



Weekly Booster

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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

Scars tell stories.

They remind us of our wounds. A betrayal. A painful loss. Childhood trauma. A season of failure and disappointment. A relationship that left us broken.

Many people carry the painful belief that their wounds make them unworthy of God's love and unusable in God's mission to heal others.

Throughout Scripture, God repeatedly works through wounded people.

Moses carried the scars of insecurity and murder.¹ David carried the wounds of adultery and murder.² Peter carried the pain of denying Jesus and cutting a man's ear off.³ Paul carried the hurt of persecuting followers of Jesus.⁴ Yet God met them in their mess and told his story of redemption. Why? Because God's grace is greater than our wounds.⁵

One of the most remarkable prophecies about Jesus is found in Isaiah 53.

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“Don’t let the fear of losing be greater than the excitement of winning.” Robert Kiyosaki

*“The secret of success is to do the common thing uncommonly well.”
John D. Rockefeller Jr.*

Reminders

August 16th

Sunday Service 9:00 a.m.
No PK-6 S.S. & Jr/Sr High
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Men’s Breakfast – 8:00 a.m.

August 19th

Praise Team – 4:00 p.m.
No Bell or Chancel Choirs until fall
Practice begins September 2nd

August 20th

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



Scars- continued from page 1.

Written seven centuries before Christ’s birth, Isaiah describes the suffering Messiah who would come to rescue humanity.

The prophet writes:

“But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed” (Isaiah 53:5).

Notice the beautiful paradox. Through Christ’s wounds comes our emotional healing and physical healing in the resurrection. He entered our suffering. God knows our rejection. He tasted the bitter taste of betrayal. He knows the pain of injustice. His best friends abandoned him.

On the cross, Jesus carried the weight of the world’s sin.⁶

The scars of Jesus tell the greatest story ever told.

They are reminders that God’s love is stronger than sin, greater than death, and tougher than anything that has wounded us. Because of Christ’s sacrifice, we can be forgiven, restored, brought into God’s family, with a new power to live abundantly. His life and power is now ours.

As we walk with Jesus, he continues healing the broken places within us. He renews our minds.

He restores our hearts. He teaches us to trust again. He transforms our pain into compassion and our wounds into wisdom. What once felt like a liability becomes a testimony.

The scars remain, but they no longer define us. Instead, they become evidence of God’s faithfulness. In a world that often discards what is broken, Jesus does something radically different.

He restores. He redeems. He resurrects.

The world may look at your brokenness and say, “Throw it away.” Jesus says, “Bring it to me.”

Your scars are the very place where his glory shines brightest.

Friend, it’s time to heal.

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
Roger Jones - Trustee
Dave Christensen - SPRC
Dan Weiss –
Finance/Stewardship
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.



Who was
Nicodemus?

- a) Sadducee
- b) Prophet
- c) Zealot
- d) Pharisee

Who raised Tabitha
(Dorcas) from the dead?

- a) James
- b) Peter
- c) Paul
- d) Jesus

How old was Abraham when
he was circumcised?

- a) 75
- b) 80
- c) 90
- d) 99

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



16th – Keven Livengood, Devin Morelock, Carl Priebe

17th – Deb Milstead

18th – Steven DeLong

19th – Vicki Briggs, Jessica Dunkeson

20th – Jamie Burdorf

21st – Mikayla Rostro

****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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Same address – a new look at
<https://shen.church>



<https://shenchurch.onechurchsoftware.com/>



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Shenandoah, IA

<https://www.facebook.com/methodist.church.shenandoah>



Services are now on our YouTube
channel only.

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

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

Call to Worship

Leader:

People:

L:

P:

“God Is Not Done Yet”

Scripture Reading: Matthew 7:1-5

Songs

Come, Thou Fount of every Blessing #400

Shout to the Lord #2074

Lord, I Offer My Life (screens)

God Be with You till We Meet Again #672

Last Week's Attendance

In-Person Worship – 58 Online Worship – 16

Our Vision:

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

**Answers for August 9th are d) Twelve c) 153 a) Elisheba
Quiz hints – Q1) John Q2) Acts Q3) Genesis**



August 2026

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.

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**



You're missed:
A message to those who haven't been at church lately

If you haven't been to church in a while, that's okay. We understand. With the changes and challenges we've been facing in the past half-dozen years, we all have needed to take time to process and reevaluate.

While we understand, we also invite you to reconnect, rekindle your relationships and get involved once more.

Chances are things are different than when you were last at church. Pastors have changed appointments, ministries have evolved or shifted their focus, and the community might have grown. Get curious about the new things God is doing and how God might be calling you to take part.

All Christians are vital to the faith community. As Paul says in Romans, chapter 12, "In the same way, though there are many of us, we are one body in Christ, and individually we belong to each other."

Community nourishes faith

The United Methodist Church is a safe space to be your authentic self, the unique and beautiful individual that God created you to be. You can ask challenging questions and wrestle with difficult decisions. You can thrive in a community where everyone is trying to figure out their purpose and live as faithful disciples of Christ.

While a strong faith is not dependent upon church attendance, being part of a body of believers is an essential aspect of mission, worship and celebration. Together, we pray, grow, celebrate communion and baptisms, and share joys and heartaches.

Church families offer support in times of distress, refuge in times of fear, healing in times of pain and a place to anchor during life's storms. They'll also join you in giving thanks when you are celebrating good news or exciting life events.

The outpouring of care that comes from your congregation comes directly from God. God moves among us and asks us to use our time and talents to serve each other. Don't miss an opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ – and to accept this gift when you are in need.

Too much? Start slowly.

If participating in a worship service feels like too much right now, remember that Sunday mornings are not the only time churches are active. Follow nearby churches on social media and subscribe to their e-newsletters so that you are aware of opportunities to engage. Consider these ideas:

- **Fellowship events:** Attend a fall festival, Advent cookie swap, Easter egg hunt, ice cream social, chili cook-off, craft night or pancake breakfast. These gatherings present an opportunity to see familiar faces, meet new people and catch up on congregational news.
- **Bible study or small groups:** Small groups are the perfect places to ask questions and learn from others' perspectives. Perhaps your pastor leads a weekly study, or groups gather throughout the week to pray together. Joining a smaller group can be a solid first step back into the larger community.
- **Mission efforts:** Volunteering at the food bank, Vacation Bible School, community garden days or similar events are excellent times to nurture relationships. Serving alongside those who share your passions will help you find commonality and build friendships.

You belong here

God calls us to lean on each other, to ban together in mission and to grow, both in personal relationships with Christ and as a faith family. These facets of God's grace and love can only be found through communal worship, prayer and fellowship. Don't miss out on the many blessings that God has waiting in a United Methodist congregation near you.

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Early Methodist History trivia

United Methodist Communications/General Commission on Archives and History
In this Methodist history trivia 101 quiz, check out how much you know about the founding family of Methodism.

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To take the quiz click here <https://bit.ly/4gasLWR> or cut and paste the link in your browser. You will be able to check your answers as you go.





Are You Ready for School?

Students who prepare are less distracted by forgotten assignments and better able to receive the instruction their teachers have planned

Being ready for school requires more than finding your backpack. It means preparing ahead, arriving on time, bringing materials, and entering the classroom ready to learn. Students who prepare are less distracted by forgotten assignments and better able to receive the instruction their teachers have planned. Scripture connects preparation with dependence on God: “Commit your works to Yahweh and your plans will be established” (Proverbs 16:3).

Our spiritual lives require greater readiness. Jesus said, “For this reason you also must be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think He will” (Matthew 24:44). Christ’s return is unknown, so following Him cannot wait until life feels convenient.

How do we do this? Well, we prepare by trusting Jesus, reading God’s Word, praying, confessing sin, and obeying Scripture. These practices train our attention toward God and keep His priorities before us. The psalmist declared, “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path” (Psalm 119:105). God’s Word helps us recognize truth, resist temptation, and choose wisely in every new situation.

Paul instructed Timothy, “Be ready in season and out of season” (2 Timothy 4:2). A prepared Christian is ready to speak truth, show kindness, encourage a classmate, and honor Christ wherever an opportunity appears.

Each school morning, a student should ask, “Is my mind ready to learn? Is my heart ready to serve?” We make sure to pack our books, set our alarms, and finish our work. But more importantly, we must prepare our souls. School readiness matters for today; spiritual readiness matters for eternity. Let each morning remind you to be ready to meet and serve the Lord faithfully.

Jake Schotter
Bolivar church of Christ
Bolivar, TN

PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE

70th Anniversary

HONORING
**BUCK & SALLY
MUELLER**

*Seventy years of love,
laughter, and a beautiful life
together. Let's celebrate this
incredible milestone!*

— JOIN US —

 **AUGUST 29TH**

 **3:00 – 5:00 PM**

 **SHENANDOAH
GOLF COURSE**
1800 S ELM
SHENANDOAH, IA 51601

**SHENANDOAH FIRST
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

JOIN OUR MUSIC MINISTRY!

All are Welcome!

 **4:00 p.m. - PRAISE TEAM** 

 **4:30 p.m. - BELL CHOIR** 

 **5:30 p.m. - CHANCEL CHOIR** 

EVERY WEDNESDAY!

WE NEED YOU!
Find your place. No experience necessary.
Be part of something special.

Practice for the Bell and Chancel choir will start on Wednesday, September 2nd. See the times on the flyer. Join the fun and fellowship.



You're Invited
**COMMUNITY APPRECIATION
& SUMMER BASH**
Help us celebrate our survey success!!

Garden View Care Center

 DATE: August 13, 2026 (Thursday)	 TIME: 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM	 LOCATION: 1200 W Nishna Rd Shenandoah, Iowa
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WHAT TO ENJOY

- ENTERTAINMENT
- DELICIOUS BBQ & REFRESHMENTS
- KIDS' ACTIVITIES & GAMES
- RAFFLES WITH PRIZE GIVEAWAYS

Event Sponsors:

HyVee **Walmart**  **FAREWAY**  **Azria Health**  **C&W** 
Clarinda Party Pantry





Welcome
Pastor Oliver

Join us for his
First Sermon

 **THIS SUNDAY** | AUGUST 16th |  9:00 a.m.

*Invite: Stay after service to meet & greet
Pastor Oliver over refreshments.*