



# STEEPLE NEWS

Centennial United Methodist Church at Ivy

January 2020

## **A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR DANI:**

*John Wesley journaled often about the new year and how the first of January brings new opportunities to a believer to recommit and reconsider the good news of Christ. Wesley writes about this recommitment in his journal almost every year from 1758 to 1790, as he gathered each year with others to renew their covenant among one another and with God at each new year service. On Sunday, January 2, 1780, Wesley wrote:*

*“We had the largest congregation renewal of our covenant with God which ever met upon the occasion; and we were thoroughly convinced, that God was not departed from us.”*

*I love imagining those gathered with Wesley on that likely frigid morning giving thanks for a God who does not abandon! After the daze of the holidays, it is not unlikely that we ourselves or those around us forget the very message we just proclaimed at Christmas—the miracle of Immanuel, or God-with-us. We return home from our many travels, we return to work and our daily lives, but are we sure God will stay with us in the mundane? In the ordinary?*

*For the past few months, I have been preparing to join all of you at Centennial United Methodist Church at Ivy and I have spent time with many people who have connections to Centennial. I started hearing some of your stories-- how an appointed board of trustees met to purchase the land the church is built on for \$40 in 1876. I have heard about the ways in which you all have loved the clergy who have joined alongside you in loving God and loving your neighbors. I have heard about the generosity you share when you feed one another after Sunday worship and on Wednesday nights at WOW. I have heard about how you participate in worship through acts of service in the community and around the world. And most recently, I heard about the gifts you offer the community during Advent with your live nativity and Christmas Eve services where members and visitors are greeted by a beautifully decorated sanctuary.*

*While your stories come from a diverse array of experiences, cultures, ages, and more, there is one thing all of your stories have in common: the miracle of Immanuel. God has been with each and every one of you in all that you have done in love for God and for your neighbor. I believe God was with the board who met in February of 1876, calling them to imagine beyond their wildest dreams and create the beginning foundation for what you all have in common today at Centennial UMC at Ivy. And I believe God is still with you now.*

*As we approach the beginning of the new year, I look forward to joining alongside all of you in imagining beyond our wildest dreams what God has in store for us next. How will we bear witness to the miracle of God with us in this new year? My prayer for us in the coming year is that we will courageously listen to one another's stories to discover and rediscover the presence of God in our lives and among this church. I pray that we will find God in the mundane and in the remarkable; in the ordinary and the extraordinary. And may we dedicate this new year to finding God in one another.*

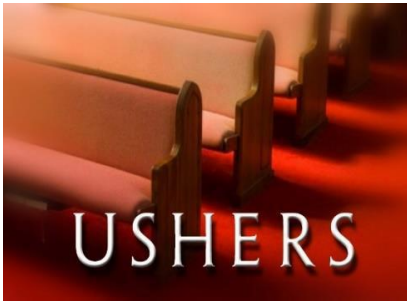
*With love & excitement for this new year,*

*Pastor Dani*

# CHOIR

Practice

PUT THIS  
on YOUR  
CALENDAR!



# Fellowship



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!

Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup> – Welcome Pastor Dani & Dinner Day

Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> – WoW – 5:30 pm

Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup> – Men's Group – 9:00 am

Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> – Committee Meetings – 12:00 pm

Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> – WoW – 5:30 pm

Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup> – UMW – 1:00 pm

Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> – WoW – 5:30 pm

Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> – Community Potluck – 12:00 pm

Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> – WoW – 5:30 pm

January 5<sup>th</sup> - Brock Person, Brandi & Brock Jackson

January 12<sup>th</sup> – Mike & Mary Ferguson and Missy Shaver

January 19<sup>th</sup> – Mark, Kristi & Kaylee Olgren

January 26<sup>th</sup> - Arianna Hietman, Isha Martin & Nancy Day

Please sign up for hosting fellowship time after church. There are a lot of openings on the white board in Fellowship Hall. If no one is signed up, we will NOT have treats that day.

Missions would like to send a big Thank You for all the coats, hats, gloves, and scarves that were donated. Our soup fellowship raised \$275.00 which purchased 147 items with some bargain shopping done by Leslee and Addie. These items were for elementary kids at Altoona Elementary, which were badly needed.

Our item drive received so many items it filled three extremely large garbage bags! When I dropped off the items at Bidwell Riverside they were almost brought to tears because they had run out of gloves, scarves, and some coat sizes. The items we collected were on hangers before I even got all the bags inside. So, I wanted to send out an extra special Thank you to everyone for the taking the time to bring in the items that you donated. Every single item made a difference. I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

# committee members

## Board of Trustees

Ardean Williams - 2020  
Jerry Olgren - 2020  
Jacquelyn Purcell - 2020  
Mike Ferguson - 2020

Mark Olgren - 2021  
Ken Sharp - 2021

Nancy Day - 2022  
Gary Lynch - 2022

## Nominations

Allison Lehn - 2020

Lay Leader: Jason Ferguson  
Pastor: Dani Musselman \*\*

Mary Ferguson - 2021  
Don Hiatt - 2021  
Jim Denhart - 2021  
Jonathan Freel - 2021

Janice Williams - 2022  
Brandi Jackson - 2022  
Dean Fiene - 2022

## Pastor Parish Relations

Brandi Jackson - 2020  
Jary Bowie - 2020  
Verna Bowie - 2020  
Judy Weeks - 2020

Allison Lehn - 2021  
  
Lay Ann Conf: Libby Hiatt  
Lay Leader: Jason Ferguson

Terry Benda - 2022  
Jill Craven - 2022  
Bob Johnston - 2022

## Worship

Evan Fischer - 2020  
Libby Hiatt - 2020  
Missy Shaver - 2020  
Org/Pianist: Linda Carnahan

Joy Warner - 2021  
Jerry Olgren - 2021  
Helen Freeman - 2021  
Choir Director: Maggie Stout

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## Education

Jennifer Fischer - 2020  
Marcy Campbell - 2020  
Educ Treasurer: Nancy Day

Mary Ferguson - 2021  
Brooke Person - 2021  
Lee Ann Martin - 2021

LaDonna Morse - 2022  
Judy Hemingson - 2022  
Deb Pickering - 2022

## Fellowship, Family Ministries, and Evangelism

Jonathan Freel - 2020  
Brooke Person - 2020  
Amy Ferguson - 2020

Marcy Bowie - 2021  
Barb Sharp - 2021  
Deb Pickering - 2021  
Ken Pickering - 2021

Kim Wilson - 2022  
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## Missions

Brandi Jackson - 2020  
Dee Johnston - 2020

Rita Denhart - 2021  
Lee Ann Martin - 2021  
Marcy Bowie - 2021  
Shay Maxwell - 2021  
Brock Jackson - 2021  
Janice Williams - 2021

Leslie Lynch - 2022

## Finance

Rita Denhart - 2020  
Bill Hansen - 2021  
Kristi Olgren - 2021  
Don Hiatt - 2022

Treasurer: Ken Pickering  
Pastor: Dani Musselman  
Fin Sec: Gaylen Heaberlin  
Lay Leader: Jason Ferguson

Ad Council Chair: Jeff Freel  
Trustee Rep: Nancy Day

## Communications

Gunnar Methlie - 2020  
Jeff Freel - 2020  
Maggie Stout - 2020

Church Sec: Amy Ferguson  
  
Jonathan Freel - 2022  
Evan Fischer - 2022

Carissa Bowie - 2022  
Gaylen Heaberlin - 2022

Whitney Warner - 2021

# L I V E N A T I V I T Y





# CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING

# CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



## U M W

Centennial United Methodist Women will begin the new year with two new officers and a new meeting schedule. Doris Heaberlin will serve as President and Leslee Lynch will serve as Vice President. Libby Hiatt will continue as secretary and Judy Weeks will continue as treasurer. There will be one meeting a month January through June and two meetings a month September through November and one meeting in December.

The first meeting of the new year will be Jan. 16 at 1:00 p.m. Libby Hiatt will present the program.

United Methodist Women is the largest denomination faith organization for women with approximately 800,000 members whose mission is fostering spiritual growth, developing leaders and advocacy for justice.

All women in our church are welcome to attend the meetings and participate in the group's various activities. Please join us on Jan. 16!

## CHURCH LIBRARY

Do you make New Year's Resolutions? A resolution than can easily be made and kept is to visit and use the church library and/or the Little Free Library outside. There are books for all ages and all reading interests. See you at the library!

## FOOD PANTRY

Centennial will continue the important service of donating food items each month to the Caring Hands Food Pantry in Altoona in 2020. Food Pantry Sunday is the first Sunday of each month although donations can be brought throughout the month. Our United Methodist Women bring food donations to their meetings also.

In November, Simpson College students again donated a large amount of food for the food pantry. 438 items were brought and weighed 469 pounds! In December, 50 items were donated. The approximate total of food donated in 2019 was 1,428 items.

A special thank you to Dean and Judy Fiene who faithfully count and deliver the food items each month to the food pantry.

# *JANUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 MITCH PURCELL  Happy Anniversary Gary & Jennifer Fischer	3 CAROL BRIGGS	4
5 SAUNDRA STUART & BRYAN TINGLEY	6 Happy Anniversary Ed & Nancy Myers	7 JENNY PECK	8 DAVID TOMLIN	9	10 Happy Anniversary Jan & Rex Adair	11
12 NANCY MYERS	13 Happy Anniversary Tim & Jennifer Morgan	14	15	16 Happy Anniversary Linda & Terry Howard	17 AMOS PURCELL	18 ANNA BEHANISH & LOIS WIGNALL
19 PASTOR GARY FORSTER	20	21	22 STEVE SHAVER & JENNIFER SOUTHCOTT	23 KEVIN DAY  Happy Anniversary Darrell & Gail Long	24 VERNA BOWIE & NEAL GRIFFITHS	25 GABE FETTERS
26	27 TERRY HOWARD & IISHA MARTIN	28 LIBBY HIATT & DAVID JOHNSTON	29	30	31 COLE HEITMAN Happy Anniversary Bob & Phyllis Kujac	

# 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	\$ 7,554.17		\$ 7,554.17	\$ 175.81
November	\$ 9,458.00	4 Sundays	\$ 9,141.17		\$ 9,141.17	\$ (141.02)
December	\$ 11,823.00	5 Sundays			\$ -	
2019 Budget	\$135,946.00		\$ 120,861.98	\$ 3,120.00	\$ 123,981.98	<b>91.20%</b>

52 Sundays in 2019

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

**As of November, we are behind our 2019 Budget Goal \$141.02**

**Gaylen Heaberlin, Financial Secretary**



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