



Weekly Booster

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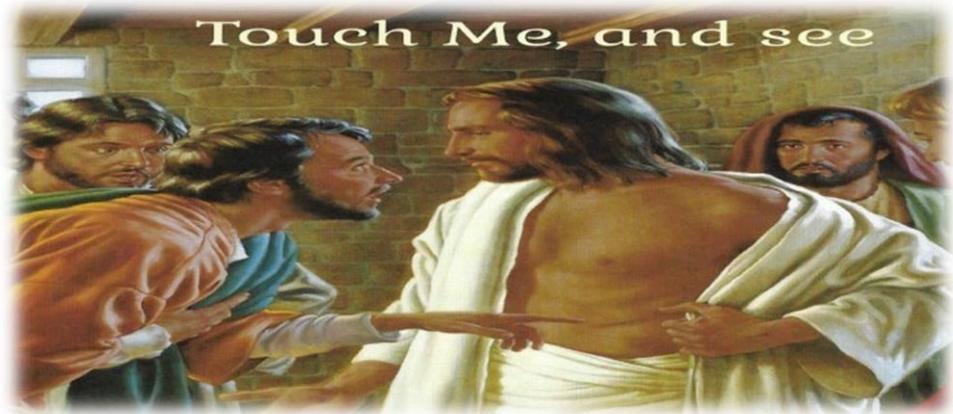
Sunday Facebook Host

Craig Harris

Sunday Praise Team

Terry Stafford, Linda Haldane,
Margaret Brady, Eric Whipple,
Drew Morelock, Deb Finlay,
Robin Hensen, Jeff Hiser,
Jodi Anderzhon

**** Praise team practices each Wednesday night beginning at 5:00 for instrumental and 5:30 pm for the singers. If you would like to join the Praise Team come and join us on Wednesday evening!**



Today the emphasis is on touching. Jesus is trying to ground the disciples' faith in the reality of his presence, in the concreteness of his being. He told them to touch him; he ate in front of them. He was announcing that he was real. What can we provide, what hands-on proof can we give that Jesus is alive among us? Of course, we have been in a pandemic and touching is still not something we want to engage in. But we can still give examples of lives being touched, hearts being touched.

Maybe the emphasis is on feeding, since Jesus ate that piece of fish as a way of proving his presence. Maybe we talk about food banks or feeding programs; maybe we remind our members of the tradition of potlucks – perhaps they began right here as part of the Resurrection story of Jesus! Who knows what has happened to potlucks in our current climate, but there are safe ways of sharing meals together. Maybe an at-home potluck could be a common menu that everyone prepares on their own, and pictures are shared of each family or individual partaking in that “shared” meal. Or maybe you could put together packaged meals to share in your neighborhood, especially in those areas of food insecurity, as a way of letting people touch and see. Meals could be dropped off at each house with a note and a wave.

So what could be done in the context of worship around these ideas, that just read about? One of the functions of worship is to inspire people to service. So, if the church hasn't settled on a specific program or project, then worship could be a place to raise ideas, to challenge worshipers to think creatively about feeding programs.

Reference: Rev. Dr. Derek Weber, Director of Preaching Ministries, served churches in Indiana and Arkansas and the British Methodist Church. His PhD is from University of Edinburgh in preaching and media. He has taught preaching in seminary and conference settings for more than 20 years.

Third Sunday of Easter ...

E-Cycle – Pella
April 23rd – 3-6 p.m.

City Wide
Garage Sales
May 7th & 8th
Friday & Saturday

Citywide Clean-up
May 12th – 15th
Wednesday-Saturday

Reminders

Praise Team

Wednesday Nights
5:30 p.m.

Choir

Wednesday Nights
7:00 p.m.

April 22nd

T.O.P.S.
4:30 p.m.

April 24th

H.S. Prom

Pastor Luke

On paternity leave until
May 30th (*he will be
preaching on Sundays*)
Please call the office or a
leadership member if you
have an emergency.

When we read the Resurrection accounts without supplementary overlays of piety and unquestioned faith, we can start to comprehend how hard it was for the disciples to understand the risen Christ. That is simply because the Resurrection fulfilled everything Jesus had tried to teach them during his ministry, but they had never grasped it. They had loved him, but their faith was never more than a ghost of his own.

The risen Jesus had to begin by convincing them that he himself had returned to them and that he was truly alive; they could see the scars of his suffering and, just as he had done throughout their life together, he could eat with them.

Luke tells us that Jesus nudged his friends through their incredulity and amazement to the point that he could open their minds to understand the Scriptures. The Gospels attest to the fact that until they had been through Jesus' death and resurrection, they did not and perhaps could not understand what he had tried to teach them.

It was one thing to hear him proclaim that the last would be first; it was quite another for them to meet their crucified friend arisen from the dead. They had often heard him preach *metanoia* and forgiveness, but they began to learn what it meant when he transformed their way of thinking by returning to them with his message of peace.

In the end, Jesus mandated his disciples to be his witnesses. He knew that the only way they could learn what his message was about was through preaching it in word and deed.

Reference: Mary M. McGlone, Spiritually, April 2018

Offertory Giving

Giving is easy to do on our website! In the upper right-hand corner click "GIVE" and it will walk you through how to make a one-time, weekly, or monthly offering or donation. It is private and secure.



You can mail your offering to:

First United
Methodist Church
PO Box 394
Shenandoah, IA
51601

Giving back...

We are trying to inform and encourage our congregation and friends of First United Methodist Church to give weekly, monthly, quarterly, etc., so we do not fall into a trap of leaving the budget (unbalanced) and then scramble if there is a shortage or an unsuspected emergency. Yes, we will have a full-time pastor, which also requires additional financing.

Some scriptures you might read this week: John 3:16, Psalms 112:9, Luke 11:13, Acts 20:35, and Proverbs 27:23.

Closing with a borrowed quote, ***“Work like it all depends on you, but pray like it all depends on God!”***

Respectfully,
Duane Rexroth

Native American Ministries Week

The emphasis of Native American Ministries for this week will affect some congregations more directly than others. Every congregation can become more aware of the real situation of First Nations people in various parts of the country, and every congregation can certainly participate in supporting vital ministries in those areas. Provide information about various ministry opportunities. [Click here to view ResourceUMC's information about previous Native American Ministries Sundays.](#) You can also cut and paste this link <https://bit.ly/3dduRGe>

We hope to provide liturgical resources from our Native American brothers and sisters. Incorporation of these prayers or litanies would help bridge the understanding gap between our churches. This is part of what it means to touch and see. Touch another tradition; touch another perspective; take hold of something that takes you out of yourself long enough to embrace the realities of another's existence. Overcoming racism is an ongoing process of education and a constant reminder that embracing those of a difference race or ethnicity involves stretching ourselves and our practices to include and embrace diversity. We are challenged by our bishops to continue the task of ending racism in us and in our society. This emphasis is an important opportunity to embrace that challenge. Again, our world is asking us to show our faith by how we choose to live it. The way we encounter those unlike us is one way we have of grounding our faith in the reality of this world. *Touch and see.*

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Church Office Hours

**No children or adult Sunday School at this time.

**Bell Choir – TBA

**Chancel Choir – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Nights

**Helping Hands – Last

Sunday of each month starting at 4:00pm

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

Office Hours

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

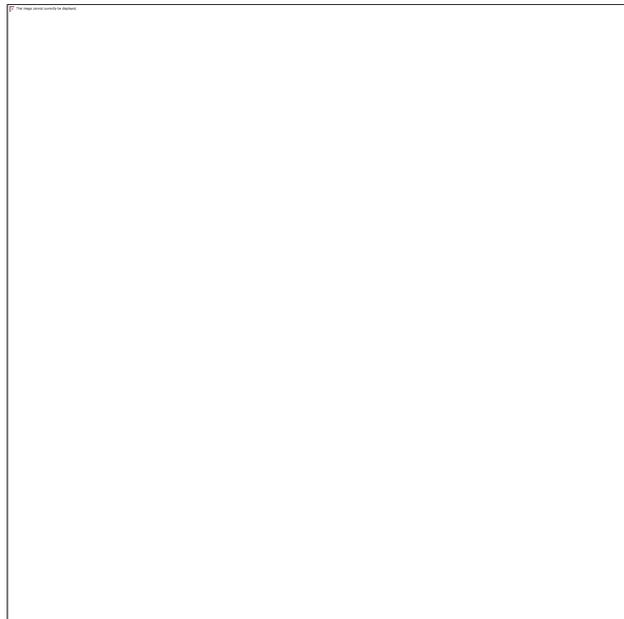
9:00-11:00

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.

Keep Current

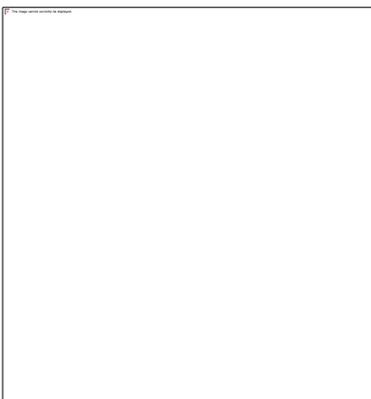
+ If you have a change of address, phone number, correction of the spelling of our name, want your birthday or anniversary included on the monthly calendar, prayer request, volunteer, sign up for One Call Now, you have three ways to let us know about the change. First, new on the website is a form like you see in the picture, call the office, or One Call Now in the right hand corner of our website.



YOLO JK
BRB LOL –
Jesus

The Lord moves in mysterious ways, but you don't have to. Please use your blinker.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



18th – Dennis Bayless, Mary Thompson

21st – Sarah Fillmore

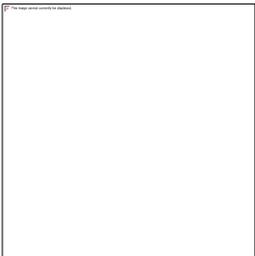
24th – Elaine Broermann, Deanna Lambertsen

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<http://bit.ly/3skF0p9>

Order of Service

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

Call to Worship

L: Who can raise these bones from death?

P: Christ has pulled us from the grave!

L: Who can heal these wounds and scars?

P: Christ invites us back to grace!

L: He has risen!

A: He has risen indeed!

“Flesh and Bones”

New Testament Scripture: Acts 3:12-19

New Testament Scripture: 1 John 3:1-7

Gospel Reading: John 1:36-48

Songs:

Jesus Paid it All #3100 (Green Book)

Raise A Hallelujah (words on the screens)

In Christ Alone #3105 (Green Book)

Terry Stafford - Offering

I'll Fly Away #2282 (Black Book)

Chancel Choir “Holy and Mighty”

April 11th Attendance

In-Person Worship – 55

Online Worship – 30

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.”