



# Weekly Booster

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A few years ago we went on a cruise and got excited about art. We bought a few prints and could not wait to get home, frame them, and hang them. We thought when people came over to visit they would say, "Rick and Karen are so cultured. We wish we were more like them." The prints are still in the container they were shipped in. But we were sure excited at first.

A year or two ago my boys came home with a chin-up bar you hook on a door frame. I thought, "I'll show them how this is done. My boys will say, 'Our dad is a beast.'" I think I used it once. But I was excited when they brought it home.

I have a huge plastic container full of pictures. We dream of having these put in albums and arranged by year on a bookshelf. We think when people come over they will say, "We wish we were as organized as Rick and Karen." We get excited about the idea every so often.

We have a collection of unfinished projects. There are some books and exercise programs too. Things started but were left unfinished. Do you finish everything you start? I imagine not. And to be honest, some things aren't worth finishing.

But don't think, even for a second, that you can put God in your collection of unfinished projects.

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*Make your prayer well-done, not rare!*

*Pray hardest when it's hardest to pray.*

### Reminders

June 11<sup>th</sup>

Men's Bible Study – 8:00 a.m.

June 15<sup>th</sup>

Women's Bible Study – 11:30 a.m.

Praise Team - 5:00 p.m.

No choir until fall

June 16<sup>th</sup>

T.O.P.S. – 4:30 p.m.

June 26<sup>th</sup>

Men's Breakfast – 8:00 a.m.

Fellowship Hall – All men welcome

**\*\*Worship Assistants are needed for July**

**\*\* Fellowship Volunteers needed sign-up in Fellowship Hall**

"The Story" Study Groups

Women-Wednesday-11:30 a.m.

All-Wednesday-6:15 p.m.

**\*\* Special Music is needed for the summer. If you or you know of someone that would like to charge their musical talents this summer, please contact the office**

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For starters, he isn't a "project." Besides, he's not going to sit on a shelf contentedly waiting for you to give him your attention once the kids are grown or retirement is funded or other tasks are completed.

The Israelites learned that lesson the hard way. They returned from Babylonian captivity to rebuild the temple. They started strong but in time turned their attention to other endeavors. What was important to God became unimportant to them.

Sixteen years passed without any work being done on the temple. So God allowed drought and downturns and difficulties to come upon them. And he said, "Give careful thought to your ways" (Haggai 1:5, 7).

God is either the main thing in your life or he is nothing. At the end of the day, each of us is responsible for our schedule. There is no such thing as partial obedience. God begins as the priority and then we schedule time with him. We schedule the things that are important to him. Jesus said, "Seek first the kingdom of God . . ." (Matthew 6:33).

The Jews eventually got back to God's priorities and took part in one of the greatest works of heaven. You can too. There are some things worth finishing.

*Adapted from the article about The Story was originally written by Pastor Rick Brown of Christbridge Fellowship in Tomball, Texas.*



The church would like to announce the recipients of our church scholarships for the 2022-23 school year. They are Devin Morelock who will be continuing his education at Kansas State University, and Libby Ehlers who will be continuing her education at Northwest Missouri State University.

Congratulations Devin and Libby!



*Books and Study Guides are still available. Contact the office.*

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 it into your browser). You may also use a QR reader.



## Church Office Hours

\*\* Children & Jr.-Sr. High  
Sunday School 10:15  
Questers (Adults) 10:30

\*\*Chancel Choir –  
Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m.  
Sunday 8:30 a.m.

The front door to the church will be unlocked during office hours and closed only for errands and lunch.

**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.



Which is the fifth book written by Moses?

- a) Deuteronomy
- b) Exodus
- c) Numbers
- d) Leviticus

Who was the Jewish magician/sorcerer in the book of Acts?

- a) Sergius
- b) Bar-Jesus
- c) Manaen
- d) Bartimaeus

Who coated his creation with pitch?

- a) Isaac
- b) Abraham
- c) Noah
- d) Aaron

**Check page 4 for answers in next week's booster**

## Birthdays and Anniversaries



12<sup>th</sup> – Sharon Hall, Stephanie Howard  
16<sup>th</sup> – Dustin Lambertsen, Steve & Jean Stribling  
18<sup>th</sup> – Jeanne Kocis

\*\*See a wrong birthday or anniversary, or need one added, please call the office, or send an email to [office@shen.church](mailto:office@shen.church)

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Live streaming of our weekly service is  
now on our Youtube channel only.

\*Prelude/Postlude/Accompanist: [Terry Stafford](#)

**Call to Worship**

**Leader: Oh Lord, our Lord, how excellent is your name**

**People: Let us praise you with the heart of a child**

**L: When we consider the heavens and your mighty works**

**P: Who are we that you care for us so much?**

**L: Yet you have crowned us with glory and honor**

**P: You have given us stewardship over creation**

**All: How excellent is your name, Lord! Lead us in your wisdom and grace. AMEN.**

**“The Return Home”**

Old Testament Scripture: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

New Testament Scripture: **Romans 5:1-5**

Gospel Reading: **John 16:12-15**

**Songs**

**For the Beauty of the Earth #92 Hymnal)**

**God of Wonders #3040 (Green Book)**

**How Great Thou Art #77 (Hymnal)**

**Shine Jesus Shine #2173 (Black Book)**

**Last Week's Attendance**

**In-Person Worship – 66**

**Online Worship – Youtube 13**

**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.”**

**Answers for June 5th are b) Jacob b) red d) all of the above**



*Pastor's Reflections*

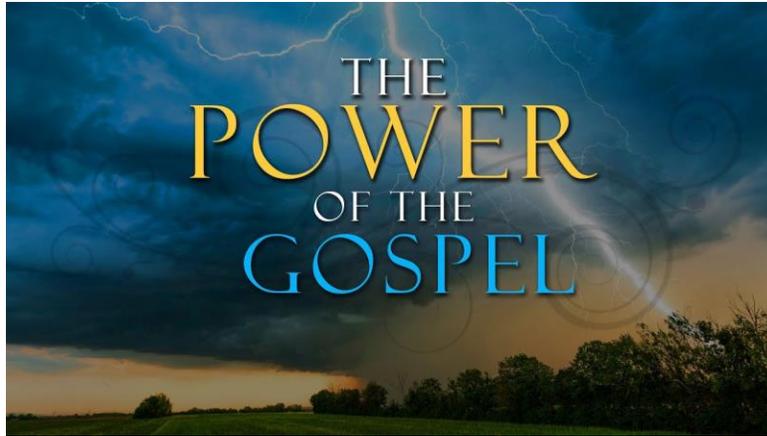
Greetings, Church! May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Annual Conference is done. It was held in hybrid fashion this year, which means that many of us were there in person, our biggest meeting in a couple years. It was a blessing to connect with friends and colleagues I hadn't seen in a while, especially since it was my last annual conference with the United Methodist Church. In a way, it was bittersweet. I won't be disconnected from my friends, but we'll never gather in quite the same way again.

But I look forward to what God has in store for us. There was one church who disaffiliated from the UMC during annual conference, and it was one of the churches I served before coming to Shenandoah. The new Agency Community Church has called me back to serve as pastor of their non-denominational church. We're returning to familiar territory, but as a new thing – a new creation, if you will. We have a lot of work ahead of us, and I ask for your prayers of support and for my wisdom and discernment.

Blessings,

Pastor Kelly



Have you ever read a portion of the Bible and felt captivated by it to the point where you can't get it out of your head? At times words we read enthrall our every waking moment. It's as if the Holy Spirit is drawing us into an encounter where he is longing to reveal new facets of his revelation and love through those verses.

Well, I have recently revisited a passage that has done that very thing to me. Please take a moment to read the verses that have so captured my heart.

[Matthew 9:35–10:8](#) reads, *“Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”*

*Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.*

*These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.*

*These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. As you go, proclaim this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, and drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.”*

Starting in [Matthew 9:35](#) we see the everyday actions of Jesus. He *“went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.”*

From this, we can gather that Jesus taught the religious, preached the good news of the kingdom to all who would hear, and healed people who had sicknesses and diseases regularly. **This was part of his everyday life.**

Everywhere He went he demonstrated the values of the kingdom in both speech and action.

Sickness could not stay when Jesus was in town.

Even the foulest of cancers had to flee when Jesus spoke.

When Jesus preached the gospel, the impossible became possible.

When I read this, I am reminded of what the apostle Paul said in [Romans 15:19](#) — “*by the power of signs and wonders, through the power of the Spirit of God...I have fully proclaimed the gospel of Christ.*”

Paul recognized how important it was that demonstrations of power follow the gospel message. That’s how Jesus proclaimed the kingdom. He gave the good news, and then he demonstrated the good news. He showed the present reality of the kingdom and how heaven could truly break into our circumstances and change everything.

**Think about it: People can hear about Jesus all day long, but when they encounter him, everything changes.** The word becomes actualized when the supernatural breaks out. Jesus’ love is manifested through those moments when the laws of nature are suspended and God shows off.

The more I spend time with God through his word, the more I see the connection between the preaching of the gospel and the outbreak of signs, miracles, and wonders. I find that God’s word always carries with it his promises and power to any situation into which it is spoken.

So now we ask the question, what does this have to do with us?

Spoiler alert: It has everything to do with us.

In [John 20:21](#) Jesus says “*As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.*”

Jesus himself has said that he is sending us to live a Spirit-filled life that declares the fullness of the Father’s love. If you don’t believe me look it up. It’ll be in red letters.

I don’t know about you, but I want to live a life that mirrors Jesus’ life — a life that demonstrates God’s glory everywhere I go and helps people to encounter Him through the good news of the gospel and demonstrations of his power.

This is easier said than done, but I believe that this passage of Scripture contains keys that will unlock and demystify how the everyday Christian life should be lived.

How can this happen in our lives and our world? Should we expect to proclaim the gospel of Jesus and then move forward in power to demonstrate the reality of that kingdom?

Again, this has everything to do with us. We do have that ability, thanks to the resurrection power of the Spirit that lives within us. Demonstrating the power of the gospel can be as simple as showing concern for someone's pain, bringing over a meal, spending time with a loved one who is in the hospital, or being a friend to someone lonely.

Jesus followed up his messages by healing the sick and performing miracles. In large and small ways, we have the power to be someone's miracle every day of the week. Ask the Father, who sees everything, to point out ways you can be the hands and feet of Jesus and expand the influence of the kingdom in your sphere of influence today.

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**THANK YOU  
VERY MUCH!**

We would like to thank everyone that came to help us celebrate our birthdays after service last week, for the cards and kind words. God Bless you all, Elinor, Jeff, & Lanette.

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Join us after service today for cake and coffee in Fellowship Hall for Pastor Kelly & Lanette, thanking them for everything they have done for the church this past year and wishing them the best in their next journey.