



# STEEPLE NEWS

Centennial United Methodist Church at Ivy

September 2019

## *A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR DUANE:*

At the end of August, I will have been with you two months. Wow, time is flying by! I would like to commend the board members, committee and individual members for the level of commitment they've demonstrated in stepping up to the plate and out of their comfort zones to get things done. I am truly thankful for that because it makes your pastor's job much, much, more manageable.

As most of you know, beginning the first part of September our schedule will be changing dramatically. September 4th is WoW Rally Day. Then Tuesday the 10th, Choir practice begins again. I know Maggie would not only like to see all last year's choir members returning, she also hopes new voices will be added.

After that on September 11th, regular WoW begins. While it's true WoW is a big commitment and a lot of work, it's also true that over the past two years the results and rewards have been overwhelmingly good. Let's help the WoW team keep a good thing going.

There's a contemporary worship song the lyrics of which go like this:

**People need the Lord  
We are called to take His light  
To a world where wrong seems right  
What could be too great of cost  
For sharing life with one whose lost?**

**Through His love our hearts can feel  
All the grief they bear  
They must hear the words of life  
Only we can share.**

**People need the Lord**

People do need the Lord, especially children and young adults in their formative years. I'm pretty sure the WoW team is looking for a few extra volunteers to fill in any leadership gaps that might occur during the coming year. I encourage you to help them keep a good thing going by saying "yes", when you're asked to be part of the team.

On a different note, we have designated the month of September, a month for Special offerings. An envelope and a brief description of where the offering will be sent will be in each week's bulletin. One last thought; Scripture calls the church a poem. "We are His workmanship" (Ephesians 2:10). Just the other day, while reading a book by Max Lucado, I learned the word "workmanship" comes from the Greek word, "poeo" or poetry. "We are God's poetry. We express His creative best.

You aren't God's poetry. I'm not God's poetry. **WE** are God's poetry. "All of us, with all of our different personalities, all our different gifts and talents, all come together as the Body of Christ in a beautiful poetic expression of God's love, written in God's own hand.

May God grant that His handwriting will be easily recognizable when the poem entitled Ivy Centennial is read.

Grace and Peace



WoW will start back up on Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30 pm. Dinner will be served at 5:30 pm, Kids/Youth Group Activities and Adult Study at 6:00 and Contemporary Worship at 7:00.



Join the Education Committee for a cookout following service on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. Mark & Kristi Olgren have donated the meat to grill.



Please join us in riding or walking in the Southeast Polk Homecoming Parade on September 12<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at Altoona Aquatic Center at 5:00 pm. (parade starts at 6:00pm) We would love to have a lot of people represent our church. Any questions please ask Deb Pickering



Centennial UMC Choir Rehearsal begins Tuesday, September 10, 2019 from 7 pm to 8pm!

We will rehearse each Tuesday unless otherwise notified.

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!

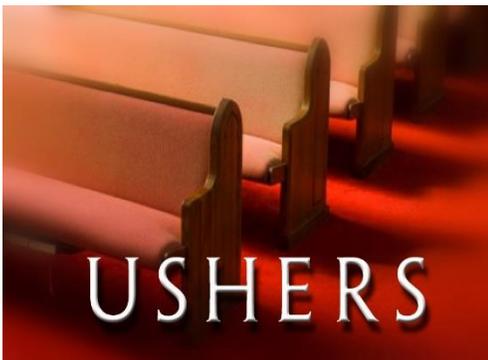
Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup> – Dinner Day  
Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> – Council on Ministries, 7:00 pm  
Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> – WoW Rally Day, 5:30 – 7:30 pm  
Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup> – UMW, 1:00 pm  
Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> – Choir Practice, 7:00 – 8:00 pm  
Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> – WoW, 5:30 – 7:30 pm  
Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> – Men's Group, 9:00 am  
Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> – Choir Practice, 7:00 – 8:00 pm  
Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> – WoW, 5:30 – 7:30 pm  
Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> – Community Potluck, 12:00 pm  
Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> – Finance Meeting, 7:00 pm  
Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> – Choir Practice, 7:00 – 8:00 pm  
Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> – WoW, 5:30 – 7:30 pm



3rd grade  
BIBLE PRESENTATION

**Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**

Khloe Geisenhoff  
Caleb Gleason  
Carlee Gleason  
Hannah Griffiths  
Kensli Haley



September 1<sup>st</sup>: Amy Corbin and Jason Ferguson  
September 8<sup>th</sup>: Don and Libby Hiatt, Verna Bowie  
September 15<sup>th</sup>: Butch and Judy Weeks, Nancy Day  
September 22<sup>nd</sup>: Mike and Mary Ferguson, Rita Denhart  
September 29<sup>th</sup>: Jeff, Allison, Jonathan Freiel

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



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



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**4:30 – 6:30 pm**



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



## SEPTEMBER

2 Marilyn Eland  
3 Joseph Fry  
4 Jordan Carroll  
6 Susan Churchill  
6 Dan Geisenhoff  
6 Dee Johnston  
7 Jerry Olgren  
12 Wendy Fritz  
12 Carol Graves  
13 Tom Bergstrom  
13 Angela Selby  
16 Pat Adey  
16 Debbie Parker  
16 Ken Sharp  
17 Jerry Huffman  
18 Mitzi Wood  
19 Todd Hiatt  
20 Tom Johnston  
21 Amy Corbin  
21 Steve Craven  
21 Rita Denhart  
24 Jennifer Morgan  
25 Marty Martin  
25 Jeff Tomlin  
26 Gage Seaman  
27 Lisa Schmidtk  
30 Brittani Corbin  
30 Kinsley Haley



## SEPTEMBER

4 Chris & Diana Demoss  
4 Dana & April King  
7 Mark & Kristi Olgren  
8 Torie & Jason Hermann  
12 Stephanie & Josh Lampkin  
12 Larry & Julie Palmer  
15 Jill & Steve Craven  
19 Neal & Jen Griffiths  
19 Ardean & Janice Williams  
24 Jim & Rita Denhart



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## Special Sunday Offerings

One of the best things about being a United Methodist Church is that though we are a small church, we are part of a large, global connection. As United Methodists, when we pool our giving resources, we can make a big impact toward transforming the world for the glory of God in the name of Jesus Christ.

The United Methodist Church designates a number of Sundays throughout the year as opportunities for recognizing and supporting particular ministries. Churchwide Special Sundays with offerings enable United Methodists like us to offer refuge in times of disaster, promote peace and justice, provide scholarships and student loans, reach out to the community, teach skills to encourage self-sufficiency and share the love of Jesus Christ with God's people everywhere.

At Centennial UMC at Ivy, we celebrate these Sundays all at once, giving us an opportunity to recognize the global impact of our connectional giving. Throughout the month of September, we will be collecting special offerings for the following mission emphases:

**Human Relations Day** strengthens United Methodist outreach to communities in the United States and Puerto Rico, encouraging social justice and work with at-risk youth.

**UMCOR Sunday** Previously known as One Great Hour Of Sharing, this Sunday enables the United Methodist Committee on Relief to reach out through worldwide ministries of food, shelter, health and peace.

**Native American Ministries Sunday** nurtures mission with Native Americans and provides scholarships for United Methodist Native American seminarians.

**Peace With Justice Sunday** enables The United Methodist Church to have a voice in advocating for peace and justice through a broad spectrum of global programs.

**World Communion Sunday** provides scholarships for U.S. racial- and ethnic-minority students and international students, on both undergraduate and graduate levels.

**United Methodist Student Day** furnishes scholarships and loans for students attending United Methodist-related and other accredited colleges and universities.

Offering envelopes will be available through the month of September. Thank you for your generous support of United Methodist missions!

## U M W

Our summer hiatus has come to an end and it's time to focus on the remainder of 2019. Our September meetings will be on Sept. 5 with our District Friend, Sherry Veldhuisen, as our guest and Judy Weeks as hostess and Sept. 19 Leslee Lynch will present the program and Dee Johnston will serve as hostess.

District and Conference-wide events to look forward to will be the Central District Annual Meeting, Sept. 13 at Aldersgate UMC, a free movie, "Paris to Pittsburg", Sept. 24 at Aldersgate UMC, Ubuntu Day, Oct. 4 at the Food Bank of Iowa, Bidwell Riverside Center, Hawthorn Hill and Crafts for a Cause at Staves UMC and the Iowa Conference UMW Annual Meeting on Oct. 5 at Staves UMC. AND our annual soup supper and bazaar Nov. 2. It's going to be a busy yet rewarding fall!

ALL women of Centennial UMC are encouraged and welcome to attend our meetings and other events. We look forward to seeing you!

## FOOD PANTRY

Did you know that Caring Hands is more than a food pantry? Besides providing food to those in need, clothing, household goods, community meals and rent and utility assistance is also provided.

The Executive Director since 2016 is Ned Looney who is a well-known pharmacist in Pleasant Hill.

Sponsors of the Food Pantry are the city of Altoona and the Townsend Family Trust.

Local community partners include Altoona area Chamber of Commerce, Altoona Police Department, Fareway, Hy-Vee and Walmart.

Member organizations are Adventure Life Church, Altoona Christian Church, Altoona United Methodist Church, Christ the King Lutheran Church, Lutheran Church of the Cross, New Life Church, Oakwood United Methodist Church, Radiant Church, Rising Sun Church, Runnells Christian Church, SEP Family Church and Ss. John and Paul Catholic Church.

Centennial's donation for August was 66 items.

## LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

As in all libraries, there are missing books. Following are known books that are missing from our church library. Anyone finding any of these books, simply return them to the library. It would be greatly appreciated!

ADULT: River Rising, For Any Young Mother Who Lives In A Shoe, Like Breath and Water (UMW), Zimbabwe Bound (UMW), The Shack

CHILDREN: Disney's Lady and the Tramp, Little Bunny, The Rand McNally Book of Favorite Bible Stories and Verses, My Second Pictionary, The Sorcerer's Apprentice, Little Lost Kitten, The House Keeper's Dog, The Little Engine That Could, Across the Big Country, Come Over to My House, Disney's Wonderful World of Knowledge, Things You Can Build or Make With Stuff Around the House, This is the Way We Eat Our Lunch, If You Lived At the Time Of the Civil War, Dinosaurs, Look and Find Sonic the Hedgehog, The Great Undersea Search, God Loves Me Bible, The Bully Blockers Club

# 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			\$ -	
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		\$ 78,990.55	\$ 2,840.00	\$ 81,830.55	<b>60.19%</b>

52 Sundays in 2019

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

**As of July we are behind our 2019 Budget Goal \$2,095.45**

**Gaylen Heaberlin, Financial Secretary**