



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!**

How sweet it is: United Methodist and bees by

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"I never feel more connected to the earth and God than when I'm surrounded by a million venomous insects," says United Methodist Jay Williams about his beekeeping avocation.

While Williams' statement may surprise some people, he and other United Methodist apiarists say delving into the complex world of bees has deepened their faith. "When you're working with these little insects and they are doing all these things, you see all this wonderment," shares Williams, [Christ United Methodist Church](#) member and founder of [Williams Honey Farm](#). "It's like a tap on the shoulder that says, 'Hey, there's more than you think. Celebrate it and tell as many people about it as you can.'"

Tiny but mighty

The average honey bee weighs 3 grams; it takes approximately 3500 bees to weigh one pound. Recognizing the significant impact of something so small has influenced Tate Abbott's faith.

"Even the simplest things, like when bees go out to pollinate flowers and doing chores, it's little but that stuff matters," says the 18-year-old college student. "Even if I'm doing simple acts of faith for God, it may be little but it can make a huge difference."

"Every small creature is important ...," she explains. "Small things, such as bees, make a huge difference."

Abbott, who is a wildlife biology major at Lees-McRae College, knew at a young age that she wanted to be a beekeeper.

She first asked for bees when she was 7, says her father, John Abbott, a request that Tate's parents delayed fulfilling until their daughter's tenth birthday. The Abbotts, members at [Covenant United Methodist Church](#), now keep a few hives alongside their fruit trees and vegetable garden

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*Bet on the man
riding the
donkey*

Reminders

↘ June 8th
Memorial Service for
Dale Bayless
4:00 p.m. – Elks ↗

June 9th
Praise Team
5:30 p.m.

June 10th
T.O.P.S.
4:30 p.m.

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

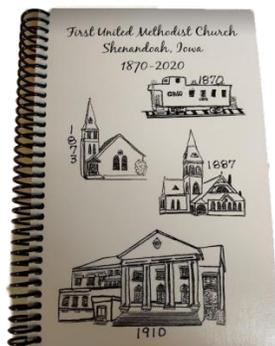


Join us for a "Farewell Celebration" for Pastor Luke, Sarah, and the kids on Saturday, June 12th from 9:00-11:00 a.m. The celebration will be held downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. The elevator is available if you have difficulty with stairs.

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...

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"I find that it's so intriguing," John Abbott says. "When you open up a hive, you have all of these bees. You start with frames that have a thin film of wax and they extract that wax to turn into a honeycomb. The matrix that you have on that honeycomb is perfect. How is it that this insect produces something that perfect? Something is going on there beyond the normal comprehension," he muses.

Beehive State bees

Kristen Bell grew up around bees. (Her 91-year-old father still keeps bees in Shelburne, Vermont.) When Bell and her husband, Steve, retired to Utah, the United Methodist couple decided to be in the Beehive State was a good reason to get into the bee business, a pastime the Bells shared with their church.

Ten years later, [Ogden First United Methodist Church](#) boasts a bountiful community garden that flourishes through greater pollination by the church's hives, an effort aided through training by the denomination's [EarthKeepers](#). [The Ogden church's outreach](#), which operates with a handful of dedicated volunteers, also partners with nearby schools to introduce beekeeping to students and organizes an annual honey sale that yields funds to support local and global missions.

"The bees are always teaching us something," Kristen Bell says. "They are a community too. One honey bee cannot live by itself. I think it's a great example of humankind. Every creature in the beehive is working for the success of that colony. I think God is telling us that we are to be doing the same thing." Because of bees, Bell says she's learned more about creation care. She also has learned a drop of wisdom.

"Kind words are like honey-sweet to the soul and healthy for the body," Bell quotes from Proverbs 16:24. "I love how this is reflexive. My kind words can build others up and, at the same time, keeps me in a positive mental state, which is so healthy for my body. And, of course, the prize of beekeeping, the wonderful honey crop, is what keeps us going!"

Hope in honey

One of the missions supported by Ogden First United Methodist Church's honey sales is the work of [Mozart Adevu](#), a United Methodist missionary based in Accra, Ghana. Adevu is Africa's regional coordinator for UMCOR's Sustainable Agriculture and Development Program. For the past two decades, Adevu has introduced beekeeping to West African communities.

"Beekeeping has become a single highest source of income for most farmers and some have indicated that their annual incomes have increased more than ten-fold compared to the period before their involvement in beekeeping," Adevu states.

"Bees have helped in tremendous ways to feed the poor and hungry in communities which I have served. The gospel message has been served well through providing food to the hungry and destitute through self-help," he says, reinforcing the adage of teaching communities "how to fish rather than providing them with fish."

Divine stewardship

Beekeeping is not only a way to care for others, but also a way to care for God's creation.

"Beekeeping is a kind of divine stewardship of keeping the earth and God's creatures," shares Mark Price, [Christ United Methodist Church](#)'s pastor of congregational life. "We are in the care of, not in charge of. You're keeping bees safe and healthy so they can tend to themselves." "The health of the bees directly affects our food supply," explains Bell, adding that one-third of the food we eat requires pollination. "Their pollination is the benefit to nature," Price explains. "Honey is our gift for helping them do the best they can at the place where they are."

While United Methodist apiarists are abuzz about the virtues of bees, they know bees make others fearful. Therein lies a deeper significance, Williams shares.

"The lesson here is that what may seem scary from the outside – venomous, stinging insects – is quite beautiful and calm and therapeutic and serene. This will ground you and make you slow down and listen more than run from it," Williams explains. "This is my version of faith."

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.



Lunch with Sarah

Next Thursday, June 10th at 12:15 p.m. the ladies of the church will host "Lunch with Sarah" for the last time before she moves.

Location: Sanctuary

Please R.S.V.P. by Wednesday, June 9th at 3:00 p.m. by calling the office and leave a message or email churchs3cr3tary@gmail.com

Office Closed



The church off will be closed Monday, June 7th & 8th while Jeff has his hip replaced. Please be flexible in case the office needs to be closed a little longer next week. Phone messages and emails will be checked periodically. Thank you for your understanding.

God's grace gives us what we don't deserve. God's mercy saves us from what we do deserve.



Birthdays and Anniversaries



- 6th – Molly Wiebold,
Anniversary M/M Darrell Jones
- 7th - Lorraine Torres
Anniversary M/M Dan Finlay
- 8th – Mike Kirsch
- 9th – Barb Cunningham
- 10th – Loren Brady
- 11th- Henry Junkeson
- 12th – Sharon Hall, Stephanie Howard

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 because without
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Order of Service

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

Call to Worship

L: The Son of God, the Body of Christ, calls us all to grace

P: O Lord, open our eyes that we may see

L: May we see love, may we see faith, may we see hope

P: May we see the glory of the Lord and feel the movement of the Spirit

L: Christ is with us

A: Thanks be to God

“Love and the SPIRIT”

Old Testament Scripture: Micah 6:6-8

New Testament Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Gospel Reading: John 3:1-8

Songs

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High #2088 (Black Book)

Fairest Lord Jesus (words on the screens)

Special Music – Julie Murren

Breathe on Me, Breath of God #420 (Hymnal) - Praise Band - Offering

Down to the River to Pray #3164 (Green Book)

May 30th Attendance

In-Person Worship – 71

Online Worship – 20

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.”