

Shenandoah First United Methodist Church

Pastor Luke Fillmore



The “**Booster**” Newsletter

for the week of

January 10th 2021

712-246-2081

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

1/3/2021 Live Online: 43

Watch for updated Worship information soon!

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.

You can mail your offering or pledge to the church as well

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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!*



We are continuing to leave the lights on in the North sanctuary, balcony 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

Start your new year with scheduled prayer times!

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

Thursdays 7PM Evening Prayer Time

****If you have a favorite book of the Bible that you would like Ps. Luke to talk about for 10 min or so and share for a Wednesday evening topic, let us know!! Until then, he will be gathering topics to share and start up his 7pm Wednesday night studies, soon.**

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!..!

Ps Luke needs to connect with you!!

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!

****SPRC Zoom mtg scheduled for this Monday, January 11th, 2020 @ 6pm**

*****Ad Council Zoom mtg scheduled for this *Monday at 7pm.***
Discussion on Bishop's recommendation to safely gather again.

Iowa United Methodist Conference Re-Entry Updates : see following information shared by our Bishop

***** January 4, 2021***

To the clergy and congregations of the Iowa Annual Conference:

We would like to thank you for your faithful response to the November 18th directive from Bishop Laurie Haller and the Appointive Cabinet that paused in-person worship and church activities through January 10th. You may recall this decision was made in response to worsening COVID-19 positivity rates across the state and the profound pressures being placed on our healthcare systems and frontline workers. We deeply appreciate the ways in which you partnered together through Advent, Christmas Season and Epiphany to provide virtual worship, small group opportunities, and resourcing our local faith communities with pastoral care, stewardship planning and connecting with your broader community during this hard and holy time. After consulting with local leaders and healthcare personnel - and in review of reported numbers across the state - this directive will be lifted with a return to yellow status after January 10th.

To determine your best next steps as a local congregation, you are encouraged to return to the 3-2-1 Re-Entry Guideline available on the Conference Website and would ask your local re-entry leadership teams to review your county/public health numbers, hospitalizations, ICU bed availability and covid-related deaths as you make your re-entry decisions.

Our recommendation is that for churches located in counties with positivity rates at or below 15.0 percent - and review and implementation of your protocols - you may choose to resume in-person worship and gatherings with appropriate safety protocols of masking, physical distancing and other recommended safety procedures in place. For counties where case positivity rates are above 15.0 percent, it is requested these congregations consider remaining in the red. To review your county data, go to:

Iowa Covid Tracker at: <https://iowacovid19tracker.org/>

<https://coronavirus.iowa.gov/pages/percent-school-district-positive-analysis> from Iowa agencies.

Harvard/Globalpandemics at: https://globalepidemics.org/key-metrics-for-covid-suppression/?fbclid=IwAR2Pt_KOoLT1iHhSPi5mTN_J9u6NT2BWvKW_z9IDzMWd_ErmqqlfuvVHMC0.

You will find there are inconsistencies in the reports as these groups are following and reporting their information/metrics differently. Look for pieces of information that are confirmed between two or more sites.

Additionally, we would encourage your leadership to access the Vaccine education and availability guidelines from the Iowa Department of Public Health and share this

resource with your congregations. Also, to encourage your faith community to get their flu shots if they have not yet done so.

For updated information from the Iowa Department of Public Health, go to: <https://idph.iowa.gov/emerging-health-issues/novel-coronavirus>

Bishop Laurie and the Appointive Cabinet

HELP!!!

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 ARE HERE !!! \$8 ea. or 2/\$15
Call to reserve one or to schedule a pickup time



IF you are getting this Booster via email, watch for your 2020 giving statement via email. You will be notified ahead of time.

Return your 2021 PLEDGE CARDS

Members and Friends of FUMC Shenandoah,

Even though 2020 has passed, we would share with you a need to finish your giving promise for 2020. We ask that you review your promise (pledge) and update your balance of giving for 2020. Also to help our bookkeeping by indicating such as: “Completing my Pledge for 2020” or “additional” money beyond pledge, etc.

*Please return your **orange Pledge Cards** for 2021 to the church office.

Thanks be to God,
Duane Rexroth
Finance Chair.



“BAPTISM OF OUR LORD”

January 10 2021

Pastor Luke Fillmore

9AM

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

Welcome to Worship

+Old Testament Scripture: Genesis 1: 1-5

+New Testament Scripture: Acts 19:1-7

+Gospel Reading: Mark 1: 4-11

Sermon title:

“ Beloved ”

**Communion next week Jan 17, 2021*

****If you would like to share a joy/concern or prayer request, please have an email into the church by Thursday morning for the Booster printing or leave a comment on our FB page first thing Sunday mornings so we can get it shared as timely as we can.**

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



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

NOTE OF THANKS:

A special thank you to those who called me, sent a card or gift at Christmas time this year. My church family is very special to me!

I am looking forward to being all together again, soon.

Hoping your 2021 is full of many blessings and good health

Ms. Elinor Sharp