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



Jehosheba: Courage in Crisis

Roughly five generations after God promised David an eternal throne (2 Samuel 7:16), his royal line was one sword's stroke from extinction. It survived because of the courage of one largely unknown woman: Jehosheba, God's hidden instrument.¹

Most people have never heard her name. She appears only briefly in Scripture, mentioned three times across two passages (2 Kings 11:2; 2 Chronicles 22:11). Yet without her bravery, the royal genealogy leading to the Messiah would have lost kings such as Uzziah, Hezekiah, and Josiah.

Jehosheba's story reminds us that our family background and life circumstances do not determine our character or limit the impact of our choices.

Born Into a Baal-Worshipping Family

Jehosheba was born into a deeply compromised royal household.

Her grandfather, King Jehoshaphat of Judah, generally followed the Lord but tolerated idol worship and formed a political alliance with Ahab, the notoriously wicked king of Israel (1 Kings 22:43–44; 2 Chronicles 20:32).

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“Everything you’ve ever wanted is sitting on the other side of fee.” George Addair

“The question isn’t who is going to let me; it’s who is going to stop me.” Ayn Rand

Reminders

April 26th

Sunday Service 9:00 a.m.
PK-6 S.S. during the message
Jr/Sr High S.S. – 10:30 a.m.
Last Day for Sunday School

April 28th

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

April 29th

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

April 30th

T.O.P.S.

Church Office Closed

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

** Fellowship Volunteers and treats needed, sign up in Fellowship Hall



Jehosheba - continued from page 1.

To seal that alliance, Jehoshaphat arranged for his son Jehoram to marry Ahab’s daughter Athaliah—granddaughter of Omri and likely daughter of Jezebel (2 Kings 8:18; 2 Chronicles 21:6).

When Jehoram became king, he fully embraced Baal worship and “did evil in the eyes of the Lord” (2 Kings 8:18). To secure his throne, he murdered his six brothers and their sons. The prophet Elijah sent him a letter condemning his actions and declaring that the men he killed “were better than you” (2 Chronicles 21:13).

In fulfillment of the Lord’s judgment, raiding bands attacked the palace, killing or capturing all of Jehoram’s sons except the youngest, Ahaziah. After an eight-year reign marked by cruelty and idolatry, Jehoram died painfully and “to no one’s regret” (2 Chronicles 21:20).

Still, God remained faithful to his covenant with David: “Nevertheless, for the sake of his servant David, the Lord was not willing to destroy Judah. He had promised to maintain a lamp for David and his descendants forever” (2 Kings 8:19).

Ahaziah, the lone surviving son, became king at age twenty-two, but reigned only one year. Like his parents, he followed evil counsel and continued in idolatry (2 Chronicles 22:4).

This was the spiritual atmosphere in which Jehosheba was raised. Yet she chose a different path. Though the daughter of King Jehoram and stepdaughter of Athaliah, she remained faithful to the Lord and married Jehoiada the high priest (2 Chronicles 22:11).

Swift Action in Crisis: The Clash of Values

When Ahaziah died, his mother Athaliah grabbed the opportunity to seize the throne by ordering the execution of all her grandsons, the royal heirs (2 Kings 11:1).

But God had already positioned his quiet rescuer. As 2 Chronicles 2:11-12 reads:

But Jehosheba, the daughter of King Jehoram, took Joash son of Ahaziah and stole him away from among the royal princes who were about to be murdered and put him and his nurse in a bedroom.

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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*
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Annual Conference*
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- David Clark - Pastor*

Church Office Hours

**** Children & Jr.-Sr. High
Sunday School –
PK-6 during service
Jr/Sr High 10:30 a.m.**

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

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

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

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

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

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.



What was the state of Boaz's heart before he went to lay down?

- a) Sorrowful
- b) Wounded
- c) Merrying
- d) Inspired

Who oppressed the people of Israel for 20 years?

- a) Jabin
- b) Tobijah
- c) Tubal-cain
- d) Nebuchadnezzar

Who did the two angels meet in the gateway of Sodom?

- a) Abraham
- b) Moses
- c) Isaac
- d) Lot

Check page 4 for answers from the previous week.



- 26th – Tammy Braymen
- 27th – Thomas Smith
- 28th – Robin Lynn

****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: You are my shelter, O Eternal God

People: Shield me from shame, turn Your ear in my direction.

L: Be my rock, my shelter, my salvation.

P: Be my leader, my guide, my navigator.

L: I give the moments of my life over to You.

P: Let Your face shine down upon me because of Your gracious love.

“REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE”

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Songs

God of grace and God of Glory #577

Here I Am to Worship #3177

Grace Alone #2162

People Need the Lord #2244

Last Week’s Attendance

In-Person Worship – 85

Online Worship – 13

Our Vision:

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

**Answers for April 19th are d) Ahasuerus a) Tribe of Levi b) King’s treasury
Quiz hints – Q1) Ruth Q) Judges Q3) Genesis**



May 2026

Cereal, Mandarin Oranges, Cake, Brownie, and Muffin Mixes, Macaroni & Cheese, Soda & Snack Crackers, Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti Noodles, Microwave Popcorn, Rice or Pasta Side Dishes, Brown Rice, Bar Soap, Shampoo

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.

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 April will go to the **Church Scholarships**.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Two Volunteers Needed each Thursday
to Deliver Meals
Sign-Up Sheet is on the
Welcome Center Counter**

Special Music Needed For Summer



As our Chancel and Bell Choirs prepare for a well-deserved summer intermission, the stage is open and waiting for **you!**

We are looking for talented individuals or groups to fill our sanctuary with "Special Music" during the summer months. Whether you are a soloist, part of an ensemble, or play an instrument, this is your moment to share your gift with our community.

If you're ready to share your talent or have a recommendation, please **contact the office**. We are currently developing our summer schedule and would love to include you in our lineup.

First United Methodist Church

**Your
Name**



We've been blessed to welcome many new faces to our worship services lately—in fact, we've created **52 new name tags** in just the last few months!

To help us all connect names with faces, please remember to wear your name tag each Sunday. This is also the perfect time to get back into the habit as we prepare for our pastoral transition. Wearing your tag will be a huge help to our new pastor as they work to learn everyone's name.

- **Storage:** You can find your tag hanging by the three wooden doors or just inside the chapel door.
- **Need a tag?** If you don't have one or need a replacement, please contact the office.

SHENANDOAH E-CYCLE EVENT

3:00-5:00 pm | PELLA CORP | RESIDENTS & BUSINESSES

| ✓ ITEMS WE ACCEPT (FREE FOR RESIDENTS*) | ✗ ITEMS WE CANNOT ACCEPT |
|---|---|
|  COMPUTERS & LAPTOPS |  BATTERIES Alkaline/Single-use |
|  MONITORS & TVs (CRT/Flat-screen) |  FLUORESCENT BULBS (CFLs/Tubes) |
|  MOBILE DEVICES (Phones/Tablets) |  LARGE APPLIANCES (Fridges/Washers/Dryers) |
|  PERIPHERALS Keyboards/Mice/ Hard Drives) |  DEHUMIDIFIERS & AC UNITS |
|  PRINTERS & SCANNERS |  SMOKE DETECTORS |
|  VIDEO PLAYERS VCR/DVD/DVR) |  PAINT or CHEMICALS |
|  GAMING SYSTEMS Consoles/Handhelds |  THERMOMETERS with Mercury |
|  AUDIO EQUIPMENT Stereos/MP3 Players |  MEDICATIONS |
|  SMALL APPLIANCES Toasters/Hair Dryers/ Coffee Makers |  GENERAL TRASH |
|  CORDS & CABLES | |

*Monitors for Businesses: \$5 minimum donation per unit.

May 1, 2026

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What would YOU think of going to China for a year?

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Visiting the Terracotta Warriors and so much more!

Discussion led by Carleen Perry of Shenandoah, IA

Thursday, April 23rd 9:30am - 10:30am Fee: \$5

America's Best Idea: The Story of How Our National Parks came to Be

From John Muir to Theodore Roosevelt to an Iowa Congressman from Oskaloosa,

explore the origins of the National Parks and how these

treasured landscapes came to belong to all of us!

Discussion led by Pastor David Clark of Shenandoah, IA

Thursday, April 30th 9:30am - 10:30am Fee: \$5



Jehosheba - continued from page 2.

Because Jehosheba, the daughter of King Jehoram and wife of the priest Jehoiada, was Ahaziah's sister, she hid the child from Athaliah so she could not kill him. He remained hidden with them at the temple of God for six years while Athaliah ruled the land. (See also 2 Kings 11:2-3.)

Athaliah's reign strengthened Baal worship in Judah. Baal, worshiped as a storm and fertility god, was honored through practices that included ritual prostitution and even child sacrifice (Jeremiah 19:5, 1 Kings 14:24).

Against that dark backdrop, Jehosheba acted courageously and decisively.

Sustained Faithfulness Under Pressure

Rescuing Joash was only the beginning. For six long years, Jehosheba, Jehoiada, the priests, and the child's nurse carried the weight of their secret.

Discovery would have meant certain death.

Yet they held steady. Joash grew up within the temple, protected until the right moment arrived. Meanwhile, Jehosheba's husband, Jehoiada the high priest, strategically organized a plan to restore the Davidic line and reestablish worship of the Lord. Scripture records the careful coordination of priests, soldiers, leaders, and "all the people of the land" (2 Kings 11:4–20; 2 Chronicles 23).

When the time came, the plan unfolded precisely. Athaliah was deposed and executed. The temple of Baal was torn down. Joash was crowned king, and the people renewed their covenant with the Lord.

"All the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was calm" (2 Chronicles 23:21).

Peace returned to Judah.

What We Learn from Jehosheba

Jehosheba receives only a few lines in Scripture, yet her courage changed history.

She acted swiftly when evil threatened innocent life. She endured patiently while waiting for God's timing. And she worked strategically with others to restore what had been corrupted.

Her story teaches us that faithfulness is not defined by visibility. God often works through those who are willing to step forward in quiet obedience.

Jehosheba was not shaped by the idolatry of her upbringing but by her allegiance to the Lord. She refused to let fear silence her or evil dictate the future.

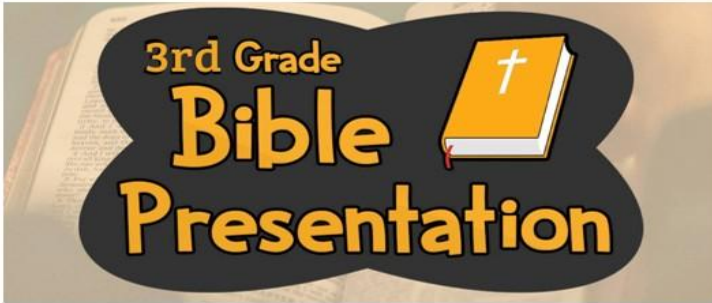
Through her, God preserved his covenant promise.

Her life echoes the call of Micah 6:8: "To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

Sometimes acting justly begins with lifting a child out of danger, working closely with other faithful people, and trusting that God will do the rest.

¹ *Ingrid Faro, Redeeming Eden: How Women in the Bible Advance the Story of Salvation (Zondervan, 2025), 157.*

This Sunday, April 26th





Dear Church,

During this season after Easter, on Sunday mornings, we use the letter of 1 Peter to explore how we ought to live when we find ourselves not at home, or in a strange land. No matter what is going on in our community or world, we are called, as the people of God, to remember who we are, which is the foundation of our relationship to God, each

other, and the world. We are called to remember that we are loved and are conduits of that same love. But sometimes in life, we get broadsided by unexpected news, and it is difficult to simply remember.

This past Monday night, I was literally broadsided ... by a deer. On I-29 between Council Bluffs and the Glenwood exit, a deer leaped out of the dark median and there wasn't much to do driving at 70 mph. I will maintain that the deer hit me as opposed to me hitting the deer, but the deer doesn't have insurance, so it doesn't matter much. While I was on the phone with my insurance company, he explained some numbers and finances to me and it was difficult for me to make any decisions. The next morning, after I woke up, I immediately realized that the night before, my brain could not do the simple math that we learn in elementary school.

This is what happens when we get broadsided, especially by news that is much worse than hitting a deer. When we get the diagnosis from a doctor, or we get a phone call that a loved one has passed, or that the company we work for is restructuring, our brains cannot think straight, making simple decisions or thought processes nearly impossible. So, when we encounter these situations, how can we suddenly "remember who we are" if we can't even do simple math? We start with remembering who we are when times are good and we keep remembering. We remember who we are so often that it becomes muscle memory in our brains, so that once we collect our breath after being broadsided, our brains will be able to remember who we are in God. We will be able to walk through dark times because we know that God is holding us and caring for us as beloved children.

Grace and peace,

Pastor David Clark
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