



Weekly Booster

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William Pilkenton was one month away from turning eight years old. His family had traveled from Bellingham, Washington, to Tofino, British Columbia for a vacation. He and his father were walking up from the beach when his father turned to look for him and realized he was gone.

When children go missing, fathers start looking. And so did this one. Before long, the entire community was helping him search for this missing child. Search and rescue crews scoured the area. Search coordinator Garth Cameron said, "I don't think there's a square foot in this town that doesn't have footprints."¹

When children go missing, parents go looking. And that's what God has done. There's not a square foot on earth that doesn't have his footprints. He began searching for them the moment Adam and Eve made a choice and lost their way. He sent the nation of Israel looking. He sent his Son to "seek and save what was lost" (Luke 19:10).

Today he sends his church. In Acts 1:8 we find his search and rescue plan: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Jesus sent the disciples into the middle of Jerusalem and told them to wait. While they were waiting a crowd gathered for Pentecost.

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“It is better to fail in originality than to succeed in imitation. Herman Melville

“I never dreamed about success. I worked for it. Estee Lauder

Reminders

August 13th

Men’s Bible Study – 8:00 a.m.

August 17th

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

August 18th

T.O.P.S. – 4:30 p.m.

August 18th

SPRC & Ad Board Meeting

August 21st

**Methodist Men’s Breakfast
8:00 a.m. All men welcome!**

****Sunday School is just around the corner consider volunteering**

****Consider joining the choir when it resumes this fall!**

****Worship Assistants are needed for September**

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

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Some estimate Jerusalem swelled to over one million people during this time. The Holy Spirit came on them, Peter preached, and the church swelled from 120 to over three thousand.

It didn’t stop there. They devoted themselves to “the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and prayer” (Acts 2:42). That first church in Jerusalem grounded its people in the Word, in deep community, to sharing meals and sharing Christ, and to prayer. They had to. The task at hand was too big for them to accomplish on their own. They needed each other. Mostly they needed God.

¹ *The official search for the missing 7-year-old ends in Tofino, B.C.* at <http://www.cbc.ca/canada/british-columbia/story/2008/02/18/bc-missing-boy-tofino.html>

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Time spent outdoors can strengthen our faith and reveal deeper meaning in our daily life. God equipped us with five senses to help us discover and better appreciate the natural world – it’s up to us to step outside, engage and explore.

Few could say they’ve experienced this more than Jack Layfield. In 2019, at age 67, Layfield served as a chaplain on the Appalachian Trail, hiking 2,192 miles through 14 states in 6 months. Layfield’s unique perspective opens the way for all of us to understand how nature can be a balm for our soul and an invitation to reflect.

“In everyday living in our world, all five of our senses are bombarded. We just have so much coming to us 24/7,” says Layfield.

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“Don’t let yesterday take up too much of today.”
Will Rogers

Volunteers Needed



First United Methodist Church

Please wear your name tag on Sunday mornings



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.

****Sunday School & Choir only during the school year.**

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.



What was the name of Hosea’s wife?

- a) Gomer
- b) Tamar
- c) Rahab
- d) Dinah

How much did Abraham buy the cave of Machpelah?

- a) 400 shekels of silver
- b) 1200 shekels of silver
- c) 1500 shekels of silver
- d) 2000 shekels of silver

With what kind of words did Paul and his fellow servants tell the Thessalonians they did not come with?

- a) words of encouragement
- b) words of flattery
- c) words of rebuke
- d) words of direction

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Birthdays and Anniversaries



- 14th – Gregg & Elaine Broermann
- 16th – Keven Livengood, Devin Morelock, Carl Priebe
- 17th – Deb Milstead
- 18th – Steven DeLong, Joan Hamilton
- 19th – Vicki Briggs, Jessica Lambertsen
- 20th – Mary Jane DeLong

****See a wrong birthday or anniversary, or need one added, please call the office, or send an email to office@shen.church**

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

*Prelude/Postlude/Accompanist: *Terry Stafford*

Call to Worship

Leader: The world cries to us in its distress. How shall we answer?

People: We cannot pass by as though nothing is wrong.

L: How shall we answer?

P: We cannot become so focused on ourselves that others mean nothing to us.

L: How shall we answer?

P: We shall be the neighbor in service, reconciliation, and compassion wherever we can. In Jesus' Holy Name.

**“Into the Wilderness:
Reconnect through Stories”**

Old Testament Reading: None

New Testament Reading: Acts 15:1-12

Third Scripture Reading: Luke 10:25-37

Songs

Blessed Assurance #369 (Hymnal)

Just a Little Talk with Jesus #3107 (Green Book)

Take My Life, and Let It Be #399 (Hymnal)

Christ Beside Me #2166 (Black Book)

Last Week's Attendance

In-Person Worship – 63

Online Worship – Youtube 6

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 August 7th are b) Laban b) His mighty angels a) Elijah

Quiz Hints – Q1 Hosea, Q2 Genesis Q3 1Kings

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Being intentional about spending time in nature, and paying attention while we are there, can help us find peace.

Look

“At a young age I knew that God had created [nature], from the very little things that we see to the great, majestic things,” shares Layfield. “That was one of the things that were so good about the [Appalachian Trail]. There were the tiniest of wildflowers, the tiniest of little creatures. But then also there were the mountains with beautiful vistas when you reached the top.”

Put it into practice: Go outside or gaze out of your window. What’s the smallest thing you see? The biggest? Take a moment to marvel at God’s creativity and your own place in creation.

Read Scripture: [Psalm 96:11-12](#)

Hear

When people ask Layfield why he hiked the trail, he answers, “I love being out in nature, I love enjoying God’s creation. But the other reason is, after a while, I was able to experience the quietness of the trail, where I’m not bombarded by sounds. I felt like I could hear God speaking to me.”

Taste

“On the trail, I had ramen noodles almost every night,” mentions Layfield. “And people say to me, ‘How did you eat that day after day?’ I can’t say it tasted bad. I always looked forward to it. I think being outdoors, in nature, enhances the taste somehow. That’s not a scientific thing, but for me, I think it has.”

Put it into practice: Pack a simple snack or meal and find a picnic spot. Eat slowly, with intention, and savor each bite. Give thanks for your surroundings, the food, and anyone who might be with you.

Read Scripture: [Psalm 23](#)

Smell

“The things that we smell, we don’t notice them unless it’s something outstanding, like an apple pie baking in the oven,” Layfield says. “On the trail, after hikers had been hiking for 2, 3, or 4 months, there was a phenomenon that we’d be hiking and a day hiker would be coming the other way, and as they were at least 20 feet away, we could smell that hiker. It was a pleasant, usually soapy smell.”

Put it into practice: Sit outside for several minutes and close your eyes. Take a few deep breaths. What do you smell? Try to identify more than one scent. Remember that from this earth, God created you.

Read Scripture: [2 Corinthians 2:14-17](#)

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Touch

"I have a little garden and I like digging in the dirt... I don't know why people that garden do. Maybe there's something about it that brings us all back into touch with what we once were," suggests Layfield. "Maybe it all goes back to the Garden of Eden. I guess all of this maybe does."

Put it into practice: Plant a seed. Hold the dirt. Get muddy. Care for your new plant over time and touch the leaves once they sprout. Think about the growth cycle and how you might emulate it in your spiritual life.

Read Scripture: [Genesis 1:9-12](#)

Take the Creator's peace to others

Layfield remembers many acts of kindness along the trail. A woman offered him a ride despite his smelly, dirty appearance. Someone left thermoses of hot coffee and donuts for people to find as they hiked through the snow. A stranger took Layfield and a fellow hiker out to dinner.

He says, "There were people like that all along the way. It's just amazing."

Put it into practice: As creations of God, we are called to care for the earth and each other. After you've found peace in nature, it's time to share it. How will you do this? Host a picnic in your neighborhood or teach a young person the benefits of unplugging from technology, perhaps. Consider the endless possibilities and choose one that will bring the light of Christ to those around you.

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Birthday Celebration – the family of Joan Hamilton is inviting you to help them celebrate Joan's 90th birthday this coming Sunday, August 14th from 1:00-3:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.



On Sunday mornings we have been learning about following God in the wilderness. The three verbs that we are leaning into are: Rest, Reconnect, and Renew. This Sunday, we will continue with Reconnecting through Stories. In preparation, I would love for you to begin thinking about a way that you have seen God this week. Was it at work? Was it a conversation you had with a friend? Was it on the Wabash Trace? Was it a really good supper? Was it while reading your Bible? Was it when you received a gift or gave a gift? Where have you seen God this week?

We will have a time during our Sunday worship service in which those that would like can share their stories (nobody will be put on the spot). I look forward to hearing your stories of God in your life!