



Weekly Booster

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Evangelical United Brethren Church Bishop Reuben H. Mueller (left) and Methodist Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, April 23, 1968

Putting “United” in The UMC

If you’ve ever wondered where the “united” in United Methodist Church comes from, you’re not alone. The UMC we know today was born out of the 1968 merger of two pre-existing denominations: The Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church. The Methodist Church was directly descended from the ministry of John Wesley, but fewer people know the origins of The Evangelical United Brethren (EUB).

The beginnings of The EUB trace back to the Late 18th Century in Colonial America (at the same time as the early Methodists). The EUB began as two separate religious movements among the growing German immigrant population in the Colonies: The Church of the United Brethren in Christ and the Evangelical Church.

The Church of the United Brethren was founded by German-born missionary Philip William Otterbein and Pennsylvania pastor Martin Boehm.^[1] Otterbein was brought up in the German-reformed tradition, while Boehm was raised in a Mennonite (Anabaptist) community outside of Lancaster. Despite coming from very different church traditions, the two men came together in 1767 when Otterbein attended a service at Long's Barn to hear Boehm preach.

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Did you know the poem, "Mary Had a Little Lamb," was first published in 1830 and is a true story of Mary Sawyer who took a lamb she was nursing back to health by hand to school hidden in a basket at Mary's feet. The teacher had her take it home at lunch after it bleated and caught the teacher's attention.

Reminders

April 27th

Church Workday – 8:30 A.M.

May 1st

Bible Study – 11:00 a.m.

Praise Team - 5:00 p.m.

Choir – 5:30 p.m.

Bell Choir – 6:30 p.m.

May 2nd

T.O.P.S.

May 9th

St. Mary's Ladies Salad Bar

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

\$12 per person or free will donation

****No Men's Saturday Bible Study
Until Spring - TBA**

****Worship Assistants are needed for
May**

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



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

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After the service, he embraced Boehm and said in German "We are brothers."^[2] The two co-led a revival movement among Pennsylvania and Maryland's German-speaking community that held its first conference in 1800, officially forming United Brethren in Christ, which quickly spread to the Midwest.

The Evangelical Church was formed by German-Lutheran pastor Jacob Albright in Lancaster, PA. Albright had begun attending Methodist meetings in the 1790s and was inspired by their zeal and organizational model. He began leading Methodist-style classes among the German-speaking community. Albright's movement would not take the name Evangelical Association until 1816, eight years after his death. The name was changed to Evangelical Church in 1923.^[3]

Though they began as separate movements, the United Brethren and the Evangelical Church were interconnected to each other and the Methodist Episcopal Church through common practices and beliefs as well as bonds of fellowship and mutual respect between its founders. Albright had originally been approved as a preacher within The MEC and Boehm late in life became a member of The MEC even as he continued to lead the United Brethren.^[4] Boehm's son Henry became a preacher within The MEC and even accompanied Francis Asbury on many of his travels.^[5]

Both The United Brethren and The Evangelical Church continued to grow and develop over the 19th Century, spreading their ministries into the Midwest. The United Brethren founded Otterbein University in 1847, which is still operating today. Both denominations took a much harder line against slavery than The MEC. Both underwent splits in the Late 1800s over disagreements in polity and organization. The United Brethren gradually abandoned worship in German in favor of English, while the Evangelical Church retained their German roots much longer.

Talks of merging the two similar denominations began in the Early 20th Century. The two united to form the Evangelical United Brethren Church in 1946. Prior to the merger the United Brethren had allowed women to become ordained, but ended this practice at the insistence of the Evangelical Church, which allowed only men serve as elders.^[6]

Not long after, talks began with the Methodist Church (formed in 1939) about creating a new denomination together.

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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
at 10:30 a.m.**

****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.



What were Jesus' last
words on the cross??

- a) I am thirsty
- b) It is finished
- c) I will return
- d) I am suffering

Whose husband and two
sons died while living in
Moab?

- a) Naomi
- b) Hagar
- c) Tamar
- d) Orpah

Where was Joshua buried?

- a) Timnath-serah
- b) Cave of Machpelah
- c) Mount Hor
- d) Waters of Meribah

**Check page 4 for answers from
the previous week.**



- 1st – Ann Stevens
- 2nd – Vicki Grummert
- 3rd – Arlyne Collins, Amelia Hiser, Dennis Howard
- 4th – Brandon Pease

****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: Beloveds, let us love one another because love is from God

People: Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

L: God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent the beloved Son into the world that we might live through him.

P: Since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

L: God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

P: We love because God first loved us.

"On the Road with Philip"

Scripture Reading: Acts 8:26-40

Songs

Christ Is Alive #318

Gather Us In #2236

For the Beauty of the Earth #92

Last Week's Attendance

In-Person Worship – 72

On-Line Worship – 16

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 April 21st are c) all kinds of animals c) Joseph b) Prosperity
Quiz hints – Q1) John Q2) Ruth Q3) Joshua**



May 2024

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 March & April will go to the **Heifer International Organization**.



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While already sharing a common history and very similar ecclesiology, the EUB was smaller than the Methodist Church, both in terms of membership and geographical reach. There were other more significant differences as well.

The EUB took issue with the Methodists' practice of segregating its African American clergy and churches into separate conferences (known collectively as the Central Jurisdiction). Though there were already efforts within the Methodist Church combating racial segregation, the prospect of a merger with the EUB brought added pressure on the larger denomination to abolish the Central Jurisdiction once-and-for-all. Meanwhile, The EUB agreed to recognize women's ordination in accordance with the Methodist Church's position.^[7]

The two denominations officially came together at the Uniting Conference in 1968 held in Dallas, TX. The merger was signified by the joining of hands between Bishop Reuben H. Mueller of the EUB and Bishop Lloyd Christ Wicke, not very different from the way the original United Brethren began with Otterbein and Boehm embracing as brothers. The new denomination would become known as The "United" Methodist Church, honoring the legacy of the Evangelical United Brethren Church.^[8]

[1] Rowe, Kenneth E.; Richey, Russell E.; Schmidt, Jean Miller. *The Methodist Experience in America Volume I: A History*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2010.

[2] *Idem*.

[3] *Idem*.

[4] *Idem*.

[5] Iovino, Joe. "[Martin and Henry Boehm: Founding Brethren of the UMC](#)." *United Methodist Communications*.

[6] Rowe, Kenneth E.; Richey, Russell E.; Schmidt, Jean Miller. *The Methodist Experience in America Volume I: A History*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2010.

[7] *The Book of Discipline for The United Methodist Church 2016*. Nashville: The United Methodist Publishing House, 2016.

[8] "[Timeline of The United Methodist Church](#)." *United Methodist Communications*

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Otterbein's words when meeting Martin Boehm, "We are brethren," inspired the name of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ. Photo by Jay Rollins, United Methodist Archives and History

THE MARKET AT



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April 25th, 2024

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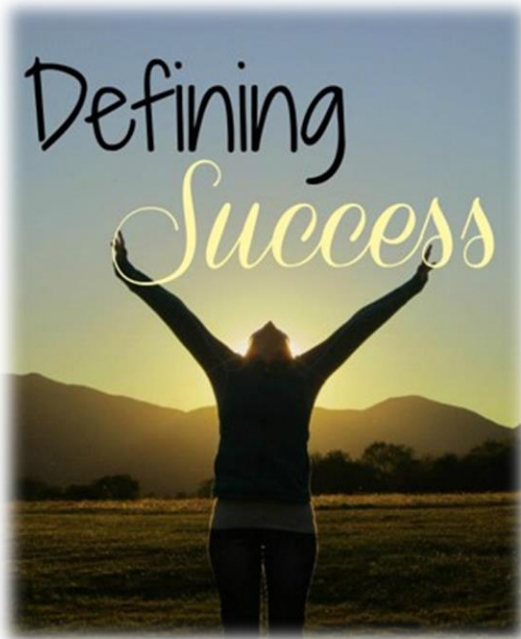
Home Decore

Vendors meeting Saturday Feb 24th 10am at The Mill

Come with your questions.

We are excited to welcome both new and experienced vendors.

More information call Margaret Brady 712.246.9126



How Do You Define Success?

Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. —Psalm 37:4

Over the years I've grown to believe that hunting success cannot be measured by the kinds and amount of trophies that adorn a man's wall. Because of what I do in the outdoor industry, I can testify first-hand that any person with the right amount of money and time can quickly add trophies to his big game collection.

My path crosses with this type of hunter all the time. The reality is, when trophies are his standard, he runs the risk of losing focus on the very reasons that hunting captured his heart in the first place.

In [Joshua 1:1-9](#), God called Joshua to lead an entire nation as their pastor, military commander, and political leader. How ironic, then, that God never gave him any instruction—not even a few quick tips—on how to juggle these various offices. God told Joshua to make obedience his prime focus in life, and in doing that, God would grant him success.

God did not need Joshua's talent. God wanted Joshua's heart. Obedience was God's standard of measurement for success. When obedience is your standard of measurement, then you'll never be duped into letting someone else tell you what should define your life.

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Church Office Hours

April 22nd – 26th

Monday – 9-11 & 12-3

Tuesday – 9-11 & 12-3

Wednesday – 9-11 & 12-3

Thursday – 9-11 & 12-3

Friday - CLOSED



This Weekend
Saturday, April 27
8:30 a.m.

A reminder that the church work day is Saturday starting at 8:30 a.m. Donuts will be served to start the day and maid-rites will be served for lunch.

Things to be accomplished

- + Parsonage garage – landscaping north side
- + Evaluate window sill outside women’s restroom to see why water is coming in. Caulk as needed
- + Clean gutters at the parsonage
- + Check the roof of the parsonage and see what is on top of it
- + Kitchen clean up as needed
- + What does the Girl Scout/questioners room need?
- + Scrape and paint a small pipe in Fellowship Hall
- + Things stored in catacombs under front steps bring out and evaluate what is there, and why – need to make a pile for City Wide Clean-Up

A graphic for 'CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE' and 'CITY-WIDE CLEAN UP'. The 'CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE' text is in large, bold, blue and green letters. Below it, the dates 'Friday, May 3rd' and 'Saturday, May 4th' are written in green. To the right, the 'CITY-WIDE CLEAN UP' text is in red, above an illustration of a trash can and a black trash bag. Below the illustration, the dates and times are written in red and blue: 'MAY 16TH & 17TH 8 AM - 4 PM' and 'MAY 18TH - 8 AM - 12 PM'. The entire graphic is enclosed in a blue-bordered box with a blue ribbon-like tail on the right side.



St. Mary's Ladies Guild
ANNUAL SALAD BAR LUNCHEON

Thursday, May 9, 2024

11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Salads of all kinds!



*Featuring St Mary's
signature dish:*

Hot Chicken Salad

**And don't forget
dessert!**



St. Mary's Parish Hall—512 W. Thomas Ave., Shenandoah
\$12 per person or free will offering

April 24, 2024

Dear Members of the Iowa Annual Conference,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

General Conference has officially begun. And we come into this time with great hope for our church. We come hoping for outcomes that will move us forward as a more equitable church, a more gracious church, a church making space for all people, no matter race or culture, economic or immigration status, gender, gender identity, or sexuality. Some of us also come with fear that the actions or inactions of our General Conference will cause further harm or drive us apart. None of us knows what will happen.

But I come knowing this: as important as the decisions to be made at this General Conference—as potentially historic as those decisions might be—we will continue to do ministry in Iowa. And we will continue to live out our mission to inspire, equip, and connect communities of faith to cultivate world-changing disciples of Jesus Christ. We will continue to pray and work toward our vision to make God's hope for the world real through faithful leaders, fruitful communities, and fire-filled people. And we will continue to be faithful to God's greatest commandments, to love the Lord with heart, mind, and soul, and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

But friends hear this—no matter what happens in Charlotte over these next days, God is still God. Our church will continue to be the Church. And, we will continue to remember who we are as United Methodists in Iowa—a people steeped in a theology of grace—the unrelenting and amazing grace of God.

Please continue to keep all of the delegates, translators, bishops, and other leaders of our church in prayer over these hope-filled days.

Blessings and Peace,

Bishop Kennetha J. Bigham-Tsai
Iowa Annual Conference

Grace and peace,
Pastor David B. Clark
308-258-7749



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**BISHOP KENNETHA
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