



Weekly Booster

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***If you are like me (Jeff), I am going to continue to read "The Story" because I want to know how it ends (just a little humor there). I will continue to share the articles written for each chapter until the end of Chapter 31.*

The knock came at the door of the inn. It was late. We can imagine the innkeeper had been burning both ends of the candle. The census crowd had packed Bethlehem and he had finally locked the doors for the night.

Until the knock. He shuffled his feet through the dark and made his way to the door. Opening it with the slightest of cracks he peered out to see a young couple. Looking more closely he saw a young woman who was about to give birth to a child.

The rooms were full. It was late. And they didn't look very special. He had to decide whether he would find room for them or not.

And you will too. John's rendition of the birth of Christ comes in a few short words: "The Word (logos) became flesh and made his dwelling among us" (John 1:14). Greek hearers understood the word "logos" as the representation of God. The essence of God was found in his Word.

Hebrew readers perked up to John's message too. John writes: "*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*"

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“You will face many defeats in life, but never let yourself be defeated.” - Maya Angelou

Reminders

July 2nd

Men's Bible Study – 8:00 a.m.

July 4th

Church Office Closed

July 6th

Praise Team - 5:00 p.m.
No choir until fall

NO WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

July 7th

T.O.P.S. – 4:30 p.m.

****Worship Assistants are needed for July 17th, 24th, 31st**

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

**** 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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He was with God *in the beginning*.” He book ends the first sentence of his book with the phrase “in the beginning.” They knew it as the words that began the first book of the Torah, or Genesis.

John writes about beginnings. John writes about God's very representation dwelling among us. And he writes to tell us that we have the same decision to make as the innkeeper. Will we find a place for Jesus in our lives or will we send him away?

Some send him away because he looks too plain. Nothing special about him. Don't make that mistake. He comes to common places like your home and common places like your heart.

Some send him away because life is crowded. Many demands and many deadlines. And you're not sure if you have room for him. But he only comes to give you what he has already done. He desires to give you forgiveness.

And some send him away because they think it's too late. They've already done too much that can't be forgiven. They've already gone too far away.

But it's never too late. Not with the one who comes and makes his dwelling among us. You need only to open the door.

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

The children of Marlene Clark are inviting you to join them for cake and coffee on Saturday, July 2nd in honor of Marlene Clark's 90th birthday. The celebration will take place at the Depot Deli from 2:30-5:00 p.m. We hope you can stop by to help celebrate this special occasion.





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.



Who was Obed prayed to
 be to Naomi?

- a) Defender
- b) Helper
- c) Reminder
- d) Restorer of life

What were the fortresses
 of the people of Nineveh
 likened to in the book of
 Nahum?

- a) Apple tree
- b) Wheat
- c) Fig tree
- d) Sycamore

In whose spirit and power will
 John the Baptist walk,
 according to the gospel of
 Luke?

- a) Elijah
- b) Moses
- c) Elisha
- d) Gabriel

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



First United Methodist Church

**Please wear your
 name tag on
 Sunday mornings**



Birthdays and Anniversaries



- 2nd – John & Heidi Williams
- 3rd – Paul Anderson
- 4th – Phyllis Scott
- 5th – Gary & Deb Milstead
- 6th – Dan & Gloria Mauer
- 7th – Ed & Donna Robinson
- 9th – Dennis & Cheri Christiansen

**See a wrong birthday or anniversary, or need one
 added, please call the office, or send an email to
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Services are now on our Youtube
channel only. <http://bit.ly/3skF0p9>

*Prelude/Postlude/Accompanist: *Terry Stafford*

Call to Worship

Leader: God calls us to worship today.

People: We are here!

L: All are invited-the sick, the well, the believer, and the doubter.

P: We are here!

L: Wash us, O God! May we be cleansed by your holy love.

P: We are here!

All: God is good all the time and all the time God is good. AMEN.

“Iowa Annual Conference & CAT Review”

Old Testament Scripture: 2 Kings 5:1-14

New Testament Scripture: *Galatians 6:1-16*

Gospel Reading: *Luke 10:1-11, 16-20*

Songs

America #697 (Hymnal)

O Breath of Life #3146 (Green Book)

His Eye Is on the Sparrow #2146 (Black Book)

America the Beautiful #696 (Hymnal)

Last Week's Attendance

In-Person Worship – 74

Online Worship – Youtube 14

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 26th are b) 120 d) 120 d) 12 goats

Quiz Hints – Q1 Ruth, Q2 Nahum, Q3 Luke



Introducing Pastor Dave B. Clark



Pastor David Clark has called many different places home; from Kansas City to Omaha to New Orleans back to Kansas City to Grand Island and now Shenandoah.

He has been a United Methodist pastor since 2018 while serving in various Christian traditions before in both paid and volunteer roles. He has studied music, philosophy, and theology in school, and is currently working towards a Doctor of Ministry degree in spirituality and pilgrimage. Vocationally, Pastor David values contemplative spirituality, connection with nature, inclusive community, innovative practices, liturgical creativity, and teaching for transformation.

Some of Pastor David's favorite things include hiking, camping, road trips, writing poetry, outdoor photography, and going to museums. He is a self-proclaimed National Parks geek. Pastor David has been married to Molly for 21 years. Molly works at a homeless shelter in Grand Island as Housing Coordinator and next month will be promoted to Operations Manager. They have four children. The oldest, Isaac (19 years old), will be attending Iowa Western Community College in the fall to study audio engineering and music production. This past year he has been an intern at Covenant Cedars Bible Camp in central Nebraska. Sam (18 years old) just graduated from high school and will be studying sports management at the University of Nebraska at Kearney this fall. Brennan (15 years old) loves music with his main instrument being French Horn, but he also dabbles in piano, baritone, and trombone. At the time you are reading this, Brennan will be backpacking in the mountains of New Mexico with his Boy Scout Troop. Emery (12 years old) is in middle school and loves playing the saxophone, singing, theatre, writing stories, and absolutely loves all things about dogs. The Clarks adopted Mana (about 4 years old) from the Humane Society two years ago. She is (as best they can tell) a St. Bernard, Boxer, Labrador mix with a history of trauma who loves hiking, napping, and pulled pork.

Pastor David is eager to jump in and serve this church community and the broader community of Shenandoah. His first official sermon will be Sunday, July 10th. We have pushed back Communion Sunday one week to July 10th so Pastor David could be part of Communion Sunday.