



Weekly Booster

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Sometime after Adam and Eve committed their world-changing act of disobedience in Garden of Eden, I can imagine Adam walking with his young sons Cain and Abel. They happen to pass by the ruins of the Garden of Eden. One of the boys asked their father, "What's that?"

Adam replied, "Boys, that's where your mother ate us out of house and home."

A lot happens in Scripture following the time Adam and Eve took that bite of fruit that gave mankind perpetual indigestion. As a result, they attempted the first cover-up. But since their leaf loincloths were not very practical, God sacrificed an animal to clothe them. The pair was banished from the Garden and began life anew as exiles away from their homeland.

It wasn't the only time God's people lived as exiles. They spent a few summers in Egypt. Then more wandering in the wilderness of Sinai. Later, the Babylonians captured the nation of Judah and deported its people to captivity.

The first group deported included the young, elite men who would be trained as leaders. In that group were Daniel and his friends Hananiah, Shadrach, and Azariah. They were given the Babylonian names of Belteshazzar, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. (If you decide to give your child a Babylonian name, you might try "Intobedwego.")

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*Jesus is better than pizza.
Jesus can't be topped*

*The one who kneels to the
Lord can stand up to
anything.*

Reminders

June 8th
Women's Bible Study
11:30 a.m.

Praise Team - 5:00 p.m.
No choir until fall

June 9th
T.O.P.S.
4:30 p.m.

****Worship Assistants are needed
for June 19th & 26th**

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

"The Story" Study Groups
Women-Wednesday-11:30 a.m.
All-Wednesday-6:15 p.m.

**** Special Music is needed for the
summer. If you or you know of
someone that would like to charge
their musical talents this summer,
please contact the office**

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While in exile these young men lived powerful, purposeful, prayer-filled lives. They remained on a diet that helped them find more energy than other workers. They prayed to their God when they were told not to. They were bold to do what was right regardless of the obstacles placed in their path. And they made a difference.

It may be difficult to put yourself in their shoes, but according to 1 Peter 2:11-12, those who follow God today are exiles too. Peter writes: "Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul. Live such good lives among the Gentiles that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us."

You may have days when you just don't seem to "fit" in this world and that's a good thing. It's simply because as a child of God you don't. You were made to live with him. Until we are home in heaven, you and I are exiles. Until then, we have things to do. We can add some good to this life so that others can get a glimpse of God. We can make a difference.

According to Peter there will be a day God will "visit" us. That's when the exile will end. And that's when you and I will "fit."

Adapted from the article about The Story was originally written by Pastor Rick Brown of Christbridge Fellowship in Tomball, Texas.



There are two more opportunities to get your picture taken at the church for the new directory. The first time will be **Tuesday, June 7th from 6-6:30pm** and **Wednesday, June 8th from 11:00-Noon**. Update your contact information yourself (see how-to video here: https://youtu.be/3NGE7Ec5_jA), or we can help you. Tell us what info of yours we can share in the directory, even if it's none. It's your decision. A printed directory will be available, but the main directory will be online through our One Church software. One Church software only has places for individual photos, but we are happy to take a family photo for you, too. You can provide your own photo. You can upload it yourself, or we'll help you do it.

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

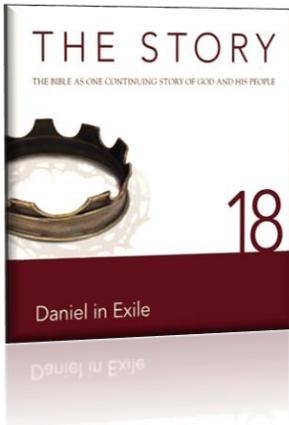
Tuesday
9:00-11:00
12:00-3:00

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.



*Books and Study
Guides are still
available. Contact the
office.*

**Book Your
Appointment
Online**



Would you like to chat with Pastor Kelly, maybe over coffee, tea, or soda? Need to get something on the church calendar or need something brought to our attention? You can book an appointment online with Jeff or Pastor Kelly by going to the following link <https://bit.ly/3sm5lyY> (click on the link or copy and paste it into your browser). You may also use a QR reader.



Who was the father of the
12 tribes of Israel?

- a) Abraham
- b) Jacob
- c) Isaac
- d) Isihmael

What color was the stew
that Jacob prepared for
Esau?

- a) brown
- b) red
- c) yellow
- d) green

What did the writer of
Lamentations ask the people
to do for the lives of their
children?

- a) cry
- b) lift up their hands
- c) pour out their hearts like
water
- d) all of the above

**Check page 4 for answers
in next week's booster**

Birthdays and Anniversaries



6th – Wesley Lundgren, Lanette Peavey, Molly
Wiebold, Darrell & Janet Jones
7th – Lorraine Torres, Deb & Dan Finlay
9th – Barb Cunningham, Dennis & Cheri Christiansen
10th – Loren Brady
11th – Henry Dunkeson

**See a wrong birthday or anniversary, or need one
added, please call the office, or send an email to
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Go to the addresses by holding down the
Ctrl button and clicking on the links
<http://bit.ly/3skF0p9>

Live streaming of our weekly service is
now on our Youtube channel only.

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

Call to Worship

Leader: When the world divides us

People: Come, Holy Spirit, make us one.

L: When the world calls us orphaned

P: Come, Holy Spirit, make us family

L: When the world leads us astray

P: Come, Holy Spirit, call us home.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, come! Come and fill this place!

“Daniel in Exile”

New Testament Scripture: Acts 2:1-21

New Testament Scripture: Romans 8:14-17

Gospel Reading: **John 14:8-17, 25-27**

Songs

Spirit of God #2117 (Black Book)

Breathe On Me, Breath of God #420 (Hymnal)

Spirit of the Living God #393 (Hymnal)

We Are the Church #558 (Hymnal)

Last Week's Attendance

In-Person Worship – 62

Online Worship – Youtube 11

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 May 29th are b) once a) Eagle d) His name is unknown

Clues for June 5th Q1) Genesis, Q2) Genesis, Q3) Lamentations



Pastor's Reflections

Greetings to all my brothers and sisters in Christ at the First United Methodist Church of Shenandoah, Iowa. May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Jeff already had the booster printed by the time Lanette and I got home last Thursday afternoon, so I had a few extra days to reflect on our trip down the Rhine. Other than the flights, I would characterize the trip as peaceful and refreshing. For me, vacation means the absence of tasks demanding my attention and contending with scheduling challenges and priorities. This vacation excelled at those things. As for location and activity, the scenery (castles and the Black Forest) and the relaxed pace of river cruising were amazing.

As I reflect on our vacation though, I'd have to say the highlight was the people. On a river cruise, if you eat in the dining room, you are usually eating with at least four other people. There are no tables for two or four. If you want that, you're going to have to get your food and take it someplace else. It provided an opportunity to connect with people from different places and hear their stories.

But I was most blessed by the people I was intentionally traveling with – Lanette and two of our friends. We were able to have deep, meaningful conversations about our lives, our faith, and our callings. It occurs to me that these are the kinds of conversations we should be having with our brothers and sisters in Christ – deep, meaningful conversations about our lives, our faith, and our callings. This is one of the ways we can edify one another – build up one another – in our discipleship.

If you don't have a group you can do this with, it's important that you cultivate one – a study group, a service group, a golf group – people who can help each other in their Christian walk. We weren't meant to run the race alone. Adam had Eve. Jesus had the disciples. We have each other.

Blessings,

Pastor Kelly



“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” — [Acts 1:8](#)

Why am I here?

The answer to that question — even if a person says, “I don’t know” — leads to the creation of a powerful mental map that their life’s journey will inevitably follow.

After Jesus’ resurrection, his followers must have asked this same question. They probably wondered what was going to happen next. It’s not hard to imagine them thinking, *if you’re leaving, Jesus, why are we staying? What is our purpose here on earth?*

Jesus had a plan for his disciples — a plan to take over the world. But instead of overthrowing the Roman Empire militarily, he would conquer the hearts of people — one by one. His “army” would be those who know him. Their “weapon” would be the message of forgiveness and the new life offered by Christ. These “commandos” would relay God’s commands and liberate with God’s compassion — first their neighbors, then individuals across town, and finally people in other countries. Eventually, they would tell the whole world about Jesus.

The Great Commissioning

The words of [Acts 1:8](#), a variation on what is often called Jesus’ Great Commission, provide a purpose and direction for all of Jesus’ followers. In light of the value that God’s followers place on knowing him, what could be more important than helping others know him? Introducing someone to God brings that person into a relationship that has eternal benefits.

What about you? Consider the Bible for a moment. Perhaps someone gave you one or you bought a Bible to satisfy your spiritual curiosity. Either way, people who value Jesus’ message passed it on to you in this written form. And before that, someone else explained his story to them. And going way back, some were taught by Jesus’ followers. An unbroken line of people relaying Jesus’ truth goes back to Jesus standing with his disciples on that hillside two thousand years ago — and it ends right here, at this moment, with you reading these words.

If you accept the Bible's message as truth you can trust, you'll begin an extraordinary adventure. You will fulfill your main purpose for living by experiencing all that Jesus has in mind for you — especially by sharing that reality with others. You'll be joining a continuous succession of believers who are serious about taking their leader's message "to the ends of the earth." That's why Jesus left those early followers on earth. And that's why he's eager to begin his work through you.

Article is drawn from [The Journey Bible](#) by Gordon D. Free and Douglas Stuart. NIV News, HarperCollins Christian Publishing April 25, 2022, 501 Nelson Place, Nashville, TN 37214.



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

You are invited this Sunday, June 5th, after church for cake in Fellowship Hall to celebrate the birthdays of Elinor, Jeff, and Lanette.