



# STEEPLE NEWS

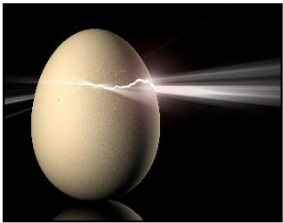
Centennial United Methodist Church at Ivy

JUNE 2023



## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JOYCE:

Summer is here! School is out and for many families it means a change in our routines. It's the same with the church. It's been said that nobody likes change, except a baby with a wet diaper. In a lot of ways, there is truth in that statement! We know that change can be difficult for most people. After all, we like what we know and get settled in our ways. We prefer the known to the unknown. But if we think about it, we worship a God who is always changing things up. There is a verse in Isaiah 43 that I have always liked:



[  
God says] *Watch for the new thing I am going to do. It is happening already—you can see it now!*  
Isaiah 43:19 GNT

God is up to something here at Centennial. What I've discovered over the years is that we have to begin living into what we are becoming. For example,

- If we say we want to be in ministry to children, we have to create opportunities for children and their families.
- If we say we want to be a missional church, then we need to plan and participate in opportunities to reach out into the community and beyond.
- If we say we want to be a growing church, we need to be invitational.

I think you get the point. The first question we need to ask is "what new thing does God want to do in and through Centennial UMC?" The second question, is "how is God calling ME to live into the new thing God might be doing?"

This is an exciting time of change and renewal. My prayer is that everyone will commit to offer their prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness for the work God is calling us to.

*Blessings,  
Pastor Joyce*

## New Summer Worship Schedule

It's a fact that attendance tends to drop over the summer months. In an effort to help families make time for worship we are making a few adjustments to our weekly schedule.

- Beginning Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> we'll go to an earlier worship time as we move from 10:30 to 9:30.
- Beginning Wednesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, we'll add a midweek service at 5:30. This is a come as you are service.



Summer can be a busy time, but we hope that you will take time to be part of our worshipping community. The writer of Hebrews reminds us:

*Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. <sup>25</sup> And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do...Hebrews 10:24-25a*



### NEW SERMON SERIES

Beginning Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> / Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, we will begin a sermon series that looks at how movies can inform our faith.

Our first movie is *Wonder*. It's about a boy named Auggie, who looks different than other kids. It's a movie about being accepted for who we really are. We hope to show clips during the sermon time, but if you have time, go to Netflix, Prime or whatever movie platform you use to watch the whole movie. It's a great family movie.



### HEIFER INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN – ENDING HUNGER AND POVERTY

Heifer International is a non-profit that seeks to change lives by helping people be self-sufficient. Poultry, livestock, hives of bees and other commodities are provided to families to help them with food insecurity and to provide an income to help them rise out of poverty.

On the table in back of the sanctuary, there is more information about Heifer, along with some giving envelopes. The goal is for this church to raise \$500 to help families in need. Your gifts can make all the difference to a family.



## MEALS FROM THE HEARTLAND MEAL PACKING EVENT

### BE A HUNGER FIGHTER!

WHEN: Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Do you have two hours to help fight hunger? Get your gang together and sign up. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex, next to the name tags. The church has 20 spots for volunteers to come and help pack meals. A few hours can have a big impact and be fun all at the same time.



Do you recognize some of these folks from 2018?

## KIDS' NIGHT OUT

Friday, June 23 • 5:15-8:15 p.m.

Register Today!

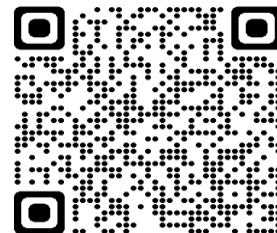


We're trying something new this year. Instead of a traditional Vacation Bible School, we decided to offer a Kid's Night Out, which will be an evening of fun activities for the kiddos.

It's being offered for children ages 3 through 12. We'll start with a connecting time at 5:15, followed by a kid-friendly meal at 5:30. The theme for the first Kid's Night Out is the importance of using our gifts and working together to do big things. David Burrier will be there to read his book, "String Thing." There will be an interactive Bible story, games, and crafts to round out the fun.

We are inviting families to pre-register. If you're at the church, you can grab a paper registration form, from the table in the narthex. If you would like register online, you can scan the QR code or use the link to register. Be sure and invite family members and friends (grab a postcard or two to hand out). If you have any questions or you would like to help, please feel free to contact Pastor Joyce at 515-480-8457 or email her at [revjlwebb76@gmail.com](mailto:revjlwebb76@gmail.com).

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A membership taskforce, consisting of Jeff Freel, Gaylen Heaberlin, Dean Fiene and Pastor Joyce, is busy working on updating membership information.

We realize that some folks at Centennial UMC have new contact information and we want to make sure we have your most current information. In mid-June, you will receive a letter, showing the information the church currently has for you and your family. We are encouraging you to review it and provide any updates to your information.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Joyce (515) 480-8457 or [revjlwebb76@gmail.com](mailto:revjlwebb76@gmail.com)



## SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS AVAILABLE

The Education Committee has some funds available for scholarships to Centennial UMC members who are attending college or vocational school.

There is a short scholarship application form on the table in the back of the sanctuary. You can also access the application by clicking on the link below. If you have any questions, please contact Brandi Jackson at [aaronbrandi@aol.com](mailto:aaronbrandi@aol.com).

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1cg6hKzwvXHkcRYQO2dSbO2F2quyVHaw/edit?usp=sharing&oid=108722127125574422701&rtpof=true&sd=true>

## *MISSION OPPORTUNITIES*

### **Food Pantry Update**

We just completed a drive to collect jars of jelly and jam for the Caring Hands Food Pantry. I am happy to report that we collected over 50 jars of jelly. THANK YOU, Ivy Centennial congregation!

During the month of June, let's focus on collecting **4-packs of toilet paper**. This is important, because everyone needs it and it's something families aren't able to purchase it with their SNAP (food assistance) benefits. Let's challenge ourselves to see if we can collect 40 4-packs of toilet paper.

## *LIBRARY NEWS*

A very sincere thank you to David and Sherry Burrier for generously donating six of their children's books to our church library.

David wrote The Pet Shop, The String Thing, Cora and Her Magic Rabbits, Sir Lafulot, You are Special This I Know and Button In a Box. Sherry coauthored You Are Special This I Know and Cora and Her Magic Rabbits.

Blessings to both of you,  
Libby Hiatt  
Church Librarian

# *JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1. Sara Barnes Benjamin Mauritz Jon Musgrave Lindsey Poutre Rev. Dani Musselman & Erik Hall	2. Jana Lewis Beth & Travis Shipley	3. Alexa Goforth Anderson King
4.	5. Judy Fiene	6.	7.	8.	9. Rex Adair	10.
11.	12. Brenda & Ted Cox Dave & Joy Warner	13. Taylor Bowie	14. Byron Hemingson Gayle & Larry Jordan	15.	15.	16. Sydney Corbin Lila Morgan Judy Weeks
17. Colton Hiatt	18. Amy & John Ferguson	19. Douglas Olgren	20. Scott Hackett Brandi Jackson	21. Gail Long Shawna Peterson	22. Larry Jordan	23.
24. James & Shay Maxwell	25. Michelle Goforth	26. Helen Six  Lloyd & Peggy Hennigar	27. Brooke Person	28. Jason Ferguson Dean & Judy Fiene	29.	30. Dennis Bishop  James & Keria White



Wednesday	5/31			No Wednesday Program
Saturday	6/3	10:30 – 5:00		Bishop Family Reunion
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>6/4</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>		<b>Summer Worship Begins</b>
Sunday	6/4	10:30 am		Monthly Potluck
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6/7</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>		<b>Wednesday Worship Begins</b>
Wednesday	6/7	TBD		Ad Council Meeting
Saturday	6/10	9:00 am		Men's Group Meets
Tuesday	6/13	6:00-8:00 pm		Meal Packing Event – Meals from the Heartland
Wednesday	6/14	6:30 pm		Education Meets
Thursday	6/15	12:00 pm		Ivy Women's Fellowship Lunch at Johnny's
Sunday	6/18			Father's Day
Friday	6/23	5:15-8:15 pm		Kid's Night Out at Ivy

**FINANCE COMMITTEE  
COMPARISON OF OPERATING INCOME**

	Offerings 2023	Offerings 2022	Offerings 2021	Offerings 2020
January	\$17,243.17	\$11,240.28	\$11,270.04	\$11,273.44
February	\$7,101.46	\$9,698.09	\$8,480.01	\$10,933.50
March	\$5,903.26	\$9,669.39	\$12,192.01	\$10,780.19
April	\$10,174.26	\$14,356.63	\$12,506.01	\$6,573.00
May		\$9,004.49	\$8,717.05	\$9,110.16
June		\$7,083.14	\$8,118.89	\$5,739.78
July		\$8,636.81	\$6,295.75	\$9,248.40
August		\$7,081.26	\$7,919.24	\$7,701.93
September		\$5,610.25	\$9,763.24	\$7,942.10
October		\$12,111.46	\$12,038.34	\$9,201.03
November		\$8,679.97	\$10,568.68	\$11,111.78
December		\$7,552.26	\$10,477.42	\$10,282.93
<b>Total Offerings</b>	<b>\$40,422.15</b>	<b>\$110,724.03</b>	<b>\$118,346.68</b>	<b>\$109,898.24</b>
Government Paycheck Protection Program			\$20,177.00	\$20,232.00
Iowa Conference Assistance Program			\$4,300.98	\$9,201.00
<b>Total Offerings &amp; Programs</b>	<b>\$40,422.15</b>	<b>\$110,724.03</b>	<b>\$142,824.66</b>	<b>\$139,331.24</b>

2023 Average Monthly Offerings \$10,105.54  
 2023 Average Required Monthly for Budget \$8,750.00  
 2023 Average Offerings vs. Average Required for Budget \$1,355.54

As of April 30, we have collected \$833.00 for the Caring Hands Food Pantry. This comparison does not include memorial, building fund, food pantry or mission project donations.

Joy Warner, Financial Secretary



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## CHURCH LIBRARY

"Love the Lord your God with all your mind."



*Visit our website at [ivycentennial.org](http://ivycentennial.org) to see Pastor Joyce's  
Sermons, Committee and Event information and Church updates.*