



We would like to welcome everyone to our worship services today. We are honored that you have come to worship with us. For you who are visitors, I am Pastor Kevin Gingerich, and if I can assist you in any way, please let me know. You may call the church

office at 324-4894, between the hours of 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. A few things you should know as you worship with us: We have a nursery available during the Traditional and Modern Worship services for children ages 0 - 3 down the

Our Mission:

"To Glorify God By Making Disciples For Jesus Christ"

Our Vision:

"To open our hearts and doors to all people with love and acceptance; inviting them into a relationship with Christ, and each other; encouraging and empowering them as followers of Christ to love as He loved us; and sending them by the power of the Holy Spirit to live the word of God in our homes, community and world."

Connect with SUMC Online:

Website: www.sheldonumc.org

Audio and video sermons, bulletins, and newsletters are available on the church website.

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Church Staff:

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Mon 8:15-2:30 Tues-Fri 8:15-3:30

Ron Noack, Custodian

Deadline for putting announcements in the bulletin is every Tuesday by noon. Newsletter information needs to be in the church office by the 21st of every month. The church phone number is 712-324-4894.

Welcome to the Sheldon United Methodist Church



Traditional Worship 8:30 am
Modern Worship 11:00 am

December 18, 2022

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This Week at SUMC (12-18-12-25)

Sun.	8:30 AM Traditional 9:30 AM Fellowship 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Modern 4:00-7:00 PM Fellowship Hall & Kitchen reserved 7:00 PM Youth Gift Wrapping 7:00 PM Kaden's Closet set up
Mon.	5:00-7:00 PM Kaden's Closet Church Reserved
Tues.	9:00 AM Staff 9:00 AM Village 3:30-5:00 PM 3/4 kids club
Wed.	9:30-11:00 AM Mom to Mom 4:00 PM Jr High Impact 5:00 Bells NO Sr High IMPACT
Thurs.	3:30-5:00 PM 5/6 kids club 5:00-7:00 PM SR High Impact caroling
Fri.	
Sat.	5:00 PM Modern 7:00 PM Traditional
Sun.	8:30 AM Traditional

There will be NO paid nursery staff on Christmas day. The nursery will be open to use if you need to use it for your family.



KIWA is a ministry service to our community that airs the worship at 11:00 a.m. each week. The sponsorship for this week is Rob and Bonnie Dixon for their anniversary!

This week's scripture is:
Matthew 1:18-25



We would like your help with closing the books for the year of 2022. Please drop off your donations for the year 2022 to the church office by noon (12:00 p.m.) on December 31, 2022.

Prayer List:

Otto Lawson Derick Roos Rita Sterler
Bob Sterler Carla Hoffmann
Gloria Morris Arlene Sterler
Wilma Meinecke
Jo Anne Fowler (mother of Steve Fowler)
Elaine & Jim Ver Meer (sister & brother-in-law of Peter & Peter and Karin Vanden Berg)
Sheila Lienau (sister of Karin Vanden Berg)
Stephanie Fowler (Daughter of Steve & Bernadette Fowler)
Kay Ver Steeg (sister to Michelle Groen & Melissa Davis)
Connie Matoffe (sister of Pam Buysman)

Areas of Service for November & December

Liturgists:

December 18- Judy Nieuwenhuis
December 25-Barb Merley

Coffee Bar Clean up:

December 18-Barb Merley
December 25- No Coffee bar

Worship Leader:

December 18- Bill Bosclajon
December 25- Bill Bosclajon

Love INC will be offering a new session of classes from January 12 – March 30. Classes are from 6:30-7:30 on Thursday evenings and are free of charge. Class offerings include Faith & Finances, Positive Parenting, Embracing Life, and Bible Study. Please call (712) 324.9707 to register!

December Specials:

December 18 — 8:30 a.m and 11:00 am service
Christmas Choir

December 24 5:00 p.m. Family Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service & 7:00 p.m. A Traditional
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 25 — 8:30 a.m. Christmas Morning
Service

THE UMW WANT TO SAY A BIG
THANK YOU TO ALL WHO
BROUGHT BAKED GOODS AND TO
ALL WHO BOUGHT.

Error on the Newsletter calendar: the
Christmas Morning service is at 8:30
NOT 9:30. Sorry to cause confusion!

Big Thank You to all of you who stepped up to help make our children's Christmas Program a success. Thank you, teachers, bells leader, song leaders, director, helpers, technology, hospitality, and to those who played special music! Thank you to the families and to the children also for making our program happen. We couldn't have done it without all of your talented, spunky, joy filled, beautiful smiling little children! Thank you for making sure they made it to Sunday school to practice and to you for coming to fill the sanctuary that evening. Also thank you for your generous donations towards our collection to give a special gift to the EMS. We will work on that special mission project come March.

Michelle Noack

Children's Ministry Coordinator

The vote is tallied and the new name for our congregation in June is Faith Community Church OF Sheldon.

Impact gift wrapping Fundraiser

BRING YOUR UNWRAPPED GIFTS TO THE CHURCH BEFORE SUNDAY DECEMBER 18TH

Let the youth group do the work for you
Gifts can be picked up anytime on Monday December 19th
between 8:15 AM-3:30PM and 7:00 PM-8:00 PM

KIDS CLUB: We will be having our Christmas party for 3rd/4th on Tuesday the 20th and our party for 5th/6th on Thursday the 22nd. We will not have Kid's club the following week during Christmas break. We will start back on January 3rd as long as the weather cooperates.

Congratulations to Courtney Klein and Michael Cashell on their marriage we wish you many years of blessings.



Sheldon United Methodist Church
8:30 Traditional Service

December 18, 2022 4th Sunday of Advent

Prelude & Lighting of Candles

Words of Welcome Rev. Kevin Gingerich

Hymn #196 (vs.1) “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Lighting of Advent Candle of Peace
Paul Honerrmann Family

Hymn #196 (vs.2) “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

****Call To Worship**

Leader: God promised a Messiah whose mission would be to make God's presence a reality.

People: God revealed to Joseph in a dream that Mary's baby was to be the Messiah.

Leader: Jesus' birth is divine, because God intervened in history to send his Son.

People: God continues to give himself through his Son; that all who recognize his divine origin may find him to be their Emmanuel.

****Hymn #218 “It Came Upon The Midnight Clear”**

Children’s Message

Special Music Christmas Choir

Silent Prayers

Pastoral Prayer

~~Lord’s Prayer (Hymnal #895)~~

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering

****Hymn #234 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”**

****Doxology (Hymn #95)**

Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25

Sermon: “Waiting on the Promise – Dreaming”

****Hymn #249 “There’s A Song In The Air”**

****Closing Prayer**

*All who are able are invited to stand.

Next Week: Waiting on the Promise

December 25 Christmas Morning

Scripture: Luke 2:1-15

Sermon: “Waiting on the Promise – Born This Day”