



Weekly Booster

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We think prayer is something we know about. But do we? We certainly should assume everyone we worship with has a firm grasp on what prayer is and how to do it. There are likely those who struggle to pray in meaningful and life-changing ways. Maybe they feel prayer is ineffectual.

James doesn't believe it is ineffectual. This epistle of doing, of putting your faith to work in the world, of living out salvation in ways that impact the world around you, also believes that prayer is a power we need to use.

Talk to the prayer warriors in our congregation about what happens when they pray. They can talk about what happens to them and what happens in the situations for which they pray. Maybe you have stories of the power of prayer in your life that you're willing to share. Maybe you have been part of a community of prayer and know how you grew as disciples because of your disciplined approach to praying. Prayer and action are not opposites but complements in the spectrum of responding in faith. Prayer can be a launching pad to action and then a reflection on the action done, and through it all, prayer is a way of being reminded of the presence of the Spirit in what we do.

Worship can offer *forms* for prayer, prayers that show how prayer is shaped. The Lord's Prayer is the best example. That way worshipers can use the prayers provided, but can also craft their own prayers following the form or shape of prayer. It gives a running start to those who may feel that they don't know what to say.

We have many places to pray in the church: the kneeling rail in the sanctuary, the chapel, at the foot of the altar. We pray our praise, our petitions. We have prayers of intercession. There should be a rhythm to prayer in the life of the church as a whole, as well as in your individual relationship with God.

Let all meetings begin with prayer. If you feel called, join the Prayer Chain. You can share your prayer concerns in service, on request card, or digitally through the prayer request form on our One Church software. James says to go get the elders and have them pray. We are to be a praying church and leaders are available for the task of praying.

Adapted from article by Rev. Dr. Derek Weber, Director of Preaching Ministries, as published at UMCDiscipleship.org for September 5, 2021.

Dixie Dailey is looking for yarn you no longer need so she can make mittens and caps for children and adults. Please bring the yarn to the church or give her a call at 712-246-2416.

Reminders

September 25th
Parade – 2:00 p.m.

Falk’s ice cream served in front of Wesley Hall after the parade until 5:00 p.m. or until gone. To see a list of Shenfest activities copy and paste or click on the following link.
<https://bit.ly/3hVIZqz>

September 29th
Praise Team
5:30 p.m.

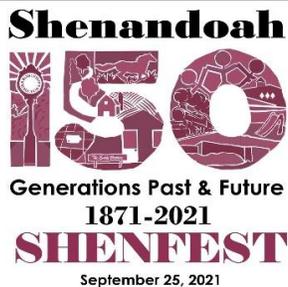
Choir Practice – 6:45 p.m.

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

October 10th
United Methodist Women meeting at 2:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

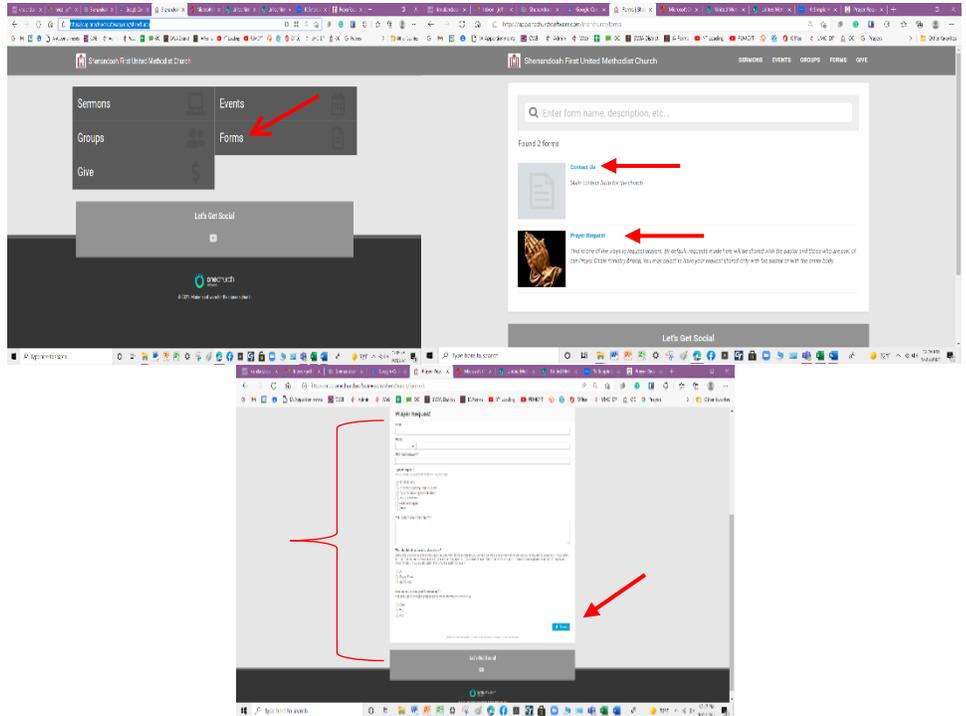
**Worship Assistants needed for October, sign up on the counter in the Welcome Center

** Fellowship Volunteers Sign-up sheet on the counter in Fellowship Hall



NEW One Church Software

Have you checked out our new church management software? Update your personal information, send us a message, or submit a prayer request. As simple as 1, 2, 3...



Step 1, click on the link or cut and paste into your browser <https://shenchurch.onechurch.com> Step 2, click on the word “Forms.” Step 3, click on “Contact Us” to leave a message or click on “Prayer Request” complete the form and hit “submit.”



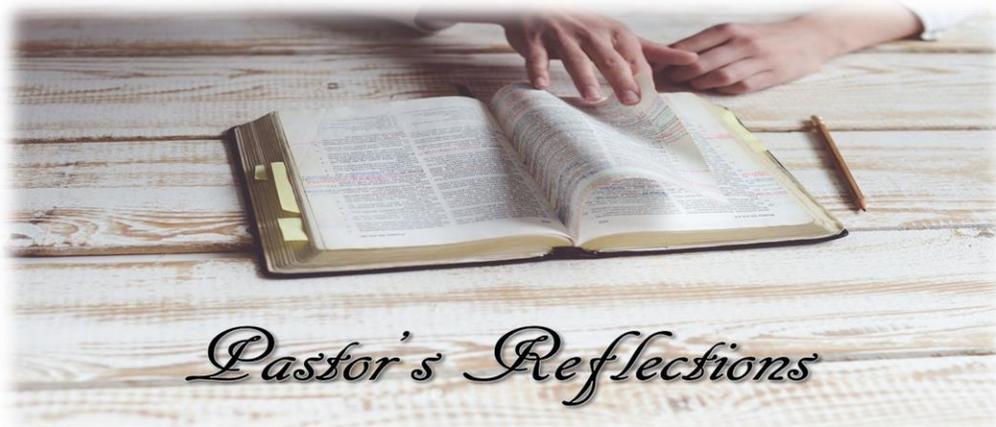
Church members will be serving Falk’s ice cream after the Shenfest parade this Saturday. Ice cream will be served until 5:00 p.m. or while it lasts. If you can help set up prior to the parade, help serve, or tear down after please contact Craig Harris.



The Questers Sunday School class meets each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Grab something to drink and a snack and bring them to class with you. This class is for adults of any age – Class will meet in Questers Room located at the bottom of the stairs and to your left.

Thank you to all the people that shared their corn and garden vegetables with the congregation. The free will donations from the produce went to the Church Scholarship Fund. This year \$300 was raised for scholarships.





To my Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The world marches on. Culture changes. Technology changes. According to a Washington Post article last March, "The proportion of Americans who consider themselves members of a church, synagogue or mosque has dropped below 50 percent, according to a poll from Gallup released Monday. It is the first time that has happened since Gallup first asked the question in 1937, when church membership was 73 percent."

People used to write letters in cursive, using letters to make words and words to make paragraphs. Then they would stick those letters in the mail and it would be days or weeks before their correspondent would get their message. Now there's a keyboard in the hands of over 85% of Americans, 97% if you count *all* mobile phones, and not just smart phones. And we have thousands of emojis to choose from, because after all a picture is worth 1000 words, right? But different generations interpret those emojis differently. Some younger people won't use an emoji if they suspect it's one their grandparents, or even parents, would use.

Some technology we leave along the wayside: telegraph, stagecoach, pagers. Some we hang onto for dear life like my mom's fax machine. If we want to communicate the Gospel to people living in today's culture, we must be willing to use today's tools. We need to be a welcoming place with our attitudes, our words, our buildings, and our technology. And I think we can do that without leaving anyone behind.

Blessings,

Pastor Kelly

Church Office Hours

**No children or adult Sunday School at this time. <u>Ask how you can help</u>	Monday 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.
**Bell Choir – Volunteer needed	Tuesday 9:00-11:00 12:00-3:00	
**Chancel Choir – Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m. Sunday morning 8:30 a.m.	Wednesday CLOSED	
The front door to the church will be unlocked during office hours and closed only for errands and lunch.	Thursday 9:00-11:00 12:00-3:00	
	Friday 9:00-11:00 12:00-3:00	



The Church Office will be closed Monday, September 27th and open Wednesday the 29th from 9-11 a.m.



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| What special test did God give Abraham? | According to James, what can no man tame? | What judge of Israel had thirty sons who rode thirty donkeys? |
| a) to sacrifice his son Isaac | a) the lion | a) Tola |
| b) to fast 40 days in the desert | b) the eyes | b) Jair |
| c) to kill 1,000 Philistines | c) the devil | c) Jephthah |
| d) to give all he owned to the poor | d) the tongue | d) Eli |

Sept 12th answers
b) Joshua c) contentment
d) Mephibosheth

Check next week's Booster for answers to the three trivia questions.

Book Your Appointment Online



Would you like to chat with Pastor Kelly, maybe over coffee, tea, or soda? Need to get something on the church calendar or need something brought to our attention? You can book an appointment online with Jeff or Pastor Kelly by going to the following link <https://bit.ly/3sm5lyY> (click on the link or copy and paste into your browser). You may also use a QR reader.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



- 26th – Henry DeLong
- 27th – Rhonda Athen, Sandra Booker
- 29th – Nancy Collins, Tony Hansen.
- Denise Tackett
- 30th – Oliver Lundgren
- 1st – Jacque Lashier, Heather Weiss, Anniversary Gaylen & Barb Lundgren
- 2nd – Jeff Armstrong, Anniversary Chris & Abby DeLong



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down the Ctrl button and click on the
link

<http://bit.ly/3skF0p9>

*Prelude/Postlude/Accompanist: *Terry Stafford*

Call to Worship

Leader: Are any among you suffering?

People: Then let us pray.

L: Are any cheerful?

P: Then let us sing songs of praise.

L: Are any among you sick?

P: Then let us turn to each other for God's healing touch.

L: The prayer of faith will save us

P: And God will lift us up.

All: AMEN.

“Prayers of the Righteous”

Old Testament Scripture: Proverbs Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22

New Testament Scripture: James 5:13-20

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:38-50

Songs

Lord Listen To Your Children Praying #2193 (Black Book)

Stand By Me #512 (Hymnal)

What A Friend We Have In Jesus #526 (Hymnal)

Last Week's Attendance

In-Person Worship – 73

Online Worship – 19

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.”**