



Shenandoah First United Methodist Church

Church Mission- Know and Serve God by Sharing Christ's Love.

Church Vision- We will grow in holiness, our community will thrive, and we will make a difference in our World!

The "Booster" Newsletter

October 1, 2020

Church News:

ATTENTION- Live "In-Person" worship service in the sanctuary on Sunday's at 9 a.m. Please do not come before 8:50 a.m. & maintain 6 foot social distancing between everyone at all times, we recommend that everyone wear a mask, (if you don't have one, we do provide one for you), hand sanitizer stations are available. There is **NO** Welcome Center or Fellowship time. If you are an "at risk" person due to age or underlying health issues, take care of someone with underlying health issues, or just don't feel comfortable to come out in any group setting yet, please do not feel that you *have* to come to the live services. We will *continue* to live-stream the service on our church Facebook page and it is also available on our YouTube link. If you have any concerns or questions please call or email the church office.

***Notice-** Pastor Luke does have a "Prayer" Time & update on Wed.'s at 7 p.m. on our church Facebook page and a "Study" Time *starting back up on Sept. 25 at 7 p.m.* And also on our YouTube link: www.youtube.com/channel/UC_zapfZGHY4G5FFYD6NKA

***REMINDERS-** All church news and information is posted on our church website (be sure to check out all the different links and activities that are there). And note the church Google calendar is available so any current happenings and/or changes are there and our website. **We are working on embedding our Facebook Page into our website.*

***Church Office-** The doors to the church remain locked at this time for safety & health precautions during business hours, M-F from 8:30 a.m.- 4 p.m. If you have a need to get in the church please call ahead and we will make arrangements. Thank you.

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***Offering/Giving-** You may put your offering in the “Offering Boxes” on Sunday mornings, or mail them to UMC, P.O. Box 394., Shenandoah, IA 51601. **Or** by going to our church website and look for the word **GIVE** at the top right hand side of your screen or the bottom right hand side of your screen and clicking on to it and following the prompts. Thank you.

***SPECIAL- PLEASE READ-** We are currently providing our live-streaming with media equipment that is “doing the job”, but as we progress with our abilities to provide better quality and more in-depth ways we will need to update our equipment. So If you would like to donate to this special cause, you may go to our website page or put them in the offering boxes.

***Children's Sunday School Class **Change**-** Classes will **NOT** be starting back up this Sunday, Oct. 4, but will be on hold for for now. We will keep in touch with a start date. Ages Pre-school thru 5th grades. **(And please note that this is subject to change due to variables).*

***Youth Sunday School Class **Change**-** Class will **NOT** be starting back up this Sunday, Oct. 4, but will be on hold for now. We will keep in touch with a start date. Grades 6th-12th. **(And please note that this is subject to change due to variables).*

***REMINDER-** Ad. Board Committee Meeting Monday, October 5 at 6 p.m. In-person in the fellowship hall or on ZOOM (Ps. Luke will send the link).

REMINDER- **We need your recipes* for our church “Sesquicentennial” (150 year anniversary) cookbook. Please send in your recipes **by October 13, 2020**. Each person may put up to 10 recipes in. Christmas is the official anniversary day & we want to have the book out by then. Thank you.

***PLEASE NOTE-** With continued **numerous** COVID-19 cases in Page County, be sure to maintain social distancing and wear a mask when out and about and in group settings for yours and others safety and well-being. - Page County Public Health

***NOTICE-** Please go to ww.iaumc.org to view the **Up-Dated** Iowa Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, Simple 1 2 3 Church Re-Entry Plan as of October 1, 2020 issued from the Bishop's office.

***Quester's (Adult) Sunday School Class -** Is looking at starting up on Nov. 1. Please watch for further updates. **(And please note that due to variables this is subject to change).* Thank you.

***Special Note-** If you have **an idea** for a small group please contact Ps. Luke or the church office. Thank you.

***Bell Choir-** Will begin practicing on Wednesday, **October 14 (note the date change)** at 4:30 p.m. in the Bell Choir Room in Wesley Hall.

***NOTICE-** The Mission Room is **NOT** taking donations at this time. Thank you.

***ATTENTION-** The Hispanic Center **IS** taking donations of Fall & Winter items on Tuesday's & Friday's from 9:30-10:30 a.m. They are also still in need of volunteers to help work at the Hispanic Center on these days. If you would like to do this please call Sue Jones at 712-246-8189. Thank you.

~Last Week's Record

Live (In Person) Worship- 33
“Live” On-Line- 36 views
Online/Facebook- 167 views

~Total Budget Offering:

\$111,590.89

~Media Equip. Fund:\$1650.00

~Total Budget Expenses to

Date: \$144,606.63

~Total Budget Expenses for a

2020: \$192,773.00

~Birthdays & Anniversaries:

October 2- Jeff Armstrong &

*M/M Chris DeLong

October 3- Chelsie Reynolds,

Bob McConkey, & Richard

Perkins

October 5- Susan Blane

October 8- Craig Perkins

***SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY-** If you would like to provide “Special Music” for the Sunday morning worship service, either in person (social distancing) or per-recorded during the week for play back, please call the church office. Thank you.

***Please Remember-** If you get a phone call from our “One Call Now” message alert system it will show up that you are getting a call from the church phone number, but it is coming from the message system put out by our Media Director, Jeff Hiser. It does not mean that someone was actually in the church office calling you (such as of an evening or weekends), it will leave you a message if you have voice mail or an answering machine so please listen to the message left. *However, you are always able to call the church office with your questions or concerns during the office hours 8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m., Monday-Friday. Thank you.

***In Honor Of Pastor Appreciation Sunday, October 11-** We are making October a “Service Month”. Service to your community, the church building, the pastor’s family, those in need, etc. Please let Pastor Luke know how much you/we appreciate all he does for our church and the Lord!

****Be sure to email or call in your questions for Ps. Luke and try to “Stump” him!!***



“STUMP THE PASTOR”

****We are taking a break this week from the questions, but instead share this article from Ps. Luke concerning his CPE & engaging with the congregation.***

As these past several months have both flown by and dragged on, there has been a common refrain that I’ve heard from the members in our churches and the people in our communities: we miss each other. Perhaps we didn’t realize how connected we were, or how intensely social we are, but one thing has become increasingly clear and that is how important it is to share our lives, our time, and our care with one another. So, in the midst of a pandemic that seems to be equal parts anxiety, frustration, and just plain unknowing, there has been a real strain put upon our spiritual, communal, and emotional well-being. However, far be from it that we would despair, give up, or walk away. And also, thanks be to God that the Spirit is still moving within the midst of all of this. Following that movement, then, we’d like to try something new (or maybe not so new).

I’ve mentioned from the pulpit a few Sundays now that I am continuing on with my ordination process and the last educational component I need is something called Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE). As everything came grinding to a halt in March, I went through a bit of resignation that my ordination wouldn’t occur (Lord willing and the Body consenting) until 2022. There were just few programs still being offered that would work in my setting or even be possible, but none that really felt right. Then, seemingly miraculously, I got an email about an online program that was being offered. As I went through the application process and the interview, I was told that this program was unlike most programs that were conducted in a hospital setting; this program would have most of the pastoral care

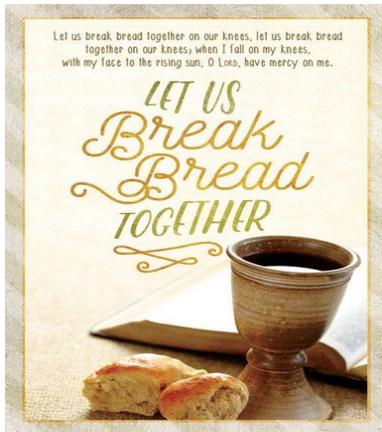
done within the parish, or the local church. Much to my surprise, the Spirit was still moving. And so two prayers were answered within one fell swoop: that I might be able to take CPE this year and that (more importantly) we could find a way to connect with and care for our congregations in the midst of this great upheaval. So I chose to be in this community and not in some far off hospital, because I'd rather spend this time with all of you and I do truly want to get to know you all.

Yet, in many ways I believe this will be a learning experience for all of us. I grew up in a different generation than most people who are currently in the Church. I was born and raised during a time where every hour of every day was filled with something. Marching band before school and sports after; church on Sunday mornings with clubs and groups in the afternoon; homework squeezed in between chores on Saturday; holidays spent traveling and family in far away towns. To say that my generation and the generations after us had to schedule every moment of our lives would have been an understatement. This way of life affected not only our free time but also how we spent time with friends, family, and loved ones. To this day we still schedule time with friends. There's no dropping in out of the blue, no meandering from house to house on Sunday afternoons, and sometimes even calling one another is preceded by a text first. Not only that, but growing up it was never an expectation of ours that the pastor would stop by (remember, we were hardly home ourselves!). In fact, it was oftentimes preferable for us to reach out to the clergy person and schedule a time for coffee or a moment at the church. Not only would this fit better into our schedules but then wouldn't have to clean up the house quickly and stash everything else in our bedrooms to be sorted later... Times have certainly changed from the way that I'm told they used to be!

So, what does this all have to do with connecting with and caring for one another? Over these next several months, through the end of April, I have chosen these communities to become closer to, provide pastoral care, and finish my educational requirements. I have 300 hours of clinical and educational time to complete (about 10 hours per week), and in many ways, I need your help. Because everyone's schedule is so different and I'm never quite sure who who has time or even wants a visit, I think it would be a good practice for all of us to reach out to one another. So this is my reaching out to you, to let you know that I want to spend time with you. Don't be intimidated by words like pastoral care, what I'm really asking for is a chance to have coffee with you, to talk about how life is going, to spend time in a duck blind or a combine, to share a meal, go on a walk, or whatever is most comfortable. I'll have multiple times available and will be working with the secretaries in both communities (Shenandoah and Hamburg) to make sure I can have some time with everyone; so while we'll be scheduling some or many of these times to connect I'll also have some time on Monday where people can just drop by the office.

I'm sure there's more to be said, I'm sure I've forgotten something, but before I end this article I just wanted to say thank you for all the ways you've already reached out, welcomed, and made my family and I feel at home here in SW Iowa. I hope now we can really start to settle in and get to know each other. Feel free to reach out if you have any questions. Like I mentioned earlier I'll be working with the secretaries to make sure we can get everyone scheduled and more information will be coming out next week, but I am looking forward to this and I hope that I can get a chance to sit down with each and every one of you, share a cup of coffee, and get to know one another. God bless and I hope to connect soon.

-Ps. Luke



October 4, 2020

***Order Of Service**

*Prelude:

Greeting & Welcome:

+ Call to Worship:

L: Good Morning, we invite you to pause, stand as you're able or center your hearts at home. And join us in the call to worship.

L: How often we have rejected the Cornerstone!

P: How hard our hearts have been!

L: But God has not abandoned us.

P: And Christ's mercies are always new!

L: Hallelujah!

ALL: Hallelujah!

*Opening Hymn: "O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing" #3001

+Prayer of Connection+

*Song: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" #133

+Old Testament Scripture: Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20

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+Prayers of the People+

+New Testament Scripture: Philippians 3: 4b-14

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*Offering/Song: "Day By Day" (on screens)

*Doxology: #95

+Prayer of Gratitude+ & "The Lord's Prayer" #895

+Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:33-46

+Message: "Those Who Produce Fruit"

+Communion: #14-15

*Closing Hymn: "Bind Us Together" (on screens)

Announcements:

+Benediction+

Pastor- Luke Fillmore/ ***Pianist-** Terry Stafford/ ***Keyboard-** Linda Haldane/ ***Song Leaders-** Jodi Anderzhon, Deb Finlay, Jeff Hiser/ ***Media-** Pastor Luke Fillmore, Jeff Hiser, & Jodi Anderzhon/ ***Facebook Greeter-** Craig Harris.