

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 4, 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**

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!*



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”

*****New ONLINE Connection Times with Pastor Luke on our FB page!*****

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

Wednesdays 7PM Online Study-Lessons & Carols

Thursdays 7PM Evening Prayer Time

Please join Ps. Luke Online

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 updates!. SPECIAL CHRISTMAS CAROL STUDY COMING!

Set up your 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) Email churchs3cr3tary@gmail.com or call the office if you are interested!

“Oh Come Let Us Adore Him”



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 on Saturday, Dec 12th.

Poinsettias will be available for you to pick up at the church office on the 12th or arrangements can be made for the next week to have them delivered to your home.(Shenandoah area only please).

Payments can be mailed to the church, made ON-Line or call to make other arrangements. We will continue with “Honoring” or “In memory of” and add it to the weekly booster.

We kindly ask for payment in full.

***LAST CHANCE FOR YOU TO HELP WITH THESE MISSIONS !!!**

****Hispanic Center*** also has information available on the needs for the ***Christmas Shoeboxes!!***
Call Sue Jones @ 246-8189 or sajones44@msn.com to express how you can help with another community mission!!

***You can email or call the church office to sign up too! Thank you for your support!
Ages 2-13 yrs are who we will be gifting.***

****Mitten & Hat Tree:*** This is a ***whole church mission*** that was started many years ago. We appreciate ***homemade or store bought mittens, scarves and hats in all colors and sizes!*** This year the Shenandoah Schools ***will only be needing a few of these items, so we will plan on finding new people and places and share them.**** ***Let us know*** if you have a need or know of an organization or group that would have a need that we could fill with a donation from the Mitten & Hat Tree!

GARDEN VIEW CARE CENTER ...

is looking for our ***“church family”*** to decorate an ***outdoor tree*** at the care center starting now! Gloria Mauer, Activities Director at Garden View and church member, will have the trees set in place and ask that we decorate them for the enjoyment of the residents so when they look outside they can see it. 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.

Interested in decorating the tree as an individual, a family or small group, “our” tree will be marked on the south side of Garden View. All are welcome! *Solar Lighting WILL BE provided!

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 access it at your convenience and we will keep you updated with more information as we get it.

CHRISTMAS EVE 2020

We are looking to have a ***“Lighting Drive-By”*** this year! 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 compile a map of the area for a drive-by for all of us to enjoy on Christmas Eve. We will have designated hours for this.

Stay tuned for more information on this.

[See the attached invite for the Christmas Eve Candlelight service!](#)

Please be sure to watch the church website daily for any updates.

***Second Sunday of Advent
December 6th 2020***

Pastor Luke Fillmore

9AM

**Prelude/Postlude: Terry Stafford, pianist*

Welcome

Song and Advent lighting

+**Old Testament Scripture:** ISAIAH 40: 1-11

+**New Testament Scripture:** 2 Peter 3:8-15a

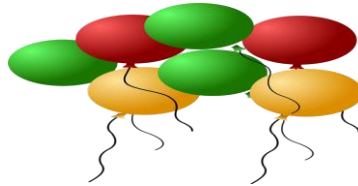
+**Gospel Reading:** MARK 1:1-8

“LONGING, FORGIVENESS, HOLINESS”

Message: “Prepare the Way”

MANY THANKS TO THOSE THAT HELPED DECORATE THE SANCTUARY AND THE OUTDOORS FOR CHRISTMAS!

11/29/2020 *Live Online: 45*



*** THE UPCOMING WEEKS:**

Birthdays & Anniversaries**

7th: Jim Baldwin *Card shower for Jim's 80th birthday!*

Please send well wishes to: Jim Baldwin

507 Church Street

Shenandoah, Iowa 51601

8th: Robert Foster

Emma Priest

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