

# Shenandoah First United Methodist Church

*Pastor Luke Fillmore*

*Our Church **Mission** is: To know and serve God by sharing Christ's Love.*

*Our Church **Vision** is: We will grow in holiness, our community will thrive, and we will make a difference in Our World!*

## The “**Booster**” Newsletter

for the week of

*December 13, 2020*

712-246-2081

**<<<<<NO... IN PERSON WORSHIP or SUNDAY SCHOOL  
UNTIL JAN 11, 2020 per Bishop Laurie Haller, State of Iowa>>>>>**  
**<<< WATCH FOR UPDATED INFORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE>>>**

**ONLINE ONLY WORSHIP begins at 9 AM**

12/6/2020 Live Online: 47

**Facebook** (*United Methodist Church Shenandoah*) page as well as on our YouTube link.

Website [www.sheniafumc.org](http://www.sheniafumc.org) and click on the **FB button** to view service

You will find **all of the church updates, on-line giving and calendars** on our website.

*Check out our website for daily devotions!!*

**\*\*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 donation or set up for multiple donations.**

*\*Just ask Della how easy it is to use!! ;)*

*You can always mail your offering or pledge to the church, too.*

**First United Methodist Church**

**PO BOX 394**

**Shenandoah, Iowa 51601**

**(at this time, if needing any church assistance, please leave a message and the office will return your call)**

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*\*Please keep your **address and emails current** with the church so we can stay connected with you!*



**FYI: Just in case you drive by the church after dark...**

We are leaving the lights on in the sanctuary and chapel to signify “**Healing Hope**” for the community and the World.

**“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path”**

**\*\*\*ONLINE CONNECTION TIMES\*\*\***

**With Pastor Luke**

**Tuesdays 7AM Morning Prayer Time (for the early risers;)**

**Wednesdays 7PM Online Study-Lessons & Carols**

**Thursdays 7PM Evening Prayer Time**

On our church [Facebook](#) page(see link address above) as well as  
Also on YouTube Link: [www.youtube.com/channel/UC\\_zapfZGHY4G5FFYD6NKA](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_zapfZGHY4G5FFYD6NKA)

**Listen and watch for all church updates!..!**

**Set up a time to MEET with Pastor Luke by emailing him, texting or calling!**

*Ps Luke: call or text(515)419-1179 or [luke.fillmore@iaumc.net](mailto:luke.fillmore@iaumc.net)*

*\*CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education): Meet with Pastor Luke for some individual connection time.*

*This gives us **All** a chance to have whatever kind of conversation you would like to have with your Pastor. He would be glad to **meet you on your front porch, on your couch, at his office, VIA ZOOM or through a Phone call!***

**\*Pastor Luke is offering Communion all month in December! Call, text or email him for times he has available!**

**If you are about to go “sTir CraZy” because you have been (((“cooped up”))) in the house and you are feeling well, there are things that could be done at the church to help relieve that!! Individuals or families willing to Serve in this capacity are welcome to contact the church office and we will be glad to get you started! (hang costumes on 3rd fl., tidy and clean nursery toys, elevator tidying, tape removal, etc.) Sr. Port. projects available too!!**

**Email [churchs3cr3tary@gmail.com](mailto:churchs3cr3tary@gmail.com) or call the office if you are interested!**

**COOKBOOKS HAVE ARRIVED!!! \$8 ea. or 2/\$15**



**CHURCH OFFICE OPEN Saturday 11-2pm!**

***Christmas Time is here...Poinsettias have been ordered and ready for you to purchase to help you decorate for the season!***

***They are \$13 ea. We will receive them at the office***

***THIS SATURDAY, Dec 12th after 1 pm!***

***A “ONE CALL” was sent out so you can stop to get yours if you choose or arrangements can be made for the next week(s) to have them delivered to your***

***home.(Shenandoah area only please).***

***It is not too late as we have ordered enough to still decorate the chancel choir area for videoing. So stop by Saturday to pay/pickup a poinsettia, if you haven't done so. We will continue with “Honoring” or “In memory of” and add it to the weekly booster.***

***We kindly ask for payment in full.***

\*\*\*December 21st at 7pm there will be a special charge conference over zoom. This has been called by the church and the DS to amend a few charge conference forms. If you have any questions feel free to reach out to either Pastor Luke, the Ad. Chair, Treasurer, or SPRC Chair. Thank you.

## YOU MUST DO THIS NOW!

### GARDEN VIEW CARE CENTER

is looking for our “church family” to stop by and decorate an outdoor tree at the care center starting now! Gloria Mauer, Activities Director at Garden View and church member, asks that we decorate it for the enjoyment of the residents when they look out their windows. You will be responsible for the decorations. If you have extra outdoor ornaments that can be used but can not do any decorating, please let the church office know.

OUR TREE IS RIGHT OUT FRONT MARKED WITH OUR CHURCH SIGN!!

All are welcome!

\*Solar Lighting WILL BE provided!  
Our sign is there! Let's help make this happen!

## FRIDAY DECEMBER 18TH “BLUE CHRISTMAS”

We know that not everyone is experiencing joy and excitement during the Christmas season. Dealing with the isolation of a global pandemic, job losses, COVID-19 infections, deaths of loved ones, divorces, the political and religious divisions all contribute to feelings of pain and sadness. We are creating a service that will help you set aside a time of sacred space for those who feel blue and seek hope and comfort during the Christmas Season.

Acknowledging our pain through song, ritual and liturgy can be a helpful way to deal with loss and pain during the Christmas season. Increasingly churches are recognizing this and facilitating grieving through Blue Christmas services. This year we will be releasing a Blue Christmas service online on Dec 18th at 5pm found on our FB page. You will be able to go back to view this service at any time after it first goes live, as well.

<<<<Men's Group Grocery Handing Out>>>>  
Sunday Dec 20th @ 4 pm!

## CHRISTMAS EVE 2020

Christmas Eve Traditional Service of Scripture and Hymns will be pre recorded and released on our Facebook and YouTube link at 5pm for those of you that would like to enjoy it anytime. If you are interested in reading or singing, notify PsLuke or the office by Monday the 14th.

**THEN...**

We are having a “Lighting Drive-By” this year! (starting at dusk) Those of you that have decorated or are planning on decorating your homes or yards with lights are asked to notify the church so we can add you to a map of the area for a drive-by for all of us to enjoy on Christmas Eve. ONLY ONE BRAVE SOUL HAS STEPPED FORWARD! (Griswold lighting is not necessary:) If it brings you enjoyment, it will definitely bring it to others!

**THEN...**

\*\*If you are still out and about, we are gathering ON the Church steps at 8:45PM for a “some-what” traditional outdoor candle lighting and singing of Silent Night

**AT 9PM!**

Join us by bringing your flashlight, glow stick or candle!:(:)

Masks and social distancing will be followed and if you are not able to join us on the steps there will be parking available.

Roll your window down, hold your light up & out and sing with us!! SILENT NIGHT-HOLY NIGHT....

We will be recording this and hopefully “going live” on our Facebook page!

See the attached invite for the Christmas Eve Candlelight service **on your own porch** and invite your friends and neighbors to participate!  
PLEASE SNAP A SELFIE OR A PICTURE OF YOUR GROUP WHILE PARTICIPATING and using social media use this hashtag...!  
**#AllIsBright**

“Hal-lelujah! Hal-lelujah! Hallelujah!Hallelujah! Hal-le-lu-jah!”

### *Third Sunday of Advent*

*December 12th 2020*

*Pastor Luke Fillmore*

**9AM**

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

#### **Welcome**

Song and 3rd Advent candle lighting- **“JOY”**

+**Old Testament Scripture:** *Isaiah ch61: vs1-4*

+**New Testament Scripture:** *1 Thessalonians ch5: vs16-24*

+**Gospel Reading:** *John ch1: vs6-8 & vs19-28*

*“Knowing, Trusting & Tension”*

**Message: “REJOICE ALWAYS”**

To First United Methodist Church members;

The Shenandoah Hispanic Center Board of Directors thanks you for all the assistance you provided recently to help with the Center's Christmas celebration for the Hispanic families in our community. Each child up to 13 years of age will receive a Christmas gift and each household will receive a \$15.00 gift card from Fareway. Thank you for your shoebox gifts, your donations, your help in wrapping and preparing the gifts, the mittens, caps and scarves that will be available for takeaways and everything else that you did to help with the Hispanic Center's Christmas non-party this year. Thank you!

Best wishes to you all at this Advent and Christmas seasons time and always.

Sincerely.

Shenandoah Hispanic Center Board of Directors

**\* THE UPCOMING WEEKS:**

**Birthdays & Anniversaries\*\***

15. Craig Foster, Vicki Woodford  
18. Evelyn Lorimor, Bentley Stribling  
19. Drew Kruse, Callie 20. Ron Fox  
23. M/M David Skinner\*\*  
24. Dixie Dailey  
26. Marcia Allely  
28. Becky Ashenfelter  
30. Todd Bashaw, Matthew Hobbie  
31. Todd Lundgren, Amy Zollars

**BE A PART OF YOUR CHURCH SERVICES**

\*As we are currently providing the live streaming with media equipment that is “doing the job”, we progress with our abilities to provide better quality and more in depth ways we will need to update our equipment.

**\*\*SOME new possibilities for outside the church**

**but inside your car, services!!\*\*:**

So, if you would like to donate to this special cause, with a greater need, you may go to our website page or mail them to the church. If you would be interested in helping with the Media in any way, please contact Ps Luke or Jeff Hiser.

*Exciting times!*

*Sunday morning Facebook Greeter: Craig Harris  
Media/Sound: Jeff Hiser and Ps Luke Fillmore  
Praise Team  
Jodi Anderzhon, Deb Finlay, Jeff Hiser  
Accompanist: Terry Staford  
Keyboard: Linda Haldane  
Bass: Drew Morelock*

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**\*\*\*We are still accepting Church Secretary applications and would like to offer this to our congregation members first.**

**Please send your resume to [churchs3cr3tary@gmail.com](mailto:churchs3cr3tary@gmail.com)**

**Thank you**



***Merry Christmas!***

**\*\*Please share your holiday pictures with us to post on our website! We miss you!!\*\***