



STEEPLE NEWS

Centennial United Methodist Church at Ivy

September 2022



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JOYCE:

I had an opportunity a few weeks ago to attend a short workshop on the post-pandemic church. One of the key messages was that for churches today, things will never go back to the way they used to be. It's not what most of us want to hear, because for most of us, we just want things to get back to "normal." It's a challenge, and it's also an opportunity. Instead of looking back, it's an invitation to look forward to finding a "new normal."

The presenter talked about the growing number of people who are "spiritual, but not religious." These are people who have a faith, but who aren't finding what they need in the church.

A few of the takeaways from the workshop included the need for creating a greater sense of spirituality in the church. People want to experience the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in the church and in their lives. They're also looking for a greater sense of community, the chance to build relationships with other people. And finally, she noted that the reliance on technology that we had to use during the pandemic (social media, worship online or through Zoom) weren't going away and that we need to find ways to integrate in-person and online experiences.

We know that Ivy Centennial is a special church, with a rich history, traditions, and a strong sense of community. But even Ivy has been impacted by COVID. In-person attendance is down, as people continue to worship at home, or have stepped away from church entirely. It's time to rethink what it means to be the church in this time. During September we'll begin a new sermon series called, "I Love My Church." We'll begin to unpack what it means to be the church today in how we worship, how we grow spirituality, serve God's people, and share the love of Christ. Together, we can begin to have conversations about where God is calling us to be as the church and the best ways to live into this "new normal."

Blessings,
Pastor Joyce

Ivy
WOW WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAY
KICK-OFF

Wednesday, September 7th

5:30-6:00 pm FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

6:00-7:00 pm LEARNING & FUN FOR ALL AGES

7:00-7:30 pm W.O.W. WORSHIP

**Ivy Centennial United Methodist Church
9150 East University Ave, Altoona, IA 50009
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Pie and Cake (& More) Auction

Sunday, September 18th 11:30 am

Bakers and Bidders Needed!

Sponsored by the Education Committee

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Saturday, October 29th, 2022

5:30pm to 6:30pm in the Church Parking Lot.

Sign-up sheet to host trunks will be posted at Church in September. All are invited to host a trunk and invite neighbors, grandkids, and friends to enjoy an evening of fun.



We are planning to offer an adult study on Wednesdays during WOW from 6:00-7:00 pm.

Our first study will be a six-week study on the Lord's Prayer. We will meet on September 7th, for a planning time and will begin the study on September 14th.

There is an optional book that goes along with the study titled, *The Lord's Prayer: The Meaning and Power of the Prayer Jesus Taught*. The cost of the book is \$14. There will be a sign-up sheet for the study on the table at the church.

If there is interest the class could also be offered at other times, either on Sunday morning or during a weekday. Please contact Pastor Joyce at 515-480-8457, if you need more information.



If you want to be smart. **Read**
If you want to do well at school. **Read**
If you want to be different. **Read**
If you want to know everything. **Read**
If you want to be the best. **Read**
If you want to be better than the best. **Read**

If you can read 15 minutes a day, you can read 13 books a year!! Begin with reading a book from the church library!



VACTION BIBLE SCHOOL RECAP

VBS at Centennial ran from Sunday, July 24 to Thursday, July 28, 2022. There were 11 kids in attendance. Our theme this year was Outlaws for God. During VBS the kids wrangled and rustled up a lot of enthusiasm for God and making a joyful noise. They also gathered gifts during the week to support the Heifer Project. At the end of VBS they had enough to give a Sheep, a Pig, and a flock of Ducks. VBS ended with a celebration of the lessons and songs learned during the week in a program that shared their joy with family and friends. Thanks as always to the volunteers that help make VBS possible. Your time and work is appreciated.



SIX OF OUR IVY YOUTH WILL RECEIVE THEIR YOUTH BIBLES ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH DURING WORSHIP SERVICE:

Kember Adey
Bradley Geisenhoff
Zuri Haley
Varah Haley
Zoey Heitman
Tori Martin
Luke Williams

A big thank you from Ken Sharp and Bill Hansen for watching over the parking lot repairs and sending me photos to share with everyone!



Thursday, 9/1 @ 12:00 pm -United Women of Faith (UMW)
Sunday, 9/4 @ 11:30 am -Dinner Day
Wednesday, 9/7 @ 5:30 pm - WOW Kick-Off
Thursday, 9/8 @ 7:00 pm -Communications Meeting
Saturday, 9/10 @ 9:00 am – Men's Group
Sunday, 9/11 @ 10:30 am - 3rd Graders receive Bibles
Sunday, 9/11 @ 11:45 am – Trustee Meeting
Tuesday, 9/13 @ 7:00 pm – Finance Meeting
Tuesday, 9/13 @ 8:00 pm – Stewardship Meeting
Wednesday, 9/14 @ 6:00 pm - Adult Bible study begins
Sunday, 9/18 @ 11:30 am - Pie and Cake Auction
Tuesday, 9/20 @ 7:00 pm – Education Meeting
Sunday, 10/2 @ 3:30 pm - Church Charge Conference
(Immanuel UMC, 2900 49th St., DSM)

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1.	2. Marilyn Eland	3. Joseph Fry
<p>4. Jordan Carroll</p> <p>Chris & Diana DeMoss April & Dana King</p>	<p>5.</p>	<p>6. Susan Churchill Dan Geisenhoff Dee Johnston</p>	<p>7. Jerry Olgren</p> <p>Kristi & Mark Olgren</p>	<p>8. Jason & Torie Hermann</p>	<p>9.</p>	<p>10.</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p>12. Wendy Fritz Carol Graves</p> <p>Josh & Stephanie Lampkin Julie & Larry Palmer</p>	<p>13. Tom Bergstrom Angela Selby</p>	<p>14.</p>	<p>15. Jill & Steve Craven</p>	<p>16. Debbie Parker Ken Sharp</p>	<p>17.</p>
<p>18. Mitzi Wood</p>	<p>19. Todd Hiatt</p> <p>Jen & Neal Griffiths Ardean & Janice Williams</p>	<p>20. Tom Johnston</p>	<p>21. Steve Craven Rita Denhart Amy Ferguson</p>	<p>22.</p>	<p>23.</p>	<p>24. Jennifer Morgan</p>
<p>25. Jeff Tomlin</p>	<p>26. Gage Seaman</p>	<p>27. Lisa Schmidtk</p>	<p>28.</p>	<p>29.</p>	<p>30. Brittani Corbin</p>	

**FINANCE COMMITTEE
COMPARISON OF OPERATING INCOME**

	Offerings 2022	Offerings 2021	Offerings 2020	Offerings 2019
January	\$11,240.28	\$11,270.04	\$11,273.44	\$6,141.66
February	\$9,698.09	\$8,480.01	\$10,933.50	\$11,454.06
March	\$9,669.39	\$12,192.01	\$10,780.19	\$19,206.73
April	\$14,356.63	\$12,506.01	\$6,573.00	\$11,974.39
May	\$9,004.49	\$8,717.05	\$9,110.16	\$10,375.86
June	\$7,083.14	\$8,118.89	\$5,739.78	\$9,506.66
July	\$8,636.81	\$6,295.75	\$9,248.40	\$6,855.50
August		\$7,919.24	\$7,701.93	\$11,013.50
September		\$9,763.24	\$7,942.10	\$12,809.25
October		\$12,038.34	\$9,201.03	\$6,737.50
November		\$10,568.68	\$11,111.78	\$8,324.50
December		\$10,477.42	\$10,282.93	\$12,235.67
Total Offerings	\$69,688.83	\$118,346.68	\$109,898.24	\$126,634.28
Government Paycheck Protection Program		\$20,177.00	\$20,232.00	
Iowa Conference Assistance Program		\$4,300.98	\$9,201.00	\$10,400.04
Total Offerings & Programs	\$69,688.83	\$142,824.66	\$139,331.24	\$137,034.32

2022 Average Monthly Offerings \$9,955.55
 2022 Average Required for Budget \$12,555.42
 2022 YTD Offerings vs. Required for Budget (\$2,599.87)

As of July 31st, we have collected \$1,553.04 for the Caring Hands Food Pantry. This comparison does not include memorial donations, building fund or mission projects.

Joy Warner, Financial Secretary



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Or on our website at IvyCentennial.org