

Fellowship has been a long standing tradition at Ivy. It allows friends and family to meet after worship and catch up from the week while having a nice treat. This is an important tradition and goes along with Dinner Day hosts. We are always looking for people to sign up for Fellowship. For first timers, any member of the committee would love to help you. All you need to do is plan to bring something as simple as cookies and prepare the coffee! It is pretty amazing to see everyone lend a hand at clean up and see the men doing dishes. There are still a few dates left this year. All you need to do is sign up on the board in the Hall.

EDUCATION

Education has seen some changes this year. Last spring we tried moving Sunday School during church service in hopes of capturing a larger audience. The committee felt it was a success and kept the same time frame this fall. We currently are doing the teaching on a rotation basis to allow everyone to hear service and also lend a hand teaching. If you are interested in helping teach, please let a committee member now. We provide the lesson book and activity. Normally each class has 2 'teachers' and makes it easy to catch on.

It is the great congregation at Ivy that makes our church what it is. No matter how young or old, consider lending a hand. There will be enough support to help you.

PASTORAL AND STAFF COMPENSATION

The Pastor Parish Committee is responsible for a large portion of Centennial's finances. The committee with the help of the District Superintendent determines the salary of the Pastor and other expenses that occur with that position. The committee is also responsible for determining the salaries of the other three paid positions of the Church which are the Pianist/Organist, Secretary and Custodian. These four salaries make up nearly half of our 2018 budget. The Pastor along with the other three positions are vital for the week-in and week-out functioning of our Little White Church. This all adds up to \$43,637 which amounts to 49.3% of the budget. Like Trustees and Apportionments the Pastoral and Staff Portion of the budget are pretty much out of our control.

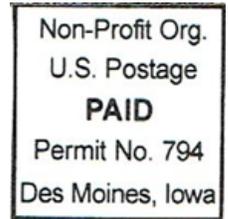
WORSHIP

The responsibility of the worship committee is to help the congregation strengthen their relationship to God through acts of worship. There are nine members on the committee.

Some of our responsibilities are: providing ushers for worship services, preparing and helping serve communion, helping prepare the sanctuary and services for Advent and Lent, relate to the choir with the purchase of new music and upkeep of the piano and organ, care and display of paraments, prepare for baptisms, coordinate Advent and Lenten mailings to the surrounding community, supply the Upper Room devotionals, upkeep of the attendance pads, consider purchase of new hymnals and Bibles and help plan and carry out special Sundays such as Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Easter and Christmas Eve.

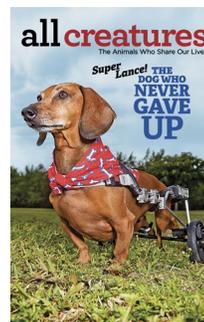


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Library -

Are you an animal lover? If so, check out the new faith-based magazine, AllCreatures, in the church library. Read about a dog, a baseball and a sign from above/a military dog's new mission/ where the love of an elephant led/meet an iguana named Bill/caring for your senior pet and many more stories about the animals who share our lives.



Contact Us

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Or on our website at IvyCentennial.org.

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