



STEEPLE NEWS

Centennial United Methodist Church at Ivy

NOVEMBER 2023



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JOYCE:



Beginning in mid-November we'll be doing a new sermon series with the working title, *Everybody Tell Somebody*.

In Matthew 28:18b-20, just before Jesus ascended back to heaven, he gave his disciples a job to do. He told them,

I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

He sent them out, to go and tell others about him, about God's love and forgiveness. About resurrection and eternal life. And they did! They traveled far and wide, started churches and gave their lives to tell others about Jesus. To go and tell, that was the church's first and greatest mission. And that's our mission too.

Today, it feels like we've lost that sense of urgency in the church. We've lost our sense of mission. We've gotten lost in the political correctness of the time. We're afraid we might offend someone by telling them they have a God who loves them, and died for them.

So, for three weeks, in November, we'll be looking at ways to share the Good News. We'll talk about who it's for, the ways we share and meet people where they are, and why the Good News is still the Good News for our time.

Over these next few weeks, you have an assignment. Pray about who you might ask to come to church with you. It might be a family member, friend, neighbor, co-worker, or someone you have coffee with. Maybe it's someone who used to be in church but has fallen away. Or someone you know who's going through a hard time.

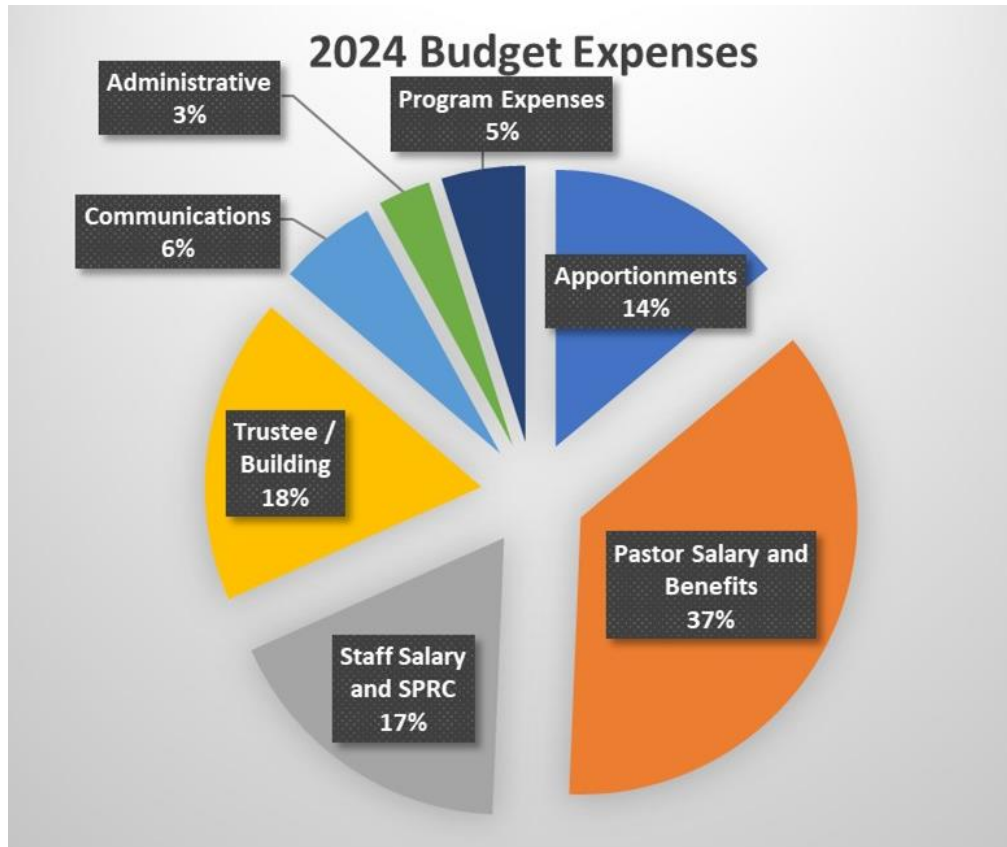
The idea is really simple because a faith worth having is a faith worth sharing.

Be well and be blessed,
Pastor Joyce

2024 BUDGET

The budget for 2024 is \$107,433, an increase of \$2,343 (2.23%) over last year. There was an increase in the pastor's salary from \$36,000 in 2023 to \$37,800 in 2024. There was also a \$1,028 increase to the conference apportionments / district asking amount for 2024. The communications and administrative budgets saw small decreases. These budget amounts reflect the general fund expenses. The Education Committee maintains a separate fund for education/Sunday school and Youth expenses.

If you have any questions about the budget, please get in touch with Gaylen Heaberlin, Finance Chair. (Please see budget breakdown on the next page)



Sunday, November 5th, Daylight Savings Time Ends!

Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour and enjoy that extra hour of sleep that we will receive!

**CENTENNIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
2024 BUDGET**

DISBURSEMENTS	2023	2024	% OF
	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET
PROGRAMS			
Edu/Youth	\$1,000	\$1,000	
Family Ministries & Evangelism	\$2,000	\$2,000	
Missions	\$600	\$600	
Worship	\$1,600	\$1,600	
Library	\$75	\$75	
PROGRAMS TOTAL	\$5,275	\$5,275	4.9%
PASTORAL MINISTRY & STAFF PAYROLL			
Pastor	\$36,000	\$37,800	5.0% Increase
Mileage	\$1,000	\$1,000	
Health Insurance	\$0	\$0	
Pastors Pension	\$0	\$0	
Housing Compensation	\$0	\$0	
Continuing Education	\$250	\$250	
Annual Conference Attendance	\$150	\$150	
Other Reimbursed Expenses	\$250	\$250	
Total Pastor's Compensation	\$37,650	\$39,450	
Pulpit Supply=Guest Minister	\$500	\$500	
Annual Conference (Lay Member)	\$100	\$100	
Pastor Welcome Fellowship	\$200	\$200	
Organist/Pianist	\$3,780	\$3,780	
Custodian	\$3,780	\$3,780	
Secretary/Newsletter Editor	\$4,320	\$4,320	
Youth Leader	\$5,400	\$5,400	
FICA Contribution	\$900	\$900	
PASTORAL & STAFF TOTAL	\$56,630	\$58,430	54.4%

DISBURSEMENTS	2023	2024	% OF
	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET
CONFERENCE			
Apportionments	\$13,061	\$14,093	9.2% Increase
Dist Special Asking	\$844	\$840	
CONFERENCE TOTAL	\$13,905	\$14,933	13.9%
MAINTENANCE			
Insurance	\$4,500	\$4,500	
Fuel & Utilities	\$6,825	\$6,825	
General Trustees	\$7,875	\$7,875	
MAINTENANCE TOTAL	\$19,200	\$19,200	17.9%
COMMUNICATIONS			
Web Site & Calling Service	\$400	\$400	
Telephone & Internet Service	\$1,515	\$1,515	
Newsletter Postage	\$300	\$300	
Advent & Lenten Printing & Mailing	\$3,240	\$3,240	
Welcoming Post Card	\$590	\$590	
Annual P.O. Box Fee	\$160	\$160	
Annual Bulk Mailing Fee	\$265	\$0	
COMMUNICATIONS TOTAL	\$6,470	\$6,205	5.8%
ADMINISTRATION			
Office and Kitchen Supplies	\$2,220	\$2,000	
Finance (Stewardship)	\$500	\$500	
Breeze cost	\$800	\$800	
ADMINISTRATION TOTAL	\$3,520	\$3,300	3.1%
TOTAL BUDGET	\$105,000	\$107,343	100.0%
OVERALL INCREASE			2.2%

CHILI & OYSTER SOUP SUPPER

Saturday, Nov. 18
4:30-6:30 p.m.

Free will offering

THE IVY TRADITION CONTINUES!

The Chili & Oyster Supper is Back!

Mark your calendar for the return of this traditional event on November 18th!

All profits from this dinner will go to Caring Hands Food Pantry.

The Men's Group is proud to sponsor this church-wide activity, however we are still in need of help from the congregation. Signup sheets are on the table in the Narthex.

If anyone has any thoughts, please reach out to Jonathan Freel at jonfreel7@gmail.com or 515-771-9687. **Let's remind the community that Centennial is still here!**



LIVE NATIVITY 2024

Saturday, December 2nd from 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Education Committee will provide the hot drinks and treats.

Sign up is in the Narthex for the help that is needed to make this a success!

Ivy
WOW
WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAY

Worship on Wednesday (WOW)

We will meet at 5:30 for a meal followed by a time of learning and will end our time together with a short, contemporary worship at 7:00. You are invited to come for any or all of the evening's activities.



New Laity Circuit Group by Missy Shaver

Over the last few years, clergy in the Iowa United Methodist Conference have been meeting in circuit groups throughout Iowa. Centennial UMC is part of Circuit 4 in the Riverview Park District. It was decided that it would be good for laity to also come together to form a circuit group. A group of lay persons met on September 23, 2023 at Windsor United Methodist Church. There were 20 individuals from six churches. As they met, they asked three questions of the group: "What is your favorite role in the

Church?"; "What does your church do well?"; "What do you wish your Church were better at?". From these questions they came up with three initiatives for lay persons in the circuit to concentrate on.

The first is Mission/Outreach, which could consist of mission trips, local mission projects, wide-scale community events/outreach and other projects.

The second initiative is Learning and the ideas that were mentioned were: learn techniques to reach out to neighbors, work with established strong leaders, weekend retreats together and special classes.

The third is music and this could consist of helping with choir cantatas, music concerts, handbell groups, and senior music singalongs.

The group has chairs for the first two initiatives but needs an individual to chair the music initiative. The Circuit Laity Group would like to recruit more individuals to work on these projects and if anyone is interested from our church then you can either email me at mishaver2@gmail.com or linda.vanroekel@mchsi.com.



Getting the Word Out About Things Happening at Centennial UMC.

Did you know that the church has a Facebook page? We post weekly worship services there, and notices about special things happening at the church. You can get there by going to <https://www.facebook.com/CentennialUMCatIvy>.

If you haven't been on our page yet, please take a minute to check it out and "like" the page so you can get notifications. If you see something on the page you think your friends might be interested in, please hit the "share" button. This is an easy way to let other people know what's happen at Ivy Centennial UMC.



Bible Presentation

Congratulations to MaKenslea McDuffey, daughter of Tonya Ordway and granddaughter of Jerry and Jo Ordway. MaKenslea, a 4th grader at Four Mile Elementary School. She received her Bible on Sunday, October 15th during the worship service.

MaKenslea and her sister Shaleigh also received beautiful hand crafted crosses, compliments of Ken Sharp.

MaKenslea McDuffey, Marcy Campbell, Shaleigh McDuffey

Mission Connection – La Casa de Esperanza

Donna Gustafson, the sister-in-law of David and Sherry Burrier is serving as a missionary in the Amazon jungle of Peru. Her calling is to a women's ministry and includes the creation of a women's center called La Casa de Esperanza (House of Hope).

In her work, she provides Kids' Church on Sundays, a place for young women to stay while they go to secondary school, youth camps, training, and outreach to the indigenous tribes in the region. For the most part, she has been funding the work using her own retirement resources and would welcome contributions from anyone who feels led. Her current needs are to raise funds to construct a well on the property, build additional cabins and expand the main building.

If you would like to know more about Donna's work, please check out her mission webpage - <https://www.launchinternational.net/donna-gustafson>.



The church is still looking for someone to lead the middle and high school youth group. This will be a paid position – 8 to 10 hours a week at \$15/hour.

We're looking for a person who is energetic, a good communicator, and who has a growing Christian faith to share with the youth. If you're interested, or know someone who might be interested, please contact Pastor Joyce for a full job description at (515) 480-8457 or revjlwebb76@gmail.com



Join the Choir...
You'll Be Glad
You Did!

Do you like to sing in the shower...or in your car? If so, please consider joining the Centennial UMC choir. There's no better way to use your singing gifts than by praising God in worship! New members are always welcome. The plan is for the choir to sing one Sunday a month, from September through May (possibly more during the Christmas and Easter seasons).

Practices usually take place on Sunday mornings, before church. If you're interested, or have questions, please contact Maggie Stout, Centennial's choir director at (515) 419-9329 or maggie.stout@msn.com

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1.	2.	3. Barb Bolt	4. Connie Bishop
5. Jennifer Simpson Charlie Harmon	6.	7.	8.	9.	10. Brenda Stout	11. Arianna Heitman Stephanie Lampkin
12.	13.	14.	15. Jan Adair Lloyd Hennigar Medea Saunders	16. Kayla Goforth Cynde Pool	17. Rev. Dani Musselman	18. Rob Campbell Mindy & Terry Britt
19.	20.	21. John Bowie Dennis & Connie Bishop Whitney & Nathan Long	22. Judy Hemingson Brayden Harmon	23. Jason Haley Dana King	24.	25. Tim Morgan Julie Palmer
26. Deanna Carroll Melinda Martin Darin Wood	27. John Ferguson	28.	29.	30. Pastor Duane Skidmore		



Wednesday	11/1	7:30 pm	Council on Ministries
Thursday	11/2	1:00 pm	Ivy Women's Fellowship Meets
Sunday	11/5		Dinner Day
Saturday	11/11	9:00 am	Men's Group Meets
Saturday	11/17	4:30-6:30pm	Chili & Oyster Soup Dinner
Monday	11/20		Steeple Items Due
Saturday	12/2	5:30 – 7:30pm	Live Nativity

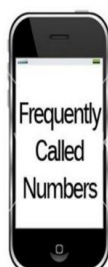
**FINANCE COMMITTEE
COMPARISON OF OPERATING INCOME**

	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	\$6,837.26	\$9,004.49	\$8,717.05	\$9,110.16
June	\$7,021.56	\$7,083.14	\$8,118.89	\$5,739.78
July	\$9,413.26	\$8,636.81	\$6,295.75	\$9,248.40
August	\$5,192.26	\$7,081.26	\$7,919.24	\$7,701.93
September	\$7,791.06	\$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
Total Offerings	\$76,677.55	\$110,724.03	\$118,346.68	\$109,898.24
Government Paycheck Protection Program			\$20,177.00	\$20,232.00
Iowa Conference Assistance Program			\$4,300.98	\$9,201.00
Total Offerings & Programs	\$76,677.55	\$110,724.03	\$142,824.66	\$139,331.24

2023 Average Monthly Offerings \$8,519.73
 2023 Average Required Monthly for Budget \$8,750.00
 2023 Average Offerings vs. Average Required for Budget (\$230.27)

This comparison does not include memorial, building fund, food pantry or mission project donations. As of September 30th, we have collected \$1,988.00 for the Caring Hands Food Pantry.

Joy Warner, Financial Secretary



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