



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 **September 24, 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 to do so. (*\$4000 is our goal, so far we have \$1650.00*) (*You may also put them in the offering boxes*).

***Children's Sunday School Kick-Off-** Classes **will begin Sunday, October 4 at 10:30 a.m.** in the regular Sunday School rooms in Wesley Hall on 2nd floor “in-person” with 6 ft. social distancing & with masks recommended, with ZOOM also offered. **(Pres-school thru 5th grades).* **(Subject to change with variables, we will let you know if we need to change it).* Thank you.

***Youth Sunday School Class Kick-Off- Will begin on Sunday, October 4 at 10:30 a.m.** in the Wesley Hall downstairs Youth Lounge. **(6th-12th grades).* **(Subject to change with variables, we will let you know if we need to change it).* Thank you.

***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

***Quarter's (Adult) Sunday School Class - Are 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 7 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 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.

***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.

~Last Week's Record

Live (In Person) Worship- 33
“Live” On-Line- 182 views
Online/Facebook- 32 views

~Total Budget Offering:

\$110,440.89

~Media Equip. Fund:\$1650.00

~Total Budget Expenses to Date: \$140,899.46

~Total Budget Expenses for

2020: \$192,773.00

~Birthdays & Anniversaries:

Sept. 25- Charlotte Weiss

Sept. 26- Henry DeLong

Sept. 29- Taylor Torres

Sept. 30- Oliver Lundgren

Oct. 1- Jacque Lashier, Heather

Weiss, & *M/M Gaylen

Lundgren

***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!

***Thank You-** The Shenandoah Hispanic Center Board of Directors would like to thank the First United Methodist Church Mission Committee for the gift of \$300.00 for school supplies. The committee’s support of the Hispanic Center is greatly appreciated!

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

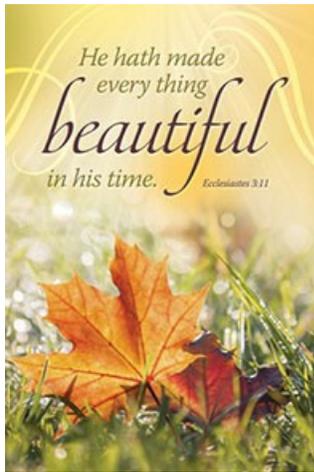


“STUMP THE PASTOR”

A two part-er this week! Someone has written in and asked, “In Protestant bibles, how many books are there in the Old Testament and how many are there in the New Testament,” and, “what languages were the Old Testament and New Testament written in?” I’ll let you all play along at home and see if you can figure that out/remember while you’re reading this, but I think these are absolutely relevant questions for us today as we all continue along in our faith journey.

The Bible is a collection of stories, poems, histories, wisdom, laws, genealogies, and letters. It has been put together over thousands of years, by many different hands, while still guided by the Holy Spirit. It’s been copied, recopied, lost, found, translated, argued over, and been a source of inspiration for millions of people throughout time. In the Bibles that you find within protestant churches you’ll notice that we have 39 Old Testament Books and 27 New Testament books, although which were added and which were left out depended on the faithful members of the Body of Christ to discern; first at the Council of Nicaea and then later during the Reformation for us Protestants. There are even some texts that didn’t make it into scripture and yet are frequently referenced by the Church Fathers in their writings! As for languages, most of our Old Testament was written in ancient Hebrew, which is only mostly related to modern Hebrew. Our New Testament was written mostly in koine Greek, which is to say common, biblical Greek. But what is fascinating when you start to pick apart the text is that you find bits of Aramaic (a language that was descended from Hebrew) in the New Testament and that there’s an ancient translation of the Old Testament called the Septuagint that was written entirely in classical Greek. Add onto both of those the prevalence of Latin during the time of the New Testament and you can see how complicated of a sacred book we’re dealing with!

So what does this mean for us living at the turn of the century? I think, first, that God delights in the sheer number of people, working together, passing this on, and doing so in different times, places, languages, and cultures. I think this is an absolutely beautiful invitation to all people to join into the story of God. And secondly, it’s okay when things are complex and answers are hard to find. Look at the world right now as a living example of this; the complexity of scripture, if we allow it, in many ways gives us an advantage when dealing with the many different facets and intricacies in life as we try and find our way through it. However, at the end of the day, my earnest hope and prayer for all of us is that we enter into the great discussion and the sacred story that our Bibles contain. Not only that, but that we might enter in together.



September 27, 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: Christ is calling you back.

P: Lord, help us turn to you.

L: It is never to late.

P: God's mercy is enough.

L: Hallelujah!

ALL: Hallelujah!

*Opening Hymn: "Revelation Song" (words on screens)

+Prayer of Connection+

*Song: "Jesus At the Center" (words on screens)

+Old Testament Scripture: Exodus 17: 1-7

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+Prayers of the People+

+New Testament Scripture: Philippians 2: 1-13

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*Offering/Song: "Something Beautiful, Something Good" #394

*Doxology: #95

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

+Gospel Reading: Matthew 21: 23-32

+Message: "But Later They Changed Their Mind"

*Closing Hymn: "Just a Little Talk with Jesus" #3007

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.