



STEEPLE NEWS

Centennial United Methodist Church at Ivy

October 2021



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR DANI:

After a hard day, sometimes I find myself saying to Erik “*tell me something good.*”

The world is so harsh at times, and it seems more harsh than normal recently. I read in the last week about local schools returning to mask mandates and protests outside the schools because of the mandates. I hear the frustrations among people who are and are not vaccinated. I’ve known a tremendous amount of people who have been sick in recent months. And as the seasons change, some are worried about the start of flu season, an increase in loneliness, and so much more.

Some days, I just need to be reminded of *something good*. Maybe you’re in need of some “good” too.

Don & Libby Hiatt have shared with me that in the last eighteen months, they started walking at least once a day around Thomas Mitchell Park. In the hot summer mornings and the cool winter days, Don & Libby stretched their legs around the beautiful park, finding peace in the noisy trees and the singing birds. As they walked most days, they enjoyed reading children’s books posted along the path by the Mitchellville Public Library and they’ve even stopped to talk and meet a few new neighbors! Their journey’s around the park and new neighbors is *something good* that came out of quarantine for the Hiatt’s.

Every Wednesday this fall, our adult Bible study is studying hymns. We read scripture that inspired each hymn we sing on Sunday mornings in worship such as “In the Garden” and “Amazing Grace.” So far, we’ve already learned how John Newton, the writer of the hymn *Amazing Grace*, wrote the hymn in memory of the moment he felt compelled by God to stop working as a slave trader. Newton went on to befriend a man serving in the British Parliament and convinced him to work toward abolition. Working for justice is *something good* we remember every time we sing those beautiful words:

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found. Was blind, but now I see.*

After a year without our annual Pie & Cake Auction, we hosted this year’s auction with an online option, and we raised over \$3,200 for our church’s Education Committee! Your generosity makes ministry possible, and it is *something good* we can all celebrate.

If you haven’t figured it out already, **YOU** are my “*something good.*” Thank you for being the community where I remember the hope in God when the bickering of the world gets too loud. As Paul wrote to the Philippians, “I thank my God every time I mention you in my prayers” (Philippians 1:3).

With love, Pastor Dani

October is Stewardship Month!
Important Stewardship dates below

October 3 - October 31: Sunday worship series on the theme *"More than Enough"*

October 31: Stewardship Breakfast at 9:30a
Join us for a breakfast before worship as we give thanks for the generosity of our church!

November 7: Blessing of our Stewards & the sending of household pledge cards.

November 14: We'll pray over pledges received in worship!



THINK BIG
give small

In September & October,
please consider donating
single-serve items to support
Caring Hands Food Pantry

- applesauce
- small cans of meat & fish
- mixed fruit cups
- peanut butter & cheese crackers
- granola bars
- raisins
- soups
- pre-packaged lunches
- & more

A row of six colorful food cans. From left to right: a can of Pepper's Vienna Sausage, a can of Soulful Chicken Soup, a can of Stevie's Cheesy Mac, a can of Oh Wow! Instant Noodles, a can of Tastiest Tuna, and a can of Friendly Pork n Beans.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31ST
Starting back up Wednesday,
September 15th!

Join us for this brief service as we give thanks for all pets & animals among God's creation. All pets are welcome to come & receive a blessing-- and if your pet does not get along well with others, please consider bringing your pet's picture or stuffed animal to receive a blessing.

Join us for a
Pet Blessing
outdoor service

Sunday, Oct. 17
4:30 - 5:00p

A light gray background with a pattern of black paw prints of various sizes and orientations.



Join us in October for some “fall fun!”

Thursday, October 21: Altoona Chamber Trick or Treat Night

Help us represent our church & pass out candy to Altoona trick-or-treaters outside of Altoona HyVee!

*At the Prairie Heritage Civic Plaza
5:30-7:30 pm*

Sunday, October 24: Living History Farms trick or treat night

*Sign up to help Pastor Dani hand out candy to trick-or-treaters at Living History Farms!
4:00p-7:00 pm | Sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall*

Sunday, October 31: Trunk or Treat at Ivy!

*All ages are welcome to join us in the parking lot for some extra trick or treating!
5:30-6:30 pm*

[Click here to sign up a trunk for your family or committee](#)



We hope you'll join us for Dinner Day which will return on September 5!

See the procedures below that will help keep us safe while enjoying fellowship:

- Servers will dish your food for you. Servers will wear masks & gloves.
- We have purchased sneeze guards to protect the food you bring to share.
- We will use disposable plates & silverware.
- To help with airflow, we are also considering opening two windows or placing a box fan in one of the windows when weather permits.

Pastor's Bookclub



You're invited to join Pastor Dani for a book club reading & discussion! We'll be reading "Forgiving What You Can't Forget" by Lysa Terkeurst.

Do you have something or someone you're struggling to forgive? Let's find out more together about how & when God calls us to forgive...

Meetings will take place every other Thursday starting October 7 at 7pm.

Here are the dates for this book: Oct. 7; Oct. 21; Nov. 4; Nov. 18; Dec. 2; Dec. 16

Sign up in the church narthex or email pastordanim@gmail.com

Our Library at Ivy



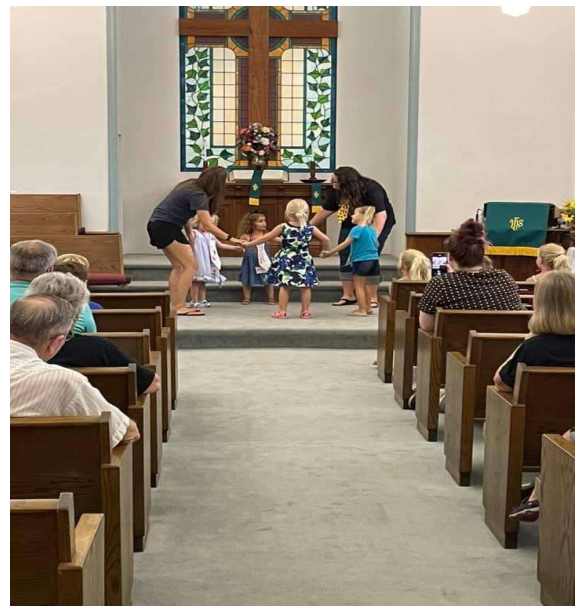
Pastor Dani's "book" sermons are always interesting and a great incentive to visit the library! There are four new books from recent sermons on display on the library table waiting to be checked out!

Everybody Always- What happens when we give away love like we are made of it? Readers are taken on a journey into the secret of living without fear, constraint or worry.

The Art of Neighboring- Building genuine relationships right outside your door.

Clouds- How God answered a mom's small prayer in a big way.

Who is My Neighbor? Blues and Yellows just don't mix and that's how it's always been. No one remembers why.



*"THE GREATEST SHOW"
VBS - JULY 2021*

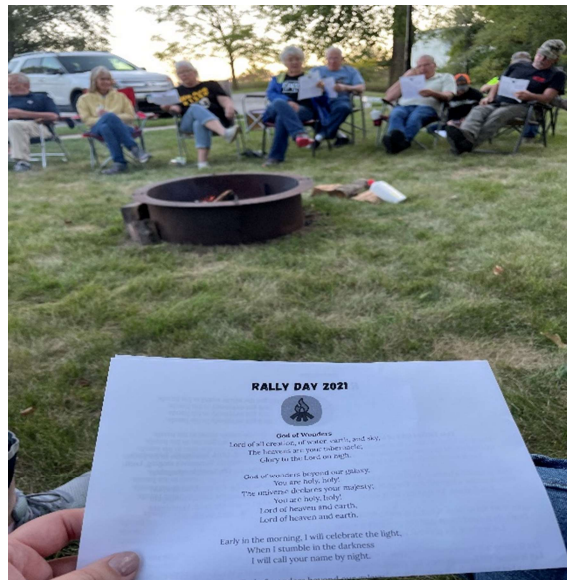
MEALS FROM THE HEARTLAND 2021



SEP HOMECOMING PARADE 2021



RALLY DAY 2021



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God of Wonders
Face of a thousand smiles, and sky,
The heaven in your robes and
Glory in the love we give.

God of wonders beyond our glory,
You are holy, holy,
The universe declares your majesty,
You are holy, holy,
I seek of heaven and earth,
Lord of heaven and earth.

Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light,
When I stumble in the darkness
I will call your name by night.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			WOW @ 5:30 pm		1. Jennifer & Paul Quick	2. Jennifer Fischer Lori Freel Ava Hackett
3. Penny Dorris Chris Lehn DayKota Shelton Trevor Simpson Jary & Marcy Bowie	4. Bob Kujac Admin Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm	5.	6. Dianne & Jerry Peck WOW @ 5:30 pm	7. Missy Shaver Carol & Jamie Graves Pastors Book Club @ 7:00 pm	8.	9. Margaret Forster
10. Charge Conference at Walnut Hills UMC 5:00 – 7:00 pm	11. Kaylee Olgren	12. Jane Heaberlin	13. WOW @ 5:30 pm	14.	15. Rachael Cox Bob & Dee Johnston	16. Jon & Wendy Musgrave
17. LaDonna Morse Marcy & Tim Campbell Pet Blessing Service @ 4:30 pm	18. Brad & LaDonna Morse	19. Mike Ferguson Finance Breakfast Committee @ 7:00pm	20. Jeffrey Heaberlin Dianne Peck Holly Tingley WOW @ 5:30 pm	21. Jessica Carroll Mike Johnston Chuck McGriff UMW @ 1:00 Pm Altoona Chamber Trick or Treat @ 5:00 – 7:00pm Pastors Book Club @ 7:00 pm	22. Barbara Bernis Diana DeMoss	23. Shay Maxwell
24. Gary Fischer Trick or Treating Service Outing from 4:00 pm – 7:00pm	25. Pub Theology @ 7:00 pm	26. Carley Johnston Jason & Amy Ferguson	27. Jill Craven Olivia Fischer WOW @ 5:30 pm	28. Marcy Campbell Butch & Judy Weeks	29.	30.
31. Sue Larson Amanda Van Winkle Stewardship Breakfast @ 8:30 am Trunk or Treat @ 5:30 pm						

**FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
2021 ACTUAL GIVING VS 2020 ACTUAL GIVING**

	REQUIRED	SUNDAYS	TITHES	OTHER INC (Breeze Costs)	TOTAL	INCOME ONE YEAR AGO
JANUARY	\$12,369.00	5	\$ 12,636.87	\$ (8.15)	\$ 12,616.92	\$12,090.11
FEBRUARY	\$12,368.00	4	\$ 9,296.84	\$ (10.61)	\$ 9,284.98	\$11,750.17
MARCH	\$12,368.00	4	\$ 12,908.84	\$ (9.65)	\$ 12,899.19	\$11,596.86
APRIL	\$12,368.00	4	\$ 33,395.14	\$ (9.90)	\$ 33,385.29	\$ 7,389.67
MAY	\$12,369.00	5	\$ 9,433.88	\$ (10.49)	\$ 9,425.55	\$30,158.83
JUNE	\$12,368.00	4	\$ 8,835.72	\$ (10.84)	\$ 8,824.88	\$ 6,556.45
JULY	\$12,368.00	4	\$ 6,295.75	\$ (13.92)	\$ 6,281.83	\$ 9,965.23
AUGUST	\$12,369.00	5	\$ 7,919.24	\$ (2.72)	\$ 7,916.52	\$ 8,418.76
SEPTEMBER	\$12,368.00	4				\$ 8,658.93
OCTOBER	\$12,369.00	5				\$ 9,917.86
NOVEMBER	\$12,368.00	4				\$11,828.61
DECEMBER	\$12,368.00	4				\$10,999.76
2020 BUDGET	\$148,420.00		\$99,976.98	(76.28)	\$99,900.70	\$139,331.24
	52 Sundays in 2021				Actual:	61.98%
					Required to meet budget:	58.33%

As of September 19th, Centennial has collected \$1,890.76 for the Caring Hands Food Pantry.

Let's keep it up!!

On April 9th, we received \$20,177 from the Small Business Administration for the Payroll Protection Program.

Gaylen Heaberlin, Retiring Financial Secretary



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