



Weekly Booster

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The Love of God

Those of us who love and have chosen to follow Jesus are called to continue the ministry that Jesus began when he was on earth. The only way it is possible for fallible humans to do so is by the empowerment of the Holy Spirit working through us. Our steps need to be in cadence with His to see His Kingdom come and to see Heaven invade Earth. Our heart needs to be full of His love. When we experience His love and reach out to serve others in that same power, we can continue the work that He began—and that so many believers have moved forward in centuries past.

Our belief is critical, as is following after him. We can't do so perfectly; neither could the disciples. When the disciples who literally followed Him every day for three years did not fully understand His mission and ministry, this is how He responded:

[John 14:11-12](#) (NIV) *“Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these because I am going to the Father.”*

“Works” in the Greek language means *business*, and “greater” means *increase*. God wants to have you be about His business and bring increase through your obedience.

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*“Jesus said, “I’ll be back”
way before Arnold did.”*

*“What you are is God’s gift to
you. What you do with
yourself is your gift to God.”*

Reminders

October 8th

Men’s Bible Study – 8:00 a.m.

October 9th

Congregational Meeting & Potato Bar
starting at 11:30 a.m.

October 9th

Sunday School for all ages
HS Youth Group – 7:00 p.m.
Youth Room, Wesley Hall

October 10th

Monday Evening Study, 6:30 p.m.
“Who is Jesus” – Fellowship Hall
with Pastor Clark

October 12th

Praise Team - 5:00 p.m.
Choir – 6:45 p.m.

October 13th

T.O.P.S. – 5:30 p.m.

****Worship Assistants are needed
for October 30th and November**

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

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Jesus then goes on to say that when He leaves, He will send the Holy Spirit to be within and upon us, never to leave, so that we can continue His ministry.

So what does it mean to continue the work that Jesus did among us? Jesus changed lives. He brought the good news of the gospel and the kingdom of God to all who would listen. He comforted the broken-hearted. He proclaimed freedom and liberty to spiritual prisoners. He brought restoration and increase to those who had been wronged and robbed, especially by the enemy. He brought joy to those who were mourning. He brought strength to the weak. He brought sight to the blind. He brought health to the sick. He brought the dead back to life. He crushed death, disease, and all the works of the devil under His heel.

The most amazing thing about this is that He has called you to do these works and even greater works!

Jesus’ love for those around him was motivated by the love of the Father. Everything He did and said was saturated and soaked with God’s love.

[John 3:16-17](#) (NIV) *“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.”*

These verses are the beginning and the end of the gospel message, but they also point to one very important reminder: We work *from* God’s love, not *for* God’s love. We cannot add or subtract from His love, because his love for us has already been made perfect in the death and resurrection of his beloved Son.

[John 13:34-35](#) (NIV) *“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you love one another.”*

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“Sometimes God calms the storm. Other times, He calms the sailor.”

Volunteers Needed



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 pierced a man and a woman with a spear?

- a) Phinehas
- b) David
- c) Aaron
- d) Joshua

Like whom did the elders pray that the Lord will make Ruth?

- a) Rebecca and Sarah
- b) Rachel and Leah
- c) Leah and Rebecca
- d) Like Naomi

Where did Paul ask Timothy to remain according to 1Timothy?

- a) Colossae
- b) Thessalonica
- c) Philippi
- d) Ephesus

Check page 4 for answers in next week's booster

Birthdays and Anniversaries



- 11th – Al Moore, Sally Mueller
- 12th – Delores Fischer
- 13th – R'Donya Nelson
- 14th – Al Armstrong
- 15th – LeRoy & Lorene Whitehill

****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. <http://bit.ly/3skF0p9>

*Prelude/Postlude/Accompanist: *Terry Stafford*

Call to Worship

Leader: In the midst of your hectic week, you have come to worship God.

People: Our lives are pulled in so many directions, we see God's guidance

L: Let go of the burdens that weigh you down. God will take them.

P: We thank God for the respite we are given

L: Tune your hearts and voices in praise to God.

P: Let our voices bear the joy we feel because of God's love for us.

“Of Faith and Gratitude”

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

New Testament Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Third Scripture Reading: Luke 17:11-19

Songs

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me #361

Oceans (screens)

Give Thanks #2036

Shout to the Lord #2074

Last Week's Attendance

In-Person Worship – 69

Online Worship – 12

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 Oct 2nd are a) James a) Siloam b) Herod

Quiz Hints – Q1 Numbers Q2 Hosea Q3 Ruth

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Understand that when we move forward in love in the service of God's Kingdom, the love of God within us destroys the works of the devil—both within our hearts and within the world around us. Read [1 Corinthians 13](#) to see what biblical love looks like.

So how do we continue this work? How do we move forward in love? First, we need to receive His love. (We can't give what we don't have.)

God has an upgrade for us today so that we can be better receivers of His love. This upgrade not only allows us to see the never-ending heights, widths, lengths, and depths of His love ([Ephesians 3:18](#)); but it also allows us to let that love flow through us toward others.

Pray that God will allow you to be a conduit for his love. Pray that the overflow of that love will move you to the point where there's too much for you to contain – it will need to be released! Finally, pray for the eyes to see the opportunities for service that God is sending your way.

May you be blessed as you bless others through the work you do as you continue the work that Jesus began.

By Chase McCartney, Social Media Marketing Coordinator for [Biblica](#).

This Sunday, October 9th at 11:30 a.m. the church will have a congregational meeting starting with a potato bar. Our church will begin a slow and thoughtful discernment process of how we will express our Methodist tradition in the future to the broader United Methodist Church and with each other. This informational meeting is not to decide anything. What are Shenandoah FUMC's values as a church? What options do we have for the next steps? I hope you will join us for this important informational meeting.



Students, grades 7-9, are invited to the journey of confirmation beginning October 23. Each Sunday at 6:00pm we will learn about and put into practice our Christian faith. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to attend our first meeting to learn more about our confirmation program. If you have any questions, contact Pastor David.

COMMUNICATE TO BUILD COMMUNITY



Did you know that communication, community, and communion all share the same etymology "communis" which means "with, together" and "oneness, union?" My friend Erwin McManus taught me that and it was a powerful insight regarding the essence, purpose, and impact of communication.

This past weekend I joined 14 of my college fraternity brothers for a charity golf tournament raising money for cancer research. It was hosted by our brother Bob Kiesendahl who owns the Woodloch Pines Resort in the Pocono mountains. Bob was diagnosed with leukemia in his 20's and given a 10% chance of survival. But thanks to the miracle of medicine, an innovative treatment, a bone marrow transplant donor who sacrificed to help, and the grace of God, Bob is still living healthy and strong.

This was the third year in a row my group of friends got together like this. Guys who knew each other as 18-year-old knuckleheads are now leaders in the financial industry, an orthopedic surgeon, a judge, an environmental conservationist, movie producer, an educator, philanthropist helping disadvantaged youth, an author, and resort owner.

We didn't always get together like this. We went years and years without seeing each other. But then Covid hit and we all started to communicate via a group text. The communication lead to a renewed connection which lead to a commitment to get together for Bob's annual charity golf tournament.

And there we were in the middle of 2020, as the world became divided and people isolated and separated from each other, we all united together once again 27 years after graduation; for Bob, for cancer research, for each other, and for the nourishment of our souls.

It truly was a life-giving time and every guy will tell you we needed it for our healing and mental health when it felt like the world was going crazy. We left that 2020 gathering recharged, nourished, hopeful, and excited about getting together again.

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Communication leads to us communing with each other which leads to a stronger bond, health, wholeness, and community.

Communication, communing, communion, and community are essential for health, happiness, relationships, teamwork, and life. We were never meant to be isolated and alone. We were made for intimacy, connection and relationships. We are meant to grow and thrive in the community.

So as you think about your family, friends, and team at work, think about how you can communicate in such a way that builds community. Communicate to connect and unite, not divide, and connect in such a way that you build a community that supports and nourishes each other, making each individual feel more whole and the collective whole stronger.

When we improve our communication we communicate "with" each other, enhance our relationships and build stronger, "united" teams and communities "together."

-Jon Gordon, Weekly Newsletter, Jon Gordon Companies.



Katherine Smidt will be celebrating her 90th birthday on October 23rd. If you like to send her a card her address is,

Katherine Smidt
c/o The Kensington, Primrose Path
2210 Avenue H
Ford Madison, IA 52627

You are invited to send cards to Sally Mueller to help her celebrate her 90th birthday, October 11th. Cards can be sent to,

Sally Mueller
710 Russell Ave.
Shenandoah, IA 516012





GRATITUDE JOURNAL

WHY YOU SHOULD TRY IT

It's easy to take the good things and people in our lives for granted, but research suggests that consciously giving thanks for them can have profound effects on our well-being and relationships. This exercise helps you develop a greater appreciation for the good in your life. In fact, people who routinely express gratitude enjoy better health and greater happiness.

TIME REQUIRED

15 minutes per day, at least three times per week for at least two weeks.

HOW TO DO IT

There's no wrong way to keep a gratitude journal, but here are some general instructions as you get started.

Write down up to five things for which you feel grateful. The physical record is important—don't just do this exercise in your head. The things you list can be relatively small in importance (“The tasty sandwich I had for lunch today.”) or relatively large (“My sister gave birth to a healthy baby boy.”). The goal of the exercise is to remember a good event, experience, person, or thing in your life—then enjoy the good emotions that come with it.

As you write, here are eight important tips:

1. Be as specific as possible—specificity is key to fostering gratitude. “I’m grateful that my co-workers brought me soup when I was sick on Tuesday” will be more effective than “I’m grateful for my co-workers.”
2. Go for depth over breadth. Elaborating in detail about a particular person or thing for which you're grateful carries more benefits than a superficial list of many things.
3. Get personal. Focusing on people to whom you are grateful has more of an impact than focusing on things for which you are grateful.
4. Try subtraction, not just addition. Consider what your life would be like without certain people or things, rather than just tallying up all the good stuff. Be grateful for the negative outcomes you avoided, escaped, prevented, or turned into something positive—try not to take that good fortune for granted.
5. See good things as “gifts.” Thinking of the good things in your life as gifts guards against taking them for granted. Try to relish and savor the gifts you've received.
6. Savor surprises. Try to record events that were unexpected or surprising, as these tend to elicit stronger levels of gratitude.
7. Revise if you repeat. Writing about some of the same people and things is OK, but zero in on a different aspect in detail.
8. Write regularly. Whether you write daily or every other day, commit to a regular time to journal, then honor that commitment.