

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 20, 2020

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ONLINE ONLY **WORSHIP** begins at **9 AM**

12/13/2020

Live Online: 42

Facebook ([United Methodist Church Shenandoah](#)) page as well as on our YouTube link.

Website 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!*

If you would like your **Giving Statement emailed, please email churchs3cr3tary@gmail.com*



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

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

**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 or call the office if you are interested!

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

Call to reserve one or to schedule a pickup time!



We still have a few beautiful poinsettias available
for you to purchase @\$13 ea.

Call or email the church office for more

information.

***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.

THIS 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.

THEN...

Pastor Luke would like you to jump in your car with a cup of hot cocoa and drive around to take in the beautiful Christmas lights that people have put up around town all while listening to your favorite Christmas tunes! Mike & Mary Peterson invite you to drive by their home at 308 E Nishna and Todd and Mandy Maher at 1239 St Hwy 2 to see their lights too! (Baird’s Christmas Lights, north of Red Oak, 1233 E. Ave. is a must see this time of year too!-They start at 5pm and will run through Jan 1st)

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

or

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!”

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20th 2020

Pastor Luke Fillmore

9AM

**Prelude/Postlude: Terry Stafford, pianist*

Welcome

Song and 4th Advent candle lighting- **Peace**

+**Old Testament Scripture:** *2 Samuel ch7: vs1-11, 16*

+**New Testament Scripture:** *Romans ch16: vs25-27*

+**Gospel Reading:** *Luke ch1: vs26-38*
"Courage, Trust"

Message: "A HOUSE FOREVER"

*** THE UPCOMING WEEKS:**

Birthdays & Anniversaries**

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 Stafford

Keyboard: Linda Haldane

Bass: Drew Morelock

****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

Thank you



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

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

