



STEEPLE NEWS

Centennial United Methodist Church at Ivy

November 2019

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR DUANE:

When Transylvania University celebrated its 175th anniversary in 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower was the featured speaker. Just prior to the historic celebration, the President of the University Dr. Frank Rose, learned his mother had died. Dr. Rose carried on with courage and grace.

When President Eisenhower arrived, he asked to be shown the chapel. After the program Dr. Rose accompanied the President to the plane. They shook hands and said good-bye. Just before reaching the plane the President turned and walked back to Frank Rose and said, "I've been praying for you today."

During the short time I've been at Centennial at Ivy, several of our members have suffered through some distressing times and terrible losses. I want to let you know that I believe we have been the compassionate, caring and loving community Jesus intended His church to be. I believe one of the most important, powerful things we can do for friends, or loved ones, is pray for them. In doing so we not only intercede on behalf of a trouble soul; we also show God our heart.

I believe prayer changes hearts, both our own and those for whom we pray. Prayer is a spiritual pillow that troubled minds can rest on and a blanket that warms tired, grieving, hearts.

Saint Augustine once said that "Whole prayer is nothing but love." I believe his statement to be an axiom that finds practical application in every Christian Relationship. It is the first step in fulfilling the commandment "Thou shall love thy neighbor as thyself," and its part of the matrix that binds Christian souls together.

At the end of a day filled with trouble, or tragedy, it's good to know we have friends who are "praying for us today."

No matter what battle we fight, or who the enemy is, the most effective and powerful weapon we have is prayer. It's the key that opens the doors of a troubled hearts to the power of God's healing presence.

God's grace and peace to you.
Pastor Duane

CHOIR Practice

Centennial UMC Choir Rehearses every Tuesday from 7 pm to 8pm!

Please don't worry if you cannot make every week. We will practice each anthem several times.

If you want to do a solo, play an instrument or direct, just let Linda or Maggie know and we will try to fit it in.

If you are new to choir or haven't been singing since high school, please come join us. We have a lot of fun. Psalm 100!



Saturday, November 2nd – UMW Soup Supper/Bazaar 4:30 -7:00 pm

Monday, November 4th – Council on Ministries – 7:00 pm

Wednesday, November 6th – WoW – 5:30-7:30 pm

Thursday, November 7th – UMW- 1:00 pm

Saturday, November 9th – Men's Group – 9:00 am

Sunday, November 10th – Education Meeting – 12:00 pm

Wednesday, November 13th – WoW – 5:30 – 7:30 pm

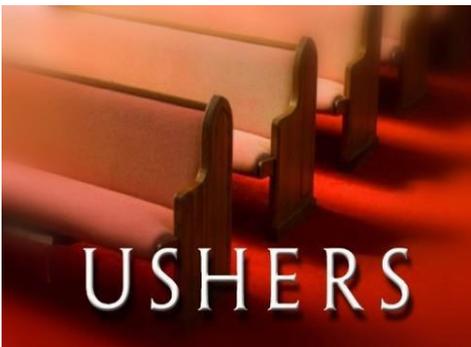
Monday, November 18th – Worship – 7:00 pm

Monday, November 18th – Finance Meeting – 7:00 pm

Wednesday, November 20th – WoW – 5:30 -7:30 pm

Saturday, December 7th – Live Nativity – 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Sunday, December 15th - Youth Christmas Program 6:30-8:30 pm



November 3rd – Jeff, Allison & Jonathan Freel

November 10th – Tim, Marcy Campbell & Don Hiatt

November 17th – Brooke Person, Brandi & Brock Jackson

November 24th – Dean, Judy Fiene & Helen Freeman

December 1st – Butch, Judy Weeks & Nancy Day

December 8th – Mike, Mary Ferguson & Verna Bowie

December 15th – Leslee Lyncy, Addie Redman & Jackie Purcell

December 22nd – Jim, Rita Denhart & Bonnie Altes

December 28th – Amy, Jason Ferguson & Maggie Stout



Save the date! Our church will be having a real wreathmaking class Sunday, December 8th at 1:00 after church. More details to follow and sign up will be available in November



SAVE THE DATE!
**70th Anniversary of the Chili & Oyster
Stew Supper and Bazaar**
Saturday, November 2nd
4:30 – 7:00 pm

All you can eat- free will offering. The Bazaar table will be loaded with goodies, we will be having a Silent Auction as well. All proceeds benefit UMW Mission Projects.



*Please come join us for our Live Nativity
Saturday, December 7th 6:30-8:30 pm.
Stop inside for cookie, hot chocolate or hot apple
cider.*



YOUTH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH - 6:30 PM



Please sign up for hosting fellowship time after church. There are a lot of openings the next few months. If no one is signed up, we will NOT have treats that day

U M W

It's November and that means it's time for the annual United Methodist Women's Chili and Oyster Stew Supper & Bazaar! This will be the 70th year for this special event! Mark your calendar for Saturday, November 2nd from 4:30-7:00 pm for an evening of good food and fellowship. Along with the soups, there will be pies and cakes to enjoy all for a free will offering. The bazaar table will be loaded with gift items, gift baskets, crafts, silent auction items and much more. All proceeds will benefit the mission causes supported by the United Methodist Women.

CHURCH LIBRARY

Church Library Month is over, and a number of the books set out in the narthex have found good homes. No matter the month though, it's always a good time to visit the church library. Not only are there books for adults and young people, there are also DVD's, Videos, CD's and cassette tapes. There are magazines, Sunday School idea books, UMW Reading Program Books, a set of Guidelines for Leading your Congregation for church officers and committees, etc. Visit YOUR church library and see for yourself!

CARING HANDS OUTREACH CENTER

Caring Hands Outreach Center has been serving the Southeast Polk Community for 11 years. With support from local businesses, area churches and community leaders, Caring Hands has provided low-income families with the Southeast Polk area with food, clothing and financial-aid assistance.

Centennial has faithfully supported Caring Hands with food items on the first Sunday of each month for many years. For October, The United Methodist Women donated 42 food items and the congregation donated 78 items for a total of 120 items. CENTENNIAL CARES!

THE UPPER ROOM

The Upper Room is a daily devotional magazine published in more than 30 languages and 100 countries around the world. The daily mediations are written by readers of the magazine and others interested in sharing their faith experiences through writing – both Laity and clergy, published authors and new writers. The mediations are stories of real people working to live faithfully with the Bible as their touchstone. Every day, readers of The Upper Room around the world read the same story in many different languages and pray the same prayer together. The Upper Room is published six times a year. Each issue covers two months.

Issues of the Upper Room are available in the literature holder in the narthex free of charge. Pick one up, read it and share it with a friend.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Barb Bolt	4 Connie Bishop	5 Jennifer Simpson	6	7	8	9 Mel Visser
10 Brenda Stout	11 Arianna Heitman Stephanie Lampkin	12	13	14	15 Jan Adair Lloyd Hennigar Medea Saunders	16 Kayla Goforth Cynde Pool
17	18 Rob Campbell Happy Anniversary - Mindy & Terry Britt	19 Jo Provow	20 Gordon Atzen	21 John Bowie Happy Anniversary - Connie & Dennis Bishop	22 Judy Hemingson	23 Jason Haley Dana King
24	25 Tim Morgan Julie Palmer	26 Deanna Carroll Melinda Martin Darin Wood	27 John Ferguson	28	29	30 Pastor Duane Skidmore

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	\$12,370.73		\$ 12,370.73	\$ (3,484.94)
March	\$ 14,320.00	5 Sundays	\$19,623.40	\$ 500.00	\$ 20,123.40	\$ 2,318.46
April	\$ 11,457.00	4 Sundays	\$12,891.06		\$ 12,891.06	\$ 3,752.52
May	\$ 11,457.00	4 Sundays	\$10,332.53	\$ 960.00	\$ 11,292.53	\$ 3,588.05
June	\$ 14,320.00	5 Sundays	\$10,272.33	\$ 150.00	\$ 10,422.33	\$ (309.62)
July	\$ 9,458.00	4 Sundays	\$ 7,622.17	\$ 50.00	\$ 7,672.17	\$ (2,095.45)
August	\$ 9,458.00	4 Sundays	\$11,630.17	\$ 200.00	\$ 11,830.17	\$ 276.72
September	\$ 11,823.00	5 Sundays	\$13, 545.92	\$ 80.00	\$ 13,625.92	\$ 2,079.64
October	\$ 9,458.00	4 Sundays			\$ -	
November	\$ 9,458.00	4 Sundays			\$ -	
December	\$ 11,823.00	5 Sundays			\$ -	
2019 Budget	\$135,946.00		\$ 104,166.64	\$ 3,120.00	\$ 107,286.64	78.92%

52 Sundays in 2019

Budget Decreased from 148,936 as of Pastor Wendy leaving at the end of June.

As of September, we are ahead our 2019 Budget Goal \$2,079.64

Gaylen Heaberlin, Financial Secretary



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