

“Give light and people will find the way.” Ella Baker

“It always seems impossible until it’s done.” Nelson Mandela

Reminders

October 25th & 26th
Men’s Retreat

October 27th

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.

October 29th

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

October 30th

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.

October 31st

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

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This is critical as it places Jesus squarely in the lineage of the Jewish nation, God’s chosen people, from which God had promised to deliver the world (see [Genesis 12:1-3](#)).

Immanuel ([Isaiah 7:14](#))

Isaiah wrote, “Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel” (7:14). This name, meaning “God with us,” encapsulates the incarnation of Christ, emphasizing that Jesus is not just a messenger from God but God himself: the very Creator of the universe, the all-knowing God of the Bible, dwelling among and interacting with humanity. This was true when Jesus was born as a baby (see [Luke 2](#)) but is still true today as Jesus himself superintends the universe and offers us his love, comfort, instruction, and guidance through his Holy Spirit (see [John 14:26-27](#)).

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace ([Isaiah 9:6](#))

These four authoritative titles provide a multifaceted view of Jesus. As a Wonderful Counselor, he sees and knows about our strengths and weaknesses; he administrates our lives and helps people to live for him as he guides those who follow him with divine wisdom. The title Mighty God affirms his deity; Everlasting Father speaks to the unchanging nature of his eternal care for his people. Finally, as the Prince of Peace, Jesus brings reconciliation between God and humanity—and eternal peace as we consider what his work in the world has done for us in this life and the next.

The Servant of the LORD ([Isaiah 42:1](#))

This title reflects the humility and mission of Jesus, who came not “to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many” (Matthew 20:28). Please read [Isaiah 42](#) for a beautiful description of Jesus as God’s beloved Servant.

This intention of Jesus was exhibited in his washing of his disciples’ feet when he was just hours from his crucifixion. After he did so, he said to his followers, “Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet.

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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.



Who took Paul and brought him to the apostles after he had been converted?

- a) Barnabas
- b) Peter
- c) John
- d) Silas

Who used foxes to set fire to grain and olive orchards?

- a) Shadrach
- b) Samson
- c) Solomon
- d) Simeon

According to John's first letter, in what is there no fear?

- a) Bravery
- b) Sheol
- c) Light
- d) Love

Check page 4 for answers from the previous week.



30th – Jodi Anderzhon, Gary Milstead
2nd – Jourdan Perkins

****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.

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

Call to Worship

Leader: God, my God, I search for you!

People: Our whole being thirsts for you!

L: I've seen you in the sanctuary.

P: We praise you because of your faithful love.

L: I will bless you as long as I'm alive.

P: Our whole being thirsts for you!

“From Illusion to Prayer”

Scripture Reading: Psalm 63:1-8

Songs

How Great Thou Art #77

Everlasting God #3021

O Lord, You're Beautiful #2064

Last Week's Attendance

In-Person Worship – 75

On-Line Worship – 12

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 20th are b) Egypt b) Edom c) Goshen

Quiz hints – Q1) Acts Q2) Judges Q3) 1 John

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 who 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 who would be interested in volunteering at the Food Pantry, please have them contact Jeannine K. Liljedahl, at 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 September will go to the **Hispanic Center** for gift cards to give to families at Christmas.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

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I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you” (John 13:14–15). To read the full account of the Creator of the universe humbling himself to serve his creatures, see John 13:1–17.

The Light to the Nations (Isaiah 49:6)

“I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth” (Isaiah 49:6). Jesus, as the Light of the World (see John 8:12), brings the hope of salvation not just to Israel but to all nations, fulfilling God’s promise to Abraham that through his offspring, all nations would be blessed.

Each of these names in Isaiah offers a glimpse into the multifaceted role that Jesus plays in God’s redemptive plan. They point to his divinity, his role as a Savior, and the fulfillment of God’s promises to humanity. Through these titles, Isaiah not only predicts the coming of the Messiah but also reveals the profound nature of who Jesus is and what he would come to accomplish in the world and for all those who believe in him.

Jesus’ Claims About Himself

Turning to the New Testament, we find Jesus making claims about himself, where he clearly describes to his listeners who he is and what he came to do. The book of John carefully records the names that Jesus claimed for himself, pointing to Old Testament fulfillments as he announced to his hearers who he knew himself to be:

- “I am the bread of life” (John 6:35)
- “I am the light of the world” (John 8:12)
- “I am the gate for the sheep” (John 10:7, 9)
- “I am the good shepherd” (John 10:11, 14)
- “I am the resurrection and the life” (John 11:25)
- “I am the way and the truth and the life” (John 14:6)
- “I am the true vine” (John 15:1, 5)

We understand that these claims are true; they were visibly and audibly confirmed by the voice of God himself when he said from the heavens, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him, I am well pleased” (Matthew 3:17; Luke 3:22).

God’s confirmation of Jesus’ identity echoes the Old Testament promise of a prophet who would be like Moses coming to the world to proclaim God’s plan for his people. Moses wrote, “The LORD your God will raise for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him” (Deuteronomy 18:15-19).

Other Names of Jesus in the New Testament

The New Testament writers echoed the prophecies of the Old Testament when they described their beloved Savior. Matthew especially depicts Jesus as the promised Messiah for whom the Jewish people had eagerly awaited over the centuries.

Each name recorded by the Gospel writers reveals a different aspect of who Jesus is. As stated before, these names are not just labels; they are profound expressions of Jesus' divine nature, his relationship with humanity, and his work of salvation. Listen as the words of Isaiah and other Old Testament prophets resonate in these names.

Immanuel — God With Us (Matthew 1:23)

The name "Immanuel" in this passage echoes the prophecies of Isaiah 7 and declares Jesus' presence as being equal to God's presence with humanity. Set in Gospel accounts of his birth, such as Luke 2, we see the Father's tender love for his people in sending his very own Son into a world relentlessly marked by distance and separation from God himself.

Jesus came into the world not only as a child but also as the One unique individual in all of history who was at the same time both God and human (see Philippians 2:6–8).

In his incarnation, work, death, and resurrection, Jesus embodies the truth that God is not far off but near. Through his Holy Spirit, Jesus lives in our hearts and empowers us to do his work. Through that Spirit, he has never left those who choose to believe in his saving work. Jesus' name Immanuel reassures us that God has fulfilled his promise to be intimately involved in our lives, understand our struggles, and offer us his constant guidance and presence.

King of the Jews — The Ruler of the Nations (Matthew 27:37; Mark 15:26; Luke 23:38; John 19:19)

Jesus fulfilled the Messianic expectations of the nation of Israel in his life, death, and resurrection. Knowing what had to be accomplished to fulfill his mission of bringing redemption to the world, Jesus carefully orchestrated his crucifixion. (The Gospel of John, with its perspective of time as it was written some 30 years after the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, carefully details Jesus' intentionality in this regard.)

Pilate, the Roman official who reluctantly presided over Jesus' crucifixion, placed a placard on the cross that held Jesus temporarily suspended between earth and heaven. That sign read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews" (Matthew 27:37). While the Jewish leaders protested that the sign should say that Jesus only claimed to be the king of the Jews, Pilate refused to change it (see John 19:16–25). The story of what was written on that placard stands through the centuries as a telling monument to the reality of Jesus' continuing position in the world and the universe (for more on this, see Romans 11).

The Lamb of God — The Sacrifice for Sin (John 1:29)

When John the Baptist saw Jesus, he declared, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the

world!” (John 1:29). This title highlights Jesus as the perfect and ultimate sacrifice for sin. In the Old Testament, unblemished lambs were offered as sacrifices for sin; but Jesus, the Son of God but also the Lamb of God, offered himself once and for all to take away all of the sins of humanity. This name speaks to his purity, his willingness to suffer for us, and his role as the perfect and final atonement.

The account of Jesus’ life and death in the book of John reinforces, in many different ways, the fact that Jesus offered himself as our Passover Lamb—the one single perfect sacrifice for our sins. As he entered Jerusalem during his Triumphal Entry, scholars tell us he was likely accompanied by hundreds if not thousands of sacrificial lambs that were headed into the city as well for the celebration of Passover (see [John 12:12–19](#)). He celebrated the Passover meal with his disciples (see [John 13](#)) and was crucified on the Friday of one of the holiest festival weeks in the Jewish religious tradition. In so doing, he paid the price for the sins of all humanity—for all who will turn to him (see [Romans 6:23](#))—at a critical time in the Jewish nation’s history, all in fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy.

The Living Stone — The Foundation of God’s Kingdom ([1 Peter 2:4–6](#))

This title emphasizes Jesus’ foundational role in the faith as the one who established the world at Creation and who underpins and oversees the church today. As the living Stone, Jesus is the cornerstone upon which the Christian church is built—symbolizing strength, stability, and the eternal nature of God’s kingdom. It is on this living Stone that believers over the centuries have built their trust for this life and the next.

This title also highlights the contrast between human rejection and divine selection, reminding believers that though Jesus was dismissed by many (see [Matthew 21:42](#)), he is the central cornerstone of God’s redemptive plan—unshakable and ever-present in the lives of those who follow him (see also [Isaiah 28:16](#)).

The King of Kings and Lord of Lords — Supreme Ruler ([Revelation 19:16](#))

This majestic title declares Jesus’ supreme authority over all earthly powers and kingdoms. As the “King of kings and Lord of lords,” Jesus reigns over all creation with unmatched power and glory. This name reassures us that no matter how powerful earthly rulers may seem, Jesus is the ultimate Ruler who will establish his kingdom of justice and righteousness forever.

David succinctly and reflected the truth of this name for Jesus when he wrote [Psalm 2](#). For David’s insight into the Messiah as Ruler, please take a minute to read that psalm.

The Alpha and the Omega — The Beginning and the End ([Revelation 22:13](#))

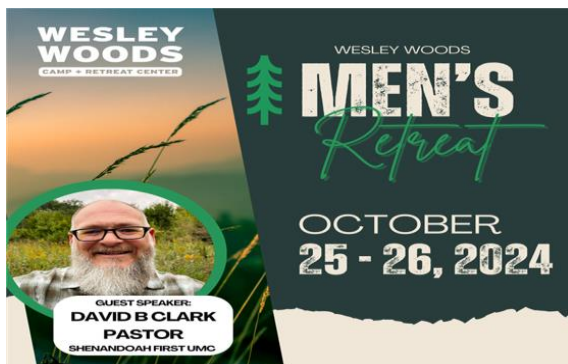
Finally, Jesus refers to himself as the “Alpha and the Omega,” the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, signifying that he is the beginning and the end of all things. This name speaks to his eternal nature, his sovereignty over history, and his role as the creator and consummator of the universe. It reminds us that Jesus is the ultimate authority and the fulfillment of God’s plan to redeem and restore creation.

Those who follow Jesus can integrate this title into their own lives and hearts as they lean upon and trust Jesus for every decision and every care and concern in their lives. Jesus calls us to trust in him in prayer, making that the first (Alpha) response we have to a new celebration or complication in our lives, and to trust him and His Word as the last (Omega) word for our life and the practice of our Christian faith.

The names of Jesus in the Bible are more than just titles; they are windows into his divine nature, his mission of love and redemption, and his relationship with all those who believe and trust in him. These and many other names of Jesus in the Bible reveal different facets of his character, offering us a window into who Jesus is and leading us to experience comfort, guidance, and hope in our relationship with him.

As we meditate on these beautiful and amazing names, may we be drawn closer to understanding the depth of Jesus' love for us and the incredible gift of his presence in our lives. Whenever we call him Immanuel, the Good Shepherd, the Light of the World, or the Prince of Peace, we can be confident that Jesus our Messiah is everything we will ever need and more.

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Men's Retreat at Wesley Woods Camp

This coming weekend - October 25-26

Pastor David is leading a Men's Retreat (ages 16 and older) at Wesley Woods Camp and Retreat Center. If you are interested or would like more information, contact Pastor David or check out <https://wesleywoodsiowa.org/mens-retreat/>.

Join the fun each Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. making mats out of plastic bags using a loom. No experience is needed just come and learn and enjoy the fellowship. Also, if you have plastic bags you want to get rid of bring them to the church and put them in the plastic tote located at the top of the stairs as you walk into the sanctuary on the southside. The loom room is located downstairs to the left by the men's bathroom (former Quester's room)



FAMILY BINGO

Family BINGO afternoon was a big success and lots of fun. More exciting events to come for everyone!





Good Citizens

Immigration and citizenship are a hot topic in our country today. Why do many people want to come here and become citizens of the United States? Is it for freedom, political asylum, or the opportunity for a better life? Currently, Christians have a dual citizenship. We are citizens of the earth while having our citizenship in heaven. (Philippians 3:21).

Unfortunately, as with any community or country, there are good citizens and not-so-good citizens. What does it take to be a good citizen in the kingdom of heaven while living here on earth? Here are a few of the characteristics Christians must have to be a good citizen:

• **Respect.** Respect leadership, others, and yourself (Heb. 13:17; 1 Peter 2:7; Phil. 2:3; 1 Cor. 3:16).

Compliance. Obey the laws and rules (John 14:15; 1 John 2:3; 1 Thes. 4:11; James 1:22).

Participation. Engage in the activities of the church (Rom. 12:10-13; 1 Cor. 15:58; Col 3:17; 2 Tim. 2:15; Heb. 10:24-25).

Stewardship: Protecting and caring for God's blessings (Luke 16; 2-13; 1 Cor. 4:1-2; 2 Cor. 9:6-7; 1 Pet. 4:10).

Responsibility. Being accountable for one's actions (Rom. 4:12; Gal. 6:5,7; 1 Tim. 5:8).

Compassion. Showing compassion for one's neighbor (Matt. 9:36; 25:34-36; Luke 10:29-37; Rom. 15:1).

Integrity. Honest and trustworthy in one's dealings (Luke 3:12-13; Eph. 4:25; Col. 3:9-10; Titus 2:7).

Although this list is not conclusive, we must continually strive to develop and grow them into our character while diligently seeking God through faith (Hebrews 11:6).

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Yes, it is that time of the year! Next week, November 3rd it will be time to set your clocks back one hour. Mark your calendar for next Saturday and 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 our 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 a free-will





Growing, Connecting, and Serving in Gratitude

This November during our Giving Campaign, we will reflect on how we might Grow, Connect, and Serve in gratitude together at Shenandoah, First UMC. For over a century for many more years to come this church has been a faithful witness to the love of Christ in our community. Our church has seen times of flourishing and times of struggle. History runs deep in this church while also adapting to changing situations. Pastors have come and gone. Members have joined and members have moved. Some are born and we watch them grow into amazing persons and others we walk through the valley of the shadow of death with. We have had fun together. We ate together. We have served together. We have worshiped together.

There is much that we can be grateful for in this church that God continues to move through. As a part of our worship, the stewardship of our resources, in support of the ministry, and through our generosity we give. Our annual giving supports our church's ministry and mission and is an expression of gratitude. Our commitment to grow, connect, and serve together is an expression of gratitude for how God moves in and through our church.

This week, begin praying about what your giving might look like in 2025. How we give and how we serve will be unique to you, your situation, your season of life, and how God is calling you.

Grace and peace,
 Pastor David Clark
 308-258-7749 (cell)

This week is photo number 13 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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