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*Our Vision: **Growing** as
disciples of Jesus while
connecting with others and
serving our community.*



Eve, the First to Believe the Good News Meaning of

Eve has been vilified throughout the ages as the first to sin and a seductress. Most early interpreters and many modern preachers continue to cast off the blame like Adam did for eating from the tree of knowledge of good and evil: "The woman you put here with me — she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it" (Gen. 3:12, NIV).

These are the last words we hear from Adam in the Bible. What are the problems with Adam's response and how is Eve redeemed through the rest of the story in Genesis 4?

The Scene of the Serpent's Temptation

While the serpent directed his conversation to the woman, the man was present. Although speaking to the woman, the serpent used the masculine plural form of the Hebrew "you" with corresponding verbs in every sentence (Gen. 3:1, 4, 5). The woman replied using "we" (Gen. 3:2).

While this might be explained away, Genesis 3:6 carries a string of sequential narrative verbs (*wayyiqtol*) informing that "she saw ... she took ... she ate ... she gave also to her man *who was with her* and he ate" (translation and emphasis mine).

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"I never dreamed about success, I worked for it."
Estee Lauder

"I attribute my success to this: I never gave or took any excuse." **Florence Nightingale**

Reminders

August 9th

Sunday Service 9:00 a.m.
No PK-6 S.S. & Jr/Sr High
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 12th

Praise Team – 4:00 p.m.
No Bell or Chancel Choirs until fall

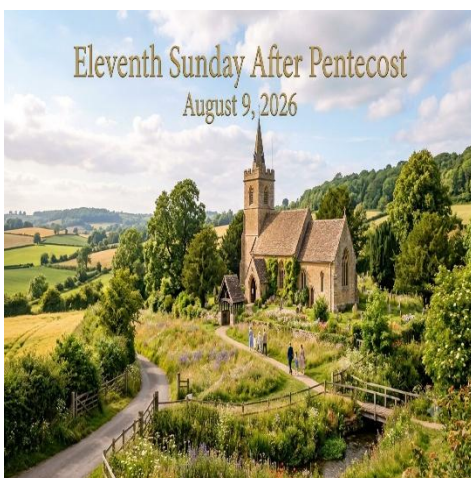
August 13th

T.O.P.S.

Worship Assistant is needed each Sunday, sign up at the Welcome Center

Meals-On-Wheels Deliveries Sign up at the Welcome Counter

Fellowship Volunteers and treats needed, sign up in Fellowship Hall



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The woman did not go looking for the man as John Milton's fanciful, misogynistic *Paradise Lost* portrays, with Adam "fondly overcome with female charms."¹ Rather, the man acted willfully.

Both were undeniably culpable. After eating of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, both man and woman tried to cover up the new awareness of their naked vulnerability and tried to hide from the Lord in fear when they heard him in the Garden.

God called out to the man, since God had first given the man the instructions to not eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. God confronted Adam to give account for his actions. He took no responsibility, but blamed not only the woman, but at the core, blamed God who gave her to be with him (Gen. 3:12). The problem was *not* that the man listened to the woman but that he failed to obey God. "God does not let the man off the hook but asks him, "Who told *you* that you were naked? Have *you* eaten from the tree that I commanded *you* not to eat from?" (Gen. 3:11, NIV, *emphasis mine*).² God holds the man accountable for his actions, just as he holds the woman responsible for hers.³

God then asks the woman with equal dignity to give account for her actions. She answers truthfully, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate" (Gen. 3:13; 1 Tim 2:14, NIV).

But this is not the last we hear from her. The voice of Eve is heard two more times in Scripture: at the birth of Cain and at the birth of Seth (Gen. 4:1, 25). These two utterances point to her faith in God's redemption. Although Eve sinned and experienced deep grief, she believed the promise of God recorded in Genesis 3:15 when he spoke to the serpent:

I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.
 — Genesis 3:15 (NRSVue)

This passage in Genesis 3:15 is often called the *protoevangelium*, meaning, "the first gospel."

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Volunteers Needed



LAST PERSON LEAVING
PLEASE TURN OUT LIGHTS
AND LOCK DOORS

First United Methodist Church

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



Church Ad Board Members

Bob Lynn - Chair
Mary Peterson - Secretary
Darlene Howard - At-Large
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Dave Lashier - Treasurer
Craig Harris - Lay Member to
Annual Conference
Connie Anderson - Memorials
Linda Haldane - Membership
Oliver Fabros - Pastor

Church Office Hours

**** Children & Jr.-Sr. High
Sunday School –
PK-6 & Jr/Sr High
resumes in the fall**

Wednesday

Praise Team – 4:00 p.m.
Bell Choir – again in fall
Chancel Choir – in the fall

The front door to the church
will be locked during office
hours. Please ring the
doorbell to be let into the
church.

Monday

9:00-11:00
12:00-3:00

Tuesday

9:00-11:00
12:00-3:00

Wednesday

Office Closed

Bible Study 11:00

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 to
enter 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 on the next
business day.



How many precious
stones were mounted
on the priest's breast
piece?

- a) Three
- b) Seven
- c) Nine
- d) Twelve

After following Jesus'
instruction, how many fish
were caught?

- a) 120
- b) 144
- c) 153
- d) 175

Who was Aaron's wife?

- a) Elisheba
- b) Rachel
- c) Sarah
- d) Zipporah

**Check page 4 for answers from
the previous week.**



2nd – Aaron & Jamie Burdorf
9th – Duane & Mary Lou Rexroth
10th – Ardyce Giese, Kynlee Pease
11th – Isaac Lundgren
13th – Sharon Stribling, Phil & Val Grossman
14th – Gregg & Elaine Broermann

****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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Services are now on our YouTube
channel only.

<https://www.youtube.com/@shen.church8192/streams>

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

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is in His Holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before him.

People: For He comes, He comes to judge the earth.

L: We will judge the world with righteousness and the people with His truth.

P: Open our hearts, O God, to Your truth and Your mercy.

“Here Comes Da Judge!”

Scripture Reading: Matthew 7:1-5

Songs

Bind Us Together #2226

Word of God Speak #3184

Pass It On #572

God Be with You till We Meet Again #672

Last Week's Attendance

In-Person Worship – 62

Online Worship – 20

Our Vision:

“Growing as disciples of Jesus while connecting with others and serving our community.”

**Answers for August 2nd are c) sluggard d) distressed d) Joab
Quiz hints – Q1) Exodus Q2) John Q3) Exodus**



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Ketchup, Mustard, Spices and Seasonings, Brownie, Cookie, and Muffin Mixes, Pancake Mix and Syrup, Jelly, Pasta (any type including spaghetti noodles), Powdered Milk, Microwave Popcorn, Corn and Green Beans, Bar Soap, Body Wash, Toilet Paper.

There are times when people who use the Food Pantry come to the pantry on foot. They are then forced to walk home carrying, pushing, or pulling several pounds of food. Southwest Iowa Transit, for a very reasonable fee of \$5.00, will take individuals home with their food items. If you are interested in helping pay for these fees, simply seal your cash (whatever you would like to give) in a plain envelope and add it to your donated food items.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the Community Food Pantry. We exist totally on donations; we couldn't assist those in need without your help!

If you or anyone who would be interested in volunteering at the Food Pantry, please contact Jeannine K. Liljedahl at 712-215-2488.

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Due to the serpent's actions, conflict becomes assigned between him (malevolent forces or Satan) and the promised "seed" of the woman: the one who would strike the head of the serpent as a mortal blow, while the serpent would only inflict a wound, striking the heel of the promised one.

Let's be clear. Both Adam and Eve betrayed God when they each chose to follow the serpent's words rather than God's. Their actions brought chaos and conflict into the world in both the earthly and the spiritual realms. Tim Mackie calls the consequences God pronounced upon the woman and the man "God's lament": "Yahweh naming the new normal in light of the decisions that they have made."⁴

But hope prevailed.

Eve Speaks Words of Faith After the Exile

East of Eden, outside the Garden, Adam and Eve gave birth to their first son. Eve named him Cain, saying "I have acquired (*qnh*) a man (*ish*) with Yahweh" (Gen. 4:1, my translation). This birthing narrative is highly unusual. There is nothing like it in the Bible.⁵ Her hope in God's promise of providing an offspring through the woman who would crush the serpent's head is hinted through her strange words.⁶

She names her son Cain from the Hebrew word *qanah*, or *qnh*, in Hebrew, which can mean “to buy, acquire, produce” or “create.”⁷ Furthermore, she doesn’t call him a baby or boy, but a man, an *ish*. Eve’s language echoes Adam’s excitement when he first saw her and called her *ishshah* in Gen. 2:23. “Eve now says, in effect: ‘I, a woman (*’ishah*), was produced from man (*’ish*); now I, a woman, have in turn produced a man.’”⁸ Old Testament scholar Gordon Wenham takes her statement as a declaration of faith in the messianic promise from Gen 3:15.⁹

“She declares that this man she bore was acquired not with Adam but with Yahweh, which can imply ‘together with’ the LORD. But there is further possible ambiguity concerning the meaning of the little word connecting man (*ish*) with the LORD (Yahweh). Some understand her statement as a declaration of faith in the messianic promise from Gen. 3:15, saying, ‘I have gained a man, the LORD.’¹⁰ Regardless of how her curious words are understood, we should not miss that **Scripture records that the sacred covenant name of Yahweh was first uttered by the woman, Eve.**¹¹ And she is the first to give God glory after their exile from the Garden.”¹²

Eve was mindful of crediting God for what she as a woman was naturally created to produce, despite the fact that God had rightly judged her.

Eve’s Final Words Express Her Continued Hope of Redemption

For Eve, the worst possible happens. Her hope is dashed when Cain murders her second son, Abel. The grief of losing a son at the hands of her firstborn must have been overwhelming! Yet, she expressed faith again that God will fulfill his word.

“Then Adam knew his wife again, and she gave birth to a son. And she called his name Seth (*shet*), for (she said) “God has appointed (*shyt*) to me another seed in place of Abel, because Cain killed him.” And as for Seth, he also fathered a son, and he called his name Enosh. At that time people began to call on the name of Yahweh.” — Gen. 4:25–26 (*my translation*)

With the birth of Seth, Eve more specifically referenced the *protoevangelium*. She credited God once again for the birth of her son and in addition, used two key words that previously only occur together in the Hebrew of Genesis 3:15: the words “appoint, set, put, or grant” and “seed, or offspring.”

Eve gave her newborn son the name Seth, which comes from the Hebrew word *shyt* — “to set, place, appoint,” — that the Lord used when telling the serpent that he would “set, place, appoint” enmity between him and the woman. The second word Eve uses, “seed, or offspring” is also used in Genesis 3:15 as the “seed of the woman” who would crush the serpent’s head. Eve expressed her continued faith in Yahweh by directly connecting the name she gave her son Seth as her “seed” of God’s promise.

In addition, the closing verse of Genesis 4 points to the fruit of her faith: “Seth also had a son, and he named him Enosh. At that time people began to call on the name of the Lord” (Gen. 4:26, NIV).

Seth’s son, Enosh, comes to mean “human,” with an emphasis on mortality, just as “Adam” also means “human” in the rest of the Hebrew Bible.¹³ In this sense, Enosh became a second Adam, but one aware of his mortality and dependency on Yahweh.¹⁴ Through the line of Seth and Enosh, the messiah is birthed.¹⁵

Eve’s reference to her “appointed” son Seth as another “seed” is followed by a significant statement, “At that time people began to call on the name of the Lord.”

“To ‘call on the name of the Lord’ is to worship him according to the whole revealed truth of God.”¹⁶ In addition to worship, calling on the name of the Lord becomes associated with salvation. The prophet Joel prophesies deliverance in the last days, proclaiming “And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved” (Joel 2:32, NIV). Peter quotes Joel’s prophecy in his first sermon on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:21). And Paul in Romans 10:13 repeats the famous verse, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”¹⁷

The conclusion of Genesis 4 introduces the theme of worship, the promise of the messianic lineage, and the message of salvation. Although Eve failed God, she is remembered in Scripture as the first one to call upon the covenant name of Yahweh and express continued faith in God’s promised one who would crush the serpent under his feet (Rom. 16:20).

Adapted from author, Ingrid Fabro, Bible Digest, PO Box 831, Judsonia, AR 72081. October 25, 2025.

***This
coming
Saturday***



Join us for a
**Blessing of the
Backpacks!**

Sunday, August 23rd
9:00 a.m.

All students, teachers,
and educators are
encouraged to bring
your backpacks to be
blessed for the new
school year.



**Breakfast will be
provided by the
Methodist Women**



**United
Methodist
Men's
Monthly
Breakfast**

**August 16th – 8:00 a.m.
All Men Are Welcome!**



Bible Quiz: Matthew 20:29-34

1. What city was Jesus going out of?
2. Two blind men called out to Jesus, calling Him the Son of ____.
3. "Then the ____ warned them that they should be ____."
4. The men wanted Jesus to open their ____.
5. "And immediately their ____ received ____, and they followed Him."



The Praying Hands

Countless people have admired the painting known as “The Praying Hands.” I thought you might appreciate this masterpiece even more if you knew the story behind it.

Back in the fifteenth century two young art students, Albrecht Durer and Franz Knigstein, were working as laborers to earn money to continue their art studies. The work was long and hard, leaving them little time to study art.

Because of their struggles they finally agreed to draw lots and let the loser support them both while the winner continued to study. Albrecht won. If and when he attained success, he agreed to support Franz so that he too could finish his studies.

After Albrecht achieved success, he returned to keep his bargain with Franz. He soon discovered the enormous sacrifice his friend had made for him. As Franz had worked hard labor his fingers had become twisted and stiff. His long slender fingers and sensitive hands had been ruined for life. He could no longer manage the delicate brush strokes so necessary to execute fine paintings. In spite of the price he had paid, Franz was not bitter. He was happy that his friend Albrecht had attained success.

One day Albrecht saw his loyal friend kneeling, his rough and gnarled hands entwined in silent prayer. Albrecht sketched his friend’s hands. From this sketch he later completed a truly great masterpiece. He gave it the simple but moving title: “The Praying Hands.”

Adapted from author Byron Nichols, 1984. Bulletin Digest

POETRY

To the End

O Jesus, I have promised
To serve Thee to the end;
Be Thou forever near me,
My Master and my Friend;

I shall not fear the battle
If Thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If Thou wilt be my Guide.

John E. Bode