

Welcome to

Shenendehowa United Methodist Church
Sunday Worship Service

September 17, 2023

9:30 am



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Connecting People to Christ and Community

We're Glad You've Joined Us!



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PRELUDE

"Trumpet Voluntary"
Jayne Dozois

John Stanley

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Denise Gottung

***CONGREGATIONAL SINGING**

"Joyful Joyful, We Adore Thee"

***THE APOSTLES' CREED #881**

PRAYER

Deaconess Denise Walling

BLESSING THE BACKPACKS

SHARING OUR GIFTS

Pastor Lee Carlson

OFFERTORY

"Filled with the Glory!"
Chancel Choir

Price/Besig

Dara Griffith, conductor; Jayne Dozois, piano

***DOXOLOGY #95**

***CONGREGATIONAL SINGING**

"Holy Spirit"

SCRIPTURE

Luke 4:1-13

Marcia Smith

Liturgist: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Me and My Emojis:

Pastor Lee

"Feelings Make Excellent Servants, But Terrible Masters!"

***CONGREGATIONAL SINGING**

"Raise A Hallelujah"

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

"Celebration"

James Mansfield

*Please stand if you are able.

*Thank you for joining us for worship – see you next week!
Prayers may be sent to prayerrequest@shenumc.org.*



Me & My Emojis

“Feelings Make Excellent Servants, But Terrible Masters!”

Luke 4:1-13

1. Introduction:

- a. How are you doing? _____
- b. What one word best describes your emotional state? _____
- c. One scholar identified _____ different emotions that Jesus experienced.
- d. In the Bible, Jesus demonstrates the full range of human emotions and expresses them in perfect _____.

2. Me & My Emojis

“Feelings Make Excellent Servants, But Terrible Masters!” Dallas Willard

“Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun.” 2 Corinthians 5:17

- a. Our temptation is live a life focused on repressing our _____ feelings to maintain the facade of a _____ life.
- b. The problem with falling into this trap is that we’ve not allowed our emotions to become a part of our _____ development.

“Then he said to the crowd, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross daily, and follow me.” Luke 9:23

“So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God, he created them, male and female he created them.” Genesis 1:27

“The call of discipleship, includes experiencing our feelings, reflecting on our feelings, and then thoughtfully, responding to our feelings under the Lordship of Jesus.”

Peter Scazzero, “Emotionally Healthy Spirituality”

- c. We _____ be spiritually healthy if we are not also emotionally healthy.

“Emotional health and spiritual maturity are inseparable. It is not possible to be spiritually mature while remaining emotionally immature.” Peter Scazzero

3. Who Are We Going To Believe:

- a. _____ says...

“One day when the crowds were being baptized, Jesus himself was baptized. As he was praying, the heavens opened, and the Holy Spirit, in bodily form, descended on him like a dove. And a voice from Heaven said, ‘You are my dearly loved Son, and you bring me great joy.’” Luke 3:21-22

⇒ You are dearly _____ and bring Him great _____.

- b. _____ says...

⇒ You are what you _____.

“Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tested by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.’” Luke 4:1-3

⇒ You are what you _____.

“Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please.” Luke 4:5-6

⇒ You are what others _____.

“Then the devil led him to Jerusalem and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” Luke 4:9-11

4. Conclusion:

- a. In all three answers, Jesus insisted on the _____ word of God.
- b. Today, we have so many resources available related to the “Word of God”, that sometimes we are _____ from the “Word of God.”
- c. _____ make excellent servants, but terrible masters!
- d. The journey of genuine transformation to emotionally healthy spirituality begins with a commitment to allow yourself to _____. It is an essential part of our humanity as men and women made in God’s image.

What's Happening

New Sermon Series: Me and My Emojis

Everywhere around us we see emotions managed in incredibly unhealthy ways. We say terrible things to strangers on social media, we are quick to lose our tempers, and we see people making huge deals out of something so small. Our emotions tend to be something to numb us or something that seems to consume us, drag us down, and make our faith feel fragile. So why did God give us such intense emotions? Better yet, what are we supposed to do with them? In this series, we will see that God has a purpose for our emotions. We will discover our emotional health is directly tied to our spiritual health, and how we can Biblically process our emotions in a healthy, God-honoring way. Join us and invite a friend!

Church Council "Office Hours"

Today: Sunday, Sept. 17 (after Worship)

The business of the Church Council includes regular time for prayer, study, and group discernment regarding the Mission & Vision of Shen UMC. As the governing body for our church, Church Council meets monthly to discuss strategy, church finances, upcoming events, position within the United Methodist Church, etc. Members of Church Council will be at a table in Fellowship Hall during coffee hour on today, Sept 17. Please stop by to say hi or ask any questions.

Journey Through the Bible

The *Journey* continues! *Journey Through the Bible* is an intensive Bible study, held at the church on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 - 11:00. On Sept. 27, we will begin with 1 Kings and travel through the Song of Solomon before breaking for the summer next April. Each session includes large and small group reflection on the weekly assigned text. There is an expectation of daily study done independently. Textbooks will be available for purchase. For more information, please email Denise Walling dwalling@shenumc.org.

Annual Pumpkin Fundraiser!!

It's hard to believe it's almost that time again! The pumpkin patch is a long-standing, highly recognizable fundraiser at Shen UMC that helps support our youth Workcamp and education programs. We are looking for people to invest a few hours in October to work a shift in the pumpkin patch to help support our youth. It's a great way to interact with people from the community and is a really fun way to spend some time with your family or friends!

Mark your calendars for pumpkin delivery on Saturday, September 30 from 9 – 11 am with pumpkin sales running through Oct. 31. The daily volunteer sign up will be in two-hour shifts like years past with our hours of operation: Monday – Friday, 12 – 6 pm; Saturday, 10 – 6; Sunday, 11 – 5. Please scan the QR code below to sign up for the pumpkin delivery/set up event and to see if you and your friends/family are available to volunteer for a shift or two.



Sunday School Registration

Sunday School is back!! Starting this Sunday, September 17 all children are welcome to participate in our Nursery and Sunday School programs. Please register by scanning the QR code below. Once you register your child, they will be registered for the entire year. We look forward to sharing the love and light of Jesus Christ with the children of our church.

We are thankful to the teachers and helpers serving and making Sunday School possible. Interested in volunteering? We are still in need of additional teachers and helpers. Teachers are given a detailed curriculum to assist them with the lesson and materials for crafts are provided. You have the flexibility to serve as often as you'd like. Contact Pastor Denise Gottung at dgottung@shenumc.org or click the QR code below to volunteer. Thank you!



Workcamp Informational Meeting

On Sunday September 24th, following the service, there will be an informational meeting held in the Hearth Room to provide details about our upcoming Workcamp trip to Woonsocket, RI. The trip is planned for July 14th - 20th, 2024 for ages 12 and up and is being led by Jennifer Degenhart and Dr. Melissa Ehlers.

If you are unable to attend this meeting and are interested in finding out more, please send an email to Jennifer Degenhart at workcamp@shenumc.org. We would be happy to forward you the information provided at the meeting.

Breathe – Fall on Me October 13 at 6:00 pm

Ladies, please join us for Breathe on October 13 at 6pm. Together we will press pause on life and just...*breathe*. Invite your friends and family (high school age & up) to come enjoy some fall food, fun, and fellowship with one another & our good and glorious God!

5:45 - 6:00 pm Registration
6:00 - 6:45 pm Food & Fun
7:00 - 8:00 pm Worship & Word

As we know, many hands make light work. Gentlemen, you blessed us ladies in the past, we would greatly appreciate your help again! Please connect with Pastor Tiffany if you would like to help.

Scan the QR code below to sign up to attend or you can find the link to sign up in the Weekly Connect email.



Shen UMC Fall Clean Up Day Saturday, November 5 at 9 am

Mark your calendars for our annual Fall Clean Up Day at Shen UMC! We look forward to a morning of fellowship as we get the church grounds ready for winter. If you have equipment (rakes, leaf blowers, bagging mowers, trailers, etc.), please bring it with you!



Sunday, September 17

9:30 am Worship
11:00 am Junior Choir
11:30 am Chimers
6:30 pm Kasheweta Ringers

Monday, September 18

1:00 pm Creative Hands – FH

Tuesday, September 19

9:30 am Smith Small Group – HR
6:15 pm Youth Bells
7:00 pm Youth Choir
7:00 pm Finance Team Meeting – HR

Thursday, September 21

10:00 am Grief Care Meeting – HR
7:15 pm Chancel Choir



October 12, 6:00 pm SALT Meeting
October 13, 6:00 pm Breathe – Fall on Me
October 24, Red Cross Blood Drive
November 1, Care Links Resource Fair
November 4, 9:00 am Shen UMC Fall Clean Up

Helping Hands Food Pantry

As we move into Fall, the Food Pantry is finding that their inventory of basic staples is still quite low so they are focusing on these items as well as “Back to School” type foods: Canned Fruit, Canned Chicken, Spaghetti Sauce, Boxed Potatoes, Meals in a Can (Ravioli, Corned Beef hash, Beef Stew, Spaghetti O’s etc.), Crackers, Oatmeal, & Coffee. Thank you for your continued support.