



# 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!**



The first Sunday after Pentecost is also called Trinity Sunday. One explanation reports that this is the Sunday where you explain the Trinity. Good luck with that. The Trinity is one of those concepts that defies explanation. Oh, we can get close; we can provide hints or glimpses of the reality of the totality of the God we worship. But can we ever say to have explained the complexity that is the interrelationship of the Godhead? Probably not.

What we're left with then, is describing God the way God consistently self-describes: In relationship with us. Notice that the Trinity Sunday Gospel text was chosen because of the Trinitarian formula that Jesus invokes: "[B]aptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit" (v.19). But the bulk of the passage isn't about God; it's about us. It's about what we will do in the name of God. It's about what we'll do because we belong to Jesus. When we focus on God, we always understand ourselves better. That's how this works.

So, how do we worship on Trinity Sunday? We attend to the glory of God first and foremost. We sing the songs of God's glory: "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" or even "¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo!" if you're feeling adventurous. The first verse of this hymn ends with "God in three persons, blessed Trinity!" (*bendita Trinidad*). Use the Trinity Sunday prayer in *The United Methodist Hymnal* (76). Check the recommendations in the hymnal or in this worship package for more ideas. But find ways to celebrate the God we worship with as much glory as we can muster.

After the splash of red for Pentecost, the shining white of Easter comes back again along with the gold that speaks of the preciousness and the purity of our God. Let our sanctuaries be treasure houses of beauty because the God we worship is an artist and an inspiration of awe and wonder. Let there be a breathtaking glory about the space we create that points to the source of all that is good —not in lavishness or excess, but in the beautiful simplicity of purity. A simple white cloth on the table, perhaps, or the gold unadorned cross can be the visual centerpiece for worship.

Look for symbols that represent the Trinity — the triangles and circles and Celtic knots that speak of the diversity and the unity of God that point to our varied experience throughout scripture and the history of the people of God.

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*Do your best  
and let Jesus do  
the rest.*

Reminders

May 30th  
Remembrance of those  
who have passed in  
2019 & 2020

June 2nd  
Praise Team  
5:30 p.m.

June 3rd  
T.O.P.S.  
4:30 p.m.

June 12<sup>th</sup> (Saturday)  
9:00-11:00 a.m.  
Farewell Celebration for  
Pastor Luke, Sarah, Kids  
Fellowship Hall  
(muffins, donut holes,  
juice, coffee)

June 13<sup>th</sup>  
Communion Sunday  
Pastor Luke's last  
sermon

June 13<sup>th</sup>  
High Road & Cowboy  
Church Band, 6:30 pm  
Courthouse Square

June 14<sup>th</sup>  
Moving day, Pastor Luke  
and family



Join us for a "Farewell Celebration" for Pastor Luke, Sarah, and the kids on Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> 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.



2019

Jeanne Gee, June Teachout, Ronald Lottridge, Kenneth Mathis, Joan Schebaum, Jerry Harrelson, D.B. Mullins, Julia Sligar

2020

Diana Myers, Marge Wright, Dorothy Cambier, Dick Irvin, Keith McCall, Dr. Floyd Jones

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This is not to be a prelude to what we really want to talk about. We don't give God glory as an introduction to our real subject, ourselves, and our mission. No, the worship of God is an end in and of itself. The attention to the glory and the wonder and the fullness of our Trinitarian God is enough for any worship event in the life of the church.

Yet, like the crowd at the Pentecost sermon we remembered last week, we can't help but ask, "Brothers and sisters, what shall we do? What do we do because of the wonder of this God? How shall we live? Who shall we be? Where shall we go? Whom shall we include? Whom shall we see because our God is Trinity?" This worship must spill out into the world around us; it must transform our living every day, not just on this day, not just in this place. How do we point beyond us as we pronounce the benediction? How do we send the people out with a desire to share the variety of our God experience with the world that hungers to know what we know? How do we embody the love of God the creator, the hope of the redeemer Christ, and the sustaining faith of the ever-present Spirit in ways that are life giving in our own communities?

This series is about taking the inward focus of Trinity Sunday and turning it outward to the world in which we live. It is about remembering that we aren't just looking after our own souls, but are in the business of transforming the world. While it is always true, we could say it is especially true in this post-Pentecost season that our worship cannot end in the sanctuary. It must spill out into the community around us. Rethink the benediction as no longer an ending but a transition from worship inside to worship outside, from worship in word and song and ritualized movement to worship embodied in our hands and hearts and demeanor as we live in a distracted and distracting 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.

## A Little Church History – Part I



The planning still continues to celebrate 150 years of our church. While the planning continues lets take a look at how it all began in 1870, before the town of Shenandoah was founded.

The First Methodist Church of Shenandoah, Iowa, had a unique origin. The first sermon was delivered in the C.B. & Q railroad depot on Christmas night in 1870 by the Reverend Samuel Farlow, a circuit rider. After the services, a Methodist society was formed, consisting of the following charter members: Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Spurlock, Mr. and Mrs. Alber Blake, Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Welty, Ella Welty, Margaret Armetta Ragan, and Mrs. Mary Wright. These twelve constituted the first church in Shenandoah.

Since the new town of Shenandoah had not been founded until 1871, the new church and town grew together. The Methodist society so greatly increased in number that within six months it had outgrown the depot for a meeting place, and in the summer of 1871 moved to an upstairs room called "Mentzer's Hall" located above 710 West Sheridan. In these new quarters followed a series of "first!" – the first Sunday school was organized with 25 members, the first quarterly conference was held in August, 1871, and the first Thanksgiving service of the town was held the following November.

**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.



### *Our Newest Members*

*Tammy Braymen*  
*Sharon Hiser*  
*Hali Giese Mayer*  
*Rainn Mayer*  
*Arlie (Mac) McNeal*  
*Denise Tackett*  
*David Tackett*

## Volunteer...

This past year has been unpredictable and stressful for everyone. As we try to return to our regular routines the church is in need of volunteers. There are many ways you can volunteer in your church. What is your calling/ministry within the church? Here are a few suggestions:

- Worship Assistant
- Usher
- Hospitality Team
- Children's Church Leader
- Greeter
- Tech Team



*Try to make your mark on the world by not making so many marks on the world.*

## Birthdays and Anniversaries



- 31<sup>st</sup> – Anniversary M/M Rick Torres
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Dan Weiss
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Jeff Hiser, Elinor Sharp, Anniversaries M/M Paul Andersen, M/M Dave Lashier
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Daniel Anderzhon
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Anniversary M/M Robert Burchett

*Honk if you love Jesus! Pray if nobody else honks.*

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## Order of Service

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

### Call to Worship

**L:** God provides, and protects, ever full of love and fully able  
**P: God redeems, and forgives, full of compassion, full of mercy**  
**L:** God breathes grace and healing into our lives,  
bringing forth life despite death  
**P: Holy and full of grace is the mystery of the Trinity!**  
**L: Praise be to the God above all! Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!**  
**A: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!**

*“Father, Son, and Holy Ghost”*

Old Testament Scripture: *Isaiah 6:1-8*

New Testament Scripture: *Romans 8:12-17*

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 28:16-20*

### Songs

*Turn Your Radio On (words on the screens)*  
*Power In The Blood/Washed In The Blood (Medly-words on screens)*  
*Chancel Choir – March’n with the Saints*  
*America The Beautiful - Praise Band - Offering*  
*The Battle Hymn of the Republic #717 (Hymnal)*

May 23<sup>rd</sup> Attendance

In-Person Worship – 75

Online Worship – 24

### 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.”**