



Weekly Booster

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**** 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!**



Jesus told stories. And some of them weren't even stories, but metaphors, or images. They were hints of stories, glimpses of something just out of reach. Some find these stories or images confusing. "Why doesn't he just tell us plain?" Well, some things are too complex to be plain. Sometimes you have to share the bigger picture in order to see.

When we grow into the new creation we are called to be in Christ. So, think about talking about growing. Those who are raising kids find themselves telling stories about the latest thing, the latest mischief, the latest accomplishment that their child has gotten into. We need stories to help us see what living as a disciple is like. We tell our stories, and we tell stories of others as examples of a faithful life.

So make room for storytelling this week. We used to call it testimony. We tell our stories of faith. Yes, of course, this could get out of hand. Sometimes we like to hear ourselves talk. Or sometimes we don't want to tell the deep dark secrets of our souls. Maybe some instructions on how to tell your testimony would be useful. Maybe some examples of those within the congregation who have a story to tell could be encouraged and given space to do so. What is it like to be made a new creation? What is it like to experience God's love and forgiveness, to have a taste of the kin-dom in your own life? What glimpses of the kin-dom have you seen in your daily life and what ways have you been or experienced the sheltering shade of the branches of faith?

This is another week for giving thanks for the body, for the fellowship of faith that provides an example of living discipleship around us and before us. But also, a teaching tool to help others put their own story into words in a way that allows them to share. We all have growing to do, that's true. Yet our example might just be the metaphor others need to help them understand and grow into faith too. Worship can also model how we tell our story in ways that are not intrusive or offensive to others, but an outgrowth of loving relationships of caring and service. Encourage the telling of stories. Our own stories of growth into the new creation might be the means of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

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.

*If it costs you
your peace, it's
too expensive*

Reminders

June 12th (Saturday)

9:00-11:00 a.m.

Farewell Celebration for
Pastor Luke, Sarah, Kids
Fellowship Hall
(muffins, donut holes,
juice, coffee)

June 13th

Communion Sunday
Pastor Luke's last
sermon

June 13th

High Road & Cowboy
Church Band, 6:30 pm
Courthouse Square

June 14th

Moving day, Pastor Luke
and family

June 16th

Praise Team
5:30 p.m.

June 17th

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

June 20th

Father's Day

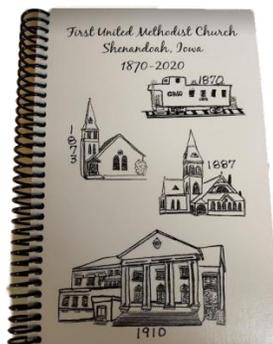


Join us for a "Farewell Celebration" for Pastor Luke, Sarah, and the kids on Saturday, June 12th from 9:00-11:00 a.m. The celebration will be held downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. The elevator is available if you have difficulty with stairs.

Coffee, juice, muffins, and donut holes will be provided.



We are asking for your help on Sunday mornings when it comes to parking before service. We ask that you leave the parking spaces in front of the church, from Thomas Ave to the alley, open for handicap parking. This will make walking distance to the door or elevator shorter for those that could utilize handicap parking.



Cookbooks still for sale...

Are you tired of fixing the same meals over and over? If so we have the solution for you! Our newest cookbook celebrating a 150 years is still available for purchase. There are hundreds of recipes available that were submitted by individuals of our congregation.

Get your copy now for \$8 or 2/\$15. Call the office. Payment due when you pick them up.

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.



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A Little Church History – Part II



The crowd of faithful pioneers soon outgrew their “upper room” quarters, and in the summer of 1873 a little wooden church, the first in town, was erected at the corner of Thomas and Church Streets at a cost of \$2,650. The church, which was built during the Reverend Jesse Evans’ pastorate, could seat 250 people. Within ten years, however, a new church building had been proposed, for often people had to be turned away since there was not room in the first little church. After much persistence, money was raised and an \$8,000 church erected, using the original site and as much of the first building as possible. The new church was built during the pastorate of the Reverend L.B. Wichersham and was dedicated in June, 1887.

And in 1889 the first Epworth League was organized. There were fifty-six members who used the new church for Sunday evening meetings. Four years after the church had been completed; a new parsonage was built at Sixth Avenue and Church Street. Before entertaining the annual conference in 1894 a large wing was added to the church and the entire building was re decorated and a change to electric lights was made. The envelope-finance plan was introduced in 1896. In 1901 a Mason Anna Hamlin Oregon was purchased for the use in the church.

By 1910 the church had once more outgrown its home (for example, Epworth leg membership had grown to 112), and plans were being discussed for a new and much larger church. The reverend B. F. Crissman crusaded for a new building. It was during the reverend Frederick Simpson’s pastorate, however, that the present church building was erected at the cost of \$56,000 and was dedicated by Bishop William A. Quayle in October, 1912.

The George Bogart home at the corner of 5th Ave and Church Street was purchased in 1920 for use as a parsonage, and later as Wesley house. In 1922 the present pipe organ was installed in the church.

For nearly fifty years children in the Shenandoah school district have been able to attend religion classes in the church of their choice during regular school hours, for it was back in 1925 that the Shenandoah churches began holding release-time weekday religious education classes.

In 1939 came the union of the three main branches of the Methodist Church, and the Shenandoah church changed its name from “The Methodist Episcopal Church” to “The Methodist Church,” signifying its unity with 42,000 other churches of the same name. At this same time the ladies aid and the home and Foreign Missionary Society merged to form the Woman’s Society of Christian Service and the Epworth League took the name of the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

Look for more information about the history of our church in future Booster additions.

Church Office Hours

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

**Bell Choir – TBA
**Chancel Choir - Sept. Wednesday Nights

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.



No, Luke, God is your father.

Babysitter Needed

Sarah and Luke are looking for a baby sitter for Sunday afternoon, June 13th, and Monday morning, June 14th.

You will babysit in the nursery of the church. This will allow Sarah and Luke to do last minute things before moving on Monday.

Please contact any SPRC member if you are able to help.



A Big Thank You



A big thank you to the following individuals that came and helped paint the parsonage garage; Paul Andersen, Keith Allely, Alan Hutchison, Linda Haldane, Duane Rexroth, Gregg Broermann, Jim Baldwin, Craig Harris, and Nora Fillmore.

It's okay if you fall apart sometimes. Tacos fall apart and we still love them.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

*Choir Practice
June 30th for July
4th Sunday
Service.
Time - TBA*



16th – Dustin Lambertsen

18th – Jeanne Kocis

19th – Craig Harris

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Order of Service

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

Call to Worship

L: Foxes have holes, and Birds have trees

P: But we are called to walk with Christ

L: God will lead us through the valleys

P: With the help of God, we will live into the Kingdom

L: Hallelujah!

A: Hallelujah! Thanks be to God!

“To Pass Down A Coat”

Old Testament Scripture: *2 Kings 2:1-14*

New Testament Scripture: *2 Corinthians 13:5-9, 11-14*

Gospel Reading: *John 1:19-31*

Songs

Holy, Holy, Holy #64 (Hymnal)

God the Spirit, Guide, and Guardian #581 (Hymnal)

Special Music – Julie Murren

Cares Chorus #2215 (Black Book) - Praise Band - Offering

Go Now In Peace #665 (Hymnal)

June 6th Attendance

In-Person Worship – 72

Online Worship – 18

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.”