



Weekly Booster

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Don't Go It Alone

Then Esther sent this reply to Mordecai: "Go, gather together all the Jews who are in Susa, and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my attendants will fast as you do. When this is done, I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish." So Mordecai went away and carried out all of Esther's instructions.

Esther 4:15-17

Ask any builder – the taller the building, the deeper the workers have to go to dig the foundation. A believer's foundation is his root system, and God has made a way for us to deepen our roots through spiritual disciplines. The Bible stresses the necessity of worship, prayer, and study of Scripture. Those are the Big Three essentials in growing as a believer.

A fourth discipline is often overlooked. While it may not immediately come to mind as a discipline, an argument can be made that Jesus elevated it to be among his top priorities. Community.

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“Don’t count the days, make the days count.” Muhammad Ali

“If you risk nothing, then you risk everything.” Geena Davis

Reminders

November 3rd

PK-6 S.S.– After Children’s Message
Jr/Sr High S.S. – 10:30 a.m.
Growing Youth - 10:30 a.m.
Confirmation Class – 6:00 p.m.
Communion Sunday

November 5th

Mat Making (Loom Room) 1:00 p.m.

November 6th

Bible Study – 11:00 a.m.
Praise Team - 5:00 p.m.
Choir Practice – 5:30 p.m.
Bell Choir Practice – 6:30 p.m.

November 7th

T.O.P.S.
Meals-On-Wheels Deliveries

****Worship Assistants are needed for November**

**** Fellowship Volunteers needed sign-up in Fellowship Hall**

October 27, 2024

The Twenty-Third Sunday after
Pentecost

Psalm 63:1-8

Going Alone - Continued from page 1.

By community, we mean sharing life with other followers of Christ. Of all the Bible’s descriptions of the church, perhaps none is more appropriate than “the body of Christ.” If we’re the body of Christ, then by nature we are a collection of individual parts grouped into a purposed whole.

Community is more than connecting with your friends and attending a worship service; it’s part of digging in your roots. If you’re only a roots person, full of knowledge without any reach, you’re useless. At the same time, if you dig in alone, not only are you useless as a reach person; you also don’t have a good picture of God. God is community. Even in his essence, he is three Persons in one – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – and they’re always together.

Together is Better

We either believe we are a small but essential part of the body of Christ or we don’t. We either believe Jesus meant it when he called us to community or we don’t.

Jesus is God himself, and during his time on earth he didn’t do ministry alone. He started the church by disciplining a group of men. Similarly, we forfeit a significant part of our growth when we do not join with other believers.

Why Is Community So Important?

One of the primary ways God ministers to us is through other believers. When Jesus was crucified, the disciples huddled in fear of the authorities. On the surface, it’s easy to judge them in their weakness, even though every one of us would have trembled right there with them. But what is apparent in this picture is beautiful fellowship and community because of the trial they were enduring as a body. Fellowship is not pizza and Coke after church; it’s the certainty that we’re in something together and that our common faith will keep us going. God is honored when we do something bigger than ourselves and need each other to do it.

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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*
- Mary Peterson - Secretary*
- Margaret Brady - Vice Chair & Trustee*
- Gary Milstead - Trustee*
- Roger Jones - SPRC*
- Robin Hensen - Finance*
- Dave Lashier - Treasurer*
- Craig Harris - Lay Member to Annual Conference*
- Connie Anderson - Memorials*
- Linda Haldane - Membership*
- David Clark - Pastor*

Church Office Hours

**** Children & Jr.-Sr. High
Sunday School –
PK-6 during service,
Jr/Sr High 10:30 a.m.**

**Wednesday
**Choir –5:30 pm
Bell Choir –6:30 pm

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.



How many husbands did the Samaritan woman who talked with Jesus have?

- a) 3
- b) 4
- c) 5
- d) 6

How many elders did Moses appoint to help him in the wilderness?

- a) seven
- b) twelve
- c) forty
- d) seventy

How long was King Bashan's bed?

- a) 8 cubits and a span
- b) 9 cubits
- c) 10 cubits
- d) 10 cubits and a span

Check page 4 for answers from the previous week.



- 5th – Amelia McIntosh
- 6th – Richard Perry, Mesa Tackett, Jim & Sallie Brownlee
- 7th – Jamie Stribling

****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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Methodist Church**

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Same address – a new look at
<https://shen.church>



<https://shenchurch.onechurchsoftware.com/>



United Methodist Church,
Shenandoah, IA

<https://www.facebook.com/methodist.church.shenandoah>



Services are now on our YouTube
channel only.

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

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

Call to Worship

Leader: God is showing up all around us.

People: We must turn to see it.

L: The place where we are standing is holy ground.

P: Let us connect deeply with where we are.

L: God, the God of our ancestors, calls to us.

P: We will turn our ears to listen

“The Practice of Paying Attention: Reverence”

Scripture Reading: Exodus 3:1-6

Songs

For All the Saints #711

How Great Is Our God #3003

Open Our Eyes #2086

Last Week’s Attendance

In-Person Worship – 72

On-Line Worship – 1

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 October 27th are a) Barnabas b) Samson d) Love
Quiz hints – Q1) John Q2) Numbers Q3) Deuteronomy**

November 2024



Jelly, Granulated Sugar or flour, Green Beans, Corn, Mandarin Oranges, Pineapple, Chili (canned), Microwave Popcorn, Hot Chocolate Mix, Cereal, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Additional Boxed Potatoes, Gravy Packets, Shampoo, Bar Soap

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.

Thank you to everyone that continues to support the Community Food Pantry. We exist totally on donations - we couldn't assist those in need without your help!

If you or know of anyone that would be interested in volunteering at the Food Pantry, please have them contact Jeannine K. Liljedahl, 712-215-2488.

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 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 November will go to **Adopt-A-Family**.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

All Saints Day is observed every year on November 1. We pause to reflect on our history, remember the people who have influenced our faith and consider how we might strive to become a saint ourselves.



Watch this video from The United Methodist Church to discover the meaning and traditions of All Saints Day, as well as how it inspires us to live a holy life.

Video link: <https://bit.ly/4fe0koP>

This video was produced by United Methodist Communications in Nashville, Tennessee. Contact is Joe Iovino.

This video was published on October 17, 2022.



Yes, it is that time of the year! This Saturday night it will be time to set your clocks back one hour. Set all your clocks back one hour before going to bed.

We are ready to take your orders for poinsettias to help decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas season. If you are interested in purchasing one "In Honor" or "In Memory of" please fill out a POINSETTIA ORDER FORM that is located on the Welcome Center information desk or attached to the booster. Each poinsettia is \$16.00. Please put your prepaid check or cash and order form in the envelope provided with the form and place it in the wooden offering boxes. We encourage you to order early (only 30 poinsettias were ordered) and appreciate your kindness in helping make sanctuary colorful for the Christmas season.



Join us Sunday, November 24th, at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall for our Harvest Dinner. The menu will be announced soon. We ask that you bring a salad or dessert to share and your table service. **Volunteers are needed to help set up before dinner and to help clean up after the meal.** This will be free-will donation.



Church workday is this Saturday, November 2nd starting at 8:30 a.m. with lunch at noon. Bring brooms or Swiffer's and empty boxes. Wesley Hall will be the focus of the workday. This is also city wide clean-up. See information about the clean-up in the following flyer.

**SHENANDOAH CITY
WIDE CLEAN-UP**
SHENANDOAH RESIDENT'S* ONLY!!
***[RESIDING INSIDE CITY LIMITS]**

WHEN:
NOV. 2, 2024 8:00AM - 4:00PM

WHERE:
Shenandoah Sanitation
 1207 W. Ferguson Rd., Shenandoah, IA 51601

**Use this FREE opportunity to remove
trash, junk or unwanted materials
from your house and property!!!**

ANY QUESTIONS:
CALL SHENANDOAH SANITATION AT 712-246-3350



***ITEMS NOT
ACCEPTED:***

- > OIL**
- > WET PAINT**
- > TIRES**
- > ASBESTOS**
- > TV'S**
- > COMPUTER MONITORS**

Refrigerators must have compressor removed or lines cut or they will NOT be accepted.

Residents must present Driver's license or City Utility Bill for entrance.

Residents are asked to remain in vehicles at ALL times. Staff will be onsite to unload. Trailers will be expected to unload themselves.

Accepted Electronics:

- Stereos**
- Cell Phones**
- Car Batteries**
- Radios**
- Walkie Talkies & More**

***NOT accepting TV's and
Computer Monitors at
this time.***

Over 30 years ago, concerned citizens in the Shenandoah community had a dream of all community families having a happy and healthy holiday and formed the **Adopt-A-Family** project. Our church will provide a local family-in-need with a brighter holiday with gifts appropriate for their age or need. No adult information will be given, this way we can help the children in more families. This year we will be able to ask for contributions of money in the Mission Cans as we have done before. The mission Cans are placed on top of the wooden offering boxes and just inside the middle set of the sanctuary doors. As soon as from the **Adopt-A-Family** committee regarding the size of the family and items on their wish list, that information will be listed in the Booster. This year Jr/Sr High Sunday School and Confirmation classes will take the lead as the go to for questions. Thanks for your ongoing support for this important community project.



Adopt-A-Family



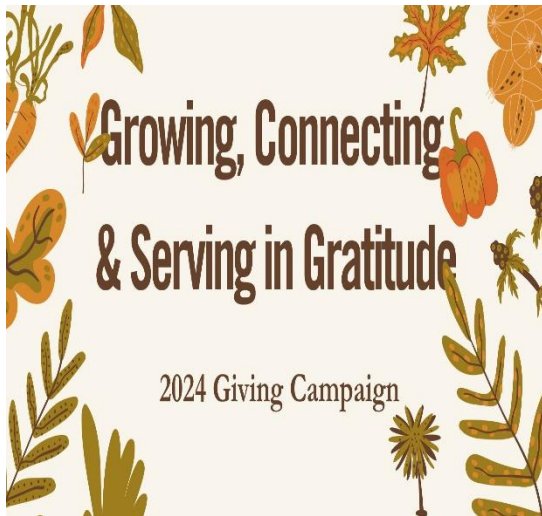
Hispanic Center

Information will be coming about the Hispanic Center Shoe Boxes Christmas. Please check future boosters for updated information

No-Shave November seeks to grow awareness — not to mention hair-ness — about cancer. The organizers want people to embrace their hair, which many cancer patients lose, and to let it grow — as the holiday's originators say — “wild and free.” No-Shave November is a fun and creative way to remind folks that many of our friends and neighbors struggle every day with the disease and with efforts to fight it. Moreover, organizers also encourage participants to donate the money they'd normally spend on hair care to cancer support and educational organizations.

The rules of No-Shave November are simple: put down your razor for 30 days and donate your monthly hair maintenance expenses to the cause. Participate by growing a beard, cultivating a mustache, letting those legs go natural, and skipping that waxing appointment. More information can be found at <https://bit.ly/3seJxzb>





Each Sunday in November I will be inviting all of us to think about the different ways that we are grateful for our church community. What are ways that you have experienced God in our church, ways that you have been transformed, healed, encouraged, or supported? Giving to our church in the form of our time, talents, personality, and resources is a tangible way to express our gratitude. Another great way of expressing this gratitude is to say thank you to a specific person who has encouraged, supported, or has been the presence of Christ in your life. That is my challenge to you over the course of the next week: reach out and say thank you to someone in our church community.

Grace and peace,
Rev. David B. Clark
308-258-7749 (cell)



Do You Have the Grace of Giving?

In many of the letters in the New Testament, we find examples of people being corrected and encouraged to repent of their sinful behavior. This even includes entire churches like those found in the Book of Revelation chapters two and three. Very rarely do we see a person or church that is held up as an example for others and praised for their faith and actions.

Paul spends time in the book of Second Corinthians giving us an example of a group of churches that are praised for their willingness to give themselves to God, and their willingness to help those in need. We have been studying what it means to be the church in our Sunday night class focusing on the establishment of the church found in Acts chapter two. The importance of the early church's example to us as Christians can not be overemphasized. Here Paul holds up the churches in Macedonian as an example for the church at Corinth and all those that might read Paul's letter.

“And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. Amid a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord’s people. And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us. So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving” (2 Corinthians 8:1-7).

Paul instructs the church to excel in the grace of giving. Let us never forget the importance of our generosity. Our giving should not come from a command but from our love for God. Jesus Himself is our perfect example of giving in His willingness to give His all, even His life, for us. We can never give as much as Jesus did, but when we give with a willing heart it will be acceptable to God (2 Corinthians 8:12).

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This week is photo number 14 in a series of unique pictures from all over the world. For some pictures, **you may need to squint** and then you will see what the picture represents, others you will see it right away. I have found these amazing and wanted to share them.

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