



Weekly Booster

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What Is Love

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but does not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, and it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts always hopes, and always perseveres.

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. 1 Corinthians 13:1-8

Reading this familiar passage may make you remember a time when a preacher shared it during a marriage ceremony. But relegating this passage to love between a husband and wife does it a disservice. The love Paul speaks of is much greater and much deeper than romantic love—it represents the kind of love God has for his children.

If we look at the life of Jesus and superimpose it over this passage, we see that Jesus personified every word. He was patient and kind.

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“Happily ever after starts here.”

Reminders

February 18th

Men's Bible Study – 8:00 a.m.

February 26th

Men's Monthly Breakfast-8:00 am

February 19th

Youth, Jr/Sr Sunday School
Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.
HS Youth Group – 7:00 p.m.

February 22nd

Encountering the New Testament
Study with Pastor David - Noon
Praise Team - 5:00 p.m.
Ash Wednesday Service – 6:00 pm
Choir – 6:45 p.m.

February 22nd-April 6th

Lent Season

February 23rd

T.O.P.S. – 5:30 p.m.

****Worship Assistants are needed
for February 26th**

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

Love - Continued from page 1

He didn't envy them. He emptied himself, humbling himself to the point of death on a cross. He didn't follow his desires, but instead followed the will of the Father, pouring himself out for all humankind.

From the cross, Jesus bled forgiveness, even for the people crucifying him. He not only told the truth; he is the truth. As we look at how he shepherded his disciples, we see his love, protection, trust, hope, and perseverance.

Put love into action

Want to truly understand love? Look at Jesus. And then remember this: he loves you with incredible love. Your response? Do the same with the people in your life.

Think about your friends and family. Who demonstrates this passage well? What traits of love does he or she personify? How does that encourage you?

Prayer

Lord, thank you for showing me what love looks like as you walked the earth. With gratitude for your love for me, I want to show people that kind of sacrificial love. I can't do it on my own, so please help me. Amen.

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*“Sit up and take notice,
but don’t keep sitting.”*

Volunteers Needed



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wednesday**

FEBRUARY 22
6:00PM
SHENANDOAH FIRST UMC

Church Office Hours

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

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

****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.

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.



According to Lamentations, what did the hands of compassionate women do?

- a) fought for their children
- b) boiled their children
- c) acquire weapons
- d) cultivate fields

Which priest collected money in a wooden box to repair the Temple?

- a) Aaron
- b) Jehoiada
- c) Eli
- d) Samuel

How many letters of the Apostle Peter are there in the Bible?

- a) 1
- b) 2
- c) 3
- d) None

Check page 4 for answers from the previous week.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



19th – Sharon Hiser, Barb Williamson
21st – Darin Athen, Larry Cowherd
23rd – Mandy Maher, Linda Haldane
24th – Anna Priebe, Ryan Richardson
25th – Gaylen Lundgren

****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.

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***Prelude/Postlude/Accompanist: Terry Stafford**

Call to Worship

Leader: In his farewell to his congregation, Peter tells his people that as long as he's alive he'll keep reminding them of the stories of Jesus.

People: "For he received honor and glory from God when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'"

L: Let us tell each other the stories of Jesus again today as we worship in joy and hope.

P: It is good for us to be here.

"On the Mountain with Jesus"

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 24:12-18

New Testament Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21

Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:1-9

Songs

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise #103

10,000 Reasons (screens)

He Is Exalter #3034

God of Wonders #2070

Last Week's Attendance

In-Person Worship -

Online Worship –

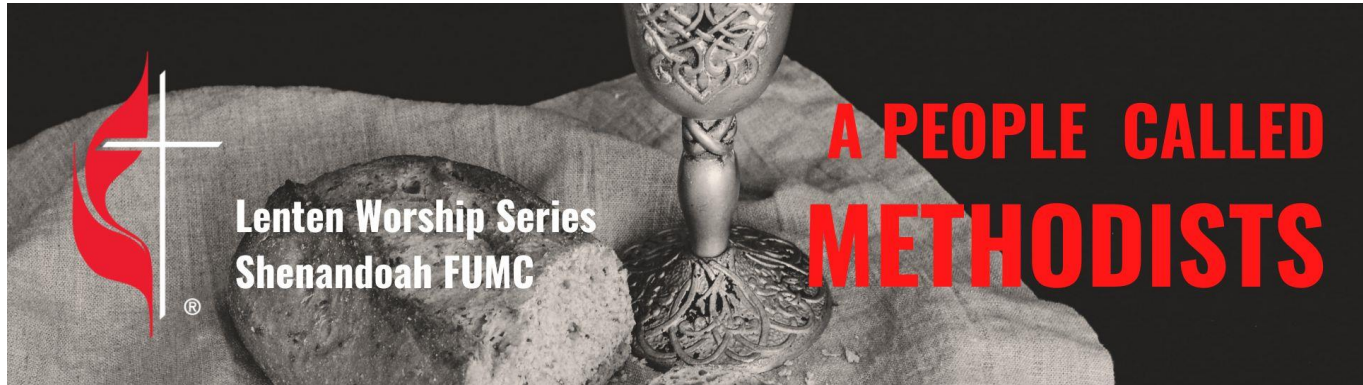
Our Mission:

"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 12th are a) Esther b) Rebekah d) Abigail
Quiz Hints – Q1) Lamentations Q2) 2Kings Q3) 2Peter**



It began at Oxford University, when a young Anglican priest, John Wesley, and his brother Charles started a small group that would focus on spiritual disciplines and ministry to the marginalized. They were given the name Methodists. Three hundred years later we stand in that tradition as a people called Methodists. Joins us during the season of Lent (beginning Feb. 26) as explore together our Methodist identity. We are the people of God who live the gospel, do no harm, do good, love God, and for whom the world is our parish.



Methodist Minute

At the beginning of the Methodist movement, John Wesley did not plant new churches (they were already members of the Church of England), but he began Methodist Societies. He gave these societies three simple rules for ordering their lives together: 1) do no harm, 2) do good, and 3) attend to the ordinances of God (i.e. worship, scripture reading, prayer, sacraments, and fasting). May this way of living be ours as well.

Grace and peace,
Pastor David B. Clark
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“This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” God’s voice echoed through the Holy Spirit cloud on the mountaintop. The raging storm listened to him and was still. The life-wrecking demons listened to him and departed. Jairus’ daughter listened to him and was raised to life.

The mountaintop transfiguration of Jesus is a strange tale. For the first time, Jesus had shared with his followers that he would be rejected, suffer and die at the hands of his enemies. Instead of promising comfort and easy living, Jesus promises the way of the cross for himself and any who would follow him (Mk 8:27-9:1). Within a week, his three closest disciples witness Jesus transformed into a heavenly being, with two pillars of Jewish faith standing beside him. Moses (representing Torah) and Elijah (representing the prophets) show up and start talking to Jesus. Peter, James, and John (who have probably peed their pants from fear at this point) suggest setting up tents for these three heavenly beings, maybe as a way to memorialize what is happening, or somehow hold onto the glory of the moment. The cloud of the Holy Spirit overshadows everyone, and God tells them to listen to the Beloved Son...and then it's over. You imagine the whole thing to have happened in the span of three or four minutes that felt like an eternity.

What were they supposed to listen to?

The first thing Jesus does as he walks them back down the mountain is remind them that he will be raised from the dead after he is rejected and suffers at the hands of his enemies. And then he gives a small child the ability to speak and hear. And then he tells them again that he’s going to suffer and die before he is raised.

“This is my Son,” says the voice of God. This one. The Beloved; whose glory is truly discovered in the cross. The Beloved; who can do the impossible...LISTEN to him!

Follow me. The denied and rejected one. The suffering and resurrected one. To be a disciple is to face the reality of suffering and death with Christ, and to trust that though it looks and feels like defeat, you will be raised with him.

I wanted the demons in this comic to look like the main character: pale and decaying, sightless voices that insist their words are ultimate. Some days you can be so overwhelmed by the lies that it’s hard to listen to

the voice of the Beloved, let alone trust that Christ has conquered those lies. Like the parent of the demon-possessed child in Mark 9, we feel helpless to conquer the demons, like we are doomed to lose what we love. With that parent, we say, "I believe; help my unbelief!" (Mk 9:24).

As we brace ourselves for the Lenten journey to the cross, may you find yourself in prayer. May you listen to the voice that says, "Neither death nor life...nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom 8:38-39). May you find yourself transformed more and more into the image of Christ each time you tie your shoes and agree day by day to deny yourself, to take up your cross, and to follow the Suffering Servant, the Beloved Son.

This week's comic is written especially for all those women and men in the ordination process, which causes you to face all your demons, challenges your feelings of self-worth, and leaves you feeling spiritually exhausted. Our prayers are with you.

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1. Methodist Men's Breakfast, Sunday, February 19th at 8:00 a.m.
2. NO Jr./HS Sunday School class, Sunday, February 19th
3. February 22nd, Ash Wednesday Service – 6:00 p.m.
4. Choir practice will resume on February 22nd at 6:45 p.m.
5. Lent season, Wednesday, February 22nd to Thursday, April 6th.
6. Good Friday, April 7th. Service time TBA.

