



# STEEPLE NEWS

Centennial United Methodist Church at Ivy

October 2019

## *A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR DUANE:*

I have always believed, as many of you do, that fall is one of the most beautiful seasons of the year. As Bill Cotton put it, "It is the autumn moment when maple trees catch fire in their hair," bean fields turn golden brown and combines make dust clouds on the horizon. Indeed, it is a wonderful time of the year, and again as in years past, our country has been blessed with more than it needs.

In terms of supply and demand, that's a big problem, because a lot of last year's harvest is still in the bin with more on the way. And the more product we have, the lower the price. Farmers all over the Mid-West, hoping that the price of corn and beans will soon go up, will be scrambling to find storage space for this year's crop. I am thankful for our bountiful harvest and our many blessings, but I find it somewhat embarrassing that we are storing all this food while people in other countries don't have enough to eat.

Jesus told us that if we have faith the size of a mustard seed, we could say to the mountain, "Move from here to there," and it would happen. Nothing would be impossible for us. (Matt. 17:20-21) I imagine if we piled all the grain and soybeans stored in this country in one place, we'd have what would amount to a mountain of food. So now all we need is the faith to move that mountain to those places people need it most. To tell the truth, I don't have the slightest idea of how to accomplish such a huge task. Certainly, better minds than mine have tackled the problem and failed. But that doesn't diminish my hope that someday it can be done.

In the meantime, there are ways our faith community at Centennial can chip away at that mountain. For instance, I read that one meal from **Meals From the Heartland** only costs about twenty cents. What if we started collecting quarters every Sunday? Think about it. A quarter doesn't sound like much to us, but it could mean everything to a starving family. A roll of quarters, (\$10.00), would buy meals for forty-two hungry people. And there are other ways we can move a little bit of that mountain like: taking part in the Hunger hike on Oct. 13th, or contributing each month to the local food pantry, or to any one of a number of the United Methodist Church's Global Board of Global Ministries projects.

It may be true that as individuals we might not possess the faith required to move the mountain. But when we as individuals, come together as the Body Of Christ, each offering the faith we have, it becomes much greater and more powerful than the sum of its parts.

Mother Teresa once said, "We can do no great thing. We can only do small things with great love."

This "autumn moment when maple trees catch fire in their hair," bean fields turn golden brown and combines make dust clouds on the horizon, let us, out of our love of God and neighbor, try to find out how much of that mountain we can move.

Grace and Peace



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!

Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> – WoW – 5:30-7:30 pm  
Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> – UMI, 1:00 pm  
Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> – Dinner Day  
Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup> - Administrative Council Meeting - 7:00 pm  
Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> – WoW – 5:30-7:30 pm  
Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> – Men's Group - 9:00 am  
Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> – Hunger Hike – 1:30 pm  
Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> – Charge Council – 6:00 pm  
Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> – WoW – 5:30-7:30 pm  
Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup> – UMI, 1:00 pm  
Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> – Socks & Smores – 5:30-7:00 pm  
Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> – WoW – 5:30-7:30 pm  
Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> – Trunk or Treat – 5:30 -6:30 pm  
\*\*Please note there will NOT be any Community Potlucks the months of October, November and December



October 6<sup>th</sup>: Brooke Person, Brandi and Brock Jackson  
October 13<sup>th</sup>: Mark and Kristi Olgren, Moe Gilkison  
October 20<sup>th</sup>: Jim and Rita Denhart, Don Hiatt  
October 27<sup>th</sup>: Ariana Heitman, Isha Martin, Helen Freeman



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

# DES MOINES AREA **HUNGER HIKE**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup> @ 1:30 PM

The Des Moines Area Hunger Hike serves as a visible witness to the concern about hunger, both locally and globally. Hundreds of people of all ages, a coalition of institutions, organizations, denominations, and faiths will gather to walk the 3-mile hike. Join us at the World Food Prize Hall of Laureates - 100 Locust St. (Riverside Entrance) Des Moines, Iowa 50309. Free street parking downtown. Family and pet friendly. All are welcome. Signup sheet is located in the Narthex



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Join us for Socks & S'mores at the fire pits to the east of the church. Bring a chair and enjoy a nice fire along with some gooey treats!

**When: Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:00 pm for some S'more fellowship**

We will be collecting socks to help people through the long Iowa winter. Any questions please ask a Mission committee member. Hope to see you there!



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30<sup>TH</sup>  
5:30-6:30 PM**

*Fellowship*

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



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Chili & Oyster  
Stew Supper and Bazaar**  
**Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**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.**

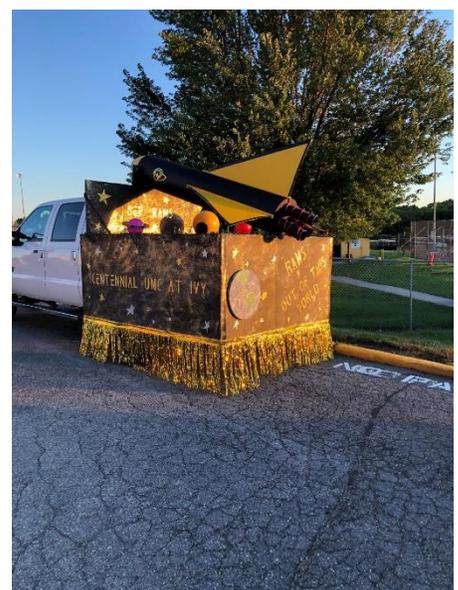
## **U M W**

Centennial United Methodist Women's meeting in October will be October 3<sup>rd</sup> hosted by Barb Sharp and October 17<sup>th</sup> with Janice Williams presenting the program and Leslee Lynch serving as hostess.

Four members from Centennial attended the Central District Annual Meeting on September 13<sup>th</sup> at Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Urbandale. The theme for the day was "Celebrating 150 years: Living Into Our Purpose". The day included a business meeting, four workshops, a salad buffet and an address by the Iowa Conference President, Lynn Calvert.

The Iowa Conference United Methodist Women's Annual Meeting will be at Staves United Methodist Church on October 5<sup>th</sup>. This meeting is held in the Central District every 8 years.

A **BIG** thank you to everyone who put in the effort to make our Homecoming float one of the best! The Pickering's did an amazing job finishing up the float. Even though the parade was canceled, our float was asked to be up at the Junior High for their dance that took place after school on Friday of the Homecoming week. We wanted to share a few pictures to show everyone how "Out Of This World" it actually was! Thank you again!



# OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> Happy Anniversary Jennifer & Paul Quick	<b>2</b> Happy Birthday Jennifer Fischer Lori Freel Ava Hackett	<b>3</b> Happy Birthday Penny Dorris Chris Lehn Trevor Simpson Happy Anniversary Jary & Marcy Bowie	<b>4</b> Happy Birthday Bob Kujac	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> Happy Anniversary Jerry & Dianne Peck	<b>7</b> Happy Birthday Missy Shaver Happy Anniversary Carol & Jamie Graves	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Happy Birthday Margaret Forster	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Happy Birthday Kaylee Olgren	<b>12</b> Happy Birthday Jane Heaberlin
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Happy Birthday Rachael Cox Happy Anniversary Bob & Dee Johnston	<b>16</b> Happy Anniversary Wendy & Jon Musgrave	<b>17</b> Happy Birthday LaDonna Morse Happy Anniversary Marcy & Tim Campbell	<b>18</b> Happy Anniversary Brad & LaDonna Morse	<b>19</b> Happy Birthday Mike Ferguson
<b>20</b> Happy Birthday Jeffrey Heaberlin Dianne Peck Holly Tingley	<b>21</b> Happy Birthday Jessica Carroll Mike Johnston Chuck McGreff	<b>22</b> Happy Birthday Barbara Bernis Diane DeMoss	<b>23</b> Happy Birthday Shay Maxwell	<b>24</b> Happy Birthday Gary Fischer	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Happy Birthday Carley Johnston
<b>27</b> Happy Birthday Jill Craven Olivia Fischer Happy Anniversary Butch & Judy Weeks	<b>28</b> Happy Birthday Marcy Campbell	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Happy Birthday Sue Larson Amanda Van Winkle		

## LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

"Reading for six minutes a day reduces stress by 68%"

The perfect place to start relieving stress is a library and our church is fortunate enough to have two libraries! Some "housecleaning" has been done in the downstairs library and in October books will be available for free in the Narthex to celebrate Church Library Month. Evangel Church Library Association founded Church Library Month. This special month calls attention to the resources available to congregations.

It is also the tenth anniversary of the creation of Little Free Libraries. They were created by Todd Bol of Hudson, WI in 2009 in honor of his mother. His idea launched a global book-sharing movement. Mr. Bol died at the age of 62 from pancreatic cancer in 2018.

There are more than 90,000 registered Little Free Libraries in 91 countries worldwide including Centennial's. Please stop by to see what books it has to offer!

## FOOD PANTRY

Centennial's Food Pantry donation for September was 66 items.

On September 19<sup>th</sup>, Centennial United Methodist Women toured the Caring Hands Food Pantry, The Clothes Hanger and the new Online Shop following their regular meeting at the church. They delivered a donation of 42 food items.

# 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			\$ -	
October	\$ 9,458.00	4 Sundays			\$ -	
November	\$ 9,458.00	4 Sundays			\$ -	
December	\$ 11,823.00	5 Sundays			\$ -	
2019 Budget	\$135,946.00		\$ 90,620.72	\$ 3,040.00	\$ 93,660.72	<b>68.90%</b>

52 Sundays in 2019

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

**As of August, we are ahead our 2019 Budget Goal \$276.72**

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