



STEEPLE NEWS

Centennial United Methodist Church at Ivy

May 2022



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR DANI:

Have you ever read the genealogy of Christ in its entirety? Many of us skip over genealogies in scripture because we are simply unsure of the pronunciation of most ancient names and towns. But if we skip genealogies, we inevitably skip the rich histories and the stories that make up God's people.

Like all of us, Jesus came from a unique family tree filled with complicated stories and awful mistakes. How many of you have spent time working with your own personal ancestry in order to figure out where you come from? We are a people who enjoy making meaning of our lives and of the lives that came before us. Like all of us, Jesus comes from a line of *saints* and *scoundrels*.

The gospels of Matthew and Luke both include their own genealogies of Jesus, tracing his lineage back to Israel's beginnings. We can choose to ignore his genealogy due to difficult pronunciation, or we can spend time getting to know who makes up his family tree and how incredibly *human* his ancestors were. With the help of Genesis, Ruth, 2 Samuel, and the genealogies in Matthew & Luke, we'll recall a few of the significant stories and major figures in Christ's family tree during worship this May.

Jesus' lineage doesn't just teach us that his ancestry ties with the people of Israel. We also learn to discover *from whom* Jesus comes. He is born within a long line of people who made mistakes, struggled in relationships, and needed God's love along the way. Perhaps we can learn a thing or two from the ancient stories of Jesus' ancestors who lived imperfectly. And maybe we'll also discover how biology isn't the only essential part of what it means to be "*family*."

Where we come from matters – but what we do with the stories that make us matters even more. Let's discover Jesus' roots as they inform us about our own.

Join me on Sunday mornings at 10:30am & Wednesday evenings from 5:30-7:30pm!

*With love,
Pastor Dani*



**CONFIRMATION SUNDAY
MAY 15th**

*Join us in worship as we
celebrate & welcome this year's
confirmands:*

Boman Jackson
Brili Jackson
Brayden Harmon



**Support our neighborhood
Food Pantry by donating
what they need right now:**

- Pancake mix & syrup
- grape jelly
- toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, soap, etc.)
- Laundry detergent** (scent free, liquid is preferred over pods)

Drop off your donations in our
church grocery cart & we will deliver
to Caring Hands for you!



SAVE THESE IMPORTANT WORSHIP DATES!

- May 1: Communion Sunday & Dinner Day**
- May 8: Mother's Day**
- May 15: Confirmation Sunday**
- May 29: Communion Sunday**
- June 12: Graduation Sunday**
- June 19: Father's Day, Baptism of Lehn Baby, & Pastor Dani's last Sunday**



Please join us for Mother's Day Breakfast hosted by the Men's Group on Sunday, May 8th at 9:00 am

Please RSVP to Jonathan Freel @ jonfreel7@gmail.com or sign up in the narthex.

LIBRARY UPDATES

GET CAUGHT READING MONTH

There is no better challenge than Get Caught Reading in May! Here are some great tips to be prepared to read all month long:

- Tuck a magazine in your bag
- Place books for all ages in the car
- Get caught reading to children
- Place a book in every room of the house
- Encourage reading during stressful times
- Read outdoors in a park after a walk
- Unplug for the month
- Kick back with an article, book, magazine you enjoy and READ!!!

Administrative Council Updates

The complete minutes of the April 2022 Administrative Council meeting will be available after they are approved at the June meeting which will be conducted on Wednesday June 1.

Minutes of previous meetings are available on the church's website at <https://www.ivycentennial.org/?subpages/Minutes-of-Admin-Council.shtml>



It was announced in March that we will be welcoming Rev. Joyce Webb as our new pastor beginning July 1, 2022.

To help welcome Pastor Joyce, you're invited to write her a card or encouraging note to say
"Welcome to Ivy Centennial" or "We're so glad you'll be joining us soon!"

**You can drop off your encouraging letters & notes in the church narthex in the basket titled
"Pastor Joyce" through the month of May.**

Please see Joyce's bio below that we shared last month in church when announcing her joining us at Ivy.

Pastor Joyce has been serving at the Coon Rapids First and Scranton United Methodist Churches since July 1st of 2014. In addition to her current appointment, she also served a small rural church outside of Maxwell for three years, and as a student intern at Union Park United Methodist Church, in Des Moines.

She grew up in Sioux City, the oldest of six children, and attended the University of Iowa. She and her husband Rich have been married for 41 years and are excited about moving closer to their children and grandchildren who live in Johnston and Waukee. Joyce was called to pastoral ministry as a second career, having worked for more than 25 years in mortgage banking for Allied Group and Nationwide Insurance Companies.

Pastor Joyce attended seminary at St Paul School of Theology, a United Methodist Seminary in Kansas City and was ordained as an elder in the United Methodist Church in 2015. She enjoys reading, music, and spending time with her family, especially her three grandkids. She wanted me to share that she is looking forward to learning about the rich traditions at Ivy Centennial, getting to know you and hearing your stories as we begin this adventure in ministry together



News from our Iowa Annual Conference:

The Iowa Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church has been in conversation for years with the global denomination & local churches on how to move forward & live faithfully in the midst of denominational tension around LGBTQ+ weddings & ordinations.

Perhaps you've heard about new Methodist denominations or conversations occurring in recent weeks or years.

The Global Methodist Church is a new denomination forming currently as the United Methodist denomination continues to debate. Our Annual Conference in Iowa recently created new policies that you might be interested in learning more about. These new policies do not affect our local church as our Administrative Council at Ivy Centennial has not made any decisions or voted on any changes.

However, some neighboring United Methodist churches in Iowa are changing their policies on LGBTQ+ weddings in their local congregation since the release of their new Vision.

You can read the statement published by the Iowa Annual Conference below.

"The Iowa Annual Conference Appointive Cabinet and Bishop Laurie Haller, in consultation, conversation, and collaboration with a representative body of Iowa United Methodist traditional, centrist, and progressive compatibilists, the Ezekiel Team, and our Conference Boards of Trustees, Pensions, and Finance and Administration (CFA), offer a new way forward as we live into the future of the Iowa Annual Conference. This way forward is informed by Bishop Laurie's "[Vision 2032](#)," where (1) relationships are more important than theological convictions, (2) innovation, creativity, and imagination are more important than stagnation, rigidity, sacred cows, and the status quo, and (3) our primary focus is on the Great Commission and the Great Commandment.

Many forces press against United Methodist Congregations including a global pandemic, new iterations of Methodism desiring to move forward, and the repeated delay of General Conference 2020. We boldly offer this vision and plan for how we will live, lead, and do ministry now as United Methodists in the Iowa

Annual Conference...

As we lead now into the future, we desire to equip local congregations to do the ministry God is calling them to do. No one will be compelled or required to act contrary to their convictions, understanding of scripture, or conscience. Likewise, no one will be prevented from doing the ministry God is calling them to offer. To put it clearly, pastors will be able to choose which weddings they officiate, as long as it is two consenting adults who have been counseled. Likewise, church leadership, in consultation with their pastors, will be able to determine their own policy regarding weddings. Our ministry and witness to the world is stronger due to our connection. We will live into the trust we have in one another knowing our congregations and clergy are deeply engaged and informed by scripture, are convicted by the Holy Spirit, and are being responsible to the mission God has called us to – even when we don't all agree, or our ministries are different...

We realize this vision may go too far for some in the current Iowa Annual Conference and not far enough for others. For many congregations this means that nothing will change regarding the way you operate or do ministry. No vote needs to be taken. Nor do changes need to be made in your local context. Keep doing what God is calling you to do. For some congregations, this means that you will now be free to begin new ministries that God is calling you to do."

To read more, visit: <https://www.iaumc.org/leading-now-vision>

Or contact Pastor Dani (pastordanim@gmail.com) or by phone at 515-447-0497

MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1. Logan Heaberlin	2.	3.	4. Jamie Graves Jeffrey & Karla Heaberlin	5. Don Hiatt Lois Wehde	6. Hailey Griffiths Boman Jackson Allison Lehn	7.
8.	9.	10.	11. Jennifer Quick Bill & Jo Ann Hansen	12.	13. Greta Musgrave Bob Pool	14. Zach Johnston Ed Myers Victoria Purcell
15.	16.	17. Harry Clark Jonathan Martin Joy Warner	18. Travis Shipley	19. Avery Britt Rosemary Freel	20. Emily Stout	21. Courtney Fritz
22. Jayme Fry Jayden Graves	23.	24. Drew Hiatt Tim & Wendy Fritz	25. Kelly Adey	26.	27. Tom Gish	28.
29. Gaylen & Doris Heaberlin	30. Jonah Goforth Doris Heaberlin Oakley Maxwell	31. Andrew & Abby Glann Jeff & Jane Heaberlin Mike & Cathy Johnston				

SAVE THE DATES!

May 3rd – Finance Meeting @ 7:00 pm

May 9th – Mother’s Day Breakfast @ 9:00 am

May 10th – Canfield Cemetery Meeting @ 6:30 pm

May 12th – Pastor Dani’s Book Club @ 7:00 pm

May 25th – Communications Meeting @ 7:30 pm

May 26th – Pastor Dani’s Book Club @ 7:00 pm

WoW – Every Wednesday in May @ 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

June 1st – Administrative Council Meeting @ 7:30 pm

****Vacation Bible School will run July 24-28, 2022**

**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		\$12,506.01	\$6,573.00	\$11,974.39
May		\$8,717.05	\$9,110.16	\$10,375.86
June		\$8,118.89	\$5,739.78	\$9,505.66
July		\$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	\$30,607.76	\$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	\$30,607.76	\$142,824.66	\$139,331.24	\$137,034.32

2022 Average Monthly Offerings \$10,202.59
 2022 Average Required for Budget \$12,555.42
 2022 YTD Offerings vs. Required for Budget (\$2,352.83)

This comparison does not include memorial donations, building fund or mission projects. As of March 31st, we have collected \$540.76 for the Caring Hands Food Pantry.

Joy Warner, Financial Secretary



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