



# Weekly Booster

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



## Hezekiah: A Legacy of Faithfulness in a Time of Crisis

The story of Judah's final kings follows an up-and-down journey. Like a capital "M," there are two prominent high points: the reigns of Hezekiah and Josiah. Hezekiah's greatness becomes even more remarkable when we consider that his father (Ahaz) and son (Manasseh) were two of Judah's worst kings. Both participated in the detestable practice of child sacrifice (see 2 Kings 16:3; 21:6).

Hezekiah's story serves as both an example and a warning. On the one hand, he demonstrates how to break generational curses—evil patterns or practices passed down through families. Hezekiah refused to follow his father Ahaz's wicked ways. On the other hand, Hezekiah failed to raise his son Manasseh to be a righteous, God-fearing king. While parents cannot guarantee good outcomes for their children, Manasseh's awful wickedness raises questions about how effectively Hezekiah taught his son to honor God. (Proverbs 22:6 should be understood as general wisdom, not as a guarantee.)

## A King Who Trusted God in Crisis

Hezekiah's reign took place during turbulent times—Assyria had defeated the northern kingdom of Israel. As Assyrian armies moved south, the same fate seemed certain for Judah. Facing this crushing threat, Hezekiah demonstrated tremendous faith in God.

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*“Stay away from those people who try to disparage your ambitions. Small minds will always do that, but great minds will give you a feeling that you can become great too.” Mark Twain*

*“When you give joy to other people, you get more joy in return. You should give a good thought to the happiness that you can give out.” Eleanor Roosevelt*

#### Reminders

##### October 19<sup>th</sup>

Sunday Service 9:00 a.m.  
PK-6 S.S. during the message  
Jr/Sr High S.S. – 10:30 a.m.  
Men's Breakfast – 8:00 a.m.

##### October 21<sup>st</sup>

Mat Making (Loom Room) 1:00 p.m.

##### October 22<sup>nd</sup>

Bible Study – 11:00 a.m.  
Praise Team - 4:00 p.m.  
Bell Choir – 4:30 p.m.  
Chancel Choir – 5:30 p.m.

##### October 23<sup>rd</sup>

T.O.P.S.

Meals-On-Wheels Deliveries  
Sign up at the Welcome Counter  
9:30-10:30 a.m. IWCC  
Pastor Clark-National Parks

**\*\*Worship Assistants are needed  
November**

**\*\* Fellowship Volunteers needed,  
sign up in Fellowship Hall**

#### Hezekiah - continued from page 1.

When Sennacherib, king of Assyria, sent Hezekiah a message promising his destruction, Hezekiah didn't panic or call a military strategy meeting. Instead, he took the threatening letter, walked up to God's temple, and spread it out before the LORD" (2 Kings 19:14). What a powerful example of how to respond when troubles, threats, or fears seem overwhelming—we spread our concerns before God (see 1 Peter 5:7)!

God honored Hezekiah's prayer and delivered Jerusalem from Assyria's army through a dramatic plague (see 2 Kings 19:35-36). Archaeologists have discovered King Sennacherib's annals, which boast of his military victories. These records confirm what the Bible shows—mighty Sennacherib could not defeat Jerusalem. In the best spin he could imagine, the Assyrian king said, "As for Hezekiah, I shut him up like a caged bird in his royal city of Jerusalem."

#### Hezekiah's Prayer for Healing

An even more dramatic event occurred when Hezekiah became seriously ill. The prophet Isaiah delivered devastating news: "This is what the LORD says: Put your house in order, because you are going to die; you will not recover" (2 Kings 20:1). Hezekiah prayed fervently to God and wept bitterly. Before Isaiah had even left the palace, God sent him back to Hezekiah with a new message: "I have heard your prayer and seen your tears; I will heal you. On the third day from now you will go up to the temple of the LORD. I will add fifteen years to your life" (2 Kings 20:5-6).

What should we learn from this story? Can humans so easily convince God to change his mind? We cannot fully explain why God chose to deliver a harsh message followed by a message of healing. However, we can know that God desires us to come before him in humble repentance, and he listens to our prayers. Even when God doesn't respond to prayers in the way we expect or understand, Scripture still encourages us to bring our needs and concerns before him. As Paul writes, "pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests" (Ephesians 6:18).

#### Imperfect, Yet Faithful

The final recorded episode of Hezekiah's life is anticlimactic.

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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

*Michelle Morelock - Chair*  
*Mary Peterson - Secretary*  
*Margaret Brady - Vice Chair & Trustee*  
*Roger Jones - Trustee*  
*Bob Lynn - SPRC*  
*Barb Lundgren - Finance*  
*Dave Lashier - Treasurer*  
*Craig Harris - Lay Member to Annual Conference*  
*Connie Anderson - Memorials*  
*Linda Haldane - Membership*  
*David Clark - Pastor*

## Church Office Hours

**\*\* Children & Jr.-Sr. High  
Sunday School –  
Starting September 7<sup>th</sup>.  
PK-6 during service  
Jr/Sr High 10:30 a.m.**

**Wednesday  
Praise Team – 4:00 p.m.  
Bell Choir – 4:30 p.m.  
Chancel Choir – 5:30 p.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

**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.



Who asked the first  
question in the Bible?

- a) Serpent
- b) Eve
- c) Adam
- d) God

Who was described as a  
skilled scribe?

- a) Ezra
- b) Haggai
- c) Nehemiah
- d) Zachariah

Who was so afraid that he  
drew marks on the doors and  
let spittle run down his beard?

- a) Nebuchadnezzar
- b) Jacob
- c) David
- d) Peter

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



19<sup>th</sup> – Bennett Blane, Brian Blank  
20<sup>th</sup> – Andrea Robison Kelso, Paige  
Weibold, Dennis & Sandra Bailey  
21<sup>st</sup> – Brielle Blank, Rita Rorebeck  
22<sup>nd</sup> – Al & LuAnn Armstrong  
25<sup>th</sup> – Toni Graham, Darlene Howard

**\*\*See a wrong birthday or anniversary, or need one added? Please call  
the office or send an email to [office@shen.church](mailto: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: A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse.**

**People: From what was cut down, God brings new life.**

**L: The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the child shall lead them.**

**P: God's peace is deeper than fear, stronger than violence.**

**L: The earth shall be filled with the knowledge of God.**

**P: We come to see, to hope, and to live God's dream.**

**"Reimagining Righteousness as Peace"**

**Scripture Reading: Isaiah 11:1-9**

**Songs**

**All Things Bright and Beautiful #147**

**Soul on Fire (screens)**

**Let There Be Peace on Earth #431**

**Last Week's Attendance**

**In-Person Worship – 70**

**Online Worship – 9**

**Our Vision:**

**"Growing as disciples of Jesus while connecting with others and serving our community."**

**Answers for Oct 12<sup>th</sup> are a) Jesus c) Iron a) 1 goat  
Quiz hints – Q1) Genesis Q 2) Ezra Q3) 1 Samuel**



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**Two Volunteers Needed each Thursday**

**to Deliver Meals**

**Sign-Up Sheet is on the  
Welcome Center Counter**



# October 2025

Cereal, Spaghetti Sauce and Noodles, Chili Soup, Microwave Popcorn, Hot Chocolate Mix, Cake, Brownie, and Muffin Mixes, Green Bean and Corn, Mandarin Oranges, Pineapple, Hamburger, Tuna, and Chicken Helpers,

Toilet Paper, Laundry Soap

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 have them contact Jeannine K. Liljedahl at 712-215-2488.

*Bring Your Change  
to Make a Change*

*Collected each Sunday after  
the children's message*



*Each of you should GIVE what you have decided in YOUR HEART to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for GOD LOVES a cheerful GIVER." (2 Corinthians 9:7)*

The Noisy Offering is one more way to do ministry for those in need and teach your children the importance of giving and serving. Each Sunday, a new opportunity for mission giving will take place after the Children's Message. Sunday School students will walk around the congregation, collecting your loose coins and currency in their colorful metal pails. This would be a good time to clean out the loose change from your pockets or purse. The money donated in October will go to the **Hispanic Center**.

The Christian Fellowship Church, 906 Day St, Shenandoah, will be holding a women's retreat getaway on Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup> (4:30-8:30), and Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 pm). The cost is \$25 per person. To find out more, contact the office for contact numbers. The theme is: "Beautiful Feet."



### Hezekia - continued from page 2.

While receiving envoys (or messengers) from Babylon, Hezekiah showed the messengers all the treasures of his palace and storehouses. When Isaiah heard about this, he delivered a harsh judgment to the king (see 2 Kings 20:16-18).

Though Hezekiah wasn't perfect, he stands out among Judah's many bad kings as a man of faith and humility. He pushed back against the ways of his family and culture, directing the people of Judah back to God. Hezekiah's life reminds us of the importance of standing for God's ways regardless of what the world around us—including our own family members—thinks or says about us. The most important part of our relationship with God is faithfulness. Like Hezekiah, we won't be perfect, but throughout our lives we should always strive to remain faithful to God's will.

### Jesus, the Perfect and Faithful King

The good news is that the Bible presents a king who is perfect and perfectly faithful—Jesus Christ. Scripture promises that while we are often weak and faithless, Christ remains faithful (see 2 Timothy 2:13). This means, in part, that he will not give us over to our own weakness or frailty. Our perfect King and Savior, who defeated the power of sin and death, remains faithful to the end. He will present us before God without fault and with great joy (see Jude 24). Thanks be to God!

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**SHENANDOAH CITY  
WIDE CLEAN-UP**

SHENANDOAH UTILITY  
CUSTOMERS ONLY

**Oct 18 8a-3p**

RESIDENTS MUST PRESENT DRIVER'S  
LICENSE OR CITY UTILITY BILL FOR  
ENTRANCE.

LOADS WILL BE INSPECTED AND MAY BE  
DENIED.

RESIDENTS ARE ASKED TO REMAIN IN  
VEHICLES. STAFF WILL BE ON SITE TO  
UNLOAD. RESIDENTS MAY BE ASKED TO  
REMOVE ITEMS.

TRAILERS WILL BE EXPECTED TO  
UNLOAD THEMSELVES.

2025



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**POVERTY SIMULATION WORKSHOP**  
An Immersive Experience in Understanding Poverty

Wednesday, November 12 4:00 - 6:00  
Izaak Walton Lodge, Shenandoah

REGISTER NOW > [tinyurl.com/povertytraining](https://tinyurl.com/povertytraining)

Sponsored By: Thriving Families Alliance, Southwest Iowa Families, Clarinda Community School District, Shenandoah United Methodist Church

Three diamond-shaped photo cutouts showing people participating in the workshop. One shows a group at a table, another shows a man leaning over a table, and the third shows a group of people sitting at a table.A square QR code located in the bottom right corner of the poster.

# Fall Festival October 12th





Dear Church Family,

Isaiah 11:1–9 gives us one of the most beautiful visions in all of Scripture—a world made whole again. The wolf lives with the lamb, the child plays safely by the nest of the snake, and the earth is “full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.” This is not just the absence of conflict; it is the presence of shalom, or God’s peace that brings healing, harmony, and right relationship to all things.

Peace, in God’s sense, is not something fragile that can be broken by the next disagreement or hardship. It is the deep assurance that God is at work, restoring what is wounded, reconciling what is divided, and renewing what feels lost.

We catch glimpses of that peace every time forgiveness is offered, every time kindness bridges a divide, every time creation is cared for, and community is strengthened.

This week, may we live as people of shalom while seeking wholeness in our own hearts and extending peace to others. For even now, the Spirit of Christ is at work among us, planting seeds of the new creation where love and peace will one day reign.

Grace and peace,

Pastor David Clark - 308-258-7749 (cell)

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### **Over A Cup of Coffee**

Join Pastor David at IWCC next Thursday, October 23rd, 9:30-10:30 a.m. over a cup of coffee as he presents “American Pilgrimage: The National Parks as Sacred Places.” National parks are more than scenic backdrops, they are places of wonder, connection, and renewal. Come explore how America’s great landscapes have become sacred spaces for modern pilgrims.