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Walking by the Spirit in Love, Joy, Peace

The “fruit” of the Holy Spirit refers to the godly attributes of those who “walk in the Spirit” ([Galatians 5:16](#)). The true manifestation of the Holy Spirit at work in a believer’s life is that the believer becomes increasingly more like Christ in character and actions. The fruit of the Spirit should characterize the life of every believer. Today we take a look at three fruits of the Spirit found in [Galatians 5:22](#) — love, joy, and peace.

Love

In both Hebrew (*ahab*) and Greek (*agapē*), words translated as “love” are action words, indicating conscious acts on behalf of a beloved. However, biblical love seems to demand going beyond merely a particular behavior to include a certain inner attitude, that is, a positive inner response ([1 John 3:17](#)).

While several Greek words describe specific forms of love, the Greek word *agapē* most expresses Christlike, selfless love. Unselfish, loyal, benevolent concern for the well-being of another is called by Paul “the greatest” gift of all ([1 Corinthians 13:13](#)). Christian love is a fruit of the Holy Spirit, a virtue of godly living ([Galatians 5:22](#)).

The attributes of love reflect both feelings and loving acts ([1 Corinthians 13:4–8](#)). True love is characterized as:

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Did you know the eagle seen on the silver dollar, 1836-1839, and the Flying Eagle one-cent piece 1857-1858, was real and known as Peter. Peter spent his days at the U.S. Mint. Peter had a wing caught in a coin press in 1836 and died a few days later. Peter is still on display at the entrance of the Philadelphia Mint.

Reminders

May 19th

*Men's Monthly Breakfast – 8:00 a.m.

*Darrell Jones 90th Birthday celebration – Fellowship Hall

*After church service

General Conference Q & A meeting begins at 11:00 a.m.

Wear Red for Pentecost

May 22nd

Bible Study – 11:00 a.m.

Praise Team - 5:00 p.m.

Choir – 5:30 p.m.

Bell Choir – 6:30 p.m.

May 23rd

T.O.P.S.

**No Men's Saturday Bible Study

**No PK-6 or Jr/Sr High Sunday School until Fall

**Worship Assistants are needed for June

** Fellowship Volunteers needed sign-up in Fellowship Hall

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- Patient and slow to anger ([verse 4](#))
- Kind and gentle to all ([verse 4](#))
- Unselfish and giving ([verse 5](#))
- Truthful and honest ([verse 6](#))
- Hopeful and encouraging ([verse 7](#))
- Enduring, without end ([verse 7](#))

Biblical love is not envious, proud, self-centered, rude, or provoking ([1 Corinthians 13:4, 5](#)).

Without love, the gifts of the Spirit are deemed worthless, and the fruit of the Spirit incomplete ([verse 8](#)). Christian love is eternal. While all else fails, love never fails. It is a permanent, unconditional concern for others that results from the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit, rather than from human effort or desire.

Joy

A number of Hebrew and Greek words are used in the Bible to convey the concept of joy. The word "joy" is found more than 150 times in the Bible.

Joy comes from God as a result of faith and obedience ([John 15:10, 11](#); [Romans 15:13](#)). The abundance of joy is in direct proportion to the intimacy and steadfastness of a believer's walk with the Lord. Sin in a believer's life can rob joy ([Psalm 51:8, 12](#)). True joy is evident regardless of circumstances. The Spirit-filled believer continues to rejoice even amidst troubles ([James 1:2, 3](#)). Biblical joy is different from earthly, temporal pleasures that are bound to circumstances.

The purpose of joy is to provide a blessing for the believer. Joy enables you to enjoy all that God has given — health, family, friends, opportunities, and salvation. As you experience true joy, your joy can then be shared with others ([Romans 12:15](#)). Abundant joy is a fruit of the Holy Spirit for those who walk in faith.

Peace

In both the Old and New Testaments, peace is described as the result of having a right relationship with God and with others (see [Romans 5:1, 2](#)).

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Volunteers Needed



LAST PERSON LEAVING
PLEASE TURN OUT LIGHTS
AND LOCK DOORS

First United Methodist Church
**Please wear your
name tag on
Sunday mornings**



Church Ad Board Members

- Michelle Morelock - Chair*
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- Margaret Brady - Vice Chair & Trustee*
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- Connie Anderson - Memorials*
- Linda Haldane - Membership*
- David Clark - Pastor*

Church Office Hours

**** Children & Jr.-Sr. High Sunday School – will resume in the Fall. Have a safe summer!**

****Choir –** Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m. Sunday 8:30 a.m.
****Bell Choir –** Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

The front door to the church will be unlocked during office hours and closed only for errands and lunch.

Monday
9:00-11:00
12:00-3:00
Tuesday
9:00-11:00
12:00-3:00
Wednesday
CLOSED
Thursday
9:00-11:00
12:00-3:00
Friday
9:00-11:00
12:00-3:00

Please continue to call in advance if you need in the church to make sure someone is in the office. If you reach the answering machine please leave your name, number, and a brief message and your call will be returned. Calls after 2:00 p.m. may be returned the next business day.



Of what is Apostle Paul not ashamed according to the book of Romans?

- a) The gospel
- b) Being a Benjaminite
- c) The law
- d) His apostleship

Who did John refer to as someone who likes to put himself first?

- a) Demetrius
- b) Demas
- c) Diotrophes
- d) Achaicus

Who took from the spoils dedicated to the Lord which resulted in Israel's defeat?

- a) Jerubbaal
- b) Achan
- c) Ussa
- d) Korah

Check page 4 for answers from the previous week.



- 19th – Darrell Jones, Anna Peterson
- 20th – Shelly Hutchinson
- 21st – Sue Kinney
- 22nd – Amanda McIntosh
- 24th – Nathan Crowdes, Scott & Ashley Lundgren
- 25th – Mace & Robin Hensen

****See a wrong birthday or anniversary, or need one added, please call the office, or send an email to office@shen.church**

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Services are now on our YouTube
channel only.

<https://www.youtube.com/@shen.church8192/streams>

***Prelude/Postlude/Accompanist: Terry Stafford**

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit!

People: Grant us your peace.

L: Come, Holy Spirit!

P: Give us your power.

L: Come, Holy Spirit!

P: Grace us with your presence.

“Everything Changes”

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:1-17

Songs

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing #57

10,000 Reason (screens)

Lord, Listen to Your Children #2193

Last Week’s Attendance

In-Person Worship – 87

On-Line Worship – 21

Our Mission:

“Know & Serve God by Sharing Christ’s Love.”

Our Vision:

“We will grow in holiness, our community will thrive, & we will make a difference in our world.”

**Answers for May 12th are d) Pharisee b) Esther c) Coriander
Quiz hints – Q1) Romans Q2) 3John Q3) Joshua**



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Pasta (any kind), Jelly, Ketchup & Mustard, Barbecue Sauce, Spices, Green Beans & Corn, Brownie, Cake, and Muffin Mixes, Pineapple, Cinnamon Applesauce, Boxed Potatoes, Rice Side Dishes, Microwave Popcorn, Soda Crackers, Shampoo & Conditioner, Toothbrushes.

There are times when people who use the Food Pantry come to the pantry on foot. They are then forced to walk home carrying, pushing, or pulling several pounds of food. Southwest Iowa Transit, for a very reasonable fee of \$5.00, will take individuals with their food items home. If you are interested in helping pay for these fees, simply seal your cash (whatever you would like to give) in a plain envelope and add it to your donated food items.

Bring Your Change to Make a Change

*Collected each Sunday after
the children's message*



"Each of you should GIVE what you have decided in YOUR HEART to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for GOD LOVES a cheerful GIVER." (2 Corinthians 9:7)

The Noisy Offering is one more way to do ministry for those in need and also teach your children the importance of giving and serving. Each Sunday a new opportunity for mission giving will take place after the Children's Message. Sunday School students will walk around the congregation, collecting your loose coins and currency in their colorful metal pails. This would be a good time to clean out the loose change from your pockets or purse. The money donated in May will go to the **Student Scholarship Program**.



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The Greek word *eirene* has a meaning similar to the Hebrew word *shalom*. Spiritual peace describes a sense of well-being and fulfillment that comes from God and is dependent on His presence alone ([Galatians 5:22](#)).

Inner spiritual peace is experienced by any believer who walks in the Spirit despite surrounding turmoil. The true “peace of God” protects the hearts and minds of believers from worry, fear, and anxiety. It transcends all logic or rationale ([Philippians 4:7](#)). The God of Peace who offers salvation also promises His presence and power in the lives of His children. His presence creates in us a quiet confidence, regardless of circumstances, people, or things.

Though impossible to comprehend fully, true peace is a fruit of the Holy Spirit ([Galatians 5:22](#)) and a part of the “whole armor of God” ([Ephesians 6:11, 13](#)). According to the apostle Paul, our understanding and experiencing of the gospel produces peace that allows us to walk boldly into spiritual battle ([Ephesians 6:11, 13](#)) and to survive all manner of difficulty and danger. The believer receives peace from God as a virtue of holy living and protection from evil forces. Where the peace of God is present, there is no room for worry.

Reflecting the Character of God

The fruit of the Holy Spirit affects the believer’s relationship with God, others, and self. As Christians grow in their relationship with the Lord, they develop unselfish love, true joy, and lasting peace. While the fruit of the Holy Spirit is not necessary for salvation, these godly virtues are evidence of salvation and the genuine work of the Holy Spirit ([Matthew 7:17](#)). Followers of Christ not only receive the blessings of God but also reflect His character to all whom they encounter.

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After serving almost 34 years as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Shenandoah and participating in our community in many ways, Pastor Rick Sleyster is retiring at the end of May.

The public is invited to a retirement reception for Rick on May 26th in the Fellowship Hall from 2 to 4 p.m. (Note this is Memorial Weekend). An elevator is available from the lower Clarinda Street entrance, or zero entry is available from the alley off Tassa Street at the side of the church.

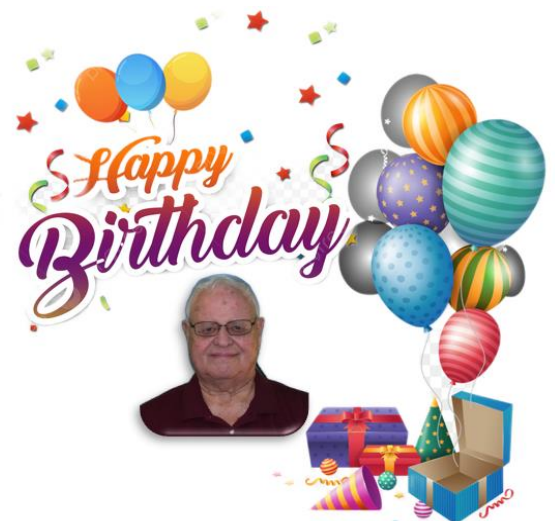
If people cannot attend but would like to send a note, please address it to Pastor Rick Sleyster c/o First Presbyterian Church, 200 W. Clarinda, Shenandoah, IA

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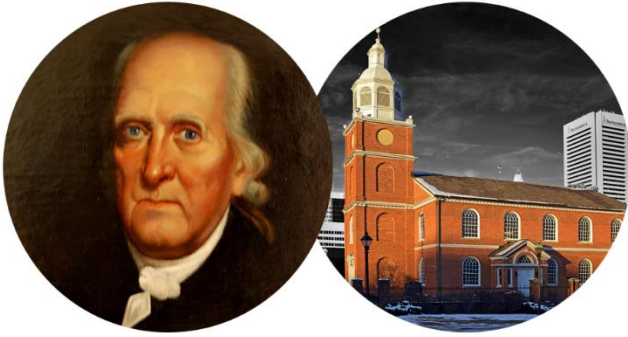
Sunday, May 26th will be the last Sunday the choir will be singing until September. We are looking for special music for the summer. If you are interested in providing special music or know of someone who might be interested, please contact Mace Hensen or call the office and the message will be forwarded to him.



You're Invite! Help Darrell Jones
celebrate his 90th Birthday!
This Sunday, May 19th
After Church Service in
Fellowship Hall



Unsung Heroes of Methodism: Philip William Otterbein



*We've all heard the names John and Charles Wesley, but there are a lot of other important names in the history of Methodism you may not know. The *Unsung Heroes of Methodism* series tells the stories of lesser-known figures whose lives and witness still impact The United Methodist Church today, even if their names aren't familiar to us.*

This article is part of a miniseries on the founding figures of The Evangelical United Brethren Church (EUB). The EUB is one of the predecessor denominations of The United Methodist Church. You can learn more about The EUB and its unique history [here](#).

When Francis Asbury was ordained as an elder and consecrated as a bishop at the Christmas Conference in 1784, one of the people taking part in the service was a German-American preacher named Philip William Otterbein. Asbury had been friends with this man for years and had personally requested his presence at the conference.^[1] To understand why, we have to go back and take a close look at Otterbein's ministry.

Otterbein was born in 1726 in the region of the German state of Hesse. His father was a pastor in the German Reformed tradition, which was heavily influenced by the teaching of the Protestant reformer John Calvin. Otterbein's family was also part of a popular Christian movement of the time known as Pietism, which had also influenced the preaching of John Wesley. The Pietists were Protestants who believed Christian conversion meant a conversion of the heart and a changed lifestyle. They practiced a strict morality and engaged in regular private and communal spiritual practices outside of Sunday such as prayer meetings, fasting, and Bible readings.^[2]

Otterbein and his five brothers all followed in their father's footsteps by becoming preachers. He studied at Herborn University and was ordained in 1749.^[3] In 1752 Otterbein responded to an urgent request from Pennsylvania for German-speaking preachers.^[4] Though still a British colony at the time, Pennsylvania's Quaker founders had instituted religious tolerance and encouraged immigration from all over Europe. Germans, in particular, had been immigrating to Pennsylvania in large numbers.

Otterbein spent the next 15 years of his life preaching to the German-speaking populations, primarily along the Pennsylvania-Maryland Border. His preaching emphasized the role of the individual in salvation and the importance of maintaining the spiritual discipline. He organized prayer meetings and even classes for children at the churches he served in accordance with pietist sensibilities. Otterbein was not the only preacher in the area influenced by pietism.^[5]

In the County of Lancaster, a preacher from the local Mennonite community named Martin Boehm had been leading a similar movement. Sometime around 1767, Otterbein was invited to a service at Boehm's congregation at Long's Barn. During the sermon, Otterbein had an experience similar to Wesley's at

Aldersgate as he realized Boehm's own beliefs and preaching closely resembled his own. Afterward, Otterbein came up to Boehm, embraced him, and said in German, "We are brothers." Today many people mark this historic meeting as the beginning of The United Brethren in Christ, even though it would not be until many years later that Otterbein and Boehm began forming a new denomination of their own.

Otterbein continued to minister to German speakers throughout Pennsylvania and Maryland, eventually settling in Baltimore in 1774. The Methodists were already established there and this offered Otterbein the chance to observe them up close. Otterbein was impressed with the way the Methodists organized themselves into classes and empowered laypersons to serve as leaders. That same year he met Francis Asbury for the first time, whom Wesley had sent from Britain to help oversee the Methodist societies in the American Colonies. The two were kindred spirits and formed a lifelong friendship. Otterbein meanwhile began mimicking the Methodist model to organize his followers.

In 1785 Otterbein's community had grown so much that they erected a new church in Baltimore, which still stands to this day as [Old Otterbein United Methodist Church](#). At first Otterbein and Boehm were both willing to work informally together in good faith while remaining faithful members of their respective church traditions, but Boehm was excommunicated in 1775 and Otterbein continued to encounter resistance for his unconventional practices and association with preachers outside his tradition such as Boehm and Asbury. Meanwhile, he saw the success the Methodists had had in forming their denomination.

Finally in 1800 Otterbein and Boehm held a conference with 11 other pastors in Frederick County, MD in which both Otterbein and Boehm were elected superintendents (later referred to as bishops) of a new Christian fellowship, which they declared The United Brethren of Christ. The name was a homage to the historic meeting of Otterbein and Boehm at Long's Barn over thirty years earlier in which Otterbein uttered the phrase "We are brothers." Though now technically independent, Otterbein and Boehm still refrained from referring to themselves as a "church" or "denomination". Much like Wesley back in Britain, Otterbein still tried to maintain some connection to the denomination that had ordained him. It would not be until 1813, following Boehm's death, that he began ordaining elders.^[6]

Otterbein died on November 17, 1813. As a mark of Otterbein's friendship with Asbury and his high standing among Methodists, the Methodist Episcopal Church adjourned its general conference meeting in Baltimore the following year to attend a memorial service to Otterbein inside his old church. Asbury gave a powerful eulogy in honor of his friend.^[7] One hundred and fifty-four years later The Methodist Church and The Evangelical United Brethren would officially merge to form The United Methodist Church. The United Methodist Church of today is therefore a legacy of both Asbury and Otterbein.

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THURSDAY-FRIDAY
MAY 16TH & 17TH
8 AM - 4 PM
SATURDAY
MAY 18TH - 8 AM-12 PM



This Sunday, May 19th
Congregational Q&A
General Conference Recap
11:00 a.m. – Fellowship Hall



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Two Volunteers Needed each Thursday
to Deliver Meals
Sign-Up Sheet is on the
Welcome Center Counter



Since we started using One Call Now, it has proven to be a powerful way to inform our members of special events, prayer requests, notification of special meetings, men's breakfast, choir, bell practice, and many more important messages. Gone are the days of the calling tree and possibly missing someone getting a notice. It has also saved the office over 96 hours in making individual contacts.

With One Call Now you can be notified three different ways: through text, email, and phone call. You can decide how you want to be notified. You also can opt out of receiving any type of message at any time. If you have already signed up but have changed your contact information, please notify the office. If you have not joined One Call Now and would like to be signed up to receive messages, please contact Jeff and he will make sure you are added to the system. Keep informed of church events and special announcements by joining One Call Now.

Pentecost = Wearing Red for Pentecost



This Sunday, May 19th, is Pentecost Sunday. You are being asked to wear red to Sunday morning service. If you don't have red, that is okay, wear something white.

On Pentecost Sunday, we remember the day the disciples received the Holy Spirit in a special way. The story in [Acts 2](#) describes a powerful wind and tongues of fire as the Holy Spirit was poured out on people from all over the world

who came to Jerusalem to celebrate a Jewish feast. At the first Pentecost over 3000 people were baptized, creating the first church. This is why Pentecost is known as the birthday of the Christian church.

The word [Pentecost](#) comes from a Greek word meaning fiftieth. The Jewish Festival of Pentecost (called *Shavuot*, meaning "weeks" in Hebrew) falls on the fiftieth day after the original Passover. On that day, God gave the Torah to Moses on Mount Sinai. The Christian festival of Pentecost falls on the 50th day after the resurrection of Jesus.

Pentecost for Christians culminates the celebration and work of the church begun on Easter Day. In much of early Christianity, Easter Day (not Pentecost) became the primary day for baptisms. After their baptism, the newly baptized were then trained in basic Christian doctrine, including the meaning of the sacraments they had now experienced, as they prepared to take up their ministries in the life of the church. On Pentecost, Christians primarily celebrate the [commissioning of new members into ministry](#). Some do this through services of confirmation on Pentecost. And still others have also, historically, offered baptism on Pentecost as well.

Two colors are historically associated with Pentecost. Red is a visual reminder of the "tongues of fire" that empowered the apostles and others to proclaim the good news of Christ's resurrection in many languages to the crowds of pilgrims from many lands (Acts 2:3). White was used in some places, including England, where Pentecost had also become a day for baptisms by the Middle Ages. Whether it happened at Easter or Pentecost or at some other time, those being baptized were given new white robes to wear as a sign they had taken off the world, died to sin, and were raised with the risen Christ to new life. This is why Pentecost may also be referred to in English as "Whitsunday" or "White Sunday."

The [Season after Pentecost](#) is the time of the church year to support new disciples and the whole congregation in living out the gifts we have been given in the name of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit.

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church in the Park



Mark your calendar for “Church in the Park” on Father’s Day, June 16th, at 9:00 a.m. Church will be held at Sportsman Park at the “Dome” shelter area. This is just north of the white schoolhouse and across from the community theater. You will need to bring your own chair that morning. There is plenty of parking but please leave the parking spaces right in front of Dome open for those who have issues walking. The word is there will be some type of snack/food provided. What is an outdoor gathering without food? That would just be crazy!

This starts next week and wanted to make sure you are aware.

The Governor’s Traffic Safety Bureau (GTSB) is partnering with law enforcement across Iowa to support the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s (NHTSA) *Click It, Don’t Risk It* high-visibility enforcement effort. The national seat belt campaign, which coincides with the Memorial Day holiday, is May 20-June 2, 2024.

Buckle Up Iowa



Every Trip ★ Every Time

It is perceived everyone wears a seat belt, but data shows that’s not true. In 2023, 45% of traffic fatalities in Iowa were unbuckled; that translates to 123 lives lost. In a GTSB survey of over 1,450 Iowans, 88% reported always buckling up in the front seat; only 67% always buckle in the back seat.



Meals – On – Wheels needs someone to deliver the last two Thursdays, May 23rd and 30th. Sign-up sheet on the counter of the Welcome Center.

Worship Assistants are needed for the month of June. The sign-up sheet is also located on the counter of the Welcome Center.