



STEEPLE NEWS

Centennial United Methodist Church at Ivy

October 2025

A NOTE FROM PASTOR JOYCE

I'm writing this on the day of the Autumnal Equinox, a fancy way to say the first day of fall. Fall is my favorite time of the year. The cooler weather and the changing colors. Autumn is also a season of preparation. The earth begins to quiet itself, the fields are harvested, trees let go of their leaves, and animals gather what they need for the winter months ahead. It's a time of transition—but also of deep rooting. In our spiritual lives, fall invites us to do the same. To slow down. To reflect. To prepare our hearts for what is yet to come.

I've been thinking lately about Paul's words in Colossians 2:7: *"Let your roots grow down into him and let your lives be built on him."*

In less than a year, Ivy Centennial will celebrate its 150th Anniversary. We have roots that go deep in this community. Roots built on the faithfulness of those who went before us. Roots that continue to sustain us 150 years later.

Being rooted, what a powerful image for this season. Even as things change around us, we are reminded that when we're rooted firmly in Christ, we are never alone. We can draw strength from the scriptures, from prayer, and from the ongoing fellowship we share as a church family.

As we look forward to the fall, let's celebrate the deep roots we have in Christ and lean into our shared history, knowing we are part of God's ongoing work in this community.

May this season bring you peace, purpose, and the quiet joy of knowing you belong and you are deeply loved.

With grace and peace,

Pastor Joyce



PIE, CAKE AND MORE AUCTION

Another Pie and Cake Auction in the books. Thank you to everyone who brought in pies, cakes and other goodies to auction off and to the bidders.

A special thanks to Mark Olgren for serving as our auctioneer again this year and Evan Fischer for helping get the baked goods to the winning bidder.

In all, the church raised \$3,375. Funds will be used for camperships, college and vocational scholarships and other general education needs.



It was a full house for the auction.



Evan Fischer and Mark Olgren getting ready to take bids for the next pie



3rd GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

Receiving your first Bible is a BIG DEAL.

Ivy Centennial was pleased to present a Bible to Quinn Heitman. Quinn is the daughter of Cole and Jess Heitman and the granddaughter of Linda Carnahan.



CARING HANDS FOOD PANTRY CURRENT NEEDS

Cream of Mushroom Soup

Cream of Chicken Soup

Breakfast Cereal.

Used dish towels, dish cloths in usable condition

There is a list of items on the table in the narthex for other needed items. Donating to the food pantry is a small way we can share the love of Christ in our community.



IVY WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Thursday, October 2nd 11:30 am

The women's group will have a soup, salad and dessert luncheon for their next meeting. They will also host Donna Gustafson, the director of La Casa de Esperanza, a ministry in Peru that provides a Christ-centered home for girls attending school.

All women are invited to attend. If you would like to know more about the group, please contact Leslee Lynch (515) 967-6008 or Mary Ferguson (515) 975-0586.



IVY CENTENNIAL CHARGE CONFERENCE

Sunday, November 2nd 4:00 – 6:00pm

Oakwood United Methodist Church, 400 NE 56th St Pleasant Hill

Centennial's annual charge conference is coming up. It is a time of worship, celebration and looking forward to 2026. The charge conference is open to all members of the congregation. If you have questions, please reach out to Pastor Joyce. Call or text 515-480-8457 or email her at revjlwebb76@gmail.com



150TH ANNIVERSARY NEWS

The 150th Anniversary Task Force has been busy at work planning for the big event JULY 12, 2026. They are planning something special for each month leading up to the July 2026 date (see the separate article about Oktoberfest).

A calendar will be published soon so you can see what is being planned. The group is also working on a Save the Date Postcard that will be available for congregation members to invite others.

We are interested in gathering church related memorabilia. Please let us know if you have some things you might let us borrow for a special display (contact Joy Warner or Whitney Long). We are looking for some people to help select and organize the items for the exhibits. If this sounds like something you can help with, please get in touch with Jennifer Fischer at 515-681-3848.

We are also planning to invite church members to be interviewed as part of a video that will be created for the celebration. If you are asked to be interviewed, please say YES! The video will be used during worship and later added to the time capsule.



WEDDING NEWS

Congratulations to Ken Sharp and Nancy Harris! The couple was married at Ivy Centennial on Saturday, September 20th.

May God bless their new life together.

Join us as we celebrate Oktoberfest 2026. There will be a bonfire, good food, games and beer (the root beer variety). Bring a lawn chair and be sure to invite a friend or two to come with you!



Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday, November 2nd

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed Saturday night. Otherwise, you'll be early for church!



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

Rita Denhart	Chuck McGriff
Laura Hiatt	Bev McGriff
Kristie Olgren	Sandy Clark
John Bowie	Jeff Olgren
Leslie Hiatt	Nancy Day
Barb Bolt	Karla Heaberlin
Donna Gustafson and La Casa de Esperanza	



Sundays	9:15 am	<i>The Chosen Small Group</i>
Wednesdays	5:30 pm	<i>God's Messy Family</i>
Thursday	10/2 11:30 am	Ivy Women's Fellowship Lunch
Sunday	10/5 11:30 am	Dinner Day
Sunday	10/26 4:00-6:00 pm	Oktoberfest Celebration
Sunday	11/2	Daylight Savings Time Ends
Sunday	11/2 10:30 am	All Saints Sunday Remembrance
Sunday	11/2 4:00 pm	Ivy Centennial Charge Conference
		Oakwood UMC, 400 NE 56 th St, Pleasant Hill
Saturday	11/15 4:30-6:30 pm	Chili, Oyster Soup Supper & Bazaar
Sunday	7/12/2026	150 th Anniversary Celebration

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

2	Jennifer Fischer
2	Lori Freel
2	Ava Hackett
3	Penny Dorris
3	DayKota Freel
3	Chris Lehn
3	Trevor Simpson
4	Bob Kujac
4	Tylar Meister
7	Missy Shaver
11	Kaylee Olgren
12	Jane Heaberlin
15	Rachael Cox
17	LaDonna Morse
19	Mike Ferguson
20	Jeffrey Heaberlin
20	Holly Tingley
21	Jessica Carroll
21	Mike Johnston
21	Chuck McGriff
22	Barbara Bernis
22	Diana DeMoss
24	Gary Fischer
25	Shaleigh McDuffy
26	Carley Johnston
27	Jill Craven
27	Olivia Fischer
28	Marcy Campbell
31	Sue Larson

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

1	Jennifer & Paul Quick
7	Carol & Jamie Graves
11	Bobbi & Scott Meister
15	Bob & Dee Johnston
17	Marcy & Tim Campbell
18	Brad & LaDonna Morse
26	Amy & Jason Ferguson
27	Butch & Judy Weeks

**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	\$6,484.00	\$6,768.06	\$10,174.26	\$14,356.63
May	\$4,400.10	\$5,321.26	\$6,837.26	\$9,004.49
June	\$14,126.75	\$9,196.26	\$7,021.56	\$7,083.14
July	\$5,222.00	\$7,083.86	\$9,413.26	\$8,636.81
August	\$5,811.60	\$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
Total Offerings	\$56,619.38	\$95,433.70	\$105,690.91	\$110,724.03

2025 Average Monthly Offerings \$7,077.42
2025 Average Required Monthly for Budget \$8,766.33
2025 Average Offerings vs. Average Required for Budget (\$1,688.91)

This comparison does not include memorial, building fund, or special project donations. As of August 31st, we have collected \$1,065.00 for the Caring Hands Food Pantry.

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